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## THE HUNGRY MAJORITY

As three of every five Magic Valley students qualify for subsidized school lunches, area educators are tasked more with providing for impoverished children’s basic needs.

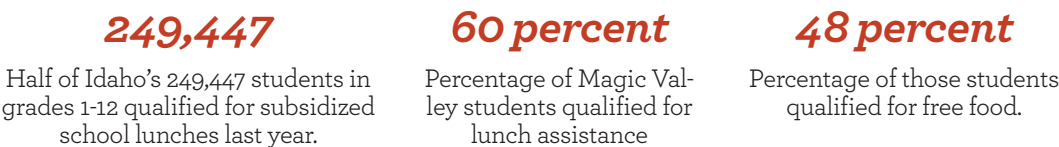
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Children walked through the lunch line last week at Lincoln Elementary School and their thumbs were ready.

With a quick scan of each small thumbprint, a computer quietly pulled up each student’s meal account balance before the youngster moved toward the day’s offerings. The program ensures that no school staff members or cafeteria workers know which students’ lunch tabs are paid, at least in part, by the federal government. Statistically, most are. Nearly 85 percent of Lincoln Elementary students qualify for subsidized school lunches. And for a handful of students, school meals

may be all they eat most days. “We kind of know the kids who are really hungry,” Principal Beth Olmstead said, and cafeteria workers make sure they get enough to eat.

While schools focus on academics, they’re also left to address larger social issues, such as making sure students are fed and have warm clothes. As Magic Valley wages lag behind state and national averages, more students are qualifying to receive assistance such as free and reduced-price school lunches. The U.S. Bureau of Labor estimates the average annual wage in Twin Falls County is \$28,080 — less than the Idaho average of \$34,268 and the \$48,620 national mark.



Source: Idaho State Department of Education

### Hunger by the Numbers

Broken down by county, below are the percentages of students who qualify for a free or reduced price in lunch.



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## ARE WE SAFE IN OUR OWN HOMES?

While few in number, reports of people committing violent crimes after raiding Magic Valley homes have taken a disturbing upswing.

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Our homes are a safe haven from the ugliness sometimes displayed by our fellow man. When that haven is violated, no matter the motive, it is jarring to not only the victims but also the community at large. We wonder, are we even safe in our own homes? This year, at least four alleged Magic Valley crimes have carried the ominous label of “home invasion.” Some involved desperate people looking for a way to finance their next high. One revolves allegedly around a custodial battle. Yet another, which saw the abduction of a Gooding County man, seemingly has no definable reason yet. Although the Magic Valley has seen a recent upswing of home invasions, many are not random acts of violence, but acts fueled by drug addiction. The first of these crimes occurred earlier this year.

In the March home invasion robbery of a Dietrich couple, Gabriel Baker, Jamie Taylor and Jeremiah Bennett did not know the people they were terrorizing. All they knew is they wanted valuables to sell for meth money. Their method was high-impact and to the point: they were armed when they entered the home of David and Colleen Conner and even disarmed David Conner of a shotgun. They placed the business end of those weapons against their victims’ heads and demanded money.

All three pleaded guilty this summer to assorted felony charges and are serving time in state prison. A fourth defendant, Aaron Donabedian, maintains his innocence and awaits a late-January trial in Lincoln County 5th District Court.

The more recent rash of alleged home invasions do not appear to be as random, said Capt. Brent Hilliard of the Twin Falls County Sheriff’s Office. Within a matter of days, incidents were reported in residences in Twin Falls and Filer. One apparently involves a custody dispute, while another

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One of only a few Rock Creek Canyon residents, Donna Anderson pauses in her front yard Dec. 3 in Twin Falls. Anderson said it disturbs her to see spray paint in the canyon, where she’s rented a home for the past seven years. “Something has to be done about the graffiti.”

## A Painted Parkway

Graffiti is plentiful along Twin Falls’ Rock Creek Canyon Parkway, a secluded trail on the city’s southwest side.

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Looking for a place to live, Donna Anderson was referred to a red house at the bottom of Rock Creek Canyon.

“I went down here and saw it and said, ‘Yeah, this is right for me,’” she said, on her front porch Dec. 2.

Tree boughs stripped of fall leaves hang over the rental property where Anderson has lived for the past seven years, and water rushes in the nearby creek. It’s the perfect place to enjoy a slice of the outdoors, she said — if it weren’t for the graffiti spray painted on rocks, bridges and other places along the canyon’s parkway.

The city-owned parkway, developed in 1997, stretches from the front of Anderson’s home near Maxwell Avenue and Shoshone Street South, to Blake Street off Addison Avenue West. At either end of the two-mile paved trail is private property.

“Something has to be done about

### Special Story Inside

The two-mile Rock Creek Canyon Parkway offers a strange mix of nature and industry. *Times-News* writer Andrew Weeks and photographer Drew Nash spent five weeks visiting Rock Creek to meet the cyclists and the smokers, the joggers and the anglers, who frequent the canyon-bottom trail. See their special story and photos today on People 1.

the graffiti,” Anderson said, noting that paint is sprayed even on rocks near a cave on private property east of her home. “Juggalo” — a reference to devotees of hip-hop group Insane Clown Posse — is painted on rusted metal outside a room that a city official believes to be an old jail cell on the canyon wall west of the parkway’s Maxwell Avenue access. The initials “CJR” are painted there and elsewhere in the canyon.

“I’ve never been able to confirm it, but it’s believed that somewhere in Rock Creek was the area’s earliest jail,”

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### TODAY IN PEOPLE

## Precision Fueling

No, you probably won’t eat like these athletes do. But take a look at their tailored, high-performance diets — and giving up soda might not seem so hard after all. Over the summer, Kevin Attila, sophomore guard for the CSI men’s basketball team realized how important diet is for his training.

Read more on P1



IF YOU DO ONE THING TODAY...

**Night of stars:** See the stars at Telescope Tuesday, 6-9 p.m. in the Centennial Observatory at College of Southern Idaho’s Herrett Center for Arts and Science. Weather permitting. Admission is \$1.50, or free with planetarium show admission. Free for children 6 and younger.



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# Decades Later, Retribution Settles In for the Winter

We're moving soon, and my mother-in-law and father-in-law were in town last week to help pack. On Friday, my wife departed to start her new job, leaving me, three dogs, three cats and 1,000 taped-shut cardboard boxes — give or take — none of which are labeled.

I can't find my toothbrush. I can't locate any drinking glasses, and my stepdaughter's cellphone keeps ringing, meaning it's In There Somewhere.

Until the movers show up in January, every day and every box will be an adventure.

Looking for a can of coffee? I'm more likely to discover socket wrenches instead. Towels? I must console myself with pink Fiberglas insulation blankets. Missing car keys? You don't want to know.

I wish I could in good conscience feel sorry for myself, but I know better.

See, when I was 3 years old, I did the same thing to my grandmother.

Grandma was a third-generation Mormon, which meant she kept a lot of stuff in her pantry. We're talking several hundred cans of split-pea soup, creamed corn, Spam and the like.

She had most of it arranged on an ingenious rolling rack that my Grandpa had installed above the basement stairs. Within a few seconds, you could maneuver the rack in such a way to retrieve any can you wished.

One Sunday when I was visiting Grandma, I devised a makeshift saddle, tied it on the back of Bruneau the Yellow Lab, and climbed aboard. Bruneau took offense, alerted Grandma and I was grounded. Worse, I was exiled to the basement, where there were no toys, no TV — just a lot of



Steve Crump  
You Don't Say?

canned stuff.

Systematically, over a period of several hours, I tore the labels off most of them.

Worse, by the time Grandma came down-stairs to check on me I'd Elmer's-glued most of them to the laundry room wall.

Consequences were swift and enduring — my mom made me eat canned Brussels sprouts until I was in high school — but it was Grandma with the real damage.

Cans without labels look identical. That's a problem when you're seeking peas and get peaches instead.

This was years before Tupperware found its way to Soda Springs, so any canned goods opened by accident sat in a bowl in the fridge until they developed a fuzzy green crust.

When we become adults, we're all mortified — in one way or another — by the mischief of our misspent youth. But honestly, that's the worst thing I ever did to anybody.

Several hundred label-less cans of food? You kidding me? My Grandma was serving Lindsay olives and cream of celery soup for breakfast for years.

So whatever inconveniences befall me over the next few weeks, it's simply Karma. And not Karma, as in destiny.

Karma is one of our cats, and something keeps meowing inside those boxes.

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Lincoln Elementary School cook Carol Sullivan, center, talks with a student while Janet Fleck looks on during lunch on Dec. 2 at the Twin Falls school.

## Lunch

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In order for children to receive free lunches under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program, families must earn within 130 percent of the federal poverty level; for reduced-price lunches, the bar is set at 185 percent. The majority of Magic Valley families with school-age children fall into those categories.

Federal guidelines mean children in a family of four with an annual household income of \$29,055 or less are eligible for free lunches. The same family could earn up to \$41,348 yearly and be eligible to receive reduced-price lunches for 40 cents each.

In Twin Falls, about 62 percent of students qualify for subsidized school meals, and their ranks have increased by about 10 percent since 2007.

Patti O'Dell, associate superintendent for the Twin Falls School District, said the number of students qualifying "is increasing at an alarming rate."

And the rates are even higher at some individual schools. About 86 percent of Harrison Elementary students qualify — a 20 percent increase from 2008.

In all, 60 percent of the 31,736 Magic Valley public school students in grades 1-12 were eligible for subsidized lunches last school year. The majority of that group — 48 percent of area students — qualified for free lunches.

Catering to an increasingly impoverished and hungry student body creates new challenges for schools. Olmstead said research shows there can be a larger gap in learning when students go hungry.

Gooding School District Superintendent Heather Williams said children need high quality, nutritious food in order for their brains to develop well.

"It's important (to know) that the school lunch program has a purpose," she said. "It definitely plays a role in student achievement."

The Twin Falls School District isn't alone in seeing increases in its free and reduced lunch population.

In Jerome, about 69 percent of students receive subsidized school lunches.

"It's gone up considerably," said Carolyn Sullivan, food service supervisor for the Jerome School District.

The largest increases came during the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years.

It's a similar story in the Kimberly School District, which saw increases during those same two years.

Not quite as many Kimberly students qualify for subsidized lunches — about 42 percent. However, participation in the program at the high school has increased by 11 percent since 2008.

"We think the reason that more students are participating in the hot lunch is because it's a good bargain," Superintendent Kathleen Noh said.

Since Magic Valley wages are also tied to the region's relatively low cost of living, the program caters to more than just the severely impoverished. About 12 percent of area students qualify for reduced-price lunches. For instance, families of six — such as a married couple with four children — can earn up to \$55,482 per year and use the program to assist their food budget. That's a tight family budget, but more than \$25,000 above the poverty mark.

Not all Magic Valley school districts, though, have seen a noticeable increase in program participation.

In Wendell, Superintendent Greg Lowe said the number of his students who receive subsidized meals has held fairly steady over the years at about 60 percent.

While Gooding County workers represent only a fraction of the state's work force, they're currently earning an average of more than \$31,000 per year. That ranks the county 11th among Idaho's 44 counties in average annual earning — ahead of all area counties other than ninth-ranked Blaine County.

Free and reduced lunch increases haven't been huge in Gooding, either. This year, about 54 percent of students qualify — a 9 percent increase since 2002.

Williams said there's always been a high percentage of students who receive subsidized lunches and the numbers have "just crept up."

Like some other school districts, more elementary students in Gooding participate in the lunch program than older students.

"For a lot of high school students, paperwork doesn't get home and back," Williams said. Plus, Gooding High has an open campus and many students

leave to eat lunch.

Although the number of people receiving subsidized lunches has gone up in some communities, not everyone who's eligible applies for assistance.

In order to receive subsidized school meals, families have to apply at the start of each school year.

"Some people think it carries over year to year," Sullivan said, but that's not the case.

School districts benefit in one area from people applying for the program. The federal Title I funding they receive to provide supplemental academic support to children living in poverty is based on free and reduced-price lunch numbers.

In order to fund the school lunch program, districts are reimbursed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. During an average month, the Twin Falls School District receives between \$230,000 and \$260,000 in federal reimbursement for food.

Each day, the district serves about 8,000 meals — whether it's breakfast, lunch or snacks.

Some districts are trying new approaches to keep children full.

In Wendell, there's a new "second-chance breakfast" this year, which offers students food during the 10-minute break after their first class.

"For some reason, high school kids don't eat well before school," said Lowe, who estimates 80-90 percent of students take part in the program.

Wendell's elementary school is also one of several Magic Valley schools that receive federal funding for a fresh fruit and vegetable program.

Students at participating schools — including four in Twin Falls — get to try new vegetables or fruit at recess several times each week.

During the summer, some area districts also receive federal funding to serve children free lunches at schools and parks. Last summer, about 185,000 meals were served in the Twin Falls School District alone.

Schools are likely to continue among the primary combatants against hunger in the Magic Valley, as children looking for food, either in schools or during summer days, often represent families whose needs aren't being met.

"We have a hidden poverty here," O'Dell said.

# IDAHO FOODBANK HELPS SCHOOLS TACKLE WEEKEND HUNGER

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While school meals help sustain students during the week, some still battle hunger over the weekends.

That's where the Idaho Foodbank has partnered with schools to fill the gap. The organization provides backpacks full of food for students in need at a number of Magic Valley school districts to take home on the weekends.

This year, the organization has seen an increased need for the backpack program. There's also a waiting list of students seeking assistance.

"We keep having requests in for more and more," Lincoln Elementary School Principal Beth Olmstead said.

All Twin Falls elementary schools participate. At Harrison and Lincoln Elementary schools, for instance, about 35 students at each school receive a backpack filled with food every week.

"The food is easy for students to prepare and consume on their own," said Jackie Yarbrough, agency relations and nutrition services manager for the Idaho Foodbank.

Outside Twin Falls, the Idaho Foodbank also offers the program in Magic Valley locations including Jerome, Buhl, Hagerman, Hansen, Shoshone, Wendell, Burley and Paul.

There's also a new food pantry this year at Horizon Elementary School in Jerome through a partnership with the Idaho Foodbank. Once a month, students and their family can receive food there.

"It's an easy access place for families," Yarbrough said.

So far, 248 people have been served during the first three months of the pilot program.

"I just think we're so happy that people are coming in and accessing it," Horizon Elementary Principal Teresa Jones said.

## District Differences

Here's a look at the different percentages of students at Twin Falls School District schools who qualified for federal food subsidies last school year:

**District-wide** • 61.7 percent  
**Harrison Elementary School** • 85.8 percent  
**Lincoln Elementary School** • 84.7 percent  
**Oregon Trail Elementary School** • 76.5 percent  
**Bickel Elementary School** • 74.1 percent  
**Robert Stuart Middle School** • 70.4 percent  
**Bridge Academy** • 69.4 percent  
**Morningside Elementary School** • 64.6 percent  
**Magic Valley Alternative High School** • 63.4 percent  
**I.B. Perrine Elementary School** • 60.2 percent  
**Canyon Ridge High School** • 59.4 percent  
**Vera C. O'Leary Middle School** • 56.4 percent  
**Sawtooth Elementary School** • 48.1 percent  
**Twin Falls High School** • 39.2 percent

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# Invasion

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seems related to drug activity.

“The one in Dietrich was an exception,” Hilliard said. “What we’ve dealt with is acquaintances (committing invasions).”

In the case of Stefanie Contreras, the 29-year-old is accused of entering the Pierce Street residence of her child’s father while they were asleep on the morning of Nov. 30. Allegedly, she entered to take her 4-year-old son, Brandon, while two other men — Kelvin Milo Jr. and Daniel Thomas, who was supposedly armed with a pistol — accompanied her. Jason Bearce, the father, told police that when he went to confront Contreras in the living room, Thomas shot at him.

The suspects fled with the child to another residence in Twin Falls, belonging to co-defendant David Altes, police said. Then, they took off to Hailey, where all four were arrested and Brandon Bearce was recovered safely later that evening.

... During the next two days, two more incidents were reported in Filer and Burley.

Three suspects allegedly raided a Filer residence at 108 Main St. at about 9 p.m. Dec. 1, demanding the residents hand over meth. The police report says the suspects were identified as three Latino males, one who had a gun and was called “Juan.” Although police have made no arrests in connection with the alleged incident, two people were charged with drug trafficking.

Crickett Ray, 18, and Brydon Walker, 19, who reside at the Filer home, face felony charges related to the pounds of marijuana — but no meth — found in the home. Police suspect a link

between the drugs and the invasion, as the suspects and victims appear to be acquainted or share a mutual acquaintance.

On Dec. 2 in Burley, a woman was injured when two men wearing masks attempted to rob her as she entered her garage. The Cassia County Sheriff’s Office has not released many details regarding the victims or suspects, but noted the incident reportedly occurred on the 1600 block of Yale Avenue.

Undersheriff George Warrell said Friday he wouldn’t consider the attempted robbery as a home invasion, per se. The woman was allegedly attacked outside before she could enter her home. Regardless, no suspects are in custody.

... Perhaps the most heinous recent example of an alleged home invasion took place earlier this week outside of Wendell.

According to the Gooding County Sheriff’s Office, 33-year-old Ramon Enrique Lizarraga-Felix was forcibly taken from his home at 4 a.m. Tuesday. Four masked men are suspected of abducting Lizarraga-Felix and harming his wife, who was found bound with duct tape by neighbors soon after the men left with her husband.

On Thursday, investigators announced their belief that Lizarraga-Felix was taken outside of Idaho. Assistance from the FBI and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was requested. Few details were disclosed about this missing person case, including a possible motive for the abduction. Investigators say the family knew of no enemies.

... So what can people do to avoid becoming the victim of a home invasion?

Police always caution residents to lock up their

# About Home Invasions

What qualifies as a home invasion?

In Idaho, “home invasion” is a general term for a home robbery. Generally, suspects could be charged with felony robbery, burglary, assault or a number of other crimes, depending on what they allegedly did while in someone else’s home.

A Florida police chief is credited for coining the term “home invasion” during a mid-1990s interview with an FBI magazine. The most notorious example of a home invasion is the true story behind the Truman Capote nonfiction book, “In Cold Blood,” which details the 1959 quadruple murder of the Clutter family in rural Kansas.

How often does this happen?

Home invasions, no matter the reason, have increased recently but are not widespread. According to the Idaho State Police’s Crime in Idaho Report, in 2010 there were 213 reports of robbery in the Gem State. Of those, 61 involved the use of a gun, and 29 percent took place in a residence.

While recent alleged Magic Valley home invasions have included violence, no one was seriously injured or killed.

Recent area home invasion cases

September 2010: A Burley woman discovered four teens in her home, taking a laptop, radios, a cellphone and jewelry. One of the suspects, Robert Calvin, was older than 18, and charged as an adult. Calvin was convicted of burglary and grand theft and sentenced to serve up to seven years in prison. He completed a retained jurisdiction program and is on a 10-year probationary term.

August 2008: A Rupert home invasion led to the death of Jose Rodriguez, and to this day the case remains unsolved. The victim and his wife were beaten with objects believed to be baseball bats. Karina Rodriguez survived the attack, which occurred at their home at 100 W. 270 N. sometime before 3 a.m. on Aug. 2.

July 2008: Four men received probation for their parts in a Twin Falls home invasion, which included the use of baseball bats, machetes and a gun. Nathaniel Thomas was convicted of misdemeanor battery and received a one-year probationary term. Brandon Rankin and his brother Case were both convicted of felony malicious injury to property. Both were ordered to a serve three-year probationary terms. Justin Byrns was convicted of misdemeanor injury to property and spent 180 days in county jail.

— Bradley Guire

from violence at all times. “Unfortunately, a lot of times these are late at night or early in the morning, and we’re responding after the fact,” Hilliard said. “It’s tough to be proactive, and it’s a tough situation to combat.”

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# Rock Creek

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said Dennis Bowyer, director of Twin Falls’ Parks and Recreation Department.

Police can’t do much about graffiti if it’s not reported, said Luke Allen, crime prevention officer for the Twin Falls Police Department. And even then it’s difficult to investigate because it often happens at night and there aren’t many clues. When graffiti is reported, a group of juvenile probationers dubbed Graffiti Busters will go into the canyon to clean it up.

During the five weeks the Times-News observed the canyon in November and early December, however, graffiti remained on the possible old jail cell and other parts of the canyon.

The last time graffiti was reported in Rock Creek Canyon was last summer, said police resource officer Matthew Triner.

If graffiti appears near a home, Allen suggests own-



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‘Juggalo’ and other things are tagged on rusted metal on the Rock Creek Canyon wall, alongside the canyon’s public parkway Nov. 3.

“Something has to be done about the graffiti.”

Donna Anderson

ers install motion-detector lights and report suspicious activity.

There haven’t been many calls of other problems in Rock Creek over the past couple of years, he said.

“I reviewed all calls for

service in the area of the park and found one report in 2010 for littering and one complaint of shots fired in the canyon for 2011,” Allen said, noting that most activity in the canyon is from May to August.

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## Tiny Lines, Big Concepts

Melissa Davlin introduces a Twin Falls artist with an unusual style: composing ballpoint pen images from tiny lines. Friday in Entertainment

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY

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**FELONY DISMISSAL**  
**Jerry Dean Hance Jr.**, 28, Buhl; aggravated assault, charges dismissed by judge based on state's motion.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS**  
**Scott Hugh Welsh**, 35, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 89 suspended, 1 day time credited, driving privileges suspended 90 days, 12 months probation.  
**Andrew Ray Addey**, 24, Jerome; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 175 suspended, 1 day time credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

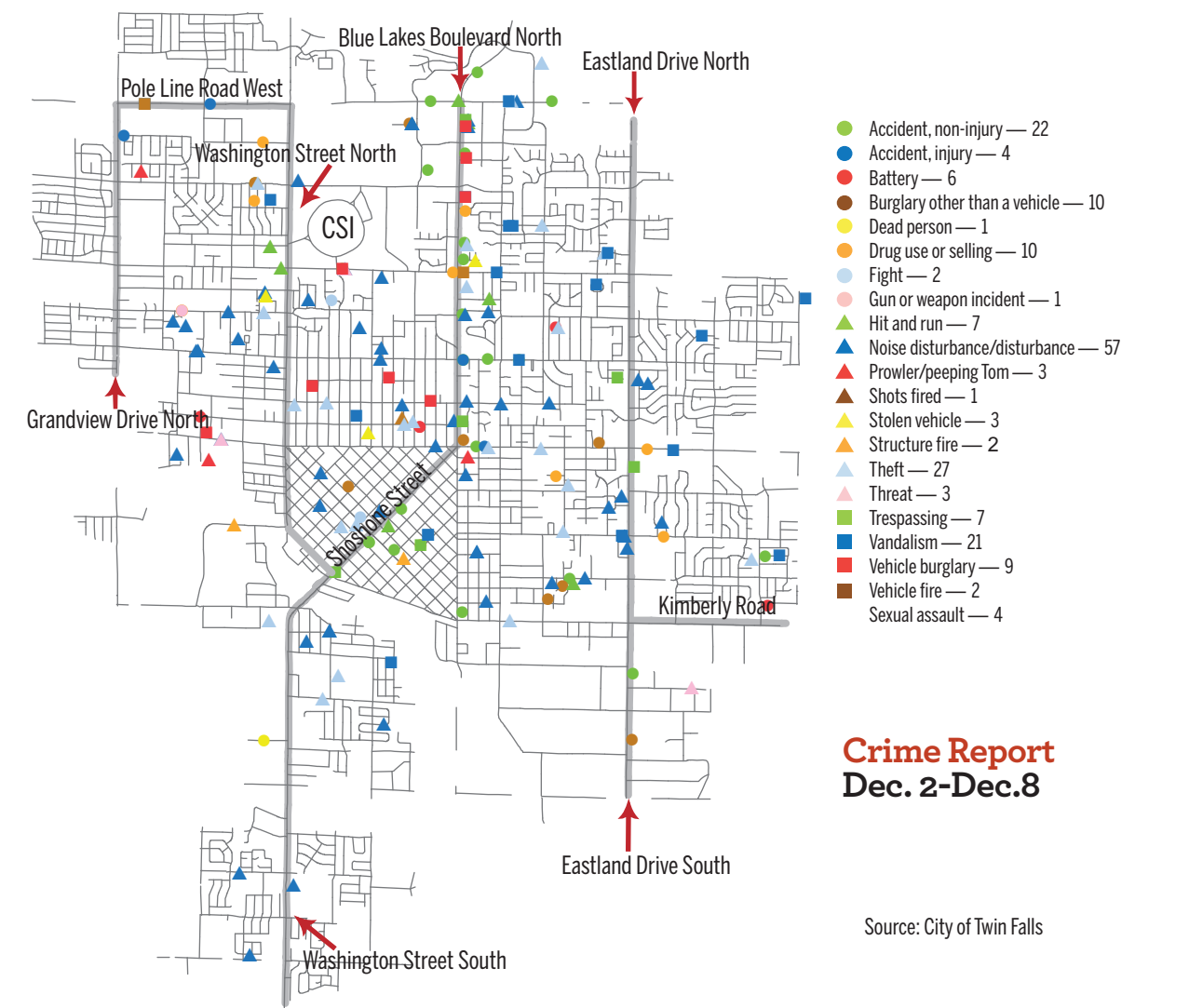
**CHILD SUPPORT CASES**  
The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services has filed claims against the following:  
**Riley Carl Hinton**, seeking establishment of paternity

and child support: \$299 monthly support plus 60 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance and 60 percent of any work-related day care expenses.  
**Eladio Duarte Rojas**, seeking establishment of child support: \$272 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance and 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses.  
**Johnny Junior Rubio**, seeking establishment of child support and Medicaid reimbursement: \$177 monthly support plus 52 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, 52 percent of any work-related day care expenses and \$3,670.78 in Medicaid reimbursement for birth costs.

**DIVORCES FILED**  
Valentino Christian Maestas vs. Joanna Lea Stevens. Gabriell Jean Pena vs. Ethan James Pena. Jeffery J. Peck vs. Terrie L. Peck. Chelsey Ann Curry vs. Richard Frank Curry Jr. Cortney Michelle Marvin vs. Michael Glen Marvin. Martha Fleenor vs. James Edward Fleenor.

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**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS**  
**Rachel Marie Delgado**, 28, Rupert; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 89 suspended,



1 day time credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 6 months probation.  
**Clarence Earl McAdams**, 68, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 170 suspended, 2 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 12 months probation.  
**Dale William Ralphs**, 49,

Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 2 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 6 months probation.  
**Tegan Jay Nevarez**, 20, Rupert; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 2

days time credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.  
**Audel Aleman-Medina**, 40, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 65 suspended, 25 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 24 months

probation, no alcohol.  
**Eric Anthony Sope**, 21, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 2 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

Blaine County Examines Its Options Post Housing Bust

**Participants in a Friday meeting started charting out how to encourage more affordable housing around Sun Valley.**

**BY KAREN BOSSICK**  
*For the Times-News*

**KETCHUM** • The Sun Valley area needs to take advantage of the recent drop in housing values and land prices to beef up its affordable housing inventory.  
That was the message that came through loud and clear Friday as government officials, builders and bankers met to chart a new course for affordable housing in an economy that looks radically different than it did three years ago.  
Although real estate costs have dropped since 2008, many families in the Wood River Valley are still paying an inordinately high percentage of their income for housing.  
Blaine County Commissioner Larry Schoen exhorted the 30-plus people in attendance not to repeat the mistakes of the early '90s, when government leaders saw the housing gap coming but failed to act before prices soared sky high.  
"Now we're getting a second chance. We should use history as a guide," he said. "And we need to bring buyers together with sellers and loan makers in a very deliberate, organized fashion to make it easier for potential buyers."  
The four-hour meeting organized by the Blaine County Housing Authority was led by two national housing consultants who met with nearly two dozen

stakeholders prior to the meeting.  
They proposed a variety of strategies that included banking land while land costs are low, offering incentives to landlords to rehab their rental properties, and taking advantage of new rules that could make Blaine County eligible for the Idaho Housing and Finance Association's neighborhood stabilization program. The latter could open up a lot of funding, said Peter Werwath, a Washington, D.C.-based community housing expert who has worked with such cities as Durango, Colo., and Santa Fe, N.M.  
Lisa Horowitz, community and economic development director for the city of Ketchum, noted a lot of local agencies haven't applied for tax credits all these years. And she said local planners would have to familiarize themselves with such strategies as land banking.  
"We need to look at taxing ourselves to buy housing units to help people out," she added.  
The group charted several leading directives, including to focus on acquiring and rehabilitating existing units that are in foreclosure or short sale. BCHA board chairwoman Linda Thorson called for smaller groups to now create a housing plan and select someone to lead it.  
Thorson said it felt good to see so many diverse stakeholders reaching a consensus.  
"Up until now, all the stakeholders have been doing their own thing. And, although they've been moving in the same direction, they have not been sharing," she said.

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**Amerson**  
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After landing at the Twin Falls airport Saturday afternoon, from left, Kalliope Pham, 9, Paul Hobbs, Ashley Hobbs, 9, and Skyler Hills, 23, make their way into the terminal to give out candy canes and talk to children about their Christmas wishes.

## Santa Visits Twin Falls

Children line up at airport to meet good ole Saint Nick at annual fly-in.

BY DAVE WILKINS  
For the Times-News

Santa couldn't arrive soon enough for the 35 to 40 children gathered at the Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport on Saturday.

The sense of anticipation was palpable. Some scampered about, while others pressed up against the large windows facing the runway.

Shortly after 1 p.m. the helicopter finally touched down, and Santa and his elves strode into the terminal.

Saint Nick had barely bellowed a hearty "Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas," before a line started to form.

The youngsters, many with developmental or physical disabilities, appeared eager to share their Christmas wishes with the man in red.

They didn't leave empty handed. Each was given a candy cane before jumping down from Santa's lap.

The event was the airport's fourth annual Santa Fly-in.

Tosha Fiscus of Twin Falls was there with her three young sons, Kayson, Kade and Jayden.

"It's so hard to get into the mall," Fiscus said. "I would much rather come here." Besides, she said, "The kids love helicopters and planes."

The family was invited to the event because Kade, 4, receives treatment through St. Luke's Elks Rehabilitation pediatric program.

Other families were invited through the Wishing Star Foundation and the Twin Falls School District's extended resource program.

The event is a perfect fit for families with special needs children, said Laura Stewart, spokeswoman for St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

The airport offers a more relaxed environment than might be expected at a mall during the holidays, she said. Large, noisy

crowds can be difficult for children with special needs to handle.

"A long wait in line can be difficult if you have developmental delays or physical issues," said Stewart, who has a son with Down syndrome.

"It's just nice to not have it so hectic. It's mellow and not so intense. It makes the experience actually fun," she said.

The Wishing Star Foundation and Twin Falls School District's extended resource program have participated in the fly-in each of the past four years.

The event was expanded this year to include fami-

lies in the St. Luke's-Elks Rehabilitation pediatric program, which offers physical, speech and occupational therapy for children.

"We're just trying to get it to grow more and more," said Donna Newbry, administrative assistant at the airport.

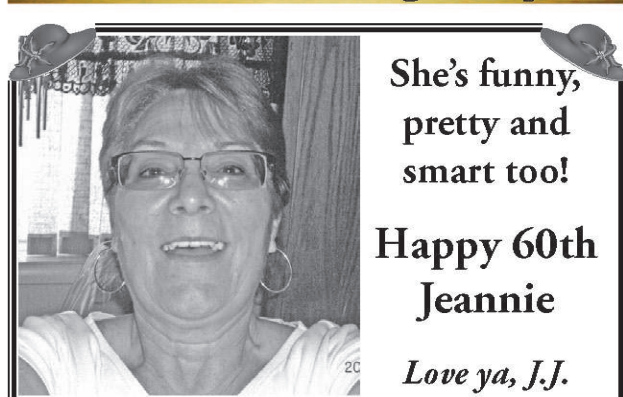
The event was reorganized four years ago to focus on special needs children. Before that, it was open to the general public and hundreds of children showed up.

"It got to be so huge," Newbry said. "Santa would get a little tired. We have kind of geared it down for special needs children. This is a little easier on them and their families."



### 'Future of a Forgotten People'

In the next installment of our special series, reporter Melissa Davlin examines health issues among Twin Falls' Bhutanese refugees. Next Sunday in People



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Idahoans are asked to fill out an online form telling the Historical Society about a person, place, thing or event that’s unique to Idaho. Entries are due Jan. 31. The exhibit will open March 4, 2013, the 150th

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Submit your nomination online at bit.ly/sM9Kp7. If you’re not online, call 334-2120 to have a form mailed to you.

anniversary when President Abraham Lincoln added Idaho to the list of U.S. states. “As Idaho prepares to commemorate its first 150 years, we seek to commemorate its diverse landscape, remarkable people, and fascinating history with this

exhibit that defines what Idaho means from those who know it best,” Histori-

cal Society Executive Director Janet Gallimore said in a written release.

Information: Anne Schorzman, 334-2120, or visit [www.history.idaho.gov](http://www.history.idaho.gov).

# Federal Employees Meet Monday

TIMES-NEWS

Chapter 1959 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Loong Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. The group will hold an in-

stallation of officers and have a Chinese auction. All members are asked to donate canned goods for the Salvation Army. Anyone who is a retired or currently employed federal employee is encouraged to attend and bring a guest. Those who wish to partici-

pate in the Chinese auction should bring a gift valued under \$10. This is a chance to enjoy friendship and information regarding changes to government employees and retirees’ benefits during this time of recession. Information: 308-1670.

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# Wolves Wait at NM Refuge for Chance at the Wild

BY SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN  
*Associated Press*

**SEVILLETA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, N.M. •** Miles from the nearest rural outpost and far beyond the smatterings of broken down cars that have been left to rust into the central New Mexico prairie is a narrow canyon at the edge of the Los Pinos Mountains.

This rugged stretch is ground zero for the federal government's effort to return the endangered Mexican gray wolf to the wild in the Southwest.

Here, behind an elaborate maze of fencing and locked gates are nearly two dozen wolves, many of them waiting for a chance to be released. However, the odds are stacked against them. First there's politics. Then comes a strict set of requirements for the right genetics and the right location.

"Every Mexican wolf has a chance to go into the wild. That's the purpose of all the captive animals," Susan Dicks, a biologist and veterinarian with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said as she negotiat-

ed the rough two-track road leading up to the wolf pens.

"Sometimes, we're all lined up for a release and then politically, the stars don't align," she said. "That can be years of work."

Dicks along with a team of other biologists, volunteers and students spent the day Wednesday at the wolf management center at Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge. Their mission was to capture four female wolves, vaccinate them and do a quick checkup.

The work is all in preparation for the day when more captive-bred animals can be released into the wild to bolster a population that has stumbled over the last decade due to court battles, illegal shootings, management hurdles and feuds between ranchers and environmentalists.

In the last five years, there have been more than a dozen transfers of wolves around the reintroduction area, which spans millions of forested acres in Arizona and New Mexico. But only once during that time have wildlife managers released a new wolf as part of the program. That was in 2008.

The lack of fresh genetics in the wild is what has supporters of the program worried.

A subspecies of the gray wolf, Mexican wolves were added to the federal endangered species list in 1976 after they were all but wiped out due to hunting and government-sponsored extermination campaigns.

The federal government started its reintroduction effort along the New Mexico-Arizona border in 1998 with the release of 11 wolves. Biologists had hoped to have more than 100 wolves in the wild by 2006, but the numbers continue to hover around 50.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is ready to start its annual count next month. There's some hope for improvement given the number of pups that were spotted with some of the packs earlier this year.

The latest blow to the program was a vote earlier this month by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to not support the release of any new wolves until the federal government revamps its decades-old recovery plan for the species.

It could be another year

before a draft of the new plan is released, and the prospect of no new releases has supporters like Eva Sargent with the group Defenders of Wildlife worried.

"The population just can't make it without releases. It's so small at this point and it's already suffering from inbreeding because of the low number of founders," she said. "I think it's pretty much without doubt that without new releases, the population will start on a downward trend again and you can't afford that when you've only got 50 animals."

Tom Buckley, a spokesman with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said the federal government has the authority to continue with releases but would prefer to have the support of Arizona.

Buckley and other federal officials acknowledged the emotion that has long fueled the debate over the wolf reintroduction. Environmentalists have pushed for more, while ranchers have felt their livelihoods threatened by the loss of cattle and some community leaders have voiced concerns about wolves getting too close to people.



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*In this Wednesday, Dec. 7 photo, Veterinarian Stacey Sonnenshein holds down a female Mexican gray wolf while it gets a medical checkup and vaccinations at the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge in central New Mexico.*



*A line of ducks march to shore late Thursday at Emerald Lake near Heyburn.*

LAURIE WELCH • TIMES-NEWS

## SW Idaho Team Works to Save Canyon County Records

BY KRISTIN RODINE  
*Idaho Statesman*

**NAMPA, Idaho •** A tone of reverence overtakes Joe Bell as he opens the massive leather-bound volume.

Wearing white cotton gloves to protect the documents, he lightly touches a page handwritten in script both graceful and precise.

It begins, "Proclamation by the Governor, November 19, 1892."

The document declares the establishment of Canyon County. Or, as Bell puts it, "the creation of my beloved."

Even the Great Seal of the State of Idaho is hand-drawn.

"There are not words adequate enough to describe how precious and matchless this is," the 39-year-old Nampa native said, standing in a vault filled with other volumes that capture the legal, financial and governmental goings-on that shaped and chronicled local lives for nearly 150 years.

The earliest documents date back to the 1860s, long

before Idaho was a state or Canyon a county.

Bell, former director of the Canyon County Historical Museum, now does history research and preservation work for the county. He's part of a four-person Historic Records Retention Team assembled by County Clerk Chris Yamamoto. The other two members are Chief Deputy Clerk Brad Jackson and former county comptroller Chris Harris, who retired a year ago after four decades of watching out for the county's records.

Yamamoto's role in the project is more pragmatic than Bell's, but he, too, is moved by the history and mystery of the long rows of century-old records.

"I walked into that vault, smelled those leather-bound volumes and started to look at stuff that's from 1892 and earlier, and I'm awestruck," he said. "And then I find out we have some of those in unsecured storage, and we may have lost some of them."

He enlisted Bell to helm

efforts to inventory and preserve the county's historical records, but there's another side to the effort that is just as pressing, he said: consolidating and finding space for the vast array of documents that are part of the day-to-day operations of his office, which covers courts, elections, payroll, budgeting, indigent services, and the recording of official land, marriage and other records.

Records storage has been a huge issue, he said, estimating that his office is in charge of some "750,000 pieces of paper." Many of the modern documents can be scanned electronically and then shredded, he said, but Idaho law requires many types of original documents to be preserved.

Until recently, the county's records were spread among five storage sites in addition to the courthouse, and exposed to dust and other environmental hazards, Yamamoto said. Four of those sites have now been consolidated, but one off-

site space remains because there's no room at the courthouse.

That's about to change, he said: The fourth floor of the Canyon County Jail, vacated because it wasn't adequate to the county's needs, is being retrofitted and will provide the clerk with about 3,000 square feet of additional storage space that is easily accessible via courthouse stairwells.

Cells were torn out, a new cement floor poured Wednesday, and a wall will divide the former cellblock in half, with one side for records and the other for the sheriff's office to use for video arraignments.

Yamamoto plans to start moving records into the reclaimed space before Christmas. He scavenged shelves from vacated buildings and figures his office's share of the cost for converting the space will be about \$2,500.

## Groups to Try Again to Raise Idaho Tobacco Tax

**BOISE, Idaho •** A coalition of Idaho health groups led by the American Cancer Society are vowing once again to persuade state lawmakers to raise the tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products.

A bid to add another \$1.25 in taxes to the price of cigarettes failed to gain any momentum in the 2011 Legislature, and supporters acknowledge winning broad support for a tax hike in the upcoming session poses another significant challenge considering the state's revenue picture has brightened.

Like last year, the groups have won the backing of a key lawmaker, Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, and chairman of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee.

At 57 cents per pack, Idaho ties for the eighth-lowest tobacco tax among states, and Lake says the Legislature may want to keep it that way given the Republican majority's disdain for new taxes of any kind.

"Without needing the revenue, it makes it that much more difficult to pass," Lake told the Idaho Business Review in a story published last week. "We have a substantial group of people (in the Legislature) that are 'no tax increase' and they perceive it as being a tax increase."

Advocates estimate the \$1.25 per pack increase could raise \$50 million for the state to help fund smoking cessation, education and other health services tied to smoking.

The American Cancer So-

ciety is again leading the charge to raise taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products. Heidi Low, the group's state lobbyist, said the tax is one of her highest priorities for the next legislative session and she cites polls taken last year showing overwhelming public support for a tax as high as \$1.50 per pack.

"It has consistently been something that's been supported by the public and other health-related organizations," Low said. "Everyone is eager to move forward with something."

The increase also has the backing of two dozen other Idaho organizations, including the Idaho Medical Association and Idaho Association of Counties.

Idaho now ranks 34th in funding programs to prevent kids from smoking and help smokers quit, according to a report released by the ACS CAN and other public health groups that oppose smoking.

Despite support from a 31-member coalition and a budget shortfall, Republicans declined to tap smokers and tobacco users for more money. Instead, lawmakers cut \$35 million from Medicaid and another \$62 million from public education to balance the budget.

Opposition this year will also come from tobacco vendors, including owners of convenience stores. During a meeting earlier this year, convenience store owners collected 25,000 signatures from customers opposed to paying any more for smokes.

## Ex-deputy to Testify in Trial Over Ex-wife's Death

**LEWISTON, Idaho •** A former Nez Perce County deputy sheriff on trial in the death of his ex-wife is expected to testify in his defense next week.

Prosecutors say Joseph A. Thomas Jr. strangled 28-year-old Beth Irby-Thomas in May at her Lewiston home. Police say the woman's body was

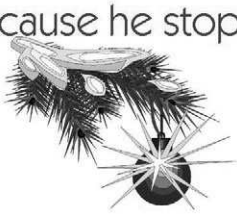
found covered with blankets and there was a belt around her neck.

Attorneys for Thomas have previously filed a court motion saying he plans to testify that he and his former wife engaged in autoerotic asphyxiation, and that he saw her engaging in the practice

alone. A judge previously ruled this couldn't be mentioned during trial, but said he would reconsider if it became relevant.

The Lewiston Tribune reports Thomas is expected to testify Monday when his first-degree murder trial resumes.

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Bragg has been with Neel & Associates since 2006 and has more than 20 years of experience with payroll matters. She is a Certified Quickbooks ProAdvisor.

The Income Tax School has been training tax preparers since 1993.



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*The Mail Room's owners and employees cut the red ribbon at their remodeled facility with friends and Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.*

The Mail Room Celebrates Opening of Remodeled Facility

The Mail Room, located at 255 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls, recently cut the red ribbon with Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors in celebration of the opening of their remodeled facility.

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*From left, Will Glasgow, Ron Glasgow, Angela Maughan and Krystal Schvanereldt cut the red ribbon at Digital Imaging in Twin Falls.*

Digital Imaging Celebrates Grand Opening

Owners and employees of Digital Imaging, at 1411 Falls Ave E, Suite 821 in Twin Falls, recently cut the red ribbon with Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors in celebration of the store's grand opening.

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KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH • ASSOCIATED PRESS

*A montage of the front pages of British newspapers in London, Saturday. The newspaper reports cover the veto by Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron on an EU treaty change aimed at dealing with the eurozone crisis, and leaving Cameron isolated within the EU community.*

# UK Treasury Chief Defends Cameron's EU Treaty Veto

CASSANDRA VINOGRAD

Associated Press

**LONDON** • Britain's Treasury chief defended Prime Minister David Cameron's decision to veto changes to the European Union treaty, saying Saturday the move protected U.K. economic interests.

Cameron rejected an invitation to join 26 European partners in a tighter financial alliance to save the euro which he said didn't adequately protect Britain's national interest and meant

giving up too much control over regulation of Britain's dominant financial sector.

The move isolated Cameron from the European Union and raised doubts about whether Britain realistically can remain a member of the 27-nation bloc — prompting cheers from the prime minister's typically anti-EU party and jeers from the opposition.

Britain's typically brash media reflected the divide Saturday, with The Guardian headline "Cameron Cuts UK Adrift" battling against the Daily Mail's

"The Day He Put Britain First."

Treasury chief George Osborne defended Cameron on BBC radio, saying he thinks Britons are pleased the prime minister "stood up for the British national interest."

"We have protected Britain's financial services and manufacturing companies that need to be able to trade their products into Europe from the development of eurozone integration spilling over and affecting non-euro members of the EU," he said.

Please see **EUROPE, M2**

## FDA PANEL BACKS BIRTH CONTROL PATCH DESPITE RISKS

BY MATTHEW PERRONE

Associated Press

**ADELPHI, Md.** • A panel of federal health advisers said Friday that a birth control patch from Johnson & Johnson probably carries a higher risk of blood clot risks than older drugs, but should remain available as an option for women who have trouble taking a daily pill.

The Food and Drug Administration's panel of reproductive health experts voted 19-5 that the benefits of the Ortho Evra patch outweigh its risks, including a potentially higher risk of dangerous blood clots in the legs and lungs. Panelists said the patch can be especially useful for younger women who have difficulty sticking to a daily drug regimen.

"I have many teenagers and it's the only method they'll use — for them it's the perfect method," said Dr. Melissa Gilliam of the University of Chicago. The FDA sought the experts' advice as part of its safety review of newer hormone-based contraceptives launched in the past decade. The agency is not required to follow their advice, though it often does.

Johnson & Johnson's weekly Ortho Evra patch was approved in 2001 and has been marketed for its convenience as an "option for busy women who are looking to simplify life." The drug works about as well as other contraceptive medications, allowing just one unplanned pregnancy per year for every 100 women.

Studies assessing Ortho Evra's blood clot risk have reached differing conclusions over the years. At least two studies found that patch users have twice the risk of clots as women taking birth control pills. Even a slightly higher risk can be critical

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KAREN BOSSICK • FOR THE TIMES-NEWS

*Ketchum's Knob Hill Inn is set to reopen Thursday. The inn, built in 1992, was on the market for two years before it was sold at auction in July.*

## Swiss Chalet-style Inn Turn Luxury Hotel

BY KAREN BOSSICK

For the Times-News

**KETCHUM** • When it reopens Dec. 15 as a luxury hotel, Ketchum's Knob Hill Inn will offer a fresh look for what its owners hope is a new era for the building.

The 1992 Swiss chalet-style inn built by Austrian Joe Koenig sat on the market for two years, as its original asking price was whittled from \$17 million to the \$4.7 million it sold for during a July auction. Over the past four months, workers swarmed the building, converting its look to what designer Cynthia Mennella calls "mountain modern," or "Alpine modern."

From the modern bar and contemporary artwork in the common area, to flat-screen TVs in the reconfigured guest rooms, a nearly million-dollar renovation has given the inn a new vibe, according to General Manager Joe Vallance.

"We're talking calm, comfortable,

"We're talking calm, comfortable, modern, upscale, sophisticated, soothing, monochromatic. It's a different approach than the Sun Valley motif."

**Joe Vallance**, General Manager of Ketchum's Knob Hill Inn

modern, upscale, sophisticated, soothing, monochromatic," he said. "It's a different approach than the Sun Valley motif — a place you can sit back after skiing amidst an atmosphere of overstuffed soft textures and neutral palettes."

An investors group, KHI LLC, purchased the building after earlier efforts to make the inn a retreat and rehabilitation center for wounded veterans fell short. Purchasers include John Oppeheimer, founder of Seattle-based

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# OBAMA SAYS JOBLESS RATE COULD DROP TO 8 PERCENT

STEVE PEOPLES  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** • Setting a new bar for the nation's economy, President Barack Obama said the United States unemployment rate could fall to 8 percent before he faces re-election next November.

The unemployment rate,

currently at 8.6 percent, hasn't been at or below 8 percent since he took office in January 2009 amid a global economic crisis.

In a "60 Minutes" interview to air Sunday night, the president was asked specifically whether he would get the rate back down to 8 percent before

next fall's general election.

"I think it's possible," Obama said, according to excerpts of the interview provided by CBS. "But ... I'm not in the job of prognosticating on the economy. I'm in the job of putting in place the tools that allow the economy to thrive and Americans to succeed."

## Europe

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Osborne added that if the prime minister had "caved in" to signing the treaty, the "full force" of the EU could have undermined British interests.

"We were not prepared to let that happen," he said.

Osborne's vote of confidence echoed support from other Conservative lawmakers over the prime minister's move to set Britain apart.

But Cameron also is facing a chorus of criticism from the opposition Labour Party and growing tensions with his Conservative Party's junior coalition partner, the Liberal Democrats.

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg has rejected talk of a rift between his Liberal

Democrats and the Conservatives and backed Cameron's move, but dissent bubbled up from elsewhere in the party.

One Liberal Democrat lawmaker accused Cameron of "betraying Britain," while another called the fallout "a black day for Britain and Europe."

Emboldened by Cameron's move, Conservatives stepped up calls for a full re-negotiation of Britain's position in the EU, but Liberal Democrat deputy leader Simon Hughes shot down that idea in an interview with Sky News, insisting the issue was "not on the table" and telling the Tories to "calm down."

In Italy, Premier Mario Monti has summoned union leaders to discuss his new austerity plan as lawmakers tinker with his

tough proposals to try to rescue the country from its debt load and get the economy growing again.

Unions have bitterly contested Monti's proposal to reform Italy's generous pension system and have called a strike for Monday. Monti's office said Saturday the premier, fresh from the EU summit in Brussels, would meet with union leaders on Sunday to discuss the proposals.

Monti has also proposed restoring a property tax suspended during Premier Silvio Berlusconi's government. The proposal has renewed criticism of the tax-exempt status of the Catholic Church in Italy, even though the church merely enjoys the same tax-exempt status as any non-profit.

## Knob

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Columbia Hospitality, which will manage and operate the property.

Columbia Hospitality manages more than 35 properties, ranging from the Salish Lodge and Spa, which overlooks Snoqualmie Falls in Washington, to the Oitavos, a five-star luxury hotel in coastal Portugal.

The inn's owners hope that Columbia's reach will attract guests from beyond Knob Hill's traditional patronage of guest primarily from Seattle, southern Idaho and Koenig's native Austria.

"We're positioning ourselves to be the leaders in the luxury market here with a product that's going to attract a new group of people," said Columbia spokesman Karl Bruno.

The inn's new configuration boasts 29 units, including a two-bed, two-bath Baldy Suite with a kitchen and living room that occupies the former manager's living quarters. Units on the south side have views of Bald Mountain; those to the north have views of the Boulder Mountains.

Bob Dunn, who owned Ketchum's Warm Springs Restaurant before it was shuttered to make way for a resort facility that has yet to be built, will run The Grill at the Knob Hill Inn with former Warm Springs chef Mark Anderson.



KAREN BOSSICK • FOR THE TIMES-NEWS

**A worker prepares the lounge's double fireplace at the Knob Hill Inn, which is set to reopen as a luxury hotel Thursday, about four months after the Ketchum inn was sold at auction for \$4.7 million.**

Entrees, which start at \$18.95, include prime rib, filet mignon, fried chicken and Alaskan king crab legs.

The new dining room opens onto the former

cafe, offering more room for peak-hour diners.

"It's nice to see the inn updated," said Vallance. "It was built in the early '90s, so it was time for an update."

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## Birth Control

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because blood clots can cause heart attacks, strokes and blockages in lungs or blood vessels, which in rare cases have been fatal, even among young women.

The most recent study by the FDA found that women using the patch have a 50 percent higher risk of clots than women taking various oral contraceptives. However, the agency said the data was not definitive.

Panelists voted 20-3 with one abstention that the drug's current label is inadequate and should be updated with the latest information about the potentially higher risk. In discussion, a majority of panelists said Ortho Evra probably carries a higher risk than older birth control pills, though the risk is less clear when compared with newer birth control pills launched in the last decade.

Despite the safety concerns, the experts stressed that Ortho Evra fills a unique niche among birth control products.

"There is no alternative in this range for women who desire hormonal contraception but can't take the pill, so I think it is important to maintain that option," said Dr. Michele Orza of the George Washington University.

Prescriptions for Ortho Evra have declined steadily over the last five years, from 5 million in 2006 to about 1.3 million last year.

The decline has followed repeated updates by J&J to the product's labeling, including language indicating that patients absorb up to 60 percent more estrogen via the patch than with the pill.

"The company will continue to collaborate with the FDA on a product label that adequately reflects the known risks and benefits of the product, including new information, as appropriate," said Jeff Christensen, communications manager with J&J's Janssen unit.

Ortho Evra is part of a new generation of contraceptives that use newer forms of the female hormone progesterone. In the past decade the medications have overtaken older medications, though studies have reached conflicting conclusions on whether the drugs carry a higher risk of blood clots. A day earlier, the same panel

recommended clearer risk labeling on Yaz, Yasmin and other birth control pills. As with Ortho Evra, the panel affirmed their overall benefit of the pills for women.

Ortho Evra sales last year totaled \$124 million, trailing Merck & Co. Inc.'s NuvaRing, which posted sales of \$437 million, according to health care data firm IMS Health. NuvaRing is the most widely used, non-pill contraceptive drug.

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**Book Plaza founder Dale Whipple is joined by Jason Parton, Vanessa Joy and Marvin Goldstein while cutting the red ribbon with Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.**

## Book Plaza Celebrates Grand Opening

The Book Plaza recently celebrated the grand opening of its lower-level recording studio along with Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.

This recording studio can broadcast live for TV and radio, and produce CDs and DVDs.

Its hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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## Silver Sage Realty Welcomes Jake Higley

Silver Sage Realty is pleased to welcome Jake Higley to its team.

Higley has lived in the Magic Valley his whole life.

He has worked in the real estate appraisal sector for seven years. His continued involvement as an appraiser will enhance his knowledge of current market conditions, which will be appreciated by those whom he has the privilege of assisting in owning or selling a home.

Higley looks forward to working with buyers and sellers throughout the Magic Valley on their real estate needs.

He can be reached at 420-8680 or JakeH@qwestof-fice.net.



Higley

# Japan Extends Tax Breaks on Low-Polluting Vehicles

**TOKYO** • Japan is extending tax breaks for low-polluting vehicles by another three years to help support the nation's mainstay auto industry.

The tax breaks, initially set to end in April, will continue until April 2015, according to a plan approved by the Cabinet on Saturday.

Japan's auto market has been stagnant for years, but demand for hybrids and other "green" cars, prompted by tax breaks and interest in fuel efficiency, has been the solitary bright spot.

Under the government program, hybrids and electric vehicles are tax-free, delivering savings of about 150,000 yen (\$1,500) for buyers of the Toyota Prius or the Nissan Motor Co. Leaf. Other fuel-efficient models qualify for lower savings.

In addition to the tax breaks, "green" cars have also received government subsidies to encourage sales but whether those will be extended is still undecided.

Japan has a massive public debt and has been trying to raise taxes. But the effort is a delicate balancing act because a heavy tax burden is likely to crimp spending as the nation struggles to rebound from the devastation of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

The auto industry is a pillar of Japan's economy. Concerns have been growing about lagging auto demand as top manufacturers such as Toyota Motor Corp. fight supply disruptions from the March 11 disaster, as well as from flooding in Thailand, where many Japanese automakers have factories and suppliers.

NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

**ROME** • Italy's Catholic Church has shifted gears and shown a willingness to revisit its tax-exempt status amid renewed criticism that much of its vast real estate holdings isn't subject to local property taxes.

The criticism has grown recently following Premier Mario Monti's proposal to restore a property tax on first and second homes as part of his sweeping austerity measures to help reign in Italy's massive debt.

With ordinary Italians being asked to make sacrifices, the church is coming under fire to do its part and give up what some consider an unfair privilege. Critics, most prominently Italy's Radical Party, charge that the Italian government is missing out on millions of euros in potential taxes.

Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco, the head of the Italian bishops' conference, said Friday the church would be open to looking at the issue and remedying any individual "abuses" that might have occurred.

"The current norms are correct in that they recognize the social value of activities carried out by many non-profits, among them church ones," he said. "It's also correct that if there have been concrete cases in which a tax that should have been paid wasn't, we should verify the abuse and end it."

The church has long insisted that it enjoys no special tax privileges, noting that nonprofit organizations, cultural associations, foreign embassies, Lutheran-owned churches and the synagogues of the Jewish community, are exempt from local property taxes.

But in 2006, Parliament extended a property tax exemption to cover buildings that weren't "exclusively"

commercial, such as private health clinics or convents that host pilgrims.

That created a gray area where church-owned properties could conceivably carry out some commercial activities and still retain their tax-exempt status.

Italy's Radical Party, which is vehemently anti-church, complained to the European Union, charging that the exemptions gave the church an unfair economic advantage over rivals.

The Radicals have exposed how some in the church have taken advantage the wiggle room by using tax-exempt residences for priests as unofficial — and profitable — bed and breakfasts.

The European Commission placed Italy under investigation last year, saying it believed the exemptions could violate EU rules on state subsidies and could distort competition.

If the commission rules against Italy, the EU could order Italy to demand that the church reimburse the government for the unpaid taxes.

Twice in the past week, Monti has been asked if his government will reconsider the tax-exempt status of the church in future austerity measures. He has said the Cabinet hasn't yet discussed the issue, though on Friday he noted that matter was still before the EU.

Bagnasco's willingness to even consider looking at the exemptions granted by the 2006 norms marks a turn-about given the church's previous defensiveness on the issue, which it has dis-

missed as pure anti-church propaganda from the Radicals.

Just this week, the newspaper of the Italian bishops' conference lashed out at the Radicals' attempt to "create confusion" with claims of millions of euros of the church's unpaid taxes.

But amid Italy's precarious financial state, even the Vatican's No. 2, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, struck a flexible this past week saying the question of the property tax should be "studied."

The issue is particularly sensitive in Italy since Italians have enjoyed paying no property taxes on their homes since then-Premier Silvio Berlusconi made good on his 2008 campaign promise to abolish them. Monti has said the property

tax must be restored to bring Italy in line with norms of other EU countries.

One of Monti's Cabinet ministers, Andrea Riccardi, is one of the most prominent lay Catholics in Italy, the founder of the Sant'Egidio Community with close ties to the Vatican.

He said this week that the church should pay the property tax if commercial activity is being carried out on the property. "I think that all the all the religious and cultural activities of the church are a richness for the country and the tax shouldn't be paid," he told RAI state television.

But if individual cases are discovered where commercial activity is being carried out, "necessary measures should be taken."

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# Stop the Pharmacy Consolidation Train

BY STEVEN PEARLSTEIN  
*The Washington Post*

Maybe you’ve noticed that companies that are already at the top of their industries have become rather brazen about trying to increase their profits and share prices by buying up their nearest competitors.

Who can blame them? For years now, the courts and regulators have turned a blind eye as industry after industry consolidates into two or three dominant firms. And for years, fee-driven corporate lawyers and investment bankers have been knocking on boardroom doors peddling the notion that they can win approval for any merger just by divesting a subsidiary or two or establishing some fictitious “Chinese wall” to prevent one division from

knowing what the other is doing. (Alas, we’re even importing our metaphors from China!)

That “anything goes” mentality took a hit recently when the Justice Department dared to challenge the purchase of T-Mobile by AT&T. Now its stepsister, the Federal Trade Commission, has the opportunity to definitively usher in a new era in antitrust by blocking the \$29 billion merger between Express Scripts and Medco, two of the biggest pharmacy benefit managers — the companies that handle the prescription drug portion of your health insurance.

This is a fluid and rapidly changing segment of the health-care sector. While two of the big insurance companies, Wellpoint and Aetna, have effectively sold

their in-house PBMs, Cigna continues to run its own in-house pharmacy business, and United Health, the largest insurer, recently jumped into the business in a big way.

In 2007, meanwhile, CVS, the big retail drugstore chain, went “upstream,” buying Caremark, another PBM, in the process generating lots of complaints from independent pharmacies that the Caremark PBM is steering much of its retail business to CVS. The independents now fear any further consolidation of PBMs will only add to their woes as more and more prescriptions are routed through the PBMs’ own mail-order pharmacies rather than through the corner drugstore.

The independent pharmacists have good reason to

be concerned — because of competition from the big retail chains and the PBMs, they’ve become an endangered species. Some of this is the result of competition that is thuggish and unfair and results in inferior and less-convenient service for customers. But some of it reflects the hard economic reality that mail order is a cheaper and more efficient way to fill prescriptions and scale is important when negotiating prices with patent-wielding monopolists in the pharmaceutical industry. Over time, we will miss them the way we miss the local ice cream parlor and dressmaker.

There’s little question that combining Express Scripts and Medco will generate operating efficiencies. These companies now invest large sums in sophisti-

cated computer systems to manage orders, control inventory, bill customers, detect dangerous drug combinations and nudge patients to take their meds and fill their prescriptions. Having to invest in one system rather than two will result in significant savings for the combined operation.

More dubious is the claim that the combined company will be able to use its clout to negotiate significantly better prices from drug companies for high-priced drugs under patent. With revenues of \$44 billion and \$66 billion, both companies are big enough to enjoy whatever negotiating advantages come with delivering a large number of customers. For the most expensive drugs, both are getting the maximum discount that drug companies have to

give.

The bigger question is whether shareholders or customers will get the benefit of these efficiencies — and that depends on how competitive the industry will be. At the moment, there are dozens of regional PBMs that serve regional insurance companies and health plans. For big national insurers and corporations, however, there are really only a single firm with a market share of 30 to 60 percent (depending on how you define the market) would sustain the same level of price competition.



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**Maureen Reedy, an elementary instructional specialist who is contemplating retirement in the face of collective bargaining changes, sits in front of student projects on Sept. 16 in Columbus, Ohio. The idea that people who work for the government can retire as early as age 50 and collect retirement benefits until death is fueling a national debate as states seek to control spending.**

## Public Retirement Ages Come Under Greater Scrutiny

BY JULIE CARR SMYTH  
AND DON THOMPSON  
*Associated Press*

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** • After nearly 40 years in public education, Patrick Godwin spends his retirement days running a horse farm east of Sacramento, Calif., with his daughter.

His departure from the workaday world is likely to be long and relatively free of financial concerns, after he retired last July at age 59 with a pension paying \$174,308 a year for the rest of his life.

Such guaranteed pensions for relatively youthful government retirees — paid in similar fashion to millions nationwide — are contributing to nationwide friction with the public sector workers. They have access to attractive defined-benefit pensions and retiree health care coverage that most private sector workers no longer do.

programs was 55, but 15 percent allowed government workers to retire even earlier, the review found. The study is widely regarded as the most comprehensive assessment of the issue.

Police and firefighters often can retire starting even younger — at around age 50 — because of the physically demanding nature of some of those jobs.

Yet with cities, counties

and states struggling to pay pension bills, changes are afoot.

In November, San Francisco voters supported a local ballot initiative to hike minimum retirement ages for some city workers. Since that time, laws increasing retirement ages for government workers were signed in Rhode Island and Massachusetts in efforts to address underfunded pension systems.



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BY ANTHONY DIPAOLO,  
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*Bloomberg News*

**DOHA, Qatar** • The Middle East will need more help from international investors to keep the title of world’s biggest oil and gas producer because its remaining deposits are harder to reach.

Technology is the “key to prolonging the life span of the reservoirs, and we’ve been doing this with our partners for a long time,” Mohamed Al-Hamli, oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, said yesterday at the World Petroleum Congress. “We are forced to go down the road of enhanced oil recovery and

using more advanced technology.”

Exxon Mobil, Shell and other international oil producers will combine with state-owned companies to spend \$40 billion in 2013 on developing resources in the Middle East, up 18 percent on last year’s tally, according to Wood Mackenzie Consultants. Fields that require advanced technology, such as steaming to extract heavy oil in Kuwait or stripping sulfur out of Abu Dhabi’s natural gas, will attract much of that spending.

Demand for energy will grow faster in the Middle East over the next two decades than any region other than Asia, according to the Inter-

national Energy Agency. Rising consumption of crude oil and natural gas at home will put pressure on Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and other governments to keep production high enough to maintain the export revenue that finance government spending.

Middle East countries “have definitely produced most of their cheaper and easier oil,” said Iain Brown, the head of regional research at Wood Mackenzie. “These are projects where national oil companies have greater need for support from international oil companies, because the international oil companies have had more experience of these challenging conditions.”

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Bob Lasher helps customers Nathan Miller, right, and Kody Hansen at Gandolfo's Delicatessen food truck in Rexburg on Nov. 17. Lasher and Jared Brown converted an old bread truck to launch the mobile deli, which supports their brick-and-mortar restaurant in Idaho Falls.

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# Diners Get On the Food Truck Bandwagon in Eastern Idaho

BY CLARK CORBIN  
The Post-Register

**REXBURG** • Someday, Tom Sathre hopes to steer his rolling deli to fame in the reality television show "The Great Food Truck Race." But for now, the Rigby resident said he is content being part of the street-meat revolution of eastern Idaho.

This year, Sathre and his business partners Bob Lasher and Jared Brown converted an old bread truck to launch the Gandolfo's Delicatessen mobile deli, which supports their brick-and-mortar restaurant in Idaho Falls.

Sathre's wheeled deli is one of 56 such mobile food vendors operating in eastern Idaho between Idaho Falls, Ammon, Rigby and Rexburg, according to city clerks contacted in each of those cities. Blackfoot also allows mobile vendors to operate once they receive a license, though the city employees who track the number of permits issued were not reachable late Monday, Planning and Zoning Director Rex Orgill said.

Gandolfo's black and yellow truck adorned with a checkerboard pattern and New York City skyline offers a selection of more than a dozen hot sandwiches, ranging in price from \$4.99 to \$9.29.

Sathre has been parked along Main Street in Rexburg for the past four weeks. He said the venture opens up a new customer base for his business while he decides whether he'll open a traditional Gandolfo's in Rexburg.

"For the first two months, we couldn't pay people to come here," Sathre said. "But now that we're here (in Rexburg), the people who have tried us say it's so awesome and they're surprised more people didn't think of this."

Sathre and his cohorts aren't alone in the local mobile dining game.

In Idaho Falls, taco wagons have been part of the landscape for years, with cooks hawking burritos to an on-the-go lunch clientele.

In the past two years, the local industry has diversified, with trucks carrying a variety of chow branching out to new territory. Mobile vendors with such quirky names as Bikini Dogs and Tom's Om Nom Nom Nom have intermittently staked out space on weekend evenings near the downtown intersection of Park Avenue and A Street.

Idaho Falls City Clerk Rose Anderson said 36 licensed mobile vendors operate in the city — a number that has steadily increased the past two years. The

businesses include taco wagons, ice cream trucks, catering companies and shaved-ice huts.

In Rexburg, there are eight mobile vendors, City Clerk Blair Kay said.

Kay said Rexburg leaders restrict mobile vendors to operating in one permanent location on a seasonal basis for up to six months in an effort to protect established businesses. Once a permit expires, mobile business owners are allowed to reapply so long as they reach an agreement to park at a new location.

Gandolfo's has valid licenses to operate in both Rexburg and Idaho Falls, the city clerks said.

Brigham Young University-Idaho student Kody Hansen became one of the Gandolfo's mobile deli's best customers after getting over his initial apprehension. Hansen has long been a fan of the restaurant's pastrami and decided to try the truck to satisfy cravings left after a traditional Gandolfo's went under in Rexburg.

"I was a little hesitant at first because sometimes mobile delis don't have everything the same as in the restaurant," Hansen said. "Out here, they serve everything I want, and I just love the food."

Sathre and his partners actually got into the restaurant business by way of a mobile food truck. In 2007, they opened a Top Dawg mobile hot dog stand that they said did brisk business in Rigby. They still operate Top Dawg, which can be found parked outside the Idaho Falls Home Depot on Mondays through Saturdays.

Although mobile vending trucks appear somewhat en vogue, Sathre isn't worried about competition. He envisions a day when several mobile food trucks will all park on the same lots or street corners. He said friendly competition will help spread awareness of the businesses and offer customers greater selection.

"We want the food truck revolution to come here," Sathre said.

## County School Boards Vote on State Board Candidates

MOSCOW-PULLMAN  
DAILY NEWS

**MOSCOW** • When votes were counted Dec. 5, neither Steve Dal Porto of Quincy nor Cynthia McMullen of Spokane Valley had a majority of the votes cast for the Eastern Region 1 position on the Washington State Board of Education.

The region includes Whitman County. Pullman School District Superintendent Paul Sturm said members of local school boards will vote in the upcoming run-off.

Dal Porto is the incumbent in the race, having been elected to the State Board of Education by eastern Washington school board members after he retired as a school superintendent in July 2005. According to the state, he has spent 33 years in education, teaching elementary, junior

high and high school students before moving on to administration.

McMullen has been a member of the Central Valley School Board since 1987, and she currently serves as the group's legislative representative. According to the Board, McMullen has served in various leadership positions, including six years as president.

Both candidates have been involved with additional school support organizations: Dal Porto served as chairman of the Washington Association of School Administrators Small Schools Committee for two years, and McMullen currently serves on the Washington State School Directors' Association Resolutions Committee and the Urban/Suburban Issues Task Force. She also was elected WSSDA president in 2007.

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## Dads Get Quality Time with Kids as Caregiving Rises

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**NEW YORK** • Jeff VanderHeijden didn't expect to be a stay-at-home father for his 3-year-old daughter, especially after getting a raise and promotion as a counselor last year at a residential program for troubled teenagers. Two weeks later, he was fired.

That's when VanderHeijden, 35, of Carlisle, Pa., joined the growing ranks of U.S. men spending more time caring for a child. One-third of fathers with working wives are now a regular source of care for their children, the result of the depressed economy and large numbers of out-of-work men, according to the Census Bureau.

"Certain projects like refinishing the basement kind of had to go on hold, but it really pays off in the long run," said VanderHeijden, whose wife works as a teacher. "You can't put a price on a father-daughter relationship."

The number of dads regularly caring for children under age 15 increased to 32 percent in 2010 from 26 percent in 2002. Among those fathers with preschool-age children, one in five served as the primary caregiver, meaning adults such as VanderHeijden who spend the most time with their child, the census found.



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A wildlife mugger descends from a hovering helicopter to subdue a netted bighorn sheep ram during a capture operation on Nov. 29 near Heller Bar, Wash. On Monday and Tuesday, wildlife officials from Idaho, Oregon and Washington and a helicopter crew from Leading Edge Aviation captured several bighorns and fitted them with radio collars that track their movements as part of the ongoing effort to recover wild sheep in Hells Canyon.

# Idaho Biologists Enlist Helicopters to Study Disease in Hells Canyon Sheep

BY ERIC BARKER  
The Lewiston Tribune

**COTTONWOOD** • Wild sheep biologist Frances Cassirer was given her choice between a seemingly healthy bighorn ram and one that was coughing and sneezing.

She directed a capture crew to go after the healthy one.

More than 16 years after pneumonia wiped out half of the bighorn sheep in the northern portion of Hells Canyon, the illness refuses to loosen its grip on the iconic animals. The all-age die-offs that raced through the herds in the winter of 1995 and spring 1996 are long gone, but the illness continues to pick off lambs and the occasional adult.

"It just shows what kind of disease it is," said Cassirer, a bighorn sheep expert from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and one of the leaders of a tri-state effort to recover the bighorns of Hells Canyon.

On Nov. 28 and Nov. 29, wildlife officials from Idaho, Oregon and Washington and a helicopter crew from Leading Edge Aviation captured several bighorns and fitted them with radio collars that track their movements. They also took biological samples from the sheep and assessed their condition. It's all part of the ongoing effort to recover wild sheep in Hells Canyon.

"Nobody else has been studying sheep this intensively this long," Cassirer said.

They've learned more about the disease and just how persistent it can be. Biologists expected to see poor lamb survival and the occasional death of mature animals for as long as a decade following the first outbreak. After that, they expected it to slowly fade. The poor survival prediction was correct but lamb mortality hasn't shown any signs of dissipating. For some herds, the annual pneumonia death rate is higher today than it was during the years immediately following the die-off.

That is true of the Black Butte herd that lives near the mouth of the Grand Ronde River at the northern end of Hells Canyon. The capture crew from Leading Edge netted the healthy ram from that herd Tuesday and fitted it with a high-tech radio collar that will allow them to follow its movements.

Earlier in the day sheep were captured and collared from a herd in the Shumaker Ridge area of Washington and near Cache Creek on the Oregon side of Hells Canyon. Five bighorns were also captured from the healthy Asotin Creek herd in Washington and taken to Washington State University where they will be used for research.



Idaho Fish and Game biologist Frances Cassirer takes a blood sample from a bighorn sheep ram on Nov. 29 near Heller Bar south of Asotin, Wash.

Cassirer and others are trying to find the keys to prevent bighorns from contracting the disease from domestic sheep and looking for ways to help infected herds to shake loose from its grips. In many years nearly all the lambs in certain herds die. But other years have normal survival rates.

"How can we make that happen more frequently?" she asked.

There are always new questions. This year some sheep have been infected

with cold-sore-like lip lesions.

"We are not sure what it is but it is evidently contagious," Cassirer said.

She said it doesn't appear to be deadly to adults but it could be playing a role in poor lamb survival. The research performed this week is being supported by the Oregon and Washington chapters of the Wild Sheep Foundation, the Oregon Hunters Association, Nevada Bighorns Unlimited and Shikar-Safari Club International.

## COYOTE HUNTING JUST BREEDS MORE COYOTES

**VERNON, Utah (AP)** • Bill Keebler knows coyotes. He can follow their tracks, even in deer trails, and he knows their scat and wily ways.

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"They can hear a mouse squeak at 300 yards. And they can see you blink from 100 yards," the 52-year-old Tooele County outfitter tells *The Salt Lake Tribune*.

Keebler says the best time to hunt the elusive animals is in winter when they spend more daylight hours on the run, though hunting coyotes is legal year-round.

"The coyote is one of the most challenging things I've ever hunted," Keebler said. "They're predators. They do the hunting."

Utah wildlife authorities respond to complaints from ranchers and others by killing as many as 5,000 coyotes a year, but it doesn't seem to lower their numbers.

Project Coyote, a California educational group, says coyotes respond to hunting pressure by reproducing faster.

The death of even one coyote in a pack can trigger breeding in adults that normally defer to mating by an alpha male and female pair, said Gina Farr of Project Coyote.

That observation brought no argument from John Shivik, mammal coordinator for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

"Controlling coyote populations through hunting them is like digging a hole in the ocean," he said.

Most nuisance coyotes are shot from the air, but on the ground it's almost impossible to get close enough to the critters, Keebler said.

To get a clean shot off, Keebler sits low in sage brush, heavily camou-

"Controlling coyote populations through hunting them is like digging a hole in the ocean."

**John Shivik**, mammal coordinator for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

flaged, sprays himself with coyote urine and blows reed calls in an effort to lure the predators from afar.

For Keebler, coyote hunting is a pure sport, and he doesn't pay much to attention to the politics.

As part of his service, Keebler will guide hunters who want a pelt or bounty offered by most rural Utah counties. He said coyote hunting is growing in popularity but most hunters fail at it.

"There is no instruction manual for this. It's very hard without experience to get a coyote," he said. "If they have no experience, I offer training. But even then, you can't expect to go out and get a coyote the very first time."

Ranchers hate coyotes, but naturalists say the predators are misunderstood. Coyotes are known for attacking calves and sheep ewes, but they also keep the rodent population down. They also eat gophers, which dig holes that trip up horses and cattle.

"When it's birthing time, the ranchers want all the coyotes dead," Keebler said. "But when it isn't calving season, they want them alive because they eat the gophers."



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## Officials Say Calif. Couple Asked Man to Beat Child

**IRVINE, Calif. (AP)** • An Irvine couple who suspected their 15-year-old son of smoking turned to a man believed to be relied on in their church to violently discipline children, authorities said.

The parents asked Paul Kim, 39, to discipline their son after finding a lighter in his possession, dropping the boy off at Kim's Chino Hills home with permission for the beating, San Bernardino County sheriff's spokesperson Cindy Bachmann said Saturday.

Kim hit the child with a metal pole about a dozen times, causing severe bruising on his legs, according to Bachmann. The pole was about an inch in diameter, investigators said.

An adult at the boy's school saw the bruises and called Irvine police, who in turn informed San Bernardino County officials, she said.

Kim was arrested Tuesday at his home and released Thursday after posting bail. He faces a felony charge of willful cruelty to a child. No court date has been set, according to jail records.

The San Bernardino County District Attorney's office was reviewing the sheriff's department report and will decide whether to charge the teen's father, Bachman said. It wasn't immediately known whether the father was present at the time of the beating.

The names of the boy and his parents were not released.

Investigators believe Kim has been used in this way by other families in the congregation, and asked for victims and witnesses to come forward.



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**A grounded Sundance helicopter sits on the tarmac at McCarran International Airport Thursday in Las Vegas. A Sundance tour helicopter crashed killing the pilot and four passengers on Wednesday.**

# Helicopter Tour Sales Slow in Las Vegas Following Crash

BY OSKAR GARCIA

Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS** • During a normal eight-hour shift on the Las Vegas Strip, Michael Denicoli usually sells enough helicopter tours of the Grand Canyon and Sin City to fill two or three choppers. But since a crash killed five people this week and made international headlines, tourists who walk by his booth are skipping the splurge of a few hundred bucks for a bird's eye view of the Hoover Dam and other sites.

"I have advertisements of helicopters, and they look at it like as if it says: 'The plague,'" Denicoli said as he worked an Adventures International stand on the Strip across from the CityCenter casino complex at the start of a busy tourist weekend. "It went from being slow to being beyond slow."

Denicoli said he removed countertop brochures for

Sundance Helicopters — the company that operated the helicopter that crashed Wednesday evening in a remote canyon some 12 miles east Las Vegas — not wanting potential customers to link the operator to the stand. But few, if any, among hundreds of tourists who pass the stand during any given hour are stopping.

Sundance and other helicopter operators have tried to move forward from the crash with normal flight schedules as passengers with tickets have called to ask about safety. Meanwhile, those who've taken rides before have been openly thinking about whether they'd do so again as they post pictures of their excursions on Facebook and Twitter.

"It was beautiful, but it was pretty frightening at some points," said Liz Beltran, 23, of Norwalk, Conn., who posed for a picture at the bottom of the Grand Canyon after tak-

ing a \$500 helicopter tour nearly a year ago.

"I really loved it and I told all my friends to do it, but definitely now after this, I don't think I'm going to be recommending it too much anymore," she said.

Federal investigators were still piecing together what happened in the crash that killed 31-year-old pilot Landon Niell, a Kansas couple celebrating their wedding anniversary and another couple from New Delhi. The National Transportation Safety Board is expected to issue a preliminary report on the crash in two weeks, and the Federal Aviation Administration hasn't kept Sundance from flying again.

Sundance resumed normal operations on Friday after voluntarily suspending them on Thursday, and planned to give refunds if customers asked for them, spokeswoman Sabrina LoPiccolo said in an email.

LoPiccolo said it was too early to tell whether Sundance has had cancellations or slower bookings since the accident. She said Sundance employees, if asked about the crash, say that it was a Sundance helicopter but share few details because of the investigation.

Aerial sightseeing is big business in Las Vegas, with four operators at McCarran International Airport averaging more than 1,500 passengers per day combined so far this year at ticket prices often starting above \$200 each. The flights let tourists see some of the region's most iconic sites from vantage points they couldn't get from the ground.

Many tourists, especially international visitors, aren't necessarily in Las Vegas because they want to glue themselves to a blackjack table or a slot machine. Couples often board the flights for romantic excursions, as do

tourists looking to fulfill a bucket list of America's top destinations.

Nigel Turner, owner of Heli USA Airways, which runs tours out of McCarran, said he's had no cancellations but has spent lots of time since the crash reassuring customers that his flights are safe.

"I was on the phone at 3 o'clock this morning talking to my big accounts in Europe, just reassuring them about safety," Turner said, noting that 60 percent of his business comes from international travelers. "They're our partners, and they've got to trust us, and they do."

Turner said companies offering helicopter tours — a \$120 million-a-year business at McCarran alone — have to understand that safety is the key to their reputation, and individual mishaps are almost certain to be amplified more than fatal car crashes or other deadly accidents.

There are hundreds of similar companies nationwide, offering aerial tours of places like Mount Rushmore, New York and the Gulf of Mexico.

"It's a very big industry and a very professional industry," said Turner, who said he was in the process of investing \$28 million in seven new helicopters to add to his fleet.

## TEEN GETS PROBATION FOR CRASHING INTO HORSE, RIDER

**PARK CITY, Utah (AP)** • A 16-year-old girl has been placed on probation and ordered to perform 175 hours of community service for a September accident that killed a horse and left its rider critically injured.

The teen, at a hearing Friday in 3rd District Juvenile Court, admitted to misdemeanor counts of reckless endangerment and aggravated cruelty to an animal, *The Salt Lake Tribune* reported.

Lacey Picard, 37, a chiropractor, was thrown from her horse, Tahoe, after the animal was struck from behind by the girl's vehicle Sept. 5. She remains in a semiconscious "vegetative" state after suffering traumatic brain injuries and multiple broken bones, her family said. Her pinto quarter-horse died at the scene.

Judge Mark May ignored prosecutors' request of two weeks in juvenile detention for the driver, but revoked her driver's license until she is 21 and ordered her to visit Picard at the long-term care center where she resides.

The sobbing, shaking girl told the court, "I'm so sorry. I would give anything to take it back."

The name of the girl was not released and juvenile court records are not public.

Defense attorney Gail Laser said the girl — an inexperienced driver whose license had been issued just four weeks earlier — was traveling between 40 and 45 mph in a 35 mph zone, and was briefly distracted before the crash.

Laser didn't indicate what distracted the girl, but said phone records confirm the teen wasn't talking or texting with anyone.

Picard's father, Hans Picard, told *The Tribune* that a

police officer who was at the scene said the girl didn't see the horse because she was looking for a song, possibly on her phone or iPod.

Hans Picard said he wanted the teen to visit his daughter "not as a matter of punishment, but as a matter

of awareness" of the consequences. He said he thinks the judge was too lenient, and he had expected the girl to spend at least a week in detention.

Noting the girl's remorse, the judge said detention wasn't needed.

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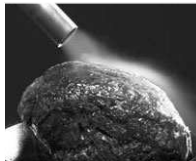
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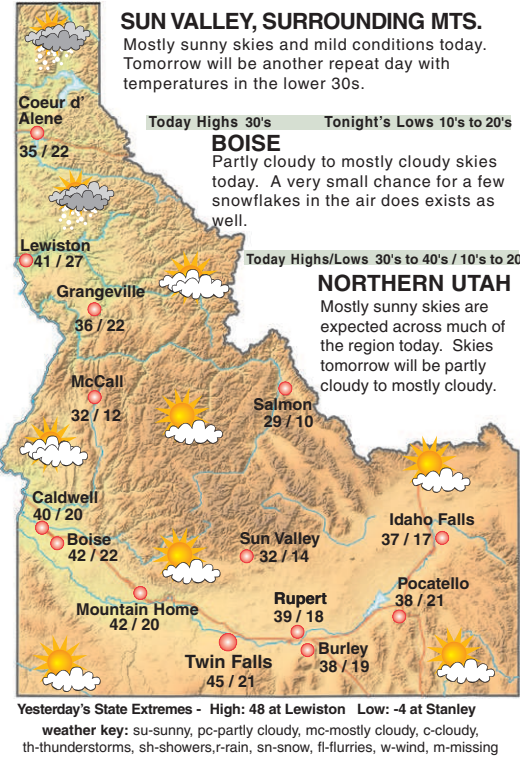
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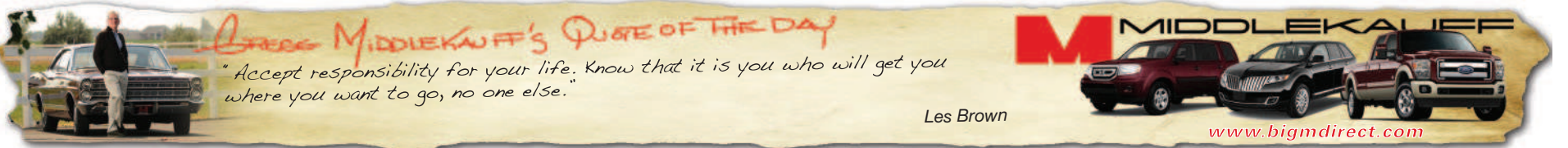
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Normal High / Low 38° / 21°	Avg. Month to Date 0.41"	Today's Forecast Avg. 63%		Tuesday Sunrise: 7:59 AM Sunset: 5:05 PM
Record High 54° in 1990	Water Year to Date 1.82"			Wednesday Sunrise: 8:00 AM Sunset: 5:05 PM
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Dallas' TV Series Returns to City It Made Famous

BY JAMIE STENGLE  
Associated Press

DALLAS • J.R. Ewing has returned to Dallas. With Larry Hagman reprising his role as the conniving Texas oilman, filming is underway at locations all over the city for TNT's new television series "Dallas," which will also see the return of Patrick Duffy as J.R.'s brother Bobby and Linda Gray as J.R.'s ex-wife Sue Ellen, along with a new generation of Ewings.

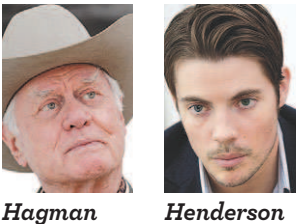
And, of course, the spotlight also returns to the city itself, with its distinctive skyline rising from the prairie.

"We're trying to give the show a real sense of place and Dallas has a real personality," said location manager John Patterson, adding, "It's a city that does things in a big way. That's part of J.R. and part of what we try to give the show — a sense of the city, which is big, very well done, shiny, new and looking toward the future."

TNT has ordered 10 episodes of the series, set to air in summer 2012. Filming for the series, entirely shot in Dallas, began mid-October and is expected to wrap in late January.

"There was just no way we were going to film anywhere else," said executive producer Cynthia Cidre, who also wrote the pilot for the new series, a "mix of the old world and the new world."

The original series, which aired from 1978 to 1991, enjoyed popularity around the world as viewers tuned in to



Hagman

Henderson

watch the scheming Ewing family. As the plot twisted and turned season after season, the series contributed to some of TV's most memorable moments. After Bobby died in a season cliffhanger in 1985 after being hit by a car, the entire next season was revealed to have been a prolonged dream sequence when his former wife, with whom he had reconciled, wakes up to find him alive, taking a shower. The 1986-87 season then mark's Duffy's return to the cast after a yearlong absence.

And, of course, there was the cliffhanger in 1980 that left the whole world in suspense. The catchphrase "Who shot J.R.?" became part of the common vernacular as viewers waited to find out who had fired on J.R. When viewers tuned in for the answer on Nov. 21, 1980, the shooter was revealed to be J.R.'s vengeful mistress, who was also his sister-in-law. That episode was seen by more people than any TV program in history until that time.

"That phrase. I don't think there's a country in this world that you could find someone who doesn't know what that is. And it all goes back to 'Dallas,'" said Josh Henderson, who plays J.R. and Sue Ellen's son, John Ross.

Henderson, who was born in Dallas and spent part of his childhood here, said that working with Hagman has been a little surreal.

"I find myself sometimes just looking at him sometimes going, 'Wow, this is really happening. This is really 'Dallas' again and I'm really kind of family and kin to the J.R.," Henderson said.

Hagman, who said returning to Dallas to film the legendary show again has been like "coming home," says that this time out, the plots are even more complicated.

"Everybody's double-dealing here. I mean everybody," he said.

Hagman, who turned 80 in September, announced in October that he has been diagnosed with "a very common and treatable form" of cancer but still planned to continue work on the reboot of "Dallas." Hagman underwent a liver transplant in the mid-1990s.

Filming a scene this fall, it's apparent that J.R. has lost none of his swagger. After striding into a sleekly designed Dallas home in his Western blazer and cowboy boots, he sits down and begins deal-making.

"The best way to understand a man is to talk to his friends and his enemies," J.R. says. "My friends are in the

streethouse. My enemies are going to be harder to find."

The actors rounding out the new generation are: Jesse Metcalfe as Bobby's adopted son, Christopher Ewing; Julie Gonzalo as Christopher's fiancée, Rebecca Sutter; and Jordana Brewster as Elena Ramos, daughter of the cook at the Ewing family's Southfork Ranch who grew up to become a geologist and is John Ross' girlfriend and the former love of Christopher.

"Her alliance is constantly shifting," Brewster said. "She's a very fun character to play"

The youngest Ewings aren't the only new thing in Dallas: The city itself has changed in the last 20 years with new construction. Recent additions where scenes have already been filmed include Jerry Jones' gleaming Cowboys Stadium and a downtown arts district with a new opera house and theater.

They are also filming at plenty of classic Dallas locations including downtown's Neiman Marcus, the luxury chain's flagship store, and the State Fair of Texas. And, of course, they're shooting at the famed Southfork Ranch, an events center that houses the Ewing Mansion.

"I think the lovely part this time is that we're really incorporating a lot of Dallas itself. I think we're utilizing much more of it so far," Gray said.

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NATION + WORLD

# Climate Conference Approves Breakthrough

BY ARTHUR MAX  
*Associated Press*

**DURBAN, South Africa** • A U.N. climate conference reached a hard-fought agreement early today on a complex and far-reaching program meant to set a new course for the global fight against climate change for the coming decades.

The 194-party conference agreed to start negotiations on a new accord that would put all countries under the same legal regime enforcing commitments to control greenhouse gases. It would take effect by 2020 at the latest.

The deal also set up the bodies that will collect, govern and distribute tens of billions of dollars a year to poor countries to help them adapt to changing climate conditions and to move toward low-carbon economic growth.

Currently, only industrial countries have legally binding emissions targets under the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. Those commitments expire next year, but they will be extended for another five years under the accord adopted Sunday.

The breakthrough capped 13 days of hectic negotiations that ran a day and a half over schedule, including two round-the-clock days that left negotiators bleary-eyed and stumbling with words. Delegates were seen nodding off in the final plenary session, despite the high drama, barely constrained emotions and uncertainty whether the talks would end in triumph or total collapse.

The nearly fatal issue involved the legal nature of the accord that will govern carbon emissions by the turn of the next decade.

A plan put forward by the European Union sought strong language that would bind all countries equally to carry out their emissions commitments.

India led the objectors, saying it wanted a less rigorous option. Environment Minister Jayanthi Natarajan argued that the EU proposal undermined the 20-year-old principle that developing countries have less responsibility than the industrial nations that caused the global warming problem through 200 years of pollution.

“The equity of burden-sharing cannot be shifted,” she said in angry tones.

## Filipino Militants Free American Teen Hostage

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## Plane’s Loss Peels Back Layer in U.S.-Iran Spying

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BRIEFS

**Strong Earthquake in Guerrero, Shakes Mexico City.** A 6.7-magnitude earthquake struck in Mexico’s western Guerrero state Saturday night, shaking buildings and causing some panic just over 100 miles away in the nation’s capital. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. The U.S. Geological Service estimated the quake’s magnitude at 6.7, after an initial reading of 6.8.

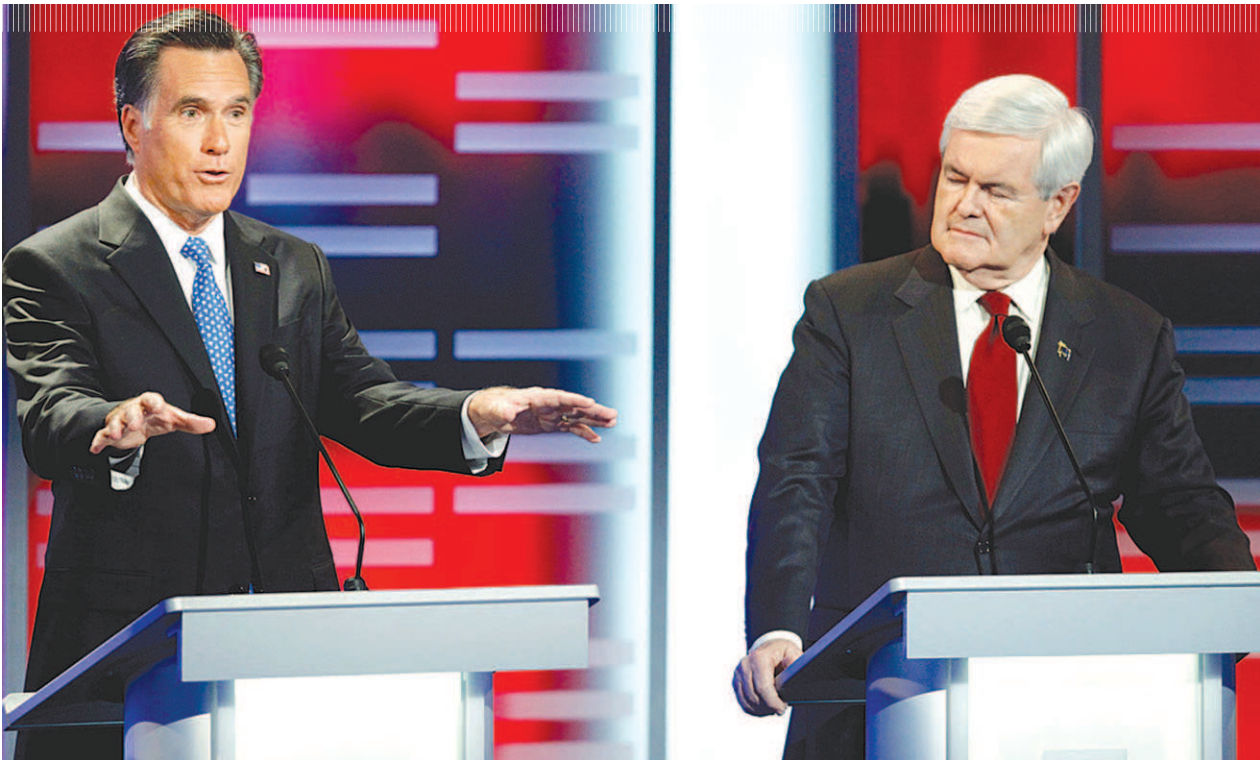
**Obama Tells GOP to End Consumer Watchdog Delay.** President Barack Obama isn’t backing down from demanding that Republicans confirm his pick to head a new consumer watchdog office, saying GOP lawmakers are depriving middle-class Americans of better protection against the kind of deceptive business practices that contributed to the financial meltdown. Every day that the country must wait for a director of the Consumer Financial Protection Board “is another day that dishonest businesses can target and take advantage of students, seniors and service members,” Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address. — *Associated Press*



# Police Evict Protesters; 46 Arrested in Boston

**BOSTON** • Police officers swept through Dewey Square early Saturday, tearing down tents at the Occupy Boston encampment and arresting dozens of protesters, bringing a peaceful end to the 10-week demonstration. Officers began moving into the encampment at about 5 a.m. to “ensure compliance with the trespassing law,” police spokeswoman Elaine Driscoll said. The city had set a deadline for midnight Thursday for the protesters to abandon the site but police took no action until early Saturday.

— *Associated Press*



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**Republican presidential candidates, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, left, and former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, right, take part in the Republican debate, Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa.**

# Gingrich Assailed by Rivals, Fires Back at Romney

**For Gingrich, the debate brought new standing — a center position onstage that comes with being a leader in the polls.**

BY THOMAS BEAUMONT  
*Associated Press*

**DES MOINES, Iowa** • Attacked as a lifelong Washington insider, newly minted Republican front-runner Newt Gingrich parried criticism from Mitt Romney in campaign debate Saturday night, telling the former Massachusetts governor, “The only reason you didn’t become a career politician is because you lost to Teddy Kennedy in 1994.”

Gingrich also defended against at-

tacks from Texas Rep. Ron Paul and Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann in the first debate since he soared to the lead in polls nationally and in Iowa. Caucuses on Jan. 3 in Iowa will kick off the competition for Republican National Convention delegates who will pick an opponent to President Barack Obama.

Under questioning from Paul, Gingrich said he had never lobbied for Freddie Mac, a quasi-government agency that paid him at least \$1.6 million to provide strategic advice. Paul

shot back, “It’s the taxpayers’ money, though. We were bailing them out.”

The tone was respectful, at least in the early moments of the debate, the stakes ever higher as six rivals met on a stage in the Iowa capital city. The debate was the 12th since the long campaign began, and the first since Herman Cain’s candidacy imploded after allegations of sexual harassment and an extra-marital affair.

The six contenders split down the middle on legislation making its way toward a year-end vote in Congress to extend a Social Security payroll tax into 2012.

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**This 2009 photograph shows Tina Crouse and Deriek Crouse.**

# Va. Tech Officer’s Widow Says He Was Her ‘Idol’

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**CHRISTIANSBURG, Va.** • The widow of a slain Virginia Tech police officer said Saturday he was the love of her life and that they had exchanged text messages about an hour before he was fatally shot by a man he apparently didn’t know.

The Roanoke Times reports that

Tina Crouse said her family has been shattered by the shooting death Thursday of Officer Deriek Crouse, a retired Army reservist. Police don’t have a motive for why 22-year-old Ross Truett Ashley shot Crouse, seemingly at random, on the school’s campus and then killed himself.

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# Thousands Protest for Fair Elections in Russia

BY WILL ENGLUND  
and KATHY LALLY  
*The Washington Post*

**MOSCOW** • Tens of thousands of Russians turned out for protests across nine time zones Saturday, challenging Prime Minister Vladimir Putin with a newfound sense of solidarity and marking a turning point in his rule.

After a decade of silence, ordinary citizens rallied to express their disgust with what they called a fixed election last Sunday.

Between 25,000 and 40,000 people filled Bolotnaya Square across the river from the Kremlin in Moscow, chanting against the “party of crooks and thieves,” as they have come to call Putin’s United Russia. An additional 10,000 gathered in St. Petersburg, with towns from Siberia to the Urals reporting 500, 1,000, or even

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Romney, Gingrich and Paul said they favored it. Bachmann, Texas Gov., Rick Perry and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum said they opposed the measure.

Whatever the impact of their differences on the presidential race, the internal disagreement could well portend difficulties for legislation that Obama has proposed and Republican leaders in Congress view as essential if the party is to avoid being tagged for raising taxes.

For Gingrich, the debate brought new standing — a center position onstage that comes with being a leader in the polls — as well as the challenge of fielding criticism from his rivals.

Paul has been airing television commercials in Iowa attacking the former House speaker, and Romney's campaign has become increasingly critical of him, bolstered by a multimillion-dollar television ad campaign that is financed by allies.

Bachmann criticized Gingrich for first supporting a requirement for individuals to purchase health insurance in 1993. She folded Romney into her attack, saying he had pushed successfully for a state health care law as Massachusetts governor that contained an individual mandate.

In rebuttal, Gingrich said the mandate he supported was a conservative alternative to President Bill Clinton's national health care plan.

"It's now clear the individual mandate is unconstitutional," he said.

Gingrich's decision to invoke Kennedy, the late senator from Massachusetts, served as a dual reminder — that Romney has been running for office since the mid-1990s and also that he lost to the man whose politics conservatives detested above all others.

As for the question of whether he would have become a career politician if he'd beaten Kennedy, Romney replied with a smile that if he'd been good enough to play in the National Football League, as he had hoped, "I would have been a football star all my life, too."

He then tried to turn the tables, saying his defeat in 1994 "was probably the best thing I could have done for preparing me for the job I am seeking, because it put me back in the private sector."

# Postal Service Plant Closures Will Be 'a Mess'

BY RYAN J. FOLEY

Associated Press

**IOWA CITY, Iowa •** The U.S. Postal Service's plan to close 252 mail processing facilities and cut 28,000 jobs by the end of next year may help the agency curb its mounting financial problems, but it faces big practical obstacles.

Deciding which plants to close will be difficult and

face opposition from community leaders. Actually closing all of them could take a few years, and most workers will stay employed under union rules. The bulk of the job cuts will actually come from attrition and re-tirements, not layoffs, while the remaining work force is shuffled into new locations and positions.

What's about to unfold in cities from Reno, Nev., to

Chicago will illustrate the complexity of cutting a work force protected by strong union contracts and shrinking operations dependent on intricate logistics.

"The downsizing or the demise of the postal service, it's going to be a mess and it's going to be a mess for a long time," said John Zodrow, a retired Denver attorney and former Postal Service arbitrator who

wrote a book about its labor relations. "It's a huge undertaking."

The proposed closures are among several moves aimed at helping the agency avert bankruptcy and adjust to declining mail volume as customers migrate to the Internet to communicate and pay bills. Delivery changes announced Monday would virtually eliminate the chance for stamped

letters to arrive the next day for the first time in 40 years and pave the way for closing more than half of the 461 plants where the mail gets processed and sorted.

Postal officials say they can save up to \$3 billion by 2015 by following through with the cuts — getting rid of buildings, running equipment more efficiently, operating fewer mail trucks and cutting employees.



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**Protesters shout slogans during a rally in downtown St. Petersburg, Russia, Saturday. More than 10,000 people attended the protest against Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and his party, which won the largest share of a parliamentary election that observers said was rigged.**

## Russia

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3,000 each in the largest opposition protests Putin has ever encountered. The Moscow organizers promised an even bigger protest Dec. 24.

Heavily armored police stood impassively around the square in Moscow and along a march route from a gathering place near the Kremlin, while dozens of buses full of helmeted Interior Ministry troops waited nearby. But police reported that no one was detained, in marked contrast to the hundreds who were rounded up Monday and Tuesday in impromptu demonstrations.

Almost no one appeared to be seeking revolution. Bloggers called it the Great December Evolution, a play on the Bolsheviks' Great October Revolution of 1917.

"We don't want blood," said Dmitry Raev, who works for an international law firm. "We don't want revolution. We earn enough money to live. But the authorities need to understand we are really fed up."

Their specific demands — for good government, with new and honest elections, and the the freeing of the nearly 1,000 protesters arrested last week — are unlikely to be met, at least right away. But protesters said they suspect that Saturday marked the beginning of an inevitable change in the political culture.

The Moscow crowd was full of people like Raev: young and educated, with good jobs, but willing to stand for four hours under a gray sky and lightly falling snow to make themselves heard.

Disgust has been building for years over both the extent of corruption and

the state of politics, managed so adroitly by Putin that no real political opposition exists.

"Putin appointed himself the next president," said Viktor Melchikov, referring to the way Putin and President Dmitry Medvedev announced in September that they will be swapping positions next year. "Why didn't anyone ask us? We hope the forces arrayed against these thieves and crooks will consolidate today and find a way out of this mess. Putin is a thief. He should be in prison."

Ilya Fainberg, a 27-year-old lawyer, has an 18-month-old daughter. "When she grows up," he said, "I don't want her to ask me, 'Daddy, where were you when they decided we would live in a state like Syria instead of Europe?' I don't want to tell her I was too busy to do anything about it."

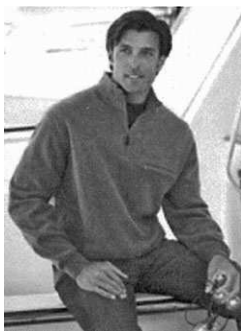
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Tina Crouse said the 39-year-old officer had texted her "Love you lots" at 11:20 a.m., about an hour before he was shot after pulling over a motorist who was not involved in the shooting. She responded, "Kisses!!!!!! Love you!"

As word of the shooting spread and the campus was locked down, she said she texted her husband at 12:52 p.m., "What's going on?????" Three minutes later, she texted again, "I just need to Kno Ur ok."

She said she told herself he was busy with the emergency response but learned an hour later that two people had come by the house looking for her. She dropped her coffee mug and her knees buckled, and then a car pulled into the parking lot of her cosmetology school.

"My first thought was, 'I wish I had kissed him better that morning,'" Tina Crouse, 37, told the newspaper at her Christiansburg home.

Tina Crouse said she and her husband met and became friends in high school and re-connected years later after their first marriages didn't work out. He had one son, she had four boys. Deriek Crouse, who had joined the Army Reserves after three years in the Army, mostly at Fort Hood, Texas, found her on the classmates.com web site as he waited to be taken to the war zone during his deployment to Iraq in 2004.

They corresponded during his year in Iraq, and upon his return, he moved in with her and her sons. He began pur-

suing a career in law enforcement, using benefits from the Army and a layoff from a textiles company to attend a criminal justice academy. He joined the Virginia Tech police department about six months after the April 16, 2007 massacre in which a student gunman killed 32 people and himself.

Tina Crouse said her husband carried himself with authority at work, but could be like a kid at home, shouting at Pittsburgh Steelers games on TV and still listening to a favorite band from high school, Metallica.

She said he was her "idol" and had a way of calming her down, such as when she expressed frustration about her job and he encouraged her to quit and attend cosmetology school. "Don't sweat the small stuff," he liked to say.

Tina Crouse said her husband had finally settled down after moving around his whole life. He had left early for work Thursday, but not before climbing back into bed to stroke her hair and tell her he loved her, as he always did.

"He deserved to be able to live out his life . and he didn't get to enjoy it because some stupid person chose him," she said, sobbing.

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# Filipino Militants Free U.S. Teen Hostage

BY HRVOJE HRANJSKI  
Associated Press

**MANILA, Philippines** • A 14-year-old American boy who was abducted with his mother and cousin by suspected Muslim militants in the southern Philippines was released Saturday from five months of jungle captivity, the Philippine military said.

The boy, Kevin Lunsman, was recovered by a village official in Lamitan town on southern Basilan Island, a stronghold of the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf rebels, who are believed to be behind the kidnapping, said military spokesman Lt. Col. Randolph Cabangbang.

He is now safe in military

custody, Cabangbang said, without offering other details.

The boy's Filipino-American mother, Gerfa Yeatts Lunsman, was freed two months ago after she was dropped off by boat at a wharf on Basilan. Their Filipino cousin, Romnick Jakaria, dashed to freedom last month when special Philippine army forces managed to get near an Abu Sayyaf camp in the mountains of Basilan.

They were believed to be held for ransom, but Cabangbang did not say Saturday whether any was paid.

The U.S. Embassy was closed for the weekend and a spokesperson did not immediately return a call

seeking comment.

The three were vacationing with relatives on an island near Zamboanga city when they were snatched July 12 and taken by boat to nearby Basilan. The captors then called the family in Campbell County, Virginia, to demand a ransom.

The U.S. and Philippine governments did not pay any ransom for the mother's release, Interior Secretary Jessie Robredo said in October, adding that he was unaware whether any private group did.

Ransom kidnappings have long been a problem in the impoverished region and are blamed mostly on the Abu Sayyaf, a group on a list of

U.S. terrorist organizations and notorious for beheadings and bombings over the past two decades.

Its stated goal has been the establishment of an Islamic state in the southern Philippines, home to minority Muslims in the predominantly Christian nation.

The Abu Sayyaf was founded on Basilan in the 1990s as an offshoot of a violent Muslim insurgency that has been raging for decades.

Hundreds of U.S. troops have been stationed in the southern Philippines, including Basilan, to train and equip Philippine forces but are prohibited from engaging in local combat.





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A lunar eclipse is seen framed by Turret Arch at Arches National Park, Saturday near Moab, Utah.

## SKY-WATCHERS GET RARE TREAT: TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE

BY SUDHIN THANAWALA  
Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO** • Moon watchers in the western U.S., Hawaii and elsewhere across the globe were treated Saturday to a rare celestial phenomenon: a total lunar eclipse.

For 51 minutes starting at 6:06 a.m. PST, the Earth's shadow completely blocked the moon.

The moon took on a reddish glow, as some indirect sunlight continued to reach it after passing through the Earth's atmosphere. Since the atmosphere scatters blue light, only red light strikes the moon, giving it a crimson hue.

David Sayre, who runs a public relations firm in Hawaii, said it had been cloudy and rainy around his house on Oahu, but the weather cleared just in time for the eclipse.

He awoke, as he usually does, around 3 a.m. and remembered to step outside the

house in time to catch the eclipse about a half hour later. No one else in the neighborhood was up.

"Sure enough it was turning that orangy-red color," Sayre, 47, said. "I said, 'Gosh I better grab a camera!'"

He added, "To be able to see it just right outside our house was really cool."

At the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles, some 300 people, many clutching coffee cups in the frigid morning air, sat with blankets and chairs on the observatory's great lawn.

"It's a celestial festival out here," Capm Petersen, 39, told the Los Angeles Times as he set up his camera.

Perched on a slope north of downtown near the Hollywood sign, the property offers clear views of the sky. Observatory officials alerted the crowd when the eclipse began and spontaneous applause erupted when the celestial event ended.

## Coroner IDs Hollywood Gunman

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** • Authorities on Saturday identified the gunman who was shot and killed by police after he fired at passing cars on a Hollywood street, wounding one driver while screaming that he wanted to die.

The body of Tyler Brehm, 26, was scheduled to be examined later Saturday, Los Angeles County Coroner's Lt. Larry Dietz said.

Brehm walked down the middle of Sunset Boulevard on Friday, firing on motorists with no clear target until police shot him, authorities said.

In amateur video taken at the scene, the gunman appeared to have short hair and wore jeans and a white tank top. He paced back and forth near the busy intersection with Vine Street, firing close to 20 rounds from what appeared to be a .40 caliber handgun, police said. Several witnesses reported seeing him reload at least once.

"He was screaming he was going to die and that he wanted to die," Gregory Bojorquez, a photographer who captured images of the shooting's aftermath, told the Los Angeles Times.

Investigators were trying to determine a motive for the attack.

Chris Johns captured video of the gunman from his apartment window several stories above the street, and tried to distract and divert the gunman from shooting anyone on the street.

"Hey why don't you come up here! Come up here buddy!" Johns yelled.

Johns told KABC-TV he saw a plainclothes officer shoot the man.

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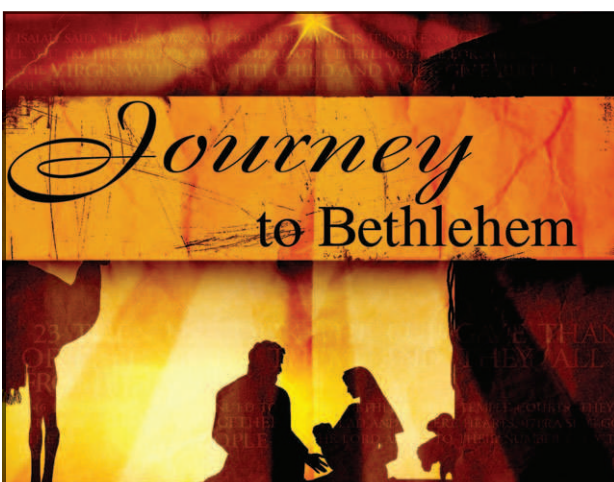
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# Arizona Gun Club Holds Another ‘Santa and Machine Guns’ Event

**SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)** • An Arizona gun club has held another event allowing children and their families to pose for photos with Santa while holding pistols and military-style rifles.

The “Santa and Machine Guns” event at the Scottsdale Gun Club on Saturday was the latest in a series of photo-ops that hundreds of people have attended. Families get to pose with Santa while cradling military-style assault weapons in front of a Christmas tree and an \$80,000 machine gun.

Democratic state Rep. Steve Farley has called involving guns in a celebration of Christ’s birth a heresy.

Gun club manager Ron Kennedy recently told the Associated Press that his customers wanted a fun and safe way to celebrate both their holiday spirit and passion for firearms and the Second Amendment.



Caryl Schiff, accompanied by her husband, Milton, holds a firearm with the help of a staff member while they take photos with a man portraying Santa Claus at the Scottsdale Gun Club in Scottsdale, Ariz. on Saturday.

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## OBITUARIES

### Florence (Craig) Pennington

June 3, 1918-Dec. 4, 2011

**MUKILTEO, Wash.** • Florence (Craig) Pennington passed away peacefully at home in Mukilteo, Wash., on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011, at the age of 93.

Florence was born in Windsor, Mo., on June 3, 1918. She grew up in Twin Falls, Idaho, and spent much of her adult life in Seattle. Countless friends and family will miss Florence.

Her husband, Claude, preceded Florence in death. Florence is survived by her sister, Edna Kemp; daughter, Janice; granddaughter, Emma Misner (Pete); and three great-grandsons, Micah, Max and Kai.

Music and dancing were Florence’s passions, along with playing Bridge, card games and more.

No service will be held.

### Arlington Holds Wreath-Laying to ‘Remember, Honor and Teach’

**ARLINGTON, Va. (AP)** • Volunteers honored veterans buried at Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday with a massive effort to lay tens of thousands of holiday wreaths at their tombstones.

Maine’s Gov. Paul LePage and Sen. Olympia Snowe joined thousands of volunteers in placing the wreaths with red bows at the gravesites of about 90,000 veterans. It was the most wreaths ever placed at the cemetery in a 20-year-old tradition. The most wreaths ever given in the past was 25,000, spokeswoman Amber Caron said.

Organizers said they hoped to place 100,000 wreaths this year, but donations fell short of that goal. Still, the nonprofit group Wreaths Across America said they aim to honor every veteran at the cemetery by placing 220,000 wreaths there in the future.

About 15,000 people joined the effort, Caron said. Within a few hours, all the wreaths were distributed across the large cemetery.

“It was pretty incredible,” she said. “We weren’t expecting that many people ... we were really impressed.”

A convoy of more than 20 trucks left Maine last Sunday, bound for the cemetery just across the Potomac River from the nation’s capital. The tradition began 20 years ago with little fanfare. Mor-

rill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Co. in Harrington, Maine, and others laid 5,000 wreaths on headstones that first year to give thanks to the nation’s veterans.

Since then, it has grown into its own organization with ceremonies across the country.

### Lawrence Jeffery ‘Larry’ Wilmot

Jan. 29, 1930-Nov. 7, 2011

**JEROME** • Lawrence Jeffery “Larry” Wilmot, age 81, was reunited with his loving wife, Mary, when he passed away in Twin Falls, Idaho, on Monday, Nov. 7, 2011.

Larry was born Jan. 29, 1930, in Mackay, Idaho, to Hugh and Esther Wilmot. Not being altogether truthful about his age, he joined the Air Force at age 17. He was stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss. At a local soda fountain, he met the love of his life, Mary Eve-



lyn Smith; they laughed and loved together for 50-plus years of life together! The two lived in Idaho, Montana, Colorado and South Dakota.

Larry and Mary had four children, 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren who lovingly called him G-pa.

A service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday Dec. 17, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln Ave. in Jerome, Idaho.

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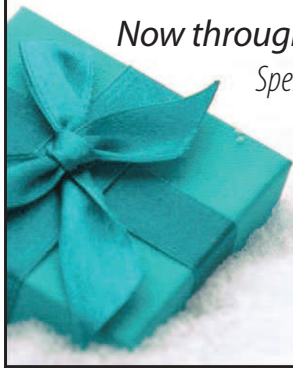
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# OBITUARIES

## Don Kenneth Poulsen

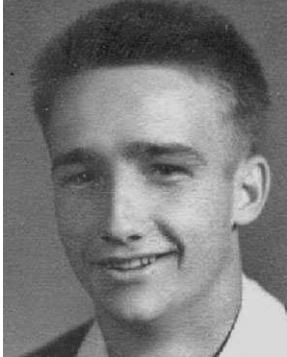
Aug. 17, 1925-Dec. 6, 2011

**JEROME** • Don Kenneth Poulsen, 86, of Jerome, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011, at his home.

He was born Aug. 17, 1925, in Liberty, Idaho, the son of Kenneth Poulsen and Edith A. Passey Poulsen. Don was raised in Montpelier, Idaho, and attended school there. His senior year of high school was interrupted by the start of World War II and he was immediately drafted into the U.S. Navy and served in Okinawa. Following an honorable discharge, he returned to Logan, Utah. On Nov. 27, 1946, Don married Beth L. Couch in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. They made their home in Logan for several years and then settled in the Magic Valley, where Don went into business as a cattle buyer with his father. He was also part owner and manager of the Twin Falls Livestock Commission Company.

Don was an active, life-long member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings. His true joy in life was his family. He especially enjoyed their many camping and water skiing outings.

Don is survived by his sweetheart of 65 years, Beth Poulsen of Jerome; their children, Jerry (Corie) Poulsen of Twin Falls, Blake (Judy) Poulsen of Jerome, Marsha Poulsen of Boise and Charlene (David) Capps of Jerome; 16 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; one



sister, Nondas (Elmer) Ricks; and many extended family members and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

A visitation will be held Monday, Dec. 12, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln Ave. in Jerome, where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the Jerome LDS 5th Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S. in Jerome, with Bishop Bruce Seibold officiating. A visitation will begin one hour prior to the service. Interment with military honors will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

## Rosalee Faith Brock Burri

Aug. 3, 1932-Dec. 9, 2011

**CALDWELL** • Rosalee Faith Brock Burri died Friday, Dec. 9, 2011, in Caldwell, Idaho.

She was born in Rupert, Idaho, on Aug. 3, 1932. Her parents, George and Maude Conover Brock, were Minidoka County pioneers, having come to the Snake River Plain before the Minidoka Dam was completed. Rosalee had three siblings, Bobby, Ruthmary and Darrell. She graduated from Rupert High School and attended college at Albion Normal School for the last year it operated. She then went to the College of Idaho, where she met her future husband, Wayne Burri. They noticed each other in class when the plaid of her skirt matched the plaid of his shirt. Rosalee graduated from the University of Idaho in 1954 with a degree in elementary education. She made lifelong friends while in college and spoke of those years with great affection.

Rosalee taught school in Hagerman, Idaho, for a year and then married Wayne on June 19, 1955. She would laugh and say that she picked that date for their wedding because it was his birthday. She figured that way he wouldn't forget their anniversary.

During the Korean War, Wayne was stationed in San Francisco. Rosalee looked back on that time with great fondness. She truly enjoyed the city's sights and sounds. After his discharge, they moved to the family dairy in Nampa, Idaho. They had two daughters, Brenda and Laura. For more than 50 years, Wayne and Rosalee raised registered Holstein

cattle. Among the awards that they won for their cattle, the one of which they were most proud was for a record 26 straight years of the highest quality Grade A milk. They retired and sold the farm in 2005, moving to Caldwell to be near their daughter, Laura.

Rosalee was a voracious reader. There was never a time that she didn't have at least one book nearby. In fact, she would often read three or more books at the same time. She loved to discuss the books she read with her family, particularly those written by her favorite authors. Books were not the only thing discussed in the Burri household though. Wayne and Rosalee would often hold spirited discussions at the dinner table of politics and current events.

A lifetime member of the Methodist Church, Rosalee taught Sunday school and was an officer in United Methodist Women.

Rosalee was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne; her siblings, Bobby Brock and Ruthmary Seaquist; and her parents, George and Maude Brock. She is survived by her daughters, Brenda (Steve) Cronin of Nampa and Laura Burri (Mahlon) Brown of Caldwell, as well as three granddaughters, Sara, Samantha and Shannon Cronin.

A memorial service will be at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell. Condolences may be given at [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com). Memorials may be given to the Nampa United Methodist Church.



### DEATH NOTICES

## Daniel Maddox

**JEROME** • Daniel E. "Danny" Maddox, 62, of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 5, 2011, in Jerome.

A memorial service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln Ave. in Jerome.

## Mariana Mink

**WENDELL** • Mariana Mink, 82, of Wendell, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011, at her home.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Living Waters Presbyterian Church in Wendell; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

## Betty Wartluft

**GOODING** • Betty Lou Wartluft, 67, of Gooding,

died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011, at her home.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

## Billy Dudley

**JEROME** • Billy Lee Dudley, 70, of Jerome, died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, in Twin Falls.

A graveside memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Wendell Cemetery, 601 W. Main St. in Wendell (Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome).

## Ruth Zollinger

Ruth L. Magnelli Zollinger, 94, of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

**Kathleen Mingo Kramer** of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, 5400 Fairview Ave. in Boise.

### SERVICES

**Petra Caval** of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; visitation from noon to 1 p.m. today at the mortuary.

**Florence Arvilla Winward Dilworth** of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave. in Burley;

## Vaudis J. Ward

Oct. 25, 1936-Dec. 7, 2011

**ALMO** • Vaudis June Wight Ward passed away Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011, at her home in Almo.

She was born Oct. 25, 1936, in Brigham City, Utah, to J. Blaine and Viola June Engelking Wight. She was the oldest of four children. She was raised in Juniper, Idaho, on the family dry farm, where she learned to drive the truck and machinery and helped her dad in the fields. When she started school, they moved to Malta for the school year, then spent summers on the farm in Juniper. She graduated from Raft River High School in 1954 and attended one year of college at Utah State Agriculture College.

On Sept. 14, 1955, she married Clark William Ward, her high school sweetheart, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. They lived in Malta for a short time, and she worked at the cafes in Strevell and Malta. They soon settled in Almo on the family ranch with Clark's parents, Orville and Nina Ward. They milked dairy cows for several years and drove the milk truck. Eventually, they sold them and raised beef cattle. Vaudis worked alongside her husband doing whatever needed to be done. They formed the band "Clark Ward and the Ridgerunners" and traveled all over playing for dances. Vaudis drove school bus for Cassia County School District from Almo to Malta, retiring after more than 40 years of driving. She enjoyed this job very much and loved getting to know the kids. In 1975, her husband, Clark, passed away after a battle with cancer. She was by his side through it all.

Vaudis was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many capacities over the years, including Young Women president, camp director and stake dance director. She enjoyed watching her kids and then her grandkids in all their activities from ball games to speech contests to dance recitals to showing their steers at the county fairs. She was a good cook and well known for her pink popcorn and peanut brittle. She always had a treat for the grandkids.

She is survived by her son, Clark Ward Jr. (Sara Jane) of Almo; her daughters, Valry Boehme (Dean) of Smithfield, Utah, Kellie Kunzler



(Del) of Park Valley, Utah, and April Bryngelson (Mark) of Rupert. She has 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her sisters, Delma Udy (Jerry) and Betty Ann Higley (Ted); and a brother, Gale Wight (Ann). In addition to her husband, Clark, she was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Almo LDS Church, with Bishop Michael O. Spencer officiating. Burial will be in the Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

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This undated image shows the U.S. drone that Tehran says its forces downed earlier this week, at an undisclosed location in Iran.

# Loss of Plane Peels Back Layer in U.S.-Iran Spying

BY DOUGLAS BIRCH  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** • The loss to Iran of the CIA's surveillance drone bristling with advanced spy technology is more than a propaganda coup and intelligence windfall for the Tehran government. The plane's capture has peeled back another layer of secrecy from expanding U.S. operations against Iran's nuclear and military programs.

Just as the Soviet Union's downing of the American U-2 spy plane revealed a hidden aspect of the Cold War, Iran's recovery of the drone has shed light on the espionage that is part of U.S.-Iran hostilities.

Iran has charged the U.S. or its allies with waging a campaign of cyberwarfare and sabotage, and of assassinating some Iranian scientists. The U.S. has accused the Iranian government of helping kill U.S. troops in Afghanistan and plotting to murder the Saudi ambassador in Washington.

"It's beginning to look like there's a thinly-veiled, increasingly violent, global cloak-and-dagger game afoot," Thomas Donnelly, a former government official and military expert with the American Enterprise Institute, said at a Washington conference.

The covert operations in play are "much bigger than people appreciate," said Stephen Hadley, former national security adviser under President George W. Bush. "But the U.S. needs to be using everything it can."

Hadley said that if Iran continues to defy U.N. resolutions and doesn't curb its nuclear ambitions, the quiet conflict "will only get nastier."

Some historians and foreign policy experts compared the drone incident to the Soviet Union's 1960 downing of the U-2 spy plane and pilot Francis Gary Powers. While those two countries sparred publicly on many issues, the world only occasionally glimpsed each side's secret operations.

"When I first heard about the drone, my first thought was thank goodness there wasn't a pilot in it," said Francis Gary Powers Jr., the son of the U-2 pilot and founder of the Cold War Museum.

"They were both on intelligence-gathering missions. They were both doing photo reconnaissance. They were both supporting the U.S. government's intelligence-gathering to find out intelligence about our adversaries," Powers said. The difference this time, Powers said, was that "there are no family members that have to be notified, there's no prisoner in a foreign country."

The U-2 downing shocked U.S. military planners, who thought the advanced aircraft flew too high to be hit by a Soviet missile. Likewise, Iran says it used advanced electronic warfare measures to detect, hack and bring down an RQ-170 Sentinel drone.

Iran aired TV footage Thursday of what current and former U.S. officials confirm is the missing Sentinel. The robotic aircraft suffered what appeared to be only minimal damage.

Iran protested Friday to the United Nations about what it described as "provocative and covert operations" by the U.S. The Tehran government

called the flight by the drone a "blatant and unprovoked air violation" that was "tantamount to an act of hostility."

American officials said Friday that U.S. intelligence assessments indicate that Iran played no role in the downing, either by shooting it down or using electronic or cyber technology to force it from the sky. They contended the drone malfunctioned. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity in order to discuss the classified program.

Some U.S. experts expressed skepticism that Iran would be capable of such hacking. But others said Iran's capacity to counter drones may have been bolstered by Russia's decision, announced in October, to sell Tehran an advanced truck-mounted electronic intelligence system.

The RQ-170 is stealthy but not infallible, said robotics expert Peter Singer of the Brookings Institution think tank in Washington.

Singer, who has written extensively about drones, noted Russia's announcement about the sale of an undisclosed number of truck-mounted electronic intelligence systems, called the IL-222 Avto-baza, to Tehran.

He said the equipment included "really good electronic warfare gear," citing reports that its radars were designed to detect drones and included other equipment intended to intercept their data communications.

No country has demonstrated that it can seize control of a spy drone remotely, said Theodore Karasik, a security expert at the Dubai-based Institute for Near East and Gulf Military Analysis.

But if any could, Karasik said, the likely candidates would include China and Russia, which has conducted research on the subject. Karasik said either country might have aided Iran against the U.S.

The stealth drone is especially useful to the U.S. because it provides what is called "persistent surveillance" of Iran's nuclear sites.

The U.S. and its allies suspect Iran is building a nuclear weapons complex under cover of a civilian program, a charge that Tehran adamantly denies.

John Pike of GlobalSecurity.org, an expert on defense and intelligence policy, said that continuous surveillance of such sites from aerial drones can help intelligence analysts track vehicles to other facilities.

The images also can tell military planners when most workers at a site are expected to be on the job, he said, in the event the president orders a military strike against Iran's nuclear program.

"They want to bomb the buildings housing people when the largest numbers of people are present," Pike said, noting that similar weapons-development efforts have depended much more on the

technicians, scientists and other experts than on their physical structures. "The people can rebuild the buildings, the buildings cannot rebuild the people," he said.

Experts said the drone probably carried an advanced radar system as well as other specialized sensors, including detectors for monitoring nuclear sites. If those were reverse-engineered by Iran, they could give insights into how to hide its nuclear facilities from the U.S. surveillance.

Russia, China, North Korea and others may be interested in examining the Sentinel. For example, U.S. drones have advanced engines that allow them to remain patrolling an area for days. China is thought to be struggling to master this technology.

Singer said it would be difficult for any country to exploit the technological bonanza of a downed Sentinel, but having one to pull apart will give them a start.

"Bottom line, it's never easy to reverse-engineer anything, let alone something like a radar, but having a working or even damaged system in hand to study up close makes it a heck of a lot easier," he said.

## Nobel Winners Accept Awards and Accolades

BY LENNART SIMONSSON  
MCT

**OSLO, Norway** • Three women from Liberia and Yemen received the Nobel Peace Prize on Saturday in recognition of their efforts to enhance the role of their gender in peace work, and used their acceptance speeches to call for peace, justice and gender equality.

Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf shared the prize with her compatriot Leymah Gbowee and pro-democracy activist Tawakkul Karman of Yemen.

Karman, the first Arab woman to win the peace prize and the youngest winner ever at age 32, said she accepted the award "on behalf of the Yemeni and Arab revolutionary youth, who are leading today's peaceful struggle against tyranny and corruption."

The three laureates had shown "the will to act" and signaled a positive trend that "women are not only victims," said Thorbjorn Jagland, head of the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

He mentioned efforts by Johnson-Sirleaf and Gbowee to end the 14-year-long civil war in Liberia, and how Karman had campaigned against Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh and for justice and democracy.

"The promising Arab Spring will become a new winter if women are again left out," Jagland cautioned.

The three each received a diploma and gold medal, and were to share the cash prize of \$1.4 million.

The presence of the three laureates was a strong contrast with last year's ceremony when an empty chair served as a stark reminder of the absence of jailed Chinese political activist Liu Xiaobo.

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SPORTS

# RG3 Wins Baylor's First Heisman

BY RALPH D. RUSSO  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** • Robert Griffin III beat out preseason favorite Andrew Luck for the Heisman Trophy, dazzling voters with his ability to throw, run and lead Big 12 doormat Baylor into the national rankings.

The junior quarterback known as RG3 became the first Heisman winner from Baylor on Saturday night by a comfortable cushion over the Stanford star.

Griffin started the season on the fringe of the Heisman conversation, a talented and exciting player on a marginal team, while Luck was already being touted as a No. 1 NFL draft pick.

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*Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin III holds the Heisman Trophy after being named the winner Saturday in New York.*  
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HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS



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*Twin Falls center Jared Allen swats Filer's Ryan Karel shot Saturday evening in Filer. Allen played for Filer High School last season. Go to [Magicvalley.com/gallery](http://Magicvalley.com/gallery) to see more photos of Saturday night's game.*

# Allen, Bruins Overcome Jitters, Defeat Wildcats

BY DAVID BASHORE  
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**FILER** • Jared Allen ram-paged down the lane, launching his 6-foot-6 frame into the air for a dunk.

The ball popped straight up off the rim and, as Allen hung on to avoid landing on another player, it fell through the net. Offensive basket interference, the referee signaled, and no points.

It started as that kind of evening for the former Filer big man as he led Twin Falls back into his old stomping grounds. But as the now-Bruin center settled in, so too did his teammates, and

Twin Falls slogged out a 54-48 win to improve to 3-1 on the season.

"I was nervous to start, but after I calmed down I thought I did OK," said Allen, who had a 12-point, 12-rebound double-double in his return to Filer after transferring in the summer.

"I was able to make my presence felt a little more than against Highland (on Thursday, no points and three rebounds)."

Please see **BRUINS, S2**

# Pocatello Clips Burley Boys

BY RYAN HOWE  
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**BURLEY** • The Burley boys basketball team won just five games during the 2010-11 regular season. On Saturday night, the Bobcats had a chance to start the 2011-12 season 5-0.

Although they fell short, losing 60-56 to Pocatello, the Bobcats' resurgence this season has the basketball-minded Burley community buzzing once again.

"A lot of it is just our will," said senior point guard Jason Boehmer, who scored 11 points against the 3-2 Indians. "We just want to win more."

Senior post player Jake Jardine scored 17 points to lead Pocatello. Burley got a team-high 15 points from Brandon Hosteen.

After trailing by nine

midway through the third quarter, Burley went on a 10-0 run, capped by a 3-pointer by Hosteen that put the Bobcats ahead. The game was tied 41-all headed into the fourth.

Pocatello's Easton Ralphs came up huge down the stretch, scoring eight points in the fourth quarter. His three-point play with 2:36 to go put the Indians back on top for good, then the next time down the floor he dropped a nifty bounce pass to assist Jardine for a layup.

A combination of Jardine's inside game and Poky's transition offense was too much for Burley to overcome.

"They beat us in transition — we weren't getting back on defense. They out-worked us," said Burley senior Taylor Carson. "It's a

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RYAN HOWE/TIMES-NEWS

*Burley's Brandon Hosteen (24) drives to the hoop as Pocatello's Jake Jardine defends Saturday at Burley High School.*

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could I have missed seeing Warrant?).

The elevated minds of the *Times-News* sports staff have made their picks to lend a helping hand. You can decide whether they have their heads in the clouds or are divinely inspired by checking out their picks on SX. Yours truly will do his part to muddy the waters some as well. My picks are in bold.

**New Mexico: Wyoming** vs. Temple. My Mountain West Conference roots are showing here with this pick as the Cowboys get some

momentum toward a MWC title run next year.

**Famous Idaho Potato:** Utah State vs. **Ohio**. Gary Anderson is an up-and-comer in the coaching ranks, and I'll always remember well his contributions as a Utah assistant coach, but I work alongside Ohio alum and *Times-News* page designer Jessa Moser every day. Workplace harmony — Go! Fight! Win!

**New Orleans: Louisiana-Lafayette** vs. San Diego State. MWC sentiments? What MWC sentiments?

Please see **PICKS, S5**

# CSI MEN HONOR TROOPS, ROLL CAPE FEAR

BY STEPHEN MEYERS  
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It was only appropriate that on Military Appreciation Night, the College of Southern Idaho would be led by players with the names "Pride" and "Strength" on the back of their jerseys.

Wearing CSI gold, white and grey camouflage jerseys that ditched the last names in favor of attributes representing the military, the Golden Eagles routed visiting Cape Fear (N.C.) Community College 84-57 for their 10th win in a row.

Please see **CSI, S2**

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# CSI WOMEN OUT-WITTED BY EASTERN IDAHO SELECT

BY STEPHEN MEYERS  
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This was like one of those pickup games at the YMCA where the crafty veterans showed up to school the youngsters.

Eastern Idaho Select, a collection of 20- and 30-something mothers and former college players out-classed the College of Southern Idaho with nifty passing and smart defense to beat the young Golden Eagles 58-48.

“There are so many aspects of the game that we need to work on right now and find more consistency in,” said CSI head coach Randy Rogers.

Eastern Idaho Select used a slow, deliberate offense, channeling the ball through 6-0 forward Jessica Carlson, who once played at Ricks College and Montana State. She led all players with 18 points, scoring on an assortment of deft post moves, while also leading her team with four assists on a number of slick passes.

Her bucket in the final minute of the first half capped a 17-4 run for Eastern Idaho Select, which took a 27-26 lead into the break.

“The game really went in their favor when they slowed it down in the half-court. The guards hit us with back cuts and were constantly moving. But that’s just bad defense,” Rogers said. “We didn’t re-

spond to what they were doing and they made us pay for it.”

The Golden Eagles had built a 24-8 lead with the offense clicking on all cylinders. Mechela Barnes hit back-to-back treys, Kylee Schierman hit another and Gabriela Borges made an acrobatic layup to finish a fast break to give them the 16-point lead with 9:29 remaining.

Then came a drought. CSI didn’t score again until the three-minute mark as Eastern Idaho Select went on its run.

“I though we did a nice job in the open court there for a while, but we turned it over a couple times and started to break down defensively and when you’re not making shots, it’s tough,” Rogers said. “Tonight was a learning experience for us.”

Schierman was the only CSI player to hit double figures, scoring 10. The Golden Eagles (5-6) are off until Dec. 28, when they travel to the Scottsdale (Ariz.) Tournament.

**EASTERN IDAHO SELECT 58, CSI 48**  
**EASTERN IDAHO SELECT (58)**  
Tyler 0-0 1-3 1, Baker 3-8 1-2 7, Shippen 2-6 2-2 6, Garbett 1-4 2-4 4, Carlson 6-15 6-7 18, Cannon 5-9 4-6 14, Smith 3-7 2-2 8. Totals 20-49 18-26 58.  
**CSI (48)**  
Schierman 4-13 1-2 10, Prestwich 0-6 0-0 0, Barnes 3-14 1-3 9, Carthen 2-7 0-0 4, Liepina 1-1 0-0 2, Gipson 3-13 0-2 6, Kimball 0-4 0-0 0, Tanner 2-3 2-4 6, Borges 2-7 0-0 4, Saint-Felix 3-6 1-4 7. Totals 20-74 5-15 48.  
Halftime: Eastern Idaho Select 27, CSI 26. 3-point goals: Eastern Idaho Select 0-5 (Baker 0-2, Garbett 0-2, Smith 0-1), CSI 3-24 (Schierman 1-5, Prestwich 0-5, Barnes 2-8, Gipson 0-5, Kimball 0-1).  
Rebounds: Eastern Idaho Select 45 (Baker, Carlson 12), CSI 47 (Saint-Felix 13). Assists: Eastern Idaho Select 15 (Shippen 7), CSI 9 (Borges 3). Turnovers: Eastern Idaho Select 24, CSI 19. Total fouls: Eastern Idaho Select 16, CSI 19. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

minute mark.

“We know we’re going to score points, but if we’re going to be a championship team, we have to defend the ball,” said CSI head coach Steve Gosar. “A lot of what Paul does doesn’t show up in the stat sheet, but he’s such a smart defensive player for us and I thought he played a great game.”

Harris scored 16 of his game-high 22 points in the second half, including two back-breaking threes that stopped any chance of a Cape Fear comeback. Cothron had a double-double of 10 points and 10 boards and Sebastien Michineau added 11 points, for the Golden Eagles, who return to the court Dec. 30 against Idaho Select.

“Tonight was really cool. It was a great tribute to our military, who do so much for us, sacrificing for our country. It was a great honor to play for them,” Egwuonwu said.

**CSI 84, CAPE FEAR 57**  
**CAPE FEAR (57)**  
Andrews 3-13 5-8 13, Hampton 1-6 0-0 3, Drakeford 1-6 1-2 3, Wilkes 3-5 4-4 10, Wilson 2-7 2-6, Jacobson 0-1 0-0 0, Jones 3-8 2-4 8, Atterberry 2-6 0-1, Williams 4-7 1-6 10, Gribble 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-60 15-29 57.  
**CSI (84)**  
Harris 7-16 6-6 22, Swilling 3-10 1-1 7, Guthrie 5-11 4-5 15, Cothron 2-5 6-10 10, Michineau 5-6 0-1 5, Attila 0-1 1-2 1, Mikkelson 1-1 0-0 2, Egwuonwu 2-3 4-6, Pulsifer 1-2 0-0 2, Bunch 3-6 0-2 6, Sequele 0-0 0-0 0, Foster 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-61 22-35 84.  
Halftime: CSI 36, Cape Fear 18. 3-point goals: Cape Fear 4-16 (Andrews 2-6, Hampton 1-5, Drakeford 0-1, Wilson 0-1, Jacobson 0-1, Williams 1-2), CSI 4-14 (Harris 2-4, Swilling 0-4, Guthrie 1-3, Michineau 1-1, Attila 0-1, Pulsifer 0-1). Rebounds: Cape Fear 37 (Jones 10), CSI 53 (Guthrie 11). Assists: Cape Fear 7 (Andrews 2), CSI 10 (Michineau). Turnovers: Cape Fear 20, CSI 22. Total fouls: Cape Fear 25, CSI 23. Fouled out: Cape Fear, Wilkes; CSI, Cothron. Technical fouls: none.

## Pocatello

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disappointment for sure. We’re disappointed in ourselves.”

As Burley prepares to begin Great Basin Conference play Friday at home against Canyon Ridge, memories of the Bobcats’ previous season are fading in their rearview mirror.

“Practices are harder and we push ourselves,” said Carson. “We don’t have the biggest size, but we make up for it in effort and quickness.”

**Pocatello 60, Burley 56**  
**Pocatello (60)**  
Christensen 5, Teller 9, Randall 6, Holmes 2, Carson 4, Ralphs 11, Jardine 17, Cooper 3, Jessee 3. Totals 23 10-14 60.  
**BURLEY (56)**  
Knopp 2, Boehmer 11, Robins 2, Coltrin 9, Pilling 5, Carson 8, Garrard 4, Hosten 15. Totals 17 14-24 56.  
3-point field goals: Pocatello 4 (Ralphs 2, Christensen, Jessee), Burley 8 (Coltrin 3, Boehmer 2, Hosten 2, Carson). Total fouls: Pocatello 19, Burley 17. Fouled out: Carson.

## PREP ROUNDUP

TIMES-NEWS

Jakob Howard scored 18 and pulled down nine rebounds to boost Dietrich to a 58-42 win over visiting North Gem on Saturday.

Vance Perron had 14 points and Steven Kent added 10 to move the Blue Devils to 3-1. They host Hansen on Tuesday.

**Dietrich 58, North Gem 42**  
**North Gem** 13 12 6 11-42  
**Dietrich** 17 22 8 11-58  
**NORTH GEM (42)**  
Lloyd 2, Holbrook 2, McLain 15, Hall 11, Van Pelt 12. Total 12 16-27 42.  
**DIETRICH (58)**  
Astle 2, Kent 10, Porter 7, J. Howard 18, Aguilar 3, Perron 14, A. Howard 2, Power 2. Totals 20 12-17 58.  
3-point goals: North Gem 2 (McLain, Hall); Dietrich 6 (Perron 3, J. Howard, Kent). Total fouls: North Gem 14, Dietrich 18.

**HAGERMAN 48, CHALLIS 43**  
Xavier Strick scored 28 to pace Hagerman to victory in its Snake River Conference North Division opener.

The Pirates won despite making just eight of 26 foul shots.

Hagerman (4-1, 1-0) is at Gooding on Monday.

**Hagerman 48, Challis 43**  
**Challis** 7 8 15 13-43  
**Hagerman** 8 9 14 17-48  
**CHALLIS (43)**  
Trusnovic 6, Pendleton 10, Lind 3, Cain 2, Olsen 20, Kohntopp 2. Totals 15 12-20 43.  
**HAGERMAN (48)**  
Funkhouser 6, Henslee 4, Emerson 4, Strick 28, Arriaga 2, Smith 2, Dally 2. Totals 19 8-26 48.  
3-point goals: Challis 1 (Olsen); Hagerman 2 (Funkhouser, Strick). Total fouls: Challis 20, Hagerman 19.

## Girls basketball

**HAGERMAN 42, CHALLIS 29**

Larissa Knight scored 18 to help further Challis’ slide without point guard Rachelle Chamberlain, who’s out with a meniscus tear.

The Pirates (6-2, 1-2 Snake River North) notched 25 steals as they frustrated their guests throughout to eclipse last season’s win total — they won five games in 2010-11.

Hagerman visits Gooding Tuesday.

**Hagerman 42, Challis 29**  
**Challis** 6 8 14 7-29  
**Hagerman** 11 10 14 7-42  
**CHALLIS (29)**  
King 4, Shaw 3, Moss 4, Brown 4, Miller 10, Garlie 4. Totals 12 4-6 29.  
**HAGERMAN (42)**  
Salazar 3, Whitle 5, Knight 18, Owsley 3, Bean 6, Regnier 7. Totals 11 18-23 42.  
3-point goals: Challis 1 (Shaw); Hagerman 2 (Knight 2). Total fouls: Challis 18, Hagerman 13.

**CAMAS COUNTY 30, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 13**

Taylor Gorringer scored nine points to pace Camas County to the championship of the Jackpot (Nev.) Holiday Tournament.

Lighthouse Christian (2-3), which was led by five points from Brooklyn Vander Stelt, is at Twin Falls Chris-

tian on Thursday.

**CAMAS COUNTY 30, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 13**

**Lighthouse Christian** 3 7 1 6 3-13  
**Camas County** 7 10 6 6 7-30  
**LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN (13)**  
Wooten 1, Rutler 2, Vander Stelt 5, DeKruyf 3, Gates 2. Totals 5 3-10 13.  
**CAMAS COUNTY (30)**  
Sabin 2, Moore 7, Gorringer 9, Hurlless 8, Worker 4. Totals 13 2-6.  
3-point goals: Camas County 2 (Hurlless). Total fouls: Lighthouse Christian 15, Camas County 12.

**MINICO 54, BUHL 42**

Marlee Chandler scored 23 and Chloe Bradford added 13, both career highs, to move Minico to 5-4 on the season.

Amy Morse and McKayla Lively had nine points apiece for the Indians (1-7), who visit Wendell on Tuesday.

**Minico 54, Buhl 42**  
**Minico** 22 7 6 11 15-54  
**Buhl** 22 7 9 7 19-42  
**MINICO (54)**  
Merrill 10, Chandler 23, Bailey 4, Munns 4, Bradford 13. Totals 23 6-14 54.  
**BUHL (42)**  
Archibald 2, Kippes 6, A. Morse 9, Pearson 2, Hamilton 8, N. Morse 6, Lively 9. Totals 16 8-18 42.  
3-point goals: Minico 2 (Merrill, Chandler); Buhl 2 (Hamilton 2). Total fouls: Minico 18, Buhl 11. Fouled out: Kippes.

**SHOSHONE 56, GOODING 52**

Kelci Hutchins scored 19 to help Shoshone surprise Gooding and move to 7-1 on the year.

Jessie Simonson had nine points and 10 assists for the Indians.

Gooding had four players in double figures, led by Tia Conrad’s 12 points.

Shoshone hosts Glenns Ferry on Tuesday.

**Shoshone 56, Gooding 52**  
**Gooding** 12 10 16 14-52  
**Shoshone** 14 16 18 8-56  
**GOODING (52)**  
Bullers 10, Agenbrod 2, Becker 4, Conrad 12, Youren 11, Turner 11. Totals 23 1-9 52.  
**SHOSHONE (56)**  
Bullers 10, Agenbrod 2, Hadden 10, Schoolcraft 11, Simonson 9, Gay 2, Race 3. Totals 20 9-15 56.  
Gooding 5 (Youren 3, Bullers 2); Shoshone 7 (Hadden 3, Schoolcraft 3, Simonson). Total fouls: Gooding 13, Shoshone 12. Fouled out: Conrad.

## Wrestling DECLO TAKES NORTH FREMONT DUALS

The Declo wrestling team went 8-0 Friday and Saturday to win the 10-team North Fremont Duals tournament.

The Hornets defeated Jackson Hole, Wyo., 57-36, Ririe 66-28, South Fremont 47-33, Madison 45-40, Century 78-18, Teton 51-34, North Fremont 43-39, and Blackfoot’s junior varsity team 67-27.

Declo had three unbeaten individual champions — Josh Phillips (138 pounds), Jason Gillette (170) and Kage Osterhout (220) — plus five runner-up finishers.

“Even our first-time wrestlers showed good promise,” said Declo coach Lawrence Gillette.



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**Twin Falls' Jared Allen (facing) hugs former Filer teammate Ryan Karel (4) after beating the Wildcats Saturday evening in Filer.**

## Bruins

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The Bruins kept pace with Filer (3-2) at varying tempos in the first half, both teams desiring to run-and-gun but not being terribly effective at it in anything more than small spurts. But Twin Falls took command in the third quarter and managed to do just enough to hold off a last-gasp rally at the end.

They didn’t box out particularly well and committed too many turnovers, but the Bruins did enough of the little things well at the right times to snag the victory.

“Whatever it takes to get the W. Hard work can win you games when your shots aren’t falling,” said Twin Falls senior guard Eric Harr, who netted a game-high 23 points. “We were really never in sync tonight. I don’t know what it was but we just weren’t clicking.”

Robert Sanchez was the third Bruin to crack double figures in scoring with 11 points.

Filer got 18 points from Marc Ramseyer and 11 from Austin Tews, but the Wildcats couldn’t keep up in a third quarter that saw Twin Falls flip the score from a two-point Filer lead to a six-point Bruin edge.

The lead got to as big as 12 before the Wildcats trimmed it to six and had a shot to get back within a possession in the final minute.

“I guess it’s good that we didn’t just give up and let them take the game after we got down,” said Ramseyer. “There were a couple spots where they hit a run and we didn’t get the buckets we needed to match them. The first half we won, but we couldn’t keep our intensity and match Twin’s in the second half.”

The same two schools will square off in Twin Falls on Wednesday.

**Twin Falls 54, Filer 48**  
**Twin Falls** 15 8 15 16-54  
**Filer** 16 9 7 16-48  
**TWIN FALLS (54)**  
Allen 12, Jones 2, C. Meyerhoeffer 3, Carlson 2, A. Meyerhoeffer 1, Harr 23, Sanchez 11. Totals 17 14-21 54.  
**FILER (48)**  
L. Beard 5, A. Beard 5, Karel 5, Tews 11, Kreft 2, Ramseyer 18, Oyler 2. Totals 17 8-12 48.  
3-point goals: Twin Falls 6 (Harr 3, Sanchez 2, Allen); Filer 6 (Tews 3, L. Beard, A. Beard, Ramseyer). Total fouls: Twin Falls 18, Filer 19.



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**Twin Falls' Eric Harr shoots over Filer's Jed Oyler as he goes down Saturday in Filer.**





# SCOREBOARD

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## Odds

NFL Today	FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Baltimore	16	16½	(41½)	Indianapolis	
at Cincinnati	1	3	(38½)	Houston	
at Green Bay	12	12	(51½)	Oakland	
at N.Y. Jets	9½	10½	(36½)	Kansas City	
at Detroit	12	9½	(46½)	Minnesota	
New Orleans	4½	3½	(50)	at Tennessee	
at Miami	3½	3	(45)	Philadelphia	
New England	8½	8	(48)	at	
Washington				at Carolina	
Atlanta	3	3	(47½)	at	
Tampa Bay	2	3	(40½)	at	
Jacksonville				at Arizona	
San Francisco	3½	4	(39)	Chicago	
at Denver	4	3½	(35½)	Buffalo	
at San Diego	6½	7	(48)	N.Y. Giants	
at Dallas	3½	4	(50½)		
<b>Tomorrow</b>					
at Seattle	10	10½	(37)	St. Louis	
<b>NCAA Basketball</b>					
<b>FAVORITE</b>		<b>LINE</b>		<b>UNDERDOG</b>	
at W. Michigan	7			S. Illinois	
at Washington St.	3½			Santa Clara	
New Mexico St.	15½			at Alabama	
at Hawaii	12			UC Davis	
at Tulane	15½			Jacksonville St.	
at Florida St.	24½			UNC Greensboro	
at Montana St.	5			UC Riverside	
at Memphis	9½			Murray St.	
at Cal St.-Fullerton	2			E. Washington	
at Marshall	3			Iona	
at Illinois	19			Coppin St.	

## College Basketball

### MEN'S SCORES

Force 63, Ark.-Pine Bluff 51
Arizona 63, Clemson 47
Arizona St. 60, N. Dakota St. 57
BYU 61, Utah 42
Michigan St. 74, Gonzaga 67
N. Arizona 80, CS Bakersfield 67
Nevada 70, Montana 64
New Mexico 44, Southern Cal 41
Ohio 72, Portland 54
Sacramento St. 66, Cal Maritime 38
San Diego 77, Maine 63
UC Irvine 75, Vanguard 73
UCLA 77, Penn 73
Utah Valley 93, Portland St. 87
Weber St. 84, S. Utah 66
<b>Midwest</b>
Ball St. 58, Butler 55
Cleveland St. 69, Akron 66
DePaul 102, Chicago St. 95
Evansville 86, NC A&T 65
IPFW 83, Nebraska-Omaha 80, OT
IUPUI 84, W. Kentucky 76
Ill.-Chicago 62, N. Illinois 55
Indiana 73, Kentucky 72
Indiana St. 68, Maryville (Mo.) 57
Kansas 78, Ohio St. 67
Loyola of Chicago 57, Toledo 55
Marquette 73, Green Bay 61
Michigan 90, Oakland 80
Minnesota 69, St. Peter's 47
Missouri 84, Navy 59
N. Iowa 67, Milwaukee 51
Notre Dame 65, Dartmouth 47
Purdue 61, Michigan 36
S. Dakota St. 92, North Dakota 54
SIU-Edwardsville 67, Hannibal-LaGrange 45
Saint Louis 72, Ill.-Springfield 62
UMKC 74, SE Missouri 69
Valparaiso 82, Bowling Green 79
W. Illinois 64, E. Illinois 48
Wichita St. 83, Utah St. 76
Wisconsin 62, UNLV 51
Wright St. 51, Miami (Ohio) 49
Xavier 76, Cincinnati 53
<b>Southwest</b>
Arkansas St. 71, Cent. Arkansas 64
Houston Baptist 112, Dallas Christian 80
Missouri St. 68, UALR 60
Nebraska 69, TCU 57
North Texas 53, Sam Houston St. 50
Oklahoma 78, Arkansas 63
Stephen F. Austin 74, Alabama St. 48
Texas 86, Texas St. 52
Texas A&M 67, Louisiana-Monroe 54
Texas-Pan American 77, Texas A&M International 61
<b>South</b>
Austin Peay 74, Tennessee 70
Campbell 103, Methodist 55
Charlotte 84, Davidson 61
Delaware 58, Delaware St. 42
Duke 86, Washington 80
E. Kentucky 63, Georgia Southern 59
ETSU 65, Appalachian St. 48
Gardner-Webb 87, SC State 57
Georgia Mason 76, Radford 61
Georgia St. 96, Rhode Island 64
Georgia Tech 65, Savannah 47
High Point 89, Averett 53
Jacksonville St. 55, Southern U. 50
Kent St. 58, W. Carolina 56
LSU 64, Boise St. 45
Liberty 78, Va. Intermont 60
Louisville 80, Fairleigh Dickinson 58
McNeese St. 86, Bacone 45
Md.-Eastern Shore 95, Mercy 69
Mercer 67, Chattanooga 56
Middle Tennessee 78, UT-Martin 62
Mississippi 80, MVSU 56
Mississippi St. 106, Troy 68
North Carolina 84, Long Beach St. 78
Samford 82, Lindsey Wilson 56
South Dakota St. 57, Morehead St. 56
Southern Miss. 78, Louisiana Tech 62
Tennessee St. 65, Cent. Michigan 57
Tennessee Tech 89, Lipscomb 87, OT
Texas Wesleyan 72, FIU 68
Tulane 89, MacMurray 59
UCF 53, Bethune-Cookman 51
VMJ 122, Milligan 73
Wofford 69, Virginia-Wise 66
<b>East</b>
Brown 90, CCSU 80
Buffalo 80, Youngstown St. 72
Colgate 65, St. Francis (NY) 63
Columbia 63, LIU 53
Drexel 64, Princeton 60
Duquesne 66, Penn St. 59
Georgetown 62, Howard 48
Harvard 76, Boston U. 52
La Salle 76, Army 64
Lehigh 70, Wagner 69
Loyola (Md.) 65, Mount St. Mary's 54
Manhattan 68, Hofstra 59
Monmouth (NJ) 80, Fordham 65
Niagara 79, Hartford 76
Pittsburgh 74, Oklahoma St. 68
Providence 72, Bryant 61
Saint Joseph's 80, Creighton 71
Seton Hall 68, Wake Forest 54
St. Bonaventure 81, Canisius 62
St. Francis (Pa.) 66, American U. 61
Syracuse 85, George Washington 50
Temple 78, Villanova 67
UMBC 62, Towson 58
West Virginia 77, Miami 66

## REGIONAL MEN'S

### BOX SCORES

<b>LSU 64, BOISE ST. 45</b>
<b>BOISE ST. (8-2)</b>
Bropleh 3-7 0-0 8, Watkins 4-7 0-1 8, Drmic 0-7 0-2 0, Elorriaga 4-9 0-0 11, Perryman 0-4 0-0 0, Marks 4-7 3-6 12, Nichols 0-2 0-0 0, Hadziomerovic 0-4 0-0 0, Wiley 1-5 0-0 3, Crayton 0-0 0-0 0, Buckner 1-5 1-1 3. Totals 17-57 4-10 45.
<b>LSU (6-3)</b>
O'Bryant 5-6 0-0 10, Ludwig 1-4 0-0 2, Hamilton 5-7 4-7 14, Hickey 4-10 3-6 11, Turner 2-5 0-0 5, Bass 1-4 0-2 2, White 3-6 1-2 7, Courtney 1-4 0-0 3, Warren 4-6 2-2 10. Totals 26-52 10-19 64.
Halftime—LSU 25-22, 3-Point Goals—Boise St. 7-25 (Elorriaga 3-8, Bropleh 2-4, Marks 1-2, Wiley 1-3, Hadziomerovic 0-1, Nichols 0-2, Drmic 0-5), LSU 2-10 (Courtney 1-2, Turner 1-2, Bass 0-1, Ludwig 0-2, Hickey 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boise St. 35 (Buckner, Drmic, Hadziomerovic, Marks, Perryman 5), LSU 40 (Ludwig 9, Assists—Boise St. 9 (Perryman 4), LSU 14 (Bass, Hickey 5). Total Fouls—Boise St. 19, LSU 16. A—7398.

### BYU 61, UTAH 42

<b>BYU (8-2)</b>
Davies 1-4 1-2 3, Hartsack 6-9 6-6 19, Abou 4-6 2-2 11, Zylstra 2-4 0-0 6, Winder 0-5 1-2 1, Cusick 2-5 4-5 10, Martineau 0-0 0-0 0, Rogers 2-8 0-2 5, Harrison 1-5 0-0 3, Austin 1-0 0-0 3. Totals 19-49 14-19 61.
<b>UTAH (4-8)</b>
Farr 1-8 1-2 3, Martin 2-6 4-4 10, Washburn 3-7 0-0 6, Hines 0-4 0-0 0, Watkins 6-15 1-6 14, Odunsi 0-2 0-0 0, Storey 2-7 2-2 6, Dawson 0-1 3-4 3, Wilkinson 2-2 0-0 0. Totals 14-52 11-18 42.
Halftime—BYU 25-17, 3-Point Goals—BYU 9-27 (Cusick 2-4, Zylstra 2-5, Austin 1-1, Abou 1-2, Hartsack 1-2, Harrison 1-4, Rogers 1-5, Winder 0-4), Utah 3-17 (Martin 2-5, Watkins 1-4, Farr 0-1, Hines 0-3, Storey 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—BYU 41 (Davies 9), Utah 35 (Farr 7, Assists—BYU 15 (Cusick 6), Utah 6 (Watkins 5). Total Fouls—BYU 19, Utah 19. A—10,327.
<b>WICHITA ST. 83, UTAH ST. 76</b>
<b>UTAH ST. (4-5)</b>
Bruneel 3-4 3-3 10, Grim 3-8 0-0 6, Stone 0-0 0-0 0, Pane 6-11 5-17 18, Medlin 6-13 2-3 15, Clifford 0-0 0-0 0, Thobey 0-2 0-0 0, Berger 4-6 2-2 12, Farris 1-0 0-2 0, Reed 5-7 3-6 13. Totals 28-52 15-21 76.
<b>WICHITA ST. (7-2)</b>
Hall 4-9 3-5 12, Stutz 3-7 0-1 6, Ragland 6-10 3-3 19, Murry 3-7 6-12, Kyles 6-13 0-0 18, Williams 1-4 3-6 6, Smith 2-5 3-7 0, Orukpe 0-0 2-2 2, Cotton 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 28-57 20-28 83.
Halftime—Wichita St. 41-20, 3-Point Goals—Utah St. 5-15 (Berger 2-3, Bruneel 1-2, Pane 1-2, Medlin 1-6, Thobey 0-2), Wichita St. 11-25 (Kyles 6-12, Ragland 4-7, Williams 1-4, Murry 0-1, Smith 0-1). Fouled Out—Reed, Rebounds—Utah St. 25 (Grim 6), Wichita St. 37 (Stutz 8). Assists—Utah St. 9 (Medlin 3), Wichita St. 16 (Murry 4). Total Fouls—Utah St. 25, Wichita St. 18. A—10,386.

### WEBER ST. 84, S. UTAH 66

<b>WEBER (4-5)</b>
Taylor 4-10 1-2 9, Collie 3-4 2-2 8, Massey 0-4 0-0 0, Jones, Jr. 6-8 0-0 14, Stevenett 5-14 2-3 12, Cameron 0-0 0-0 0, Heur 4-7 0-0 11, Johnson 1-1 0-0 2, Koethler 3-5 0-0 6, Jeffery 0-2 0-0 0, Scott 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 28-58 5-6 66.
<b>WEBER ST. (6-2)</b>
Bamforth 0-0 0-0 0, Mahoney 4-5 1-1 9, Tresnak 6-9 3-4 15, Lillard 9-15 8-9 31, Richardson 3-9 2-2 10, Wheelwright 2-4 1-2 5, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Fulton 4-7 0-0 10, Hajek 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 30-53 15-18 84.
Halftime—Weber St. 44-32, 3-Point Goals—S. Utah 5-15 (Wright 3-6, Jones, Jr. 2-4, Massey 0-1, Collie 0-1, Stevenett 0-3), Weber St. 9-18 (Lillard 5-8, Fulton 2-3, Richardson 2-5, Wheelwright 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—S. Utah 28 (Collie, Stevenett 5), Weber St. 27 (Mahoney 7). Assists—S. Utah 16 (Stevenett 5), Weber St. 20 (Lillard 9). Total Fouls—S. Utah 13, Weber St. 9. A—6,043.

## WOMEN'S SCORES

**East**  
Utah 49, Marist 36  
CCSU 51, Siena 47  
Colgate 71, Wagner 59  
Hartford 54, Boston College 45  
Lehigh 68, Robert Morris 54  
Monmouth (NJ) 73, St. Peter's 64  
Mount St. Mary's 59, Loyola (Md.) 54  
Niagara 64, Binghamton 53  
Penn 70, Army 60  
Pittsburgh 65, Valparaiso 56  
Quinnipiac 72, Rhode Island 67, OT  
St. Bonaventure 76, Buffalo 45  
Syracuse 56, Coppin St. 50  
Towson 59, St. Francis (Pa.) 53  
Villanova 52, Saint Joseph's 46  
West Virginia 86, North Florida 30

**South**  
Appalachian St. 85, UNC Asheville 71  
Grambling St. 64, Sam Houston St. 52  
Hampton 75, UMBG 47  
Jackson St. 67, Tennessee St. 43  
Liberty 116, Greenville 65  
Louisville 92, Gardner-Webb 27  
Marshall 55, Cincinnati 47  
Miami 76, Mississippi 48  
Northwestern St. 95, Wiley 69  
Radford 63, Wofford 46  
Richmond 75, UNC-Greensboro 60  
Saint Louis 70, FAU 63  
Samford 61, Tennessee Tech 55  
South Alabama 57, Talladega 52  
Southern Miss. 77, Louisiana-Monroe 74  
UNC Wilmington 79, Campbell 73  
Winthrop 67, SC State 59

**Midwest**  
E. Illinois 75, Indiana St. 60  
Evansville 78, Murray St. 48  
Florida St. 90, Akron 64  
Kansas St. 63, S. Dakota St. 46  
Marquette 93, Iona 44  
Miami (Ohio) 60, E. Kentucky 55  
Minnesota 79, Harvard 53  
Missouri 69, North Dakota 52  
N. Iowa 60, N. Dakota St. 41  
Northwestern 72, Loyola of Chicago 67  
Notre Dame 66, Purdue 38  
Ohio St. 84, Canisius 41  
Toledo 81, Cleveland St. 42  
W. Michigan 67, SE Missouri 34  
Wright St. 61, S. Illinois 59

**Southwest**  
Arkansas 65, Oral Roberts 37  
Arkansas St. 80, Tulsa 70  
Cent. Arkansas 69, UT-Martin 65, OT  
Houston 83, Houston Baptist 60  
Memphis 81, UALR 66  
Stephen F. Austin 68, Texas-Pan American 58  
Texas 61, Michigan St. 53

**Far West**  
BYU 63, Utah 58  
Cal St.-Fullerton 76, Nevada 74  
California 75, Santa Clara 58  
Idaho St. 67, Utah St. 65  
Nebraska 97, N. Arizona 88, 2OT  
Oregon St. 63, Pepperdine 52  
Portland St. 70, Loyola Marymount 55  
S. Utah 60, Utah Valley 59  
Saint Mary's (Cal) 75, UC Davis 58  
UNLV 46, UC Santa Barbara 44  
UTEP 53, New Mexico 40  
Weber St. 85, CS Bakersfield 72  
Wyoming 68, Maryville (Mo.) 60

## Football

<b>NFL All Times MST AMERICAN</b>					
<b>EAST</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>PF PA</b>
New England	9	3	0	.750	362 247
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	.583	290 260
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	278 304
Miami	4	8	0	.333	246 220
<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>PF PA</b>
Houston	9	3	0	.750	310 189
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	249 229
Jacksonville	3	9	0	.250	152 238
Indianapolis	0	12	0	.000	174 358
<b>NORTH</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>PF PA</b>
Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.769	282 198
Baltimore	9	3	0	.750	296 192
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	266 250
Cleveland	4	9	0	.308	178 254
<b>WEST</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>PF PA</b>
Denver	7	5	0	.583	256 292
Oakland	7	5	0	.583	274 308
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	163 268
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	287 289
<b>NATIONAL</b>					
<b>EAST</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>PF PA</b>
Dallas	7	5	0	.583	283 244
N.Y. Giants	6	6	0	.500	287 315
Philadelphia	4	8	0	.333	271 282
Washington	4	8	0	.333	202 256
<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>PF PA</b>
New Orleans	9	3	0	.750	393 269
Atlanta	7	5	0	.583	269 244
Carolina	4	8	0	.333	290 324
Tampa Bay	4	8	0	.333	218 329
<b>NORTH</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>PF PA</b>
x-Green Bay	12	0	0	1.000	420 262
Chicago	7	5	0	.583	291 242
Detroit	7	5	0	.583	333 277
Minnesota	2	10	0	.167	246 330
<b>WEST</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>PF PA</b>
x-San Francisco	10	2	0	.833	288 161
Seattle	5	7	0	.417	216 246
Arizona	5	7	0	.417	232 269
St. Louis	2	10	0	.167	140 296

<b>NFL All Times MST EASTERN</b>					
<b>ATLANTIC</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>PTS GF GA</b>
Philadelphia	28	18	7	3	39 101 81
Pittsburgh	30	17	9	4	38 94 75
N.Y. Rangers	26	16	6	4	36 77 59
New Jersey	28	13	1	2	71 80
N.Y. Islanders	27	9	12	6	24 62 88
<b>NORTHEAST</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>PTS GF GA</b>
Boston	28	18	9	1	37 94 59
Toronto	29	15	11	3	33 91 94
Buffalo	29	15	12	2	32 79 77
Montreal	30	12	11	7	31 74 79
Ottawa	30	13	13	4	30 91 105
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>PTS GF GA</b>
Florida	29	16	8	5	37 81 71
Washington	28	15	12	1	31 88 89
Winnipeg	29	13	12	4	30 82 92
Tampa Bay	29	12	15	2	26 75 96
Carolina	31	9	18	4	22 79 108
<b>WESTERN</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>PTS GF GA</b>
Chicago	29	17	8	4	38 96 90
Detroit	28	18	9	1	37 89 62
St. Louis	29	17	9	3	37 71 62
Nashville	29	14	11	4	32 77 99
Columbus	29	8	17	4	20 71 99
<b>NORTHWEST</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>PTS GF GA</b>
Minnesota	30	20	7	3	43 79 64
Vancouver	29	18	10	1	37 97 91
Edmonton	29	14	12	3	31 83 77
Calgary	28	13	13	2	28 70 80
Colorado	30	13	16	1	27 78 91
<b>PACIFIC</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>PTS GF GA</b>
Phoenix	29	15	11	3	33 77 76
San Jose	26	15	10	1	31 73 61
Dallas	27	15	11	1	31 71 77



# Unorthodox Lawyer Preps for Sandusky Hearing

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**PHILADELPHIA** • As he defends a sports figure charged with sexually abusing 10 young boys, and manages a case that led to the firing of Penn State football coach Joe Paterno, defense lawyer Joseph Amendola has defied conventional wisdom and come out swinging.

He let his client, retired Paterno assistant Jerry San-

dusky, get on the phone with NBC's Bob Costas. Then he put him through two days of interviews with the *New York Times*.

Amendola insists the 67-year-old coach is not the serial predator described by the grand jury, which charged Sandusky with dozens of counts of child sex abuse, including fondling and rape, dating to the mid-1990s.

Despite widespread criti-

cism of his tactics, and questions about his own personal life, the Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Penn State says he's ready to face his client's accusers at a preliminary hearing Tuesday. About 200 reporters and spectators are expected at the hearing, when a judge will decide if there's enough evidence to hold the case for trial.

"I do have a strategy. There is a method to my

madness," Amendola, 63, told The Associated Press on Saturday. "This has been a well-thought-out strategy."

His defense strategy has been, at a minimum, unorthodox. Legal experts are left wondering if Amendola, a small-town solo practitioner working in the glare of the national spotlight, is at loose ends — or crazy like a fox.

A daylong procession of young men are expected to

testify Tuesday that they were sexually abused by Sandusky, the longtime defensive coordinator for Penn State's powerhouse football program and the onetime heir apparent to Paterno, major college football's winningest coach.

"As bad as it's going to be — and I don't have to tell you what the media frenzy's going to be, it's going to be crazy — but I think if we waive it, we're losing a really

important opportunity for Jerry, who maintains his innocence," Amendola said.

The accusers say they were molested at Sandusky's home, on campus, on Penn State road trips and elsewhere. The scandal has provoked angry criticism that Penn State officials didn't do enough to stop the alleged assaults, and led to the ouster of both Paterno and the school's president, Graham Spanier.



Navy quarterback Kriss Proctor, center, celebrates with Midshipmen after beating Army 27-21 in an NCAA college football game in Landover, Md., Saturday.

## NAVY BEATS ARMY FOR 10TH TIME IN A ROW, 27-21

**LANDOVER, Md. (AP)** • When it comes to beating Army, Navy is a perfect 10.

A new venue for Army-Navy produced a familiar result Saturday as the Midshipmen rushed for 296 yards and capitalized on three Army turnovers in a 27-21 win over the Black Knights.

With President Barack Obama presiding over the first Army-Navy game to be played in the vicinity of the nation's capital, the Mids (5-7) got a pair of touchdown runs from quarterback Kriss Proctor and one from fullback Alexander Teich to win their 10th straight in the rivalry.

At least this one was close. Navy had won the other nine by at least a dozen points. The Mids needed a pair of fourth-quarter field goals from Jon Teague and a fourth-down stop in their own territory before those in the blue uniforms could start chanting "10 more years!"

Proctor ran 32 times for 97 yards, and Teich — winner of the Campbell Trophy as the nation's top scholar athlete — carried 18 times for 93 yards for Navy, which completed only one pass in the tussle between run-heavy, triple-option teams.

Raymond Maples and Malcolm Brown ran for 82 yards apiece for Army (3-9), which finished the season with four straight losses. The Black Knights rushed for 298 yards and completed only four passes.

Obama, accompanied by Vice President Joe Biden, worked the Navy sidelines before the game, shaking hands and even getting a hug from the Navy mascot — a ram wearing a Santa hat. The president performed a left-handed coin toss at midfield — Army won and elected to receive — then adhered to presidential tradition by spending a half on each side of the field. He switched from Navy to Army with an escorted walk on the 50-yard line from sideline to sideline in a formal halftime ceremony.

As always, the pageantry was breathtaking, starting with the Army Corps of Cadets' march onto the field

three hours before kickoff. Then the Navy's Brigade of Midshipmen took their turn. Both sides taunted each other in good spirits — "Why so quiet?" was the Navy chant after the Mids took a 14-0 lead — and beach balls and even an inflatable snake were batted around the lower deck while slick scoreboard videos poked fun at one academy or the other.

But there were also stirring moments of tribute for the 80,789 inside the Washington Redskins stadium, and both sides swayed and sang loudly when Lee Greenwood performed "God Bless the U.S.A." at halftime.

Both teams stuck to their triple option attacks and rarely even bothered trying to put the ball in the air. Navy didn't throw a pass in the first half, although Proctor was sacked twice. Army quarterback Trent Steelman, starting again after missing time this season with left ankle and right leg injuries, went 1 for 2 in the half.

After the teams traded fumbles in the first quarter, Navy took advantage of a short field to score first on Proctor's 4-yard run. Another Army fumble, this one near midfield, led to Teich's 10-yard touchdown run to make it 14-0.

The Black Knights answered with back-to-back scoring drives. Steelman had a 34-yard touchdown run, and then showed that a top-notch air attack isn't needed to execute the 2-minute drill. He completed one pass — for 10 yards — in a 63-yard drive that took only 1:56 and tied the game on Brown's 5-yard run with 49 seconds to go in the half.

Teich opened the second half with his first kickoff return of the season, plowing 47 yards to give Navy the ball in Army territory. Proctor gave the Mids a 21-14 lead five plays later with a twisting 2-yard run.

Army responded again, tying the game with the Black Knight's fifth touchdown pass of the season. Steelman found Brown wide open for a 25-yard strike.

But Army wouldn't score again.

### Obama Praises Members of Military Academies

**LANDOVER, Md. (AP)** • It was in early in high school when President Barack Obama got the idea that he wasn't cut out for football.

"I played football in 9th grade and then I realized I was more built for basketball," he said Saturday from the CBS broadcast booth while attending the 112th Army-Navy football game. "I was a big kid in the 8th grade and then in the 9th grade suddenly everyone started getting a little heavier than me."

The avid sports fan, careful not to take sides in the heated rivalry, took a serious turn, noting the future stakes for the players in the game and for the country they will serve.

"They're smart, dedicated, tough, love their country, do an incredible job. And that's what gives this game such resonance," the president told announcers Verne Lundquist and Gary Danielson.

"What we're reminded of is that as important as sports are, these guys are going to be in life or death situations voluntarily protecting our country. They're going to be on the same team. It constantly makes you grateful for being here in America and these incredible young people. They are the best we have to offer," Obama said during his first-quarter appearance.

His attendance at the game was part of a series of observances marking the end of the Iraq war and saluting service members. He is drawing attention to this month's full withdrawal of U.S. troops from that country, meeting with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Malaki at the White House on Monday and visiting Fort Bragg in North Carolina on Wednesday to thank returning soldiers.

The commander in chief acknowledged he has

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to be "very careful" about not taking sides at the game. After presiding over the coin toss, won by Army, he sat on the Navy side for the first half and planned to switch to Army's for the second.

"It is true my grandfather served in Patton's army and he actually is laid to rest in the national memorial in Honolulu," Obama said. "It's a reminder that these games, as much fun as these things are, part of what we celebrate is the dedication and the sacrifice that all these young men and young women who are in the stands are going to be making for our country day in and day out."

He did say that while he lived in Chicago, he cheered for Illinois. "But now that I'm in Washington, I've got to admit, most Saturdays I'm working."

The game was played for the first time in the Washington area, at FedEx Field, home of the Washington Redskins.

"We're close to the Pentagon. A lot of these guys are going to end up serving at some point or another here in Washington, passing through, getting their orders," he said. The game had generated much interest in the capital area, he said.

### Heisman Trophy Final Voting

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Robert Griffin III, Baylor	405	168	136	1,687
Andrew Luck, Stanford	247	250	166	1,407
Trent Richardson, Alabama	138	207	150	978
Montee Ball, Wisconsin	22	83	116	348
Tyrann Mathieu, LSU	34	63	99	327
Matt Barkley, USC	11	33	54	153
Case Keenum, Houston	10	20	53	123
Kellen Moore, Boise State	6	21	30	90
Russell Wilson, Wisconsin	4	12	16	52
LaMichael James, Oregon	5	12	9	48

### Heisman

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Draft day might very well still belong to Luck, but Griffin diverted the Heisman to Waco, Texas, to a school that has never had a player finish better than fourth in the voting — and that was 48 years ago.

Right before his name was called, Griffin took a deep breath. When it was announced he broke into a bright smile. Then it was hugs all around, for his coaches, his parents, his sister and his fiancée.

He took a few long strides up to the stage and let out a laugh when he got there, making a joke about the Superman socks — complete with capes on the back — he was wearing before going into his acceptance speech.

"This is unbelievably believable," he said. "It's unbelievable because in the moment we're all amazed when great things happen. But it's believable because great things don't happen without hard work."

Griffin received 405 first-place votes and 1,687 points.

"Everybody associated with Baylor has a reason to celebrate tonight," he said.

Luck received 247 first-place votes and 1,407 points to become the fourth player to be Heisman runner-up in consecutive seasons and first since Arkansas running back Darren McFadden in 2006 and '07.

He was also first to congratulate Griffin.

"Very much well deserved," Luck said.

Alabama running back Trent Richardson was third with 138 first-place votes and 978 points. Wisconsin running back Montee Ball (348 points) was fourth and the other finalist, LSU cornerback Tyrann Mathieu (327) was fifth.

Griffin's highlights were simply spectacular — his signature moment coming on a long, cross-field touchdown pass with 8 seconds left to beat Oklahoma — and he put up dizzying numbers, completing 72 percent of his passes for 3,998 yards with 36 touchdown passes and a nation-leading 192.3 efficiency rating.

More importantly, he lifted Baylor (9-3) to national prominence and one of the greatest seasons in school history. The 15th-ranked Bears won nine games for the first time in 25 years, beat the Sooners for the first time ever and went 4-0 in November.

That was after winning a total of four November games in their first 15 Big 12 seasons. And the last three games? Oklahoma, Texas Tech and Texas.

Luck was the front-runner for the moment in January he surprised many by returning to Stanford for one more season instead of jumping to the NFL to become a millionaire. He didn't disappoint, with 3,170 yards receiving, 35 touchdown passes, a completion percentage of 70 percent and a rating of 167.5.

Griffin put up better numbers and, essentially, out-Lucked Luck, who became a star by lifting a for-

lorn program at a private school out of the shadows of its powerful conference rivals.

Luck made a sensational one-handed catch early in what turned out to be a blowout victory against UCLA. Nice.

Griffin made a 15-yard reception in traffic to convert a key third down on the game-winning drive in Baylor's opening 50-48 victory against TCU. Better.

The 6-foot-2, 220 pounder with sprinter's speed — he was an all-American in the 400-meter hurdles — grabbed plenty of headlines and attention with that first Friday performance against the Horned Frogs and ended the first month of the season with more touchdown passes than incompletions.

He was an early Heisman front-runner, but he faded in October as Baylor lost three of four. Griffin continued to pile up video game numbers, but not enough to compensate for the Bears' leaky defense.

He finished with a kick and shot up the Heisman charts on Nov. 19, when Baylor beat Oklahoma 45-38. Griffin passed for 479 yards and four touchdowns against the Sooners, including that sensational 34-yard, game-winner to Terrance Williams in the closing seconds.

He stated his case one last time — emphatically — on championship Saturday, capping his season with 320 yards passing and two TD passes and two touchdowns in a 48-24 victory against Texas. It was the second straight year Griffin led the Bears past those longtime bullies from Austin.

At that point it became obvious that quarterback Don Trull's fourth-place finish in 1963 would no longer be the Heisman standard at Baylor.

Landing Griffin, the son of two U.S. Army sergeants who settled in central Texas, was a recruiting coup for Baylor, though it was something of a package deal.

Griffin had committed to Houston and coach Art Briles, but when Baylor hired Briles away, Griffin switched up and followed the coach to a program that hadn't even played in a bowl game since 1994.

He started 11 games as an 18-year-old freshman in 2008 and tore a knee ligament three games into the 2009 season.

He returned last year as good as new and with a newfound commitment and love of football. He threw for 3,501 yards and led Baylor to a 7-6 record and its first bowl appearance since 1994.

This season, his passing has improved and he's still a dangerous runner (644 yards and nine DS). He has left little doubt that he's a pro prospect, though he's got one more game — the Alamo Bowl against Washington on Dec. 29 in San Antonio — to show his stuff.

An aspiring lawyer who is working on a master's degree in communications, he holds 46 school records and adoring Bears fans are praying he comes back for more.



# Sam Houston St. Runs Past Montana State 49-13

**HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP)** • Richard Sincere had a career game, and Sam Houston State dominated the battle of rushing of-fenses.

Sincere rushed for a ca-reer-high 160 yards and two touchdowns on 11 car-ries as Sam Houston State piled up a season-high 428 rushing yards on Saturday in beating Montana State 49-13 in a Football Cham-pionship Subdivision quarterfinal game.

“Richard was on fire,” Sam Houston State coach Willie Fritz said. “He did a sensational job of reading the option and doing what he needed to and pitching it when he needed to. He did a super job.”

The top-seeded Bear-kats (13-0) will host Mon-tana in the semifinals ei-ther next Friday or Satur-day. It marks the first trip to the semis for Sam Houston since Montana defeated the Bearkats 34-13 in 2004. The Grizzlies (11-2) beat Northern Iowa 48-10 Friday night to ad-vance to next week’s game.

Sincere caught two passes for 43 yards and a touchdown, while Tor-rance Williams rushed for 99 yards and two touch-downs on five carries for the Bearkats.

“We wanted to come out and start fast and find some way to get to next week, so we can be 1-0 again,” Sin-cere said. “We had a good game plan. We had differ-ent personnel packages and different people in motion to try to get them out of their game.”

Brian Bell rushed for 63 yards and a touchdown on four carries for Sam Hous-ton State, and threw for 73 yards and another score.

The Bobcats (10-3) gained just 77 yards on the ground against Sam Hous-ton — Montana State’s sec-ond-lowest rushing total for the season.

“We have very diverse packages that we run at different times,” Fritz said. “We blitz them, we zone blitz them. We have alot of different coverages.”



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*Former Seattle Seahawks head coach Jim Mora looks on during the second half of an NFL game in December 2009 against the Green Bay Packers in Green Bay, Wis. UCLA hired Mora as its new football coach on Saturday.*

## UCLA Hires NFL Vet Jim Mora as New Football Coach

**LOS ANGELES** • Although Jim Mora hasn’t coached col-lege football in a quarter-cen-tury, the longtime NFL coach has spent the last two years preparing for a chance to go back to school.

UCLA is giving him that opportunity in the hopes this polished pro coach can revi-talize a beleaguered college program.

Mora agreed to a five-year, \$12 million contract with UCLA on Saturday, replacing Rick Neuheisel as the Bruins’ first football coach in more than 60 years with no ties to the school.

“I think UCLA is truly a sleeping giant, and I realize that an opportunity like this, of this magnitude, doesn’t present itself more than once in a coaching career,” Mora said. “When the job was of-fered, I jumped at the chance to be a Bruin.”

Mora was the coach of the Atlanta Falcons and Seattle Seahawks, going 31-33 over four seasons while reaching one NFC title game. The son of longtime NFL coach Jim Mora is a former University of Washington defensive back who had only one season of college coaching experience at his alma mater in 1984 be-fore beginning a 25-year ca-reer in the NFL.

**SUMLIN NAMED TEXAS A&M COACH**  
**HOUSTON** • Texas A&M has hired Houston’s Kevin Sum-lin as its new coach.

A&M athletic director Bill Byrne announced the deci-sion Saturday. He says he be-lieves Sumlin “is the right person to lead our football program into the Southeast-ern Conference.”

Speculation intensified that Sumlin would move about 100 miles northwest to College Station after A&M fired Mike Sherman. Sumlin was an assistant coach at A&M under R.C. Slocum in 2001-02.

The Aggies (6-6) are scheduled to play North-western (6-6) in the Meineke Car Care Bowl in Houston on Dec. 31, with A&M defensive coordinator Tim DeRuyter serving as interim coach.

It will be the Aggies’ last game as a Big 12 team before moving to the SEC next sea-son.

**WEIS INTRODUCED DURING HALFTIME OF KANSAS-OHIO ST LAWRENCE, Kan.** • Charlie Weis says that Kansas must “win the state” as he rebuilds the football program.

The former Notre Dame coach was hired Friday to re-place the fired Turner Gill, and was introduced to a ca-pacity crowd at Allen Field-house during halftime of the No. 13 Jayhawks’ basketball game against second-ranked Ohio State on Saturday.

Weis pointed out that Kansas was 2-10 this past season while rival Kansas State was 10-2, and he asked a simple question: “Why?”

“Here’s the bottom line,” Weis said. “My job now that I’ve been hired here is to not just figure out why, but do something about it.” Weis has agreed in principle to a five-year deal that will pay him \$2.5 million annually, plus in-centives. That’s more than Gill was making on a five-year deal worth \$10 million.

— Associated Press



DAVID BASHORE

If you’re looking for a Times-News reporter to copy picks from, David Bashore is not your guy. He’s finished last in the last three bowl pick-ems, including losing to a Con-necticut quarter and a Magic 8-Ball. We were going to incorporate a dartboard for this year’s picks but, frankly, he’s sick of being outwitted by inanimate objects.

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**NEW ERA PINSTRIPE**  
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**COMPASS**  
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**GODADDY.COM**  
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**ROSE**  
(5) Oregon (11-2) vs **W** (10) Wisconsin (11-1)  
**TOSTITOS FIESTA**  
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**ALLSTATE SUGAR**  
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**DISCOVER ORANGE**  
(23) W Virginia (9-3) vs **W** (15) Clemson (10-3)  
**BCS CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**  
(2) Alabama (11-1) vs **W** (1) LSU (13-0)  
**SCORE: 24-14**



RYAN HOWE

Ryan Howe has won the football pick ‘em contest for three years running. However, due to his re-covey from gambling ad-diction, he’s only watched one complete college football game this season, Alabama-LSU. He looks forward to the rematch between clearly the two best teams in the country, Jan. 9.

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**SCORE: 17-13**



STEPHEN MEYERS

Times-News sports writer Stephen Meyers is bummed that for the third year straight year Colorado State is not participating in a bowl game and thus he can’t pick the Rams to win. He took about one minute to make these picks, so take that for what it’s worth. He was too busy polishing his application for the now vacant CSU coaching job.

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**CAPITAL ONE**  
(20) Nebraska (9-3) vs **W** (9) S Carolina (10-2)  
**GATOR**  
**W** Ohio State (6-6) vs Florida (6-6)  
**AT&T COTTON**  
(8) Kansas St (10-2) vs **W** (6) Arkansas (10-2)  
**COMPASS**  
**W** SMU (7-5) vs Pittsburgh (6-6)  
**GODADDY.COM**  
**W** N Illinois (10-3) vs Arkansas State (10-2)  
**ROSE**  
**W** (5) Oregon (11-2) vs (10) Wisconsin (11-1)  
**TOSTITOS FIESTA**  
(4) Stanford (11-1) vs **W** (3) Oklahoma St (11-1)  
**ALLSTATE SUGAR**  
**W** (13) Michigan (10-2) vs (11) Va Tech (11-2)  
**DISCOVER ORANGE**  
(23) W Virginia (9-3) vs **W** (15) Clemson (10-3)  
**BCS CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**  
**W** (2) Alabama (11-1) vs (1) LSU (13-0)  
**SCORE: 20-17**



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## Picks

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**Beef ‘O’Brady’s:** Marshall vs. **Florida International.** What is Beef ‘O’Brady’s? Turns out it’s a chain of sports bars, primarily in the southeast U.S. Turns out there is one in Meridian. I have no idea what that means as far as this pick is con-cerned, but I’ll go with FIU, which went from 1-23 in 2006-07 to eight wins this year.

**Poinsettia:** TCU vs. Louisiana Tech. Let’s see ... the Frogs can beat Boise State on the road, but not Tech on a neutral field. Don’t think so.

**Las Vegas:** Boise State vs. Arizona State. C’mon, man ...

**Hawaii:** Nevada vs. **South-ern Miss.** With the financial bath both teams take for this game, it should be the Gov-ernment Bailout Bowl.

**Independence:** Missouri vs. North Carolina. Both teams 7-5, but Tigers got theirs in the Big 12.

**Little Caesars:** Western Michigan vs. **Purdue.** With Nyquil as a supporting spon-sor.

**Belk:** Louisville vs. **North Carolina State.** Belk is a de-partment store in the south-east U.S. Unlike Beef ‘O’Brady’s, it has no Idaho presence. With 70 stores in North Carolina to only four in Kentucky, this is an easy pick.

**Military:** Toledo vs. Air Force. Call this game the Un-patriotic Bowl. Toledo coach Tim Beckman is out the door to Illinois and Troy Calhoun interviewed for the Texas A&M job.

**Holiday:** California vs. Texas. The seat gets hotter for Mack Brown, cooler for Jeff Tedford.

**Champ Sports:** Florida State vs. **Notre Dame.** Biggest matchup of name teams in a pre-Jan. 1 bowl.

**Alamo:** Baylor vs. Wash-ington. As far as confidence picks go, this one rates high-est. Of course, said same about Washington-Nebraska last year.

**Armed Forces:** BYU vs. **Tulsa.** Full disclosure: My two favorite teams are Utah and whoever is playing BYU.

**Pinstripe:** Iowa State vs. Rutgers. Paul Rhoades can coach my team anytime.

**Music City:** Mississippi State vs. Wake Forest. This matchup of 6-6 teams promises to be off-key.

**Insight:** Iowa vs. **Okla-homa.** No insight needed for this pick. Boomer!

**Texas:** Northwestern vs. **Texas A&M.** Everything’s bigger in Texas – except for this third-tier bowl matchup.

**Sun:** Georgia Tech vs. **Utah.** The *Times-News*’ Ryan Howe is obviously NOT a fan of workplace harmony, as he picked Tech. Good thing he works in Burley ...

**Liberty:** Vanderbilt vs. Cincinnati: At 6-6, Vandy makes biggest case for SEC supremacy by routing nine-win Bearcats.

**Fight Hunger:** UCLA vs. Illinois. Two victory-starved teams with new coaches for 2012.

**Chick-fil-A:** Virginia vs. **Auburn.** Death, taxes and the SEC over the ACC in bowls.

**TicketCity:** Houston vs. Penn State. On the disgraced and disappointed meter, Houston missing on BCS game pales in comparison to what’s happened at Penn State.

**Capital One:** Nebraska vs. **South Carolina.** As confi-dence picks go, this one rates lowest.

**Outback:** Georgia vs.

**Michigan State.** Spartans put a notch in the loss column for the SEC.

**Gator:** Florida vs. Ohio State. Another low-confi-dence pick. Mediocrity is big winner in this game.

**Rose:** Oregon vs. **Wiscon-sin.** Ducks mortal when op-ponent has several weeks to prepare. Sincerely, Boise State, Ohio State, LSU and Auburn.

**Fiesta:** Stanford vs. **Okla-homa State.** Odd man out in title game matchup rarely disappoints in bowl game.

**Sugar:** Michigan vs. Vir-ginia Tech. Big Blue is back and poised for national title run in 2012.

**Orange:** West Virginia vs. **Clemson.** Saddled with mediocre games for years, Orange finally gets com-pelling matchup that should pack stadium.

**Cotton:** Kansas State vs. **Arkansas.** Sadly, the lone SEC-Big 12 matchup on the docket.

**BBVA Compass:** SMU vs. Pittsburgh. Throwing darts for this pick.

**GoDaddy.com:** Arkansas State vs. Northern Illinois. Always a fan of ASU’s Hugh Freeze, off to Ole Miss. You might remember him as Michael Oher’s high school coach in The Blind Side.

**BCS Championship:** The sequel promises to be better than the original, which re-ally wasn’t a football game but was Real Baton Rouge vs. FC Tuscaloosa. Again, spe-cial teams will have an im-pact, but not from place-kickers. Instead, look for LSU’s Tyrann Mathieu to re-turn one kick for a score and for punter Brad Wing to keep Alabama and its low-wattage, ground-and-pound offense on the losing end of field position all game long. **LSU 24, Alabama 13.**



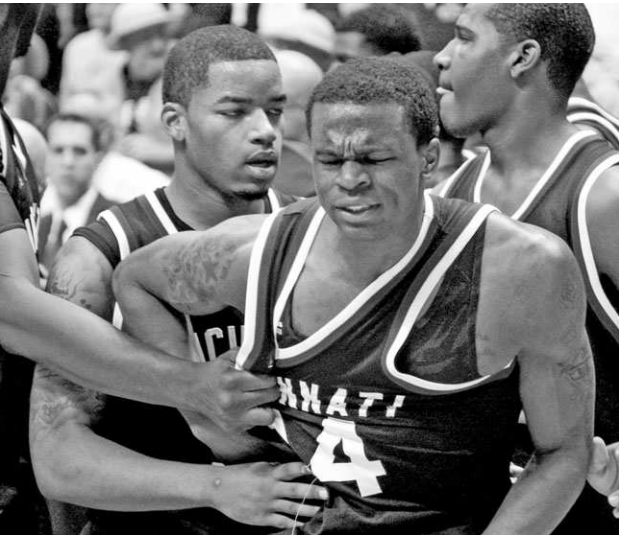
# No. 8 Xavier Tops Cincinnati, Ugly Brawl Mars Game's End

**CINCINNATI (AP)** • Xavier center Kenny Frease used a white cloth to soak up the blood streaming from a gash below his eye. Coaches from both teams bear-hugged their players and tried to yank them away from the bedlam.

The latest crosstown shootout got out of control Saturday and ended in bedlam, a few seconds early. The repercussions haven't even started.

Eighth-ranked Xavier beat crosstown rival Cincinnati 76-53 on Saturday in a game that featured a steady stream of trash talking and was called with 9.4 seconds left when the teams got into a brawl in a corner of the court.

Words escalated into shoves and swings. Both benches cleared. Frease left the court with a stream of blood on his face after getting punched by Cincinnati's Yancy Gates and then



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*Cincinnati guard Ge'Lawn Guyn (14) is held back by Dion Dixon during a fight at the end of an NCAA college basketball game against Xavier, Saturday in Cincinnati.*

kicked as he lay on the floor.

It left a black-and-blue mark on the annual rivalry. Suspensions are expected after the videotapes are reviewed. The Atlantic 10 and

the Big East were examining the brawl, along with the schools.

"There's no excuse for any of them, on our side, on their side," Cincinnati coach Mick Cronin said an-

grily. "Guys need to grow up.

"There is zero excuse for that in basketball. You've got to learn how to win on one side, you've got to learn how to lose on the other side."

The last two games have been one-sided, leading to some heightened emotion.

Cincinnati (5-3) won by 20 points on its home court last season, the most lopsided finish for one of the rivalry games in eight years. Xavier (8-0) answered with its second-biggest win in the series' history.

There's always a steady flow of trash talking in the games, and players have occasionally had to be pulled away from each other by referees and coaches. The brawl on Saturday took it to a new level.

Xavier guard Mark Lyons exchanged words with Cincinnati players as the teams passed each other on court and headed for the locker rooms at halftime, with the Musketeers ahead 34-25. Xavier took control of the game by opening the second half with a 9-2 run, and led by double digits the rest of the way.

# LSU CRUISES PAST BOISE STATE

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**BATON ROUGE, La.** • Justin Hamilton scored 14 points as LSU defeated Boise State 64-45 in a non-conference game Saturday night.

Hamilton was 5 of 7 from the field and 4 of 7 from the foul line. He also grabbed five rebounds. Anthony Hickey contributed 11 points and four assists and Storm Warren and Johnny O'Bryant had 10 points apiece.

The Tigers (6-3) played without leading scorer Andre Stringer, who was not in uniform after experiencing fainting spells recently. Stringer was averaging 12.1 points per game.

Derrick Marks was the top scorer for the Broncos (8-2) with 12 points and Jeff Elorriaga added 11. Anthony Drmic, who was averaging 15.6 points per game, didn't score. He missed seven field goal attempts and two foul shots.

Entering the game, Boise State was averaging 85 points and shooting 50 percent from the field. The Broncos shot only 29.8 percent (17 of 57) against LSU.



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*Utah's Dijon Farr, right, strips the ball from BYU's Brock Zylstra during Saturday's game in Salt Lake City. At left is Utah's Cedric Martin.*

(8-2) break out of a first-half shooting slump and hand the Utes their eighth straight loss.

Josh Watkins had 14 points and five assists to lead the Utes (1-8) in his first game after serving a one-game suspension for violating team rules. BYU has won six straight and 10 of the last 11 in the rivalry series. The Cougars and the Utes met for the first time in a nonconference game since both schools left the Mountain West Conference at the end of last season.

**WEBER STATE 84, SOUTHERN UTAH 66 OGDEN, Utah** • Damian Lillard scored 31 points to lead Weber State in the final non-conference contest between future Big Sky Conference foes.

Lillard, who entered the game leading the nation in scoring at 26.3 points per game, bounced back from a 15-point outing at BYU on Wednesday. Lillard had 18 at halftime and missed his second straight double-double for Weber State (6-2) by one assist to finish with nine.

Southern Utah (4-5), which will join the Big Sky next season, was led by Ray Jones Jr. with 14 points.

**BYU 61, UTAH 42 SALT LAKE CITY** • Noah Hartsock scored 19 points and collected seven rebounds and Charles Abouo added 11 points and six rebounds.

Hartsock scored 14 points in the second half alone to help the Cougars

**WICHITA STATE 83, UTAH STATE 76 WICHITA, Kan.** • Joe Ragland and David Kyles combined for 37 points and 10 3-pointers, and Wichita State closed the first half on a 17-0 run.

The Shockers (7-2), who have won five straight, led 24-20 with 5:15 left in the half before hitting five 3-pointers during the game-turning spurt. Ragland and Kyles each hit two of those long-range shots.

Ragland finished with 19 points while hitting 4 of 7 3-pointers; Kyles had 18 points on 6 of 12 shooting from beyond the arc.

Utah State (4-5) got 18 points from Brockeith Pane and 15 from Preston Medlin. The Aggies battled back in the second half, pulling within 68-64 with 4:40 remaining. But Toure Murry scored on a jumper and Ragland hit another 3-pointer to put the Shockers comfortably ahead.

## TOP 25 COLLEGE HOOPS ROUNDUP

# Indiana's Back: Hoosiers Shock No. 1 Kentucky

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** • Christian Watford hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give Indiana a 73-72 victory over top-ranked Kentucky on Saturday night.

Watford finished with 20 points, giving the Hoosiers their first upset of a top-ranked team since taking down Duke in the 2002 NCAA tournament and setting off a wild scene. Fans stormed the court as officials looked at the replay before counting the basket.

The Hoosiers (9-0) are off to their best start since 1989-90.

Doron Lamb scored 19 points to lead the Wildcats (8-1) and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist added 18 as Kentucky's three-game winning streak over Indiana ended.

The teams traded leads five times in the final 2 minutes, but Kentucky missed the front end of a one-and-one with 28.8 seconds left and the first of two free throws with 5.6 seconds to go.

**NO. 13 KANSAS 78, NO. 2 OHIO STATE 67 LAWRENCE, Kan.** • Thomas Robinson scored 21 points, Elijah Johnson added 15 and Kansas never trailed against the Buckeyes, who were without forward Jared Sullinger due to injury.

Freshman reserve forward Kevin Young scored a career-high 14 points, and Tyshawn Taylor had nine points and a career-best 13 assists for the Jayhawks (6-2), who extended their winning streak to 47 games over non-conference opponents at Allen Fieldhouse.

William Buford had 17 of his 21 points in the second half for Ohio State (8-1), which was playing on the road for the first time this season. DeShaun Thomas added 19 points.

Sullinger, a preseason All-American, missed a second straight game with back spasms.

**NO. 3 SYRACUSE 85, GEORGE WASHINGTON 50 SYRACUSE, N.Y.** • Dion Waiters set career highs with 19 points and six steals to lead Syracuse, which is poised to take over the top spot in the rankings.

The unbeaten Orange (10-0), in the midst of a federal investigation, could move to No. 1 in the AP Top 25 after both top-ranked Kentucky and No. 2 Ohio State lost.

Kris Joseph had nine points and eight rebounds, and Scoop Jardine, Brandon Triche, Fab Melo, and C.J. Fair each scored eight for the Orange. Freshman guard Michael Carter-Williams had a season-high eight assists.

David Pellom had 12 points to lead George Washington (4-5), which has lost four in a row.

**NO. 4 NORTH CAROLINA 84, LONG BEACH STATE 78 CHAPEL HILL, N.C.** • John



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*Indiana guard/forward Will Sheehey (10) celebrates with fans after upsetting top-ranked Kentucky in Bloomington, Ind., Saturday.*

Henson had 24 points and 10 rebounds, and Harrison Barnes added 20 points for North Carolina.

The Tar Heels (8-2) rallied from a 45-40 halftime deficit to win their second straight game in the opener of a monthlong home stand. North Carolina led by as many as 11 points in the second half, but couldn't pull away and had to keep making plays into the final seconds.

**NO. 5 LOUISVILLE 80, FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON 58 LOUISVILLE, Ky.** • Gorgui Dieng had 14 points and 12 rebounds to lift Louisville to its 17th straight win at the KFC Yum! Center.

Kyle Kuric added 18 points and Peyton Siva had 16 for Louisville, which is in the midst of a 10-game homestand.

Louisville (9-0) used a 10-0 run late in the first half to open up a 19-point advantage at the break and was never threatened in the second half.

**NO. 7 DUKE 86, WASHINGTON 80 NEW YORK** • Freshman Austin Rivers scored 18 points and the Blue Devils overcame a poor performance from the free throw line at Madison Square Garden.

The Blue Devils (9-1) seemed in control, taking a 19-point lead three times in the second half. But the Huskies (4-4) shook off a terrible first half and chipped away at the deficit.

**NO. 10 MISSOURI 84, NAVY 59 COLUMBIA, Mo.** • Marcus Denmon scored 22 points to help Missouri remain unbeaten and match its best start since the 2006-07 season.

Ricardo Ratliffe made 6 of 9 shots and had 14 points, and Kim English chipped in 13 for the Tigers (9-0).

J.J. Avila scored 26 points for Navy (3-8). The Midshipmen took a 5-0 lead at the outset but trailed 45-26 by halftime.

**NO. 11 MARQUETTE 79, WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY 61 MILWAUKEE** • Jae Crowder had 21 points and seven rebounds, and No. 11 Marquette had little trouble with

Wisconsin-Green Bay. Marquette (9-0) won easily despite dressing just eight players due to injuries. Starting center Chris Otule (knee), and reserves Juan Anderson (shoulder) and Jamil Wilson (ankle) all watched in street clothes.

**NO. 14 WISCONSIN 62, UNLV 51 MADISON, Wis.** • Reserve Ben Brust hit all seven of his 3-point attempts and finished with a career-high 25 points for the Badgers.

Wisconsin (8-2) went on a 13-0 run midway through the first half to take a 31-15 lead. The Badgers pushed the advantage to 19 before the Rebels (9-2) cut it to 36-23 at the half.

**NO. 15 PITTSBURGH 74, OKLAHOMA ST 68 NEW YORK** • Ashton Gibbs scored 17 points, including three free throws in the final 17 seconds as Pitt sent Oklahoma State to its third loss — all of them at Madison Square Garden.

The Panthers (9-1) led by as many as 16 points in the second half, but Oklahoma State twice was able to get within five late. Each time, Gibbs was able to make at least one free throw.

Nasir Robinson had 15 points for Pitt, and Lamar Patterson added 12 points and 10 rebounds.

**NO. 17 MISSISSIPPI STATE 106, TROY 68 STARKVILLE, Miss.** • Dee Bost scored a season-high 28 points, and Arnett Moultrie added 20 points and 12 rebounds for Mississippi State.

The Bulldogs (9-1) won their eighth straight game, shooting 56.3 percent (40 of 71) from the field, including 51.6 percent (16 of 31) from 3-point range. Renardo Sidney added a season-high 18 points and eight rebounds, Jalen Steele scored 15 and Rodney Hood 12.

**NO. 18 GEORGETOWN 62, HOWARD 48 WASHINGTON** • Playing its first game this season as a ranked team, Georgetown held Howard scoreless for nearly 10 minutes at the start then staved off a strong comeback bid.

Freshman Otto Porter scored 13 points for the

Hoyas (8-1), who employed a full-court press and forced Howard (3-6) into missing its first 11 shots.

**SAINT JOSEPH'S 80, NO. 19 CREIGHTON 71 PHILADELPHIA** • Carl Jones scored 29 points, Ronald Roberts and Langston Galloway each had 12, and Saint Joseph's spoiled Creighton's first week in the Top 25 in five years.

Doug McDermott had 26 points and 10 rebounds for the Bluejays (7-1), who opened 7-0 to make the AP Top 25 for the first time since the first two weeks of the 2006-07 season.

Led by Jones' second-half surge, the Hawks (7-3) put a quick end to Creighton's ranked fun.

**NO. 20 MICHIGAN 90, OAKLAND 80 AUBURN HILLS, Mich.** • Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 18 of his 21 points in the second half and Evan Smotrycz had a career-high 20 points and nine rebounds for Michigan.

Freshman Trey Burke added 20 points and nine assists for the Wolverines in their highest-scoring game since beating Northern Michigan 97-50 on Nov. 14, 2009.

**NO. 22 TEXAS A&M 67, LOUISIANA-MONROE 54 COLLEGE STATION, Texas** • Khris Middleton returned to the lineup after missing the previous seven games with a torn meniscus in his right knee and scored 24 points to help No. 22 Texas A&M.

The Aggies (8-1) broke open a tied game midway through the second half with an 11-0 run featuring four points from Middleton to take a 54-43 lead.

**MICHIGAN ST. 74, NO. 23 GONZAGA 67 SPOKANE, Wash.** • Draymond Green scored a career-high 34 points to help Michigan State upset No. 23 Gonzaga.

Adreian Payne had nine points for Michigan State (8-2), and Derrick Nix and Keith Appling added eight apiece. The versatile Green scored from all over the floor against a variety of Gonzaga defenders trying to stop him.

**NO. 25 HARVARD 76, BOSTON UNIVERSITY 52 BOSTON** • Kyle Casey had 20 points and nine rebounds to lead Harvard, giving the Crimson hope of holding onto their first-ever ranking in The AP Top 25.

Two days after losing by 14 points to No. 9 — and defending NCAA champion — Connecticut, Harvard scored 16 straight points near the end of the first half to turn a two-point game into a blowout. The Crimson (9-1) led by as many as 29 points in the second half.



# PACKERS, 49ERS IN PLAYOFFS, HAVE BUSINESS LEFT

BY BARRY WILNER  
*Associated Press*

The first step sometimes is the biggest for NFL teams: making the playoffs.

With that accomplished, the Green Bay Packers and San Francisco 49ers have much loftier goals.

Green Bay clinched the NFC North and San Francisco grabbed the NFC West last week with wins. For the Packers, there's been nothing but victories, 12 of them, as they host Oakland on Sunday. The defending Super Bowl champions are concentrating on ensuring all their playoff games are held at Lambeau Field. And there's that little challenge of going undefeated.

"Oh, I think it's way too early to even think about those things," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "We have 12 wins. Everybody knows what San Francisco's record is. It's important for us to stay focused and get ready for the Oakland Raiders. It's way too early to think about those types of things."

San Francisco's record is 10-2 and the 49ers don't have the most challenging remaining schedule. They are at Arizona on Sunday — the Niners are 4-1 on the road — and also go to Seattle and St. Louis. The biggest test is a home game with the Steelers.

The Niners want, at worst, to finish second overall in the NFC and get a first-round playoff bye and a guaranteed home game. They also know NFC South leader New Orleans is just one game behind in the overall standings.

"I think we're still just kind of scratching at it, what we can become," 49ers quarterback Alex Smith said. "And we're doing some good things in the meantime, but still I think, still kind of forming and becoming what our potential is. That's encouraging as well that we just need to continue to keep getting better these last few weeks, each and every week taking a step..."

Also Sunday, it's New Orleans at Tennessee, Atlanta at Carolina, Houston at Cincinnati, the New York Giants at Dallas, Chicago at Denver, Minnesota at Detroit, New England at Washington, Kansas City at the New York Jets, Indianapolis at Baltimore, Buffalo at San Diego, Philadelphia at Miami, and Tampa Bay at Jacksonville.

St. Louis is at Seattle on Monday night.

On Thursday night, Pittsburgh beat Cleveland 14-3. The Steelers (10-3) have won eight out of nine to move a half-game ahead of Baltimore in the race for the AFC North title. Cleveland dropped to (4-9), losing for the 15th time in its last 16 meetings with the Steelers.

## OAKLAND (7-5) AT GREEN BAY (12-0)

The Packers passed a tough test with their impressive march to a winning field goal in the final 58 seconds at the Giants. But their defense remains spotty, and star cornerback Charles Woodson sustained a concussion last week.

For Oakland, what once seemed like a romp to its first AFC West crown since 2002 now is a battle with surging Denver. The Raiders come off an awful performance at Miami and the offense has been stymied by injuries to running back Darren McFadden (right foot) and big-play receivers Jacoby Ford (left foot) and Denarius Moore (right foot). McFadden has missed the past five games, Ford the past three and Moore the past two. But this is a resilient bunch that hopes to have success with the run game in Green Bay.

"Our guys got to get people blocked, we've got to run like we know we can run, and get it done," coach Hue Jackson. "That's the bottom line."

## SAN FRANCISCO (10-2) AT ARIZONA (5-7)

The 49ers' stunning turnaround earned them their first playoff spot since 2002 with the stingiest defense in the NFL (28 fewer points than Houston) and a solid running game. They also lead with 28 takeaways and a plus-18 turnover margin. That's a winning formula in any league.



San Francisco 49ers quarterback Alex Smith (11) passes as offensive tackle Adam Snyder blocks St. Louis Rams defensive tackle Gary Gibson (71) last weekend in San Francisco.

Arizona has won four of its last five, but the only loss was 23-7 at San Francisco.

## NEW ORLEANS (9-3) AT TENNESSEE (7-5)

Tennessee is the most overlooked playoff contender, yet the Titans are in the midst of the wild-card chase, and should banged-up Houston stumble, they could steal the AFC South. To do that, though, they might need another signature win. So far, their best victory is over Baltimore, and that was in Week 2.

With Chris Johnson finally hitting stride after his lengthy preseason holdout led to a weak first half of the season, the Titans could give New Orleans plenty to handle. Then again, since they stumbled against St. Louis on Oct. 30, the Saints have been outstanding and would own the NFC South with a victory and an Atlanta defeat.

Drew Brees is the first quarterback to throw for 4,000 yards in a season's opening 12 games as he pursues Dan Marino's longstanding yards passing mark.

## ATLANTA (7-5) AT CAROLINA (4-8)

Unless the Saints lose to somebody else, the Falcons won't take the NFC South even if they win out, including at New Orleans on the night after Christmas. So a wild-card berth might be their best bet, and to get that the Falcons need to rediscover their strong running game and get stingier against the pass.

The dynamic Cam Newton will challenge them in the air and on the ground. Carolina has won two straight behind its exciting offense, but its defense is a sieve.

## HOUSTON (9-3) AT CINCINNATI (7-5)

No longer a lock for a wild-card spot, the Bengals can't handle elite teams. Their losses have come against San Francisco, Denver, Pittsburgh (twice) and Baltimore. That's a trend, one that doesn't bode well if Cincinnati sneaks into the postseason.

Houston never has been that far, but clinches the AFC South with a victory and a Titans loss. The Texans polished up their resume by beating Atlanta last week with a rookie, third-string quarterback, T.J. Yates, and with top receiver Andre Johnson tweak-

ing his hamstring again.

## NEW YORK GIANTS (6-6) AT DALLAS (7-5)

Often a glamour game, this one has loads of importance with the Giants and Cowboys competing for the NFC East crown. But neither of these teams has the look of a title challenger right now, particularly New York.

The Giants, known to swoon in the second half of the schedule under Tom Coughlin — exception being 2007, when they stormed to the Super Bowl and upset unbeaten New England — have dropped four straight. They put up a gallant fight before a last-second loss to Green Bay last Sunday and seem encouraged by that.

Dallas has nothing to be encouraged about following a blown opportunity at Arizona. Still, a Cowboys victory in this one means the Giants almost certainly must win out to have a shot at the division title.

## CHICAGO (7-5) AT DENVER (7-5)

Injuries have turned the Bears into a longer shot to make the postseason, even with their excellent special teams and the NFC's second-stingiest defense in points allowed. Star running back Matt Forte joins QB Jay Cutler on the sideline, meaning an almost certain low-scoring affair in the Mile High City.

Denver has a defense to match the Bears, especially if standout rookie linebacker Von Miller (10 1/2 sacks) is back from torn ligaments in his right thumb. He has been practicing with a cast on and likely will go.

Tim Tebow definitely will go, and that usually means victory for Denver, which has won its last five to tie Oakland atop the AFC West.

## MINNESOTA (2-10) AT DETROIT (7-5)

Trouble has come to Motor City, where the Lions have

gone from 5-0 to the verge of not making the playoffs. Star DT Ndamukong Suh serves the last of his two-game suspension and the Lions' offense has sputtered because it can't run the ball.

Still, they are expected to handle a Vikings team with three standouts — Jared Allen, Adrian Peterson and Percy Harvin — and not much else.

## NEW ENGLAND (9-3) AT WASHINGTON (4-8)

After building a 31-3 lead over Indianapolis, the Patriots lost interest and nearly let the Colts catch them. You know Bill Belichick was scowling even more than usual over that.

A Patriots win and Jets loss clinches the AFC East.

"I think it's important for us to go out there and try to play our best game this weekend," Tom Brady said. "What's in our control is how we're able to go out there and see how we match up against a team on the road that has some very good players, very good schemes, very well coached. I'm excited to see if we can go out there and finally play for 60 minutes and see what that looks like."

Washington is without TE Fred Davis and OT Trent Williams, both suspended for the rest of the season for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.

## KANSAS CITY (5-7) AT NEW YORK JETS (7-5)

No team makes things more difficult on itself than the Jets, who have only one victory that wasn't close in the second half. They've gotten more offense lately and RB Shonn Greene rushed for three scores against Washington, but that's a bit of an illusion because of how unsteady they are with the ball.

KC made just enough plays to beat Chicago and showed a strong pass rush, with rookie LB Justin Houston getting three of the Chiefs' seven

sacks. New York has not protected Mark Sanchez all that well.

## INDIANAPOLIS (0-12) AT BALTIMORE (9-3)

Sure, the Ravens sometimes play down to the grade of the opposition. It's doubtful they could sink as low as Indy no matter how poorly they play.

Ray Rice comes off a career-best 204 yards rushing and has developed into one of the NFL's most dangerous all-around players. There's also a chance star LB Ray Lewis will return from a right toe injury, although the way the defense has played without him, he might get another week off.

Indy is 9-2 all-time against Baltimore, the city from which the Colts defected, but those were the Peyton Manning Colts. These guys aren't.

## BUFFALO (5-7) AT SAN DIEGO (5-7)

Both of these clubs were 4-1 long, long ago. The Chargers hit their tailspin first, and broke a six-game slide with a win at Jacksonville. Philip Rivers has had his worst season, but showed against the Jaguars the competitive streak and touch that has defined his career.

The Bills have lost five straight and are playing far too many backups because of injuries to be much of a threat. Yet they kept things close in recent defeats against the Jets and Titans.

## ST. LOUIS (2-10) AT SEATTLE (5-7), MONDAY NIGHT

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There can't be much interest in this one outside of Florida. Or inside the Sunshine State.

Tampa Bay has lost six in a row, the NFC's longest slide and second only to Indy's season-long slump. The Jaguars fired coach Jack Del Rio late last month and then flopped against San Diego in prime time. Other than RBs Maurice Jones-Drew for the hosts and LeGarrette Blount for the visitors, not much worth watching here.

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# While Hornets Seek Paul Deal, Howard Wants a Move Too

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While the New Orleans Hornets try to trade Chris Paul, Dwight Howard wants to be moved, too.

Howard has formally requested a trade from the Orlando Magic, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Saturday.

It's unknown if the Magic will grant their All-Star center's wishes, but they have given New Jersey, Dallas and the Los Angeles Lakers permission to talk with his agent about trades.

The Hornets seem more motivated to deal. The NBA, as their owners, killed the first attempt Thursday, a three-team trade that would have sent Paul to the Lakers. But general manager Dell Demps said they will keep trying, since Paul has told them he won't sign a contract extension this season.

Howard, Paul and the Nets' Deron Williams were expected to lead the 2012 free

agency class. Instead, two of them could soon be on the block, giving the NBA an immediate jolt to its post-lock-out return.

"I'm like everybody else. I'm adapting to all this nonsense," Celtics forward Kevin Garnett said.

"I think this whole league is in a bunch of uncertainty at this point and I fall in line with that. A lot of players don't know what it is."

Some deals are getting done: Tyson Chandler joined the New York Knicks via a sign-and-trade in a three-team deal and Boston resigned Jeff Green — but most of the focus remained on the status of the two All-Stars.

Until those situations are cleared up, business is moving slowly around the NBA. Top free agents such as Nene and Marc Gasol remain unsigned and other transactions will wait, with one agent describing the free agency process thus far as like "molasses."

In the meantime, Paul was back at Hornets practice for

the second straight day. Pau Gasol, who would have moved to Houston in the proposed three-team deal, practiced for the first time with the Lakers, knowing it could also be for the last time.

"If the NBA hadn't stopped it, I would be gone," Gasol said. "I wouldn't be here. It's tough to keep your balance. At the same time, I'm happy it hasn't happened, because my heart is here, my mind is here. I want to be here. That's the reality. I heard it was back on the table again. Everything is possible again."

With little time between the ratification of the new collective bargaining agreement and the Christmas season openers, the NBA had training camps and free agency open Friday. But because so many transactions still haven't been completed, teams are being left short-handed as they begin preparations.

The Knicks had only six players practicing as they

maneuvered to fit in Chandler. The Hornets were similarly limited.

"The league is just so backlogged, everybody is doing the same thing," said Celtics coach Doc Rivers, whose Celtics will visit the Knicks in the NBA season opener. "It's hard. I haven't looked, but I think some teams only have five or six guys."

The Chicago Bulls are waiting to add a piece, believed to be Richard Hamilton once his buyout from the Detroit Pistons is complete. Team officials couldn't talk about him, but center Joakim Noah is sure the front office will make the right move.

"I think Rip's a hell of a player," Noah said. "I have confidence they are doing the right things. For us, the only thing we can do is work hard."

The Knicks got the piece they coveted, a defensive-minded center who anchored the Dallas Mavericks' defense last season. Chandler got a four-year deal

worth about \$56 million from the Knicks, who will put him in between Carmelo Anthony and Amare Stoudemire in one of the league's best frontcourts.

"I know what my job is coming here," Chandler said. "I know I came here to defend. I'm going to defend the rim, I'm going to rebound, I'm going to get extra shots. And I think if we play on both ends and play as a team, the sky is definitely the limit for this squad."

They'll still need a point guard, though, after using the amnesty clause to waive Chauncey Billups, using the money from his \$14.2 million contract to afford Chandler. A potential replacement is veteran Mike Bibby, who will sign with the Knicks, according to a person with knowledge of the plans.

The Knicks' former center, Eddy Curry, mostly out of action and out of shape the last few years, debuted in Miami along with veteran Shane Battier. LeBron James and Dwyane Wade have

known Curry for years, and much as they reached out to help recruit Battier, they made sure Curry knew they wanted him, too.

"He's humbled and he's blessed to have this opportunity again," James said. "For us as teammates, we're just going to stress the fact that he has no pressure at all. We're happy to have him here and we want him to just love the game of basketball like he did once before. You can see his smile. You can see his passion. And we're happy. We're excited as a team but we're more excited for him."

It may not be until early next week when all teams are at full strength, and by then people around the league hope the Paul situation is settled — especially Hornets coach Monty Williams, who is already tired of talking about it.

"It's just a lot of speculation and blogging and tweeting," Williams said. "I'd rather tongue-kiss a maggot than tweet or blog."

## David Stern Makes Heavy-handed Stand

The last time David Stern caused so much outrage around the NBA he was busy handing down a new dress code to keep players from looking like gangsta rappers.

The similarities don't end there. Despite his protestations otherwise, Stern's decision to veto the first Chris Paul trade to the Los Angeles Lakers was as much about image as his decision six years ago to outlaw baggy pants and hats worn sideways.

With the ink barely dry on the new pact with players, Stern really didn't have much choice. Owners of smaller market teams didn't go through a 149-day lockout only to find it was business as usual when business finally resumed.

That they weren't entirely happy with what they got out of the lockout was evident enough. Having their faces rubbed in it with the trade of a superstar on the first day the contract was signed would have been downright insulting.

Unfortunately for Stern, the result of his veto was a comical farce that left players in limbo on three different teams. It also drew a harsh reaction from fans and members of the media, some of whom portrayed Stern as a grumpy old dictator trying to hold on to his power and prestige.

You don't run a league for 27 years, though, without being able to navigate the politics of power. And the cheers that Stern got from smaller market teams in the wake of the veto were the payoff he was after when he blocked the deal that would have made the already good Lakers even better.

"I'm one who likes to see the market and teams that have invested in a player and helped develop a player have an opportunity to have that player be a long-time part of that community," Utah Jazz president Randy Rigby said. "As a small-market team, it's very important. ... We had a lot of years of success with certain players named John Stockton, Karl Malone, who invested and committed to a community. That community committed back, and we saw a lot of success together."

Paul, of course, may end up with the Lakers anyway. There were reports Saturday that the three teams involved in the deal were trying to tweak it to address the commissioner's official concern — that the New Orleans Hornets were not getting enough young talent in return for their All-Star point guard.

And Hornets general manager Dell Demps — who runs the league-owned team but by now has to be wondering who he's working for — expressed confidence that a trade would be done.

Still, the trade of a super-



star to a rich team that already has Kobe Bryant is exactly the kind of thing Stern and his fellow owners took a stand against when they locked out the players to begin with. The league was not going to be run for the pleasure of its richest members any longer, even if it eventually cost the NBA some games or even an entire season.

But while players had to take a pay cut of some \$250 million for the short-term, there was no hard salary cap in the deal and nothing that seriously curtails the free agent market. Teams like the Lakers and New York Knicks still will be able to stockpile expensive talent, though a more costly luxury tax might cause Jerry Buss and others to think twice before chasing after the latest superstar.

The lack of a hard cap surely irritated some of the hardline owners to begin with, and five of them voted against the deal. And, while Stern made it clear that he acted without consulting other owners in vetoing the trade, he had to be thinking of owners like Cleveland's Dan Gilbert.

"When will we just change the name of 25 of the 30 teams to the Washington Generals?" Gilbert asked Stern in an email obtained by the *New York Times* and Yahoo! Sports in which he expressed outrage over the Paul deal.

While it's anyone's guess how much the new labor deal is going to affect the long-term competitive balance of the league, adding Paul to a Lakers backcourt that already includes arguably the best player in the game was clearly not what most NBA owners had in mind when they decided to make a stand against a system they saw as heavily tilted toward the major market teams.

The rich weren't supposed to get richer. The playing field was supposed to become more level.

Yes, Stern was heavy-handed in blocking the deal at the last moment, though that's his style. Yes, it's unfair to players like Paul, Pau Gasol and Lamar Odom to be left in limbo while others make plans for their futures.

But the lockout was about more than just helping small market teams make a few bucks. They were supposed to have the chance to compete occasionally for a championship in what has always been a historically unbalanced league.

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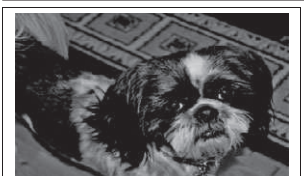
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## TODAY IN HISTORY

#### On this date:

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In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

In 1928, police in Buenos Aires announced they had thwarted an attempt on the life of President-elect Herbert Hoover.

In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind.

In 1946, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.

In 1961, a U.S. aircraft carrier carrying Army helicopters arrived in Saigon — the first direct American military support for South Vietnam's battle against Communist guerrillas.

In 1972, Apollo 17's lunar module landed on the moon with astronauts Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt aboard; they are, to date, the last two men to step onto the lunar surface.

In 1981, the El Mozote massacre in El Salvador claimed the lives of hundreds of civilians at the hands of army troops. The U.N. Security Council chose Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru to be the fifth secretary-general. Muhammad Ali, 39, fought his final fight, losing by unanimous decision to Trevor Berbick in Nassau, Bahamas.

In 1991, a jury in West Palm Beach, Fla., acquitted William Kennedy Smith of sexual battery, rejecting the allegations of Patricia Bowman.

In 2008, Bernie Madoff was arrested, accused of running a multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme. (Madoff is serving a 150-year federal prison sentence.)

**Ten years ago:** In the first criminal indictment stemming from 9/11, federal prosecutors charged Zacarias Moussaoui, a French citizen of Moroccan descent, with conspiring to murder thousands in the suicide hijackings. (Moussaoui pleaded guilty to conspiracy in 2005 and was sentenced to life in prison.) The chairman of the militant Jewish Defense League, Irv Rubin, and an associate, Earl Krugel, were arrested on suspicion of plotting to blow up a Los Angeles mosque and the office of an Arab-American congressman. (Rubin died in Nov. 2002, ten days after what federal officials described as a suicide attempt in jail; Krugel was killed by a fellow inmate in a federal prison in Nov. 2005.) The government approved Swiss food giant Nestle SA's \$10.3 billion purchase of Ralston Purina.

**Five years ago:** In his farewell address, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan criticized the Bush administration's leadership on the global stage, warning that America must not sacrifice its democratic ideals while waging war against terrorism. Iran hosted a conference of Holocaust deniers from around the world. After a two-day journey, space shuttle Discovery reached the international space station for a weeklong stay.

**One year ago:** The eldest son of disgraced financier Bernard Madoff, 46-year-old Mark Madoff, hanged himself in his Manhattan apartment on the second anniversary of his father's arrest. A U.N. conference in Cancun, Mexico, adopted a modest climate deal. Auburn quarterback Cam Newton won the Heisman Trophy after a season in which he played brilliantly but was also the focus of an investigation which found that his father had violated NCAA rules.

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Bobby Wolff

#### Dear Mr. Wolff:

Under what circumstances should the primary signal at the first trick be other than attitude? In other words, when would I signal count or suit-preference on the first trick?

Signal Corps, Dover, Del.

**ANSWER:** One should signal count when both defenders know third hand's attitude to the opening lead from the play to the first trick. (If opening leader's queen holds when dummy has the king, we assume third hand has the ace — he doesn't need to signal it a second time.) But if, and only if, dummy has a holding or declarer has shown or is about to show a holding that makes it clear a continuation is unlikely to be right, third hand can signal suit-preference. This play is rarer than most think. Continuation of the opening lead is right more often than one might expect!

#### Dear Mr. Wolff:

You are in second seat at unfavorable vulnerability with ♠ J-7-4-3-2, ♥ 4, ♦ K, ♣ A-K-10-8-3-2. What do you do and what's your plan?

Fired Up, Bremerton, Wash.

**ANSWER:** This is a no-brainer. Passing won't ever allow you to get these values across, so you must open. You plan to open one club, then bid and rebid spades. (Just for the record: with better spades and worse clubs, I could live with a one-spade opening, but I still prefer one club.)

#### Dear Mr. Wolff:

Have you heard of an "impossible spade" bid? My partner was discussing this yesterday and rather than embarrass myself by revealing my ignorance, I made an excuse and left, but I'm relying on you to fill in the blanks for me!

The Impossible Dream, Union City, Tenn.

**ANSWER:** If you respond one no-trump to one heart, you have

denied the ability to bid spades, right? So now, if your partner introduces a minor, you can show a super hand for that suit by bidding two spades, while a direct raise of the minor suggests more shape and fewer high cards.

#### Dear Mr. Wolff:

Recently in a BBO tournament I held ♠ Q-8-7-4, ♥ K-10-9-3, ♦ A-K, ♣ 9-3-2 at unfavorable vulnerability. My game is generally disciplined, so I passed rather than open my worst suit. Was my position unreasonably pessimistic? (The results suggested that my action left us better placed than if I had bid.)

Discretion Over Valor, Seneca, S.C.

**ANSWER:** It would take a lot to make me pass a 12-count with both majors (even facing a partner who opens light). But I do agree that three small clubs is a huge negative here, and if we do end up defending, I'd surely regret opening this hand!

#### Dear Mr. Wolff:

Like many of your devoted readers, I enjoy covering the defensive hands to figure out my plan before reading the text. I have a piece of cardboard already cut and I just slide it over the East and West hands. Unfortunately, I never get to test my defense! This could be solved by adding a line under "The Aces on Bridge" saying, "Today you are East" or "Cover the West and South hands." Once I start to read the text, it is too late, as the North-South hands are memorized.

Self-Examination, Danville, Ill.

**ANSWER:** When I write the column, the text comes first, then the deal; I'm assuming from what you say that when you get the deal, you see it on top of the text — which is curious. Some newspapers do rearrange the material, but it is MY intention that you start with the text.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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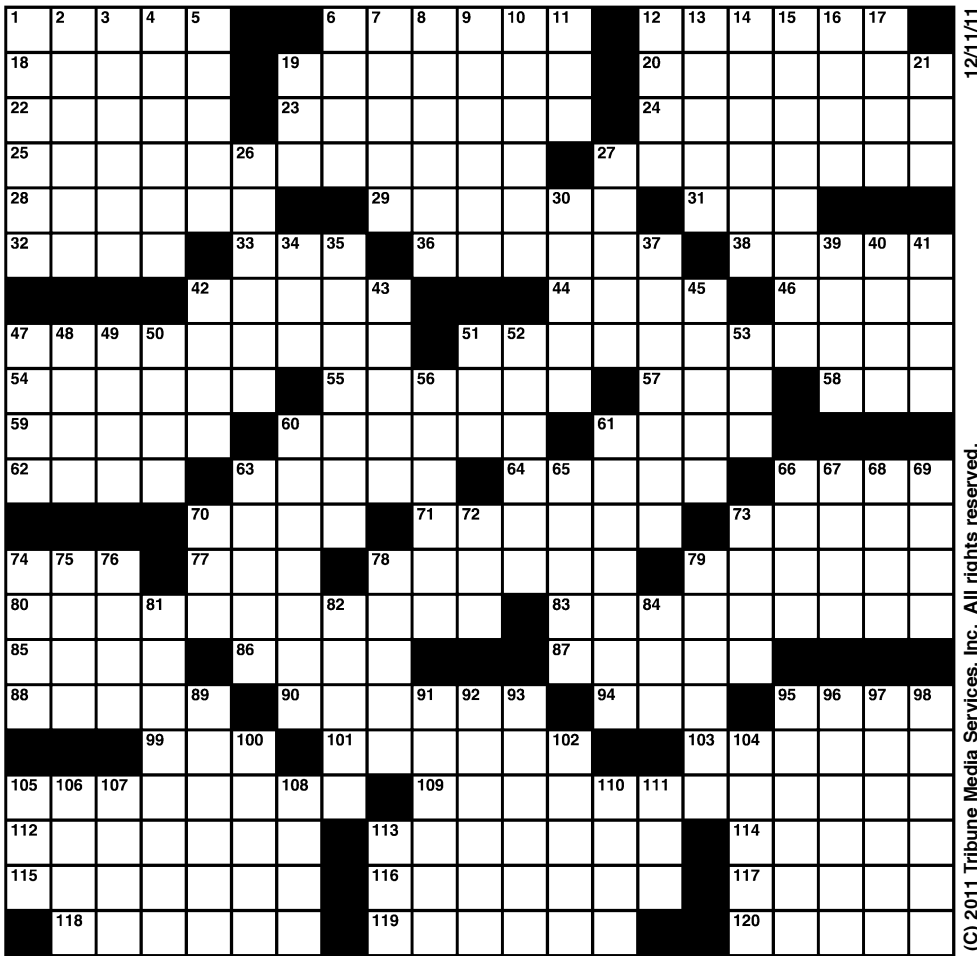
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# Sunday Crossword

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### ACROSS

- 1 Corrupt, in a way
- 6 Ignore
- 12 Sleeping
- 18 Ayes
- 19 "Lady Marmalade" group
- 20 Caesar salad topper
- 22 Unpleasant pair to choose from
- 23 "To reiterate ..."
- 24 Deep-fried Japanese dish
- 25 Jaded ballplayer?
- 27 Grain of sand?
- 28 Mocha native
- 29 Fantastic
- 31 As well
- 32 Vase-shaped pitcher
- 33 Drama with two spin-offs
- 36 Scarlett, to Rhett, ultimately
- 38 1983 Keaton title role
- 42 Tweet
- 44 Alka-Seltzer sound
- 46 New York college whose team is the Gaels
- 47 Coal receptacle building blocks?
- 51 Steer groups?
- 54 2001 French film nominated for five Academy Awards
- 55 One reason to work
- 57 Energy meas.
- 58 Tell
- 59 Stain-removal brand
- 60 Turning parts
- 61 Grasps
- 62 Sharpen
- 63 Family name in Kafka's "The Metamorphosis"
- 64 Shark's practice
- 66 Tell
- 70 Field division
- 71 They get tipped in lots
- 73 1971 Clapton classic
- 74 Psyche part, to Freud
- 77 General at Antietam
- 78 White Label Scotch maker
- 79 Roaches, e.g.
- 80 Fish with a bad cold?
- 83 Pointed front of a two-wheeler?

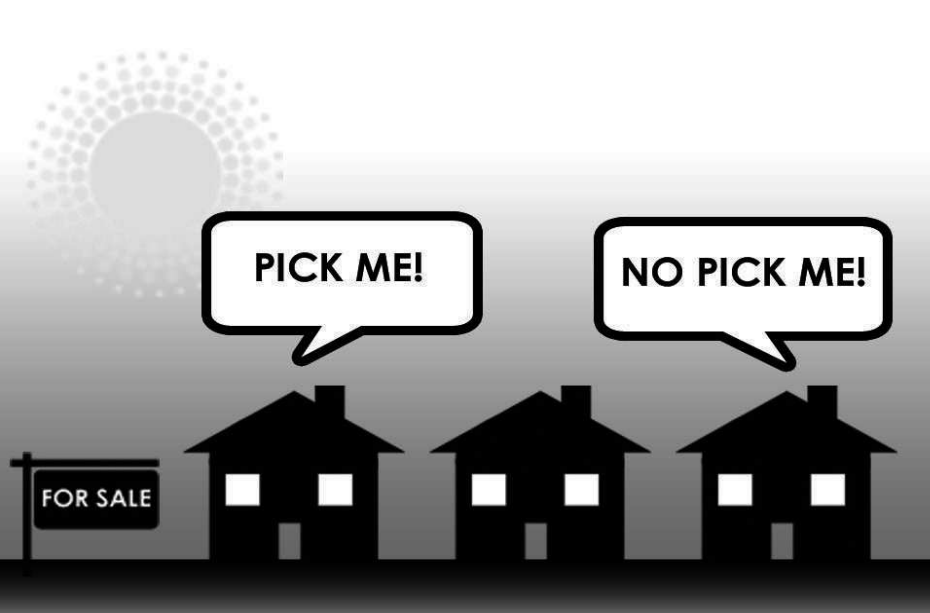
- 85 Jai \_\_\_
- 86 Deserve
- 87 Browns
- 88 Cheers
- 90 Slightly burned
- 94 Was in charge of
- 95 Insect stage after larva
- 99 Morning morsel
- 101 "Got me"
- 103 Ear problem
- 105 Sound of Crosby's doorbell?
- 109 Collection of yokels?
- 112 Kuwait, for one
- 113 How a team should work
- 114 "Love Story" co-star
- 115 Timeline divisions
- 116 Reddish-brown horses
- 117 Like some mythology
- 118 Malevolent beings
- 119 From Aconcagua, say
- 120 Lamb piece
- DOWN**
- 1 Parting words
- 2 Look over
- 3 "Am I crazy?"

- 4 Merman, notably
- 5 Museum
- 6 Folkwang city
- 6 Normal opening?
- 7 Stands guard, perhaps
- 8 One may be deviated
- 9 Disney dwarf
- 10 Played loudly
- 11 Although
- 12 Entr'\_\_\_
- 13 Costumed kid's hope
- 14 "Pretty Woman" genre, briefly
- 15 Blissful
- 16 Broadway souvenir
- 17 Songwriter Amos
- 19 Bldg. with stacks
- 21 Rebellious Turner
- 26 Singer Lionel
- 27 NBAers' game
- 30 RSVP
- 34 Word seen in brackets
- 35 Trying
- 37 See 69-Down
- 39 Comedian Jay
- 40 Draft status
- 41 Sail support
- 42 Short review?

- 43 H.S. exams
- 45 Crack filler
- 47 Gala
- 48 Letters before an online view
- 49 Krypton relative
- 50 Word after sky or powder
- 51 Grill partner
- 52 Sea witch in "The Little Mermaid"
- 53 Frat letters
- 56 Bakery array
- 60 49-Down, for example
- 61 Braver
- 63 Part of an act
- 65 Southern Slavs
- 66 Zinger
- 67 Connecticut town for which a disease is named
- 68 Et \_\_\_
- 69 With 37-Down, Bonnie and Clyde
- 70 Ex-boxer Laila
- 72 Litter reactions
- 73 Reduced
- 74 Auction site
- 75 \_\_\_ warning
- 76 Like much history

- 78 Steve's sidekick in "Hawaii Five-O"
- 79 Washington's mount?
- 81 About 2.2 pounds
- 82 "\_\_\_ it on!"
- 84 Kipling python
- 89 Domingo predecessor
- 91 Martini with an onion
- 92 Einstein's second son
- 93 Reserved
- 95 Some uprights
- 96 Says
- 97 Web image-viewing software
- 98 Scarlett's love
- 100 On a scale of one \_\_\_
- 102 Sleep problem
- 104 Beef cut
- 105 Flower place
- 106 Wrote online, briefly
- 107 Pleasing
- 108 Storied loch
- 110 Potter's oven
- 111 "\_\_\_ a Wonderful Life"
- 113 Botanist Gray

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# HOROSCOPE

## Jeraldine Saunders

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Concentrate on actively achieving your objectives in the week to come. Enlist the aid of those who can help you attain your goals. Key connections may sweep you along as they climb the ladder of success.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Your talent lies in handling joint resources fearlessly in the week ahead. Although you could be under the gun to meet deadlines during the first half of the week, you still have time to analyze finances.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Thoughts become things, so be sure to choose the good ones. In the week to come, you could find that frustrated ambitions tend to dampen your spirits. Don't make business decisions until after midweek.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Like a jazz musician, you might be better off improvising. During the first half of the week, however, you should stick to the score. A partner or companion could expect you to act like a conformist.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Meet someone in a demilitarized zone where you can kiss and make up. In the first half of the week, your ambitions or business strategies can rub people the wrong way. Be sure to carry a white flag.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Although you are highly ambitious, you are also ethical. By sticking to the rules and honoring conventions, you can impress others with your loyalty in the week ahead. Put some money away for a rainy day.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Put the brakes on. Although the holiday ads seem to say, "Buy! Buy! Buy!", your survival instincts and desire for self-preservation say, "Save! Save! Save!" Get a lot for very little in the week to come.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You have a passionate interest in keeping that special someone totally yours. Although there may be little time to hold hands or snuggle in the week to come, you and a partner aren't tempted to stray.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You may believe you are living in the moment. Although you think you are oblivious to distractions in the week to come, the moment you live in may include more input than you can handle.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Ambitions could get the best of you. There seems no way to leave work early during the first half of the week. Shopping expeditions or short trips will generate happy experiences and merry moods.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Shuffle the cards before you place the bet. Your chief thoughts vibrate with a frequency that automatically determines what happens in the upcoming week. Your demeanor affects an outcome.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Formality places a hex on the fun. You have a powerful urge to form permanent relationships or show affection, but may find that business or work gets in the way of romance during the first half of the week.

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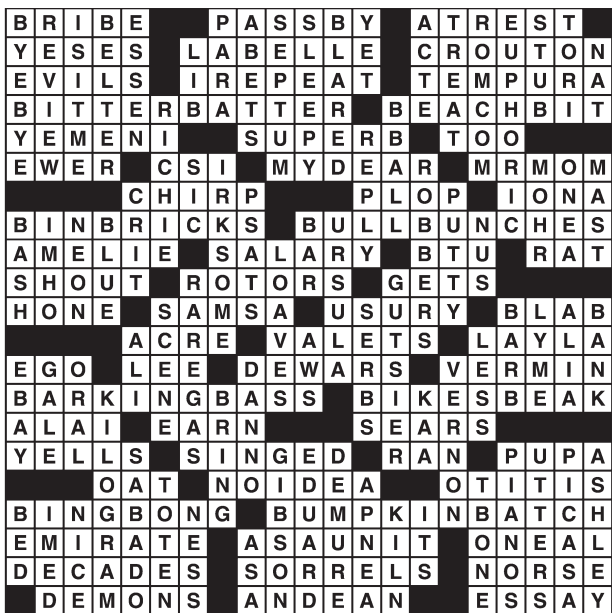
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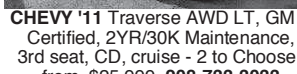
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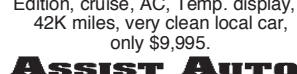
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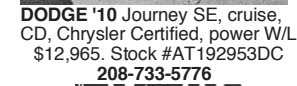
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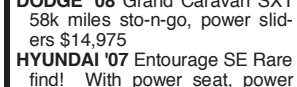


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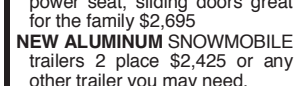


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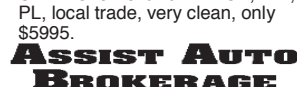
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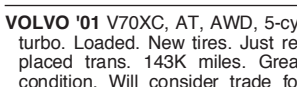
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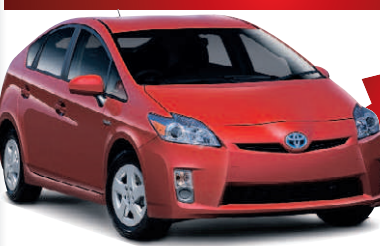


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College of Southern Idaho basketball player Kevin Attila spins a basketball Sept. 19 for Horizon Elementary School students in Jerome.

No, you probably won't eat like these athletes do. But take a look at their tailored, high-performance diets — and giving up soda might not seem so hard after all.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN  
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Catch Kevin Attila at the Student Union Building, and he might be snacking on almonds or finishing a bowl of oatmeal.

Over the summer, the sophomore guard for the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team realized how important diet is for his training. Since then, he's dropped weight and become lighter and more agile on the court, said assistant coach Ryan Devlin.

For athletes, body builders and other fitness buffs, high-performance diets mean more than watching calorie intake. Every bite counts, whether it's lean protein for building muscle or the right kind of carbohydrates for energy.

At the beginning of summer, Attila decided he wanted to lose about 15 pounds. He signed up for personal training sessions at Johnny's Fitclub Fitness in Boise.

There, a personal trainer helped him develop a strict, high-performance diet tailored for his particular needs: oatmeal, four egg whites, a yolk and a glass of 1 percent milk for breakfast; a sandwich with wheat bread and extra turkey for lunch; almonds and protein shakes for snacks; and a grilled chicken breast with broccoli and brown rice for dinner.

"That was my diet every single day," Attila said. After one month, Attila reached his goal weight. His performance improved, and Devlin noticed.

"I'll be dead honest with you. His shots are better. His footwork's better. He's so much quicker on the court," Devlin said. "He's a helluva player."

Attila eats a bit more now that he's trying to maintain his weight, but he's still strict about what goes on his plate.

CSI basketball players aren't required to adhere to a strict diet, said women's head coach Randy Rogers. Part of the reason, Devlin said, is the team doesn't have resources for dieticians or trainers, like Boise State or University of Idaho do.

Another factor: The entire women's team lives in the dorms, Rogers said, and relies on cafeteria food. He can encourage the players to stay away from pizza and burgers but can't force them.

"For the most part they do (listen), and most don't drink pop anyway," he said.

Student athletes aren't the only ones who treat food as precision fueling. Twin Falls fitness model, personal trainer and figure competitor Geri Helm eats according to a calibrated formula, too.

Figure competitors are comparable to body builders, with a bigger emphasis on muscle tone instead of size. That means staying slender so judges can see their muscles.

Figure competitions take place between April and October. During that time, Helm sticks to a strict diet before performances.

"To give you enough time to get you into the right physical condition, you need a minimum of 12 weeks," she said. In that time, her diet consists of lean protein, complex carbohydrates and healthy fats. She stays away from simple starches like pasta and potatoes and avoids alcohol and sugar.

Helm has always eaten healthy, so this isn't a huge shift for her. Still, "sometimes it is a little tough," she said. Cravings can get bad when she strays from her regimen or isn't getting enough nutrients.

YMCA fitness director and triathlete Eric Snow watches his diet while training for triathlons, consuming plenty of complex carbs, protein and healthy fats. He pays even more attention the week leading up to a race.

"Right before it, like the week of, you're probably going to include some additional carbohydrates in your diet, cutting down on the amount of protein and the amount of fiber in your diet," he said.

Like Helm, he sometimes gets cravings, but said it's natural. And the dietary restrictions are worth it.

"It's more than just having a specific diet during the training season," he said. "For me personally, it's more of a lifestyle thing."



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS

Joe Hernandez, 64, hangs out along Rock Creek Canyon Parkway on Nov. 10 in Twin Falls. Ride a bicycle or walk a dog along the canyon-bottom trail, and you're likely to spot Hernandez on a bench with a beer.

Canyon Tales

Both naturally scenic and grittily industrial, Rock Creek Canyon's two-mile trail is the province of joggers, dog walkers, homeless campers — and a man with a beer can and a backpack.

BY ANDREW WEEKS  
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Joe Hernandez leaned his elbows on a picnic table in the Rock Creek Canyon Parkway and lifted his beer for another swallow. It was an overcast November afternoon, and the last of the leaves were still falling from the trees.

He'd watched those trees bud in the spring and saw Twin Falls folks relax under their shade all summer.

The Twin Falls man, dubbed Indian Joe by some of Rock Creek Canyon's regulars, has frequented the canyon during the past 14 years since the city developed the parkway.

Often spending hours at a time under the trees, Hernandez is a staple of this two-mile trail in the scenic rift that lies between Addison Avenue West and Shoshone Street West — an observer of the people who walk its paved trail, bicycle its hidden hills, or fish its creek. Bed-

ding, old campfires and scattered dishes in a few hidden spots near the trail suggest that people live in the canyon during warmer months.

But this time of year, daytime users populate Rock Creek Canyon. They like its seclusion and scenery.

Hernandez has seen some of the trees grow tall over the years. He pointed to one, its denuded branches protruding from its thick trunk like a punk rocker's spiked hairdo. A few weeks and many cans of beer earlier, it was covered in leaves.



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On Dec. 1, Twin Falls animal shelter volunteer Tony Byrd walks a black Lab he affectionately named No. 30 after its kennel number. Byrd chooses the Rock Creek Canyon Parkway to avoid traffic and enjoy some scenic solitude.



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Sarah Barker takes a break from her Dec. 1 walk to talk about what she likes about Rock Creek Canyon: the industrial feel of factories on the rim.

"I like the canyon because it's quiet and

there's rarely anyone ever here."

Sarah Barker

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If you think Rock Creek Canyon is a park that's accessed just west of the old hospital on Addison Avenue West, you're only partially right.

As Rock Creek cuts across the south and west sides of town, a canyon-bottom trail stretches from Maxwell Avenue to Blake Street. Hernandez's canyon hangout is on the south side of Addison. It's often overlooked, because all that passers-by see from the road are thick trees and a nearby sewer plant.

To find the nearest trailhead, drive to the south end of Blake Street and look for a small parking area to the west. Another access point is near the railroad tracks off Shoshone Street South and Maxwell Avenue.

There are, in fact, four access points for the Maxwell-to-Blake stretch of city-owned parkway, said Dennis Bowyer, director of the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department.

The city has owned 46 acres inside the canyon since 1978 but developed the paved pathway only in 1997, building the trail over new sewer lines. The city also installed park benches, picnic tables and trash receptacles. "There's even a little bit of a sprinkler system in there," Bowyer said.

Despite the city's efforts to make this a pleasant place for users, its privacy is both a boon and a burden.

"The good thing about the parkway is that it is secluded," he said. "But that could also present some problems."

Usually there aren't many reports of crime in the canyon, said Luke Allen, crime prevention officer with the Twin Falls Police Department, but more calls come in during summer. "We might find someone shooting at rock chucks down there or something like that," he said. And graffiti is a problem.

Please see ROCK CREEK, XX



# 2011 Gift Guide: Cameras

BY DAVID PIERCE  
*Special to The Washington Post*

## The Best Digital Cameras:

**GENERAL ELECTRIC J1470S, \$120**  
**Pros:** Easy to use. Good image and video quality. 7x zoom.  
**Cons:** Body feels a little cheap. Not much manual control.

**Ideal for:** Taking photos for Facebook  
You don't have to break the bank to get a good, basic camera. The J1470S doesn't do everything, but it takes good photos, has 7x zoom and is extremely simple to use.

**CANON POWERSHOT ELPH 310 HS, \$230**  
**Pros:** Very small. Fast, simple to use. 8x zoom.  
**Cons:** Videorecording isn't stellar. You'll need the flash in low light.  
**Ideal for:** The everyday photographer

The 310 HS doesn't wow with any features or special quality, but it is a terrific point-and-shoot for almost every need. It shoots great photos and good video, and even offers 8x zoom.

**CASIO EXILIM EX-H20G, \$250**  
**Pros:** Fantastic GPS performance. Good pictures and video.  
**Cons:** It's a hefty camera. GPS is a battery drain.  
**Ideal for:** The world traveler

The H20G's GPS lets you tag where you were when you took a photo and plot your photos on a map when you're done. It even tracks you indoors. The camera's almost a year old, but its GPS is still top-notch, and the rest of its performance is solid, too.

**PENTAX OPTIO WG-1, \$300**  
**Pros:** Can withstand water, sand, dust and drops. Lights



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*Clockwise from top left, General Electric J1470S, Pentax Optio WG-1, Canon PowerShot Elph 310 HS, Sony NEX-C3, Olympus PEN E-PM1 and Nikon D7000.*

around the lens make close-ups look great.  
**Cons:** Expensive. Rugged body is a little hard to operate.

**Ideal for:** The beach bum  
Cameras are usually delicate beings, but not the WG-1. This shooter can be thrown in the water or the sand and take great pictures and video the whole time. It's a perfect camera for the beach or the pool, or if you've got kids with slippery fingers.

**NIKON COOLPIX S9100, \$330**  
**Pros:** Long, 18x zoom. Great performance in low light. Big, beautiful LCD on back.  
**Cons:** Menu is hard to navigate. A little large for a point-and-shoot.

**Ideal for:** Photographing the game from the sidelines (or the stands).  
Nikon packed 18x optical zoom inside the S9100, which means it will get you closer to the action no matter where you're watching from. It's also an excellent video camera, recording 1080p video that will look great on TV.

**CANON POWERSHOT S100, \$429**  
**Pros:** Really small. Bigger sensor means better images than most point-and-shoots. Fast.  
**Cons:** Expensive for a compact camera. Only 5x

zoom.  
**Ideal for:** Capturing the party  
If your loved ones want a camera that's simple and fits in a pocket, look no further than the S100. It takes much better photos than most point-and-shoots, especially in poor lighting.

**OLYMPUS PEN E-PM1, \$500**  
**Pros:** Great images, in a small body. Lots of lenses available.  
**Cons:** Still much larger than a point-and-shoot. Not quite DSLR-quality images or video.

**Ideal for:** Those too serious for a point-and-shoot but not ready for a DSLR  
The E-PM1 uses the Micro Four Thirds standard, which promises better images from smaller cameras, and it delivers. It takes excellent photos and has a variety of available lenses, so it can be used in almost any situation.

**SONY NEX-C3, \$650**  
**Pros:** Small body, but still multiple lens options. Huge, DSLR-size image sensor.  
**Cons:** Not a lot of manual controls. No viewfinder, so you'll need the LCD all the time.

**Ideal for:** Pretending you're a pro, without the price tag.  
Sony figured out how to put a huge image sensor into the NEX-C3's tiny body,

which means you'll get excellent images without having to lug around a DSLR. Plus, it's much more affordable than most DSLRs.

**NIKON D7000, \$1,000**  
**Pros:** Lots of manual controls. Fast, and produces excellent images. Huge line of lenses means there's nothing you can't shoot.  
**Cons:** Controls can be confusing for new DSLR users. It's big.  
**Ideal for:** A first DSLR.  
For the serious amateur, a midrange DSLR such as the D7000 is a perfect fit. It won't break the bank, but it still delivers stunning images and the full range of DSLR controls and performance.

**CANON EOS 5D-MARK II, \$2,500**  
**Pros:** Unparalleled image and video quality. Fast, versatile and powerful.  
**Cons:** Complex to use. Big and bulky.

**Ideal for:** Professionals, and those who would like to be  
The 5D is a high-end DSLR, and is as good and fast a camera as you can buy. It shoots gorgeous images and beautiful video, all at blistering speeds, while giving you lots of control over every aspect of the operation. This camera is not for the uninitiated, but it's as good as you'll find for less than the price of a car.

## STORK REPORT

### St. Luke's Jerome

**Kansas Nicole Thacker**, daughter of Krysten and Bostin Thacker of Jerome, was born Nov. 29, 2011.

### St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

**Jenika Marion Egbert**, daughter of Sharla Rae Neal of Kimberly, was born Nov. 23, 2011.  
**Teagan Reese Jones**, daughter of Amber Marie Mason and Daniel Claude Jones of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 26, 2011.  
**Sawyer Daniel John Heuvel**, son of Danielle Elizabeth and Nathan John Heuvel of Kimberly, was born Nov. 29, 2011.  
**Collen Eugene Close**, son of Jami Marie and Edwin Ruffin Close of Kimberly, was born Nov. 29, 2011.  
**Jessalynn Raye Steiner**, daughter of Elizabeth Marie and Brandin Ray Steiner of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 29, 2011.  
**Gisel Sotelo**, daughter of Maria Guadalupe and Martin Eduardo Sotelo of Jerome, was born Nov. 30, 2011.  
**Isabella May Gonzalez**, daughter of Tiffany Ann Dyer and Manuel Gonzalez of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 30, 2011.  
**Dylan James Dean Shurtz**, son of Brandy Lee Cochran and Saunder Ray Shurtz of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 30, 2011.  
**Ayva Taylyne Hance**, daughter of Kristina Rae Hughes of Jerome, was born Nov. 30, 2011.  
**Atticus Bailey Cash Johnson**, son of Nichole Danielle Bell and Broc Thomas Johnson of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 1, 2011.

**Jacob Henry Seamons**, son of Jennifer Rae and Dennis Garth Seamons of Gooding, was born Dec. 1, 2011.  
**Kami Addison Roberts**, daughter of Melissa Rae Garnett and Jake Russell Roberts of Jerome, was born Dec. 1, 2011.  
**Crue John Smith**, son of Alisha Ann and Zachary John Smith of Kimberly, was born Dec. 1, 2011.  
**Kendra Lynn Stark**, daughter of Brandi Michelle and James Ambrose Stark of Hansen, was born Dec. 1, 2011.  
**Colton Wade Aldrich**, son of Nikki Sue and Kelly Shane Aldrich of Buhl, was born Dec. 2, 2011.  
**Kailani Arcadia Alvarado**, daughter of Ashley Nicole Alvarado and Jesus Bautista of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 2, 2011.  
**Ethan Maclaren Elfe**, son of Casey Ann and Kyle Scott Elfe of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 2, 2011.  
**Alisha Tamang**, daughter of Deo Maya Khadka and Ajay Tamang of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 2, 2011.  
**Ashley Nicola Moncaola Lopez**, daughter of Xyesenia Lopez and Jesus Moncaola of Jerome, was born Dec. 2, 2011.  
**Tiffany Kate Redger**, daughter of Julie Antoinette and James Howard Redger of Buhl, was born Dec. 2, 2011.  
**Case Jackson Visser**, son of Desiree Anne and Ryan Jared Visser of Jerome, was born Dec. 2, 2011.  
**Nana Kwame Owusu Asamoah**, son of Ama Kyerewaa Darjwa and Stephen Owusu Asamoah of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 2, 2011.  
**Alexandra Torres Tellez**, daughter of Eduvijes and Marco Antonio Torres of Wendell, was born Dec. 4, 2011.  
**Layla Sviana Tovar**, daughter of Ana Maria Soto and Juan Abel Tovar of Buhl, was born Dec. 5, 2011.

## NEXT WEEK

### 'Future of a Forgotten People'

In the next installment of our special series, reporter Melissa Davlin examines health issues among Twin Falls' Bhutanese refugees. Next Sunday in People

## 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. Monday through Friday. For lunch take-out, 11 a.m. to noon daily: 734-5084.

**Monday:** Cook's choice  
**Tuesday:** Baked potato bar  
**Wednesday:** Baked ham  
**Thursday:** Chicken a la king  
**Friday:** Sloppy Joe with chips

**Monday:** Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon  
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Bridge, 1 p.m.  
Tai Chi, 1 p.m.  
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Ticket Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.  
Painting class, 6 p.m.  
Pinochle, 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon  
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.  
Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.  
Pinochle, 7 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, noon

### West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. 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:** Dinner, 1 p.m.; pork roast

**Monday:** Tomato soup  
**Tuesday:** Ham and beans  
**Wednesday:** Chicken a la king  
**Thursday:** Herb-roasted whole chicken

**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo at 7 p.m.; minimum cost is \$9; public welcome  
**Thursday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Blood pressure checks, 11:45 a.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.

**Tuesday:** Hot turkey sandwich  
**Wednesday:** Shepherd's pie  
**Thursday:** Pork chops

**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:** Hot roast beef sandwiches  
**Tuesday:** Beef stroganoff

with noodles  
**Wednesday:** Potato soup  
**Thursday:** Spaghetti

**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. and 1 p.m.  
Pinochle at Gooding, 1:30 p.m.  
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m.  
Board meeting, 1 p.m.  
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Morning out, 9 a.m.  
Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Fiddlers  
Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** Duplicate bridge, 1 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:** Swiss steak  
**Wednesday:** Baked chicken  
**Friday:** Roast pork

**Tuesday:** Bingo, early bird, 6:45 p.m.; cash prizes  
**Friday:** Foot clinic, \$5; bring a towel; appointments required

### 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:** Barbecue

**Tuesday:** Oven-baked chicken  
**Wednesday:** Swedish meatballs over potatoes  
**Thursday:** Hash brown casserole  
**Friday:** Spaghetti with meat sauce

**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.  
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.  
Bunco, 12:45 p.m.  
Free massages, 1 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Energy assistance, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Crafts and things, 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.  
YogaStretch, 5:20 p.m.  
Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
Zumba, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday:** YogaStretch, 10:30 a.m.  
SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m.  
**Friday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Crafts and things, 1 p.m.  
Women's pool, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.

### Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.00, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. 825-5662.

**Tuesday:** Clam chowder  
**Wednesday:** Men's Bible study, breakfast, 7 a.m.  
Bingo, 6:30 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Ham (Christmas dinner)

### Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

**Monday:** Meatloaf  
**Thursday:** Ham sandwich

### 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:** Beef stew  
**Wednesday:** Tuna fish sandwich  
**Friday:** Baked potato bar

**Tuesday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Bingo  
**Wednesday:** Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m.  
**Friday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Bingo  
**Saturday:** Pancake breakfast

### Camas County Senior Center

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:** Beef stew  
**Wednesday:** Stuffed bell peppers  
**Friday:** Pork ribs

### Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors. 788-3468.

**Monday:** Grilled Reuben sandwich  
**Tuesday:** Maple glazed ham  
**Wednesday:** Salisbury steak  
**Thursday:** Italian chicken breast  
**Friday:** Barbecue chicken sandwich

**Monday:** Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 11 a.m.  
Dinner at Zou 75  
Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Blood pressure checks, 12:30 p.m.  
Bingo, 1 p.m.  
Weight Watchers, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m.  
Little River Preschool Christmas program, 12:30 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Movie, 1 p.m.  
**Friday:** Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m.

### Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, children 10 and younger; \$4.50, home delivery. 436-9107.

**Monday:** Chicken noodle soup  
**Tuesday:** Pork chops  
**Wednesday:** Spaghetti  
**Thursday:** Cheeseburger  
**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:** Freezer day  
**Tuesday:** Chili  
**Wednesday:** Turkey dinner  
**Thursday:** German pancakes  
**Friday:** Chicken roll-ups

**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.



# Book Aims to Help Kids Cope with Loss of a Pet

**BY DAVID SHARP**  
*Associated Press*

**PORTLAND, Maine** • First there was Marley, the rambunctious Labrador retriever whose death brought readers to tears in John Grogan’s “Marley and Me.” Now there’s Sammy, a mixed-breed hound who’s the subject of another tearjerker, a children’s book, “Sammy in the Sky.”

When her beloved hound dog died, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Barbara Walsh watched her young daughters tearfully struggle with their loss and with tough questions. Walsh quickly realized there was a story to be told, one that she hopes will help other families deal with the loss of a pet.

But it wasn’t easy getting the book published, even after Walsh enlisted celebrated American artist Jamie Wyeth to fill the pages with illustrations in watercolor, acrylic and pencil.

Book agents and publishers were squeamish about the subject matter, yet Walsh and Wyeth didn’t want to sugarcoat the pain and sorrow that unfolds in “Sammy in the Sky.”

“Agents didn’t want to go near this book. They said, ‘It’s too sad, it’s too real,’” Walsh recalled.

“That’s my point. There’s nothing else like this out there.”

Sammy, a mixed-breed

hound, became the family’s first pet, purchased from a dog pound for \$30 by Walsh’s husband, Eric Conrad, while they were living in Florida. Sammy became a cherished family member, earning Eric’s oft-repeated moniker, “the best hound dog in the world.”

The hound showed love and patience. He licked Emma’s cheeks when Barbara and Eric brought her home from the hospital. He slept next to her crib.

“She’d play doctor and wrap him in bandages and put bonnets on his head. He would just sit there. She used to sleep on him. He was her pillow,” Walsh said. “He was this amazing, gentle hound who looked after her. And she considered him to be her best friend.”

As pet owners know, all good things must come to an end. The family, by now living in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, discovered a lump on Sammy, and he was diagnosed with cancer at age 12. The girls were told to enjoy their time with him, because it was drawing short. On the night he died at home, Emma echoed her father’s words: “You’re the best hound dog in the whole wide world.”

Emma was 5, and Nora was 3.

After the tears dried, Emma kept asking her parents why did Sammy have to leave, and where did his spirit go. She would run in-



**Artist Jamie Wyeth and writer Barbara Walsh collaborated on the new children’s book ‘Sammy in the Sky,’ a story about how one family coped with the death of a beloved family pet.**

side after school and holler out Sammy’s name, forgetting the hound was gone. Nora sometimes got angry, shaking her fist at the sky and ordering Sammy to come back down to earth. She wondered aloud if there were a ladder long enough to reach the sky, so she could go see him.

Walsh began taking notes of the heartbreaking emo-

tions.

Wyeth said he liked Walsh’s story because it was real. “It’s not cute. It’s not sweet. It’d kind of edgy,” said Wyeth, whose works are on display at the National Gallery of Art, John F. Kennedy Library and the Museum of Modern Art, as well as the Farnsworth Museum in Rockland and Brandywine

River Museum in Chadds Ford, Pa.

Like Walsh, Wyeth is a dog lover.

The artist — son and grandson of renowned painters Andrew Wyeth and N.C. Wyeth — has been surrounded by dogs and farm animals since he was a boy; “Portrait of a Pig” is among his best-known works. He currently has

three dogs — Wiley, Iggy and Voler — who spend the summer with him on the coast of Maine.

“Dogs are more important to me than people, actually,” Wyeth said. “The death of a dog wrecks me more than the death of a person, which is probably not a very nice thing to say. I just think of them as total equals, if not superiors.”

## DOWN SYNDROME IS FOCUS OF NEW BLOOD TEST FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

**BY BLYTHE BERNHARD**  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

A new blood test for pregnant women that can reliably detect Down syndrome in a fetus has raised concerns about the ethical implications of making that information safer and easier to obtain.

The test is more accurate than the blood and ultrasound screenings currently used to gauge the chance that a baby will be born with the syndrome. And it’s safer than invasive tests of the amniotic fluid that carry a small risk of miscarriage.

But families and advocates worry that if the blood test becomes widely used, fewer children with Down syndrome will be born. Studies have shown as many as nine out of 10 pregnancies with a Down syndrome diagnosis end in abortion.

The new blood test, MaterniT21 from the California company Sequenom, checks the fetal DNA present in the mother’s blood for the extra copy of the 21st chromosome that causes the most common form of Down syndrome.

It can be administered as early as 10 weeks into the pregnancy with 99 percent accuracy.

So far, the test has been studied in women at higher risk of delivering a baby with Down syndrome — mothers whose initial screenings were abnormal, who have a family history or are older than 35. About 750,000 pregnancies a year fall into that category, the company estimates.

The blood test is expected to further reduce the number of women who undergo amniocentesis to confirm a Down syndrome diagnosis. Most women already decide against the invasive test, which requires the extraction of amniotic fluid from the uterus, in part because of an estimated 1 in 500 chance of miscarriage.

“Women who are not really interested in invasive testing, many of them would want to go for this (new) test,” said Dr. Anthony Odibo, who specializes in fetal care at Washington University in St. Louis. “For many of them it’s really for preparation. Especially here



**Dawson and Landon Lawrence play in their home in Imperial, Mo. The family knew that Dawson would be born with Down syndrome after a blood test during pregnancy revealed the condition.**

in the Midwest, just knowing does not mean you’re going to terminate.”

The blood test is available in 20 cities and is expected to cost up to \$235 out of pocket for women with insurance. Results can be expected in eight to 10 days. Unlike amniocentesis, the test does not screen for other fetal abnormalities including spina bifida and more rare forms of Down syndrome.

Company executives said they don’t expect the test to have a significant impact on the birth rate for babies with Down syndrome.

“All that this test does is to provide a safer alternative to the information that is already available to a woman,” Dr. Mathias Ehrlich, senior director of research and development at Sequenom. “They can take that information with their doctor into consideration, to make appropriate decisions for their family.”

About 1 in 691 babies is born with Down syndrome, which is marked by mild to moderate intellectual disabilities, developmental delays and distinctive facial

features. Half of the babies also have heart defects that usually require surgery. Children and adults can experience vision, hearing and speech impairments, thyroid problems and respiratory difficulties. People with Down syndrome can expect to live into their 50s, doctors said.

It’s estimated that 400,000 Americans have Down syndrome. Early intervention and therapy has improved their health and opportunities to attend mainstream classrooms, work and live independently, advocates say.

Families of children with Down syndrome said they fear that widespread use of the new test will lead to more abortions, creating a smaller community with fewer resources.

The results of the test should be accompanied by educational information and referrals to support groups so parents can make informed decisions, said Christy Klaus, family support coordinator for the Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis.

Klaus added that more

than 250 U.S. and Canadian families are on a waiting list at the National Down Syndrome Adoption Network.

In a survey of more than 2,000 parents of children with Down syndrome, 99 percent said they loved their child and 4 percent regretted having the child, according to results published in the American Journal of Medical Genetics.

Parents of children with Down syndrome were careful not to depict an overly sunny experience. There are medical, social and educational challenges that require extra time and money.

But people should know there are more similarities than differences among all children, said Linda Kronmiller, education coordinator for the local Down Syndrome Association.

“He’s just like every other human being with a range of emotions,” Kronmiller said, speaking of her 14-year-old son Eric. “If you saw him walking through the school, you wouldn’t notice.”

## How to Fight Adult Acne

**BY ALISON JOHNSON**  
*Daily Press (Newport News, Va.)*

Pimples that pop up long past the teenage years are just, well, unfair. “Hormonal changes and using the wrong skin care products are common causes,” says Dr. Melissa Schwarzschild, a dermatologist in Virginia. But you can fight back:

**Wash your face every night.** Oil, dirt and sweat build up in skin pores and can lead to pimples. That’s true for women — especially those who wear make-up — and men, who naturally produce more oil. Also aim to shower soon after exercise.

**Exfoliate regularly.** Remove dead skin cells at the skin’s outermost surface once or twice a week. Use a low-strength glycolic acid or mild facial scrub.

**Buy “non-comedogenic” skin care products.** These lotions, cleansers, cosmetics, soaps and sunscreens are formulated not to block pores and trap in oil. “Water-based” and “oil free” are other good words

to look for on labels.

**Try to balance out hormones.** Just before menstruation, a woman’s estrogen levels decrease and the hormone progesterone becomes dominant, which can trigger breakouts. Several types of birth control pills can make a difference.

**Manage rosacea.** This facial skin condition, marked by redness from broken blood vessels, is the most common cause of adult acne. Sun, heat, alcohol and spicy foods can trigger flare-ups, as can not wearing sunscreen daily. A dermatologist also can help with treatment.

**Touch your face less often.** Your hands pick up bacteria and dirt throughout the day — no matter how often you wash up — which you can transfer to skin on your face.

**Control stress.** Anxiety increases the hormone cortisol, which in turn triggers sweat glands in your face to produce more oil. Get enough sleep, exercise regularly, eat well, drink lots of water and find ways to relax.

## Why Turn Off Electronic Devices?

**BY MARY BETH BRECKENRIDGE**  
*Akron Beacon Journal*

**Question:** Is it better, or cheaper, to turn the lights and TV off or leave them on when leaving the room for a few minutes? Isn’t it more costly, at some point, to get things fired up again?

**Answer:** The re-energization required to turn on lights and other electrical devices is so insignificant that it adds almost nothing to the energy draw, said Tom Reddoch, executive director of energy uti-

lization for the Electric Power Research Institute. You’ll always save energy by turning them off, even for short periods, he said.

However, Reddoch noted that in the case of compact fluorescent lights, the money you save in energy use could be offset by a shorter bulb life. Research shows that the more a CFL is turned off and on, the shorter its life becomes.

The U.S. Energy Star program recommends leaving a CFL on for at least 15 minutes at a time to prevent shortening its lifespan significantly.

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## Pulled Over? Go Ahead, Find Somewhere Lit

If you are getting pulled over in a dark area but are unsure if the car is really a police car and do not have a phone on you, what is the proper way of leading an officer to a lighted spot without getting yourself in more trouble?

— Shannon

The first thing you'll want to do is drive as fast as you can to a lighted area and make sure to jump out waving at the officer. Alright, just fooling, you should just run back to the police car as quick as you can.

OK, I'll stop with the bad advice joke answers and get to the real answer. If you are in a dark area there is nothing wrong, with finding a well-lit area to stop if one is available nearby. I don't suggest that you drive for miles to find one, but if you can't find a good area with light then try to find one that is clearly visible to other traffic.

You need to pull over to the right side of the road that you are on. If that side is a dangerous place to stop, then driving to a safe area should make sense to the officer making the stop. I will say that most officers don't try to purposely light somebody up in areas they don't believe would be safe to stop unless there is a greater need to stop that vehicle immediately.

Another thing you could do would be to use a hand signal such as waving (with all fingers) to acknowledge that you are aware of the police behind you. You could even try to point ahead so that the officer might know you are looking for a place to stop.

Once you stop, remain in your vehicle and keep your window rolled up until the officer gets to your window. Also, don't make any actions inside the car that would make it appear that you might be reaching for a gun instead of the car's information.



If the officer is not in uniform, you can demand to see identification. If the officer does not want to show you or can't show you any identification then I (my opinion here) would drive off in a safe manner and find the nearest police department. The reason I say this is because undercover officers will have their badge with them if they make a stop, or will have a uniformed officer make the stop for them to avoid dangerous scenarios. To any officers out there making stops without proper identification: knock it off.

I should mention that the longer you take to stop, the more it may concern the officer. This could be revealed when they approach and could lead to an agitated explanation of why you should have stopped sooner. If you simply explain your reason the officer hopefully might understand.

Finally, get a cellphone. Even if you don't have a plan, the cellphone can still be used to dial 911. This could reveal the difference between a valid stop and an impersonated stop.

### Officer Down

Please put this officer, killed in the line of duty, and his family in your prayers. God bless this hero.

• Chief of Police Jerry Hicks, Leadwood Police, Mo.

He fought the good fight, now may he rest in peace.

Email your questions to [policemandan@yahoo.com](mailto:policemandan@yahoo.com) or look for Ask Policemandan on Facebook.

Dan Bristol is the Heyburn Chief of Police.

## EAST MINICO STUDENTS SEND SUPPLIES TO AFRICA



Students at East Minico Middle School in Rupert hope to help impoverished students in Africa by sending them school supplies.

The students in teacher Deborah Roundy's Eastern Hemisphere class wrapped

up their study of Africa by bagging school supplies that will be sent there, along with other places in the world where students are in need of supplies. Items gathered pencils, colored pencils, scissors and other supplies to send.



COURTESY PHOTOS

(ABOVE) East Minico Middle School student Mariah, student aide Kiara, and students Rafi and Lizzy show bags filled with pencils, colored pencils, scissors and other supplies that will be sent from the Rupert school to school children in Africa. (LEFT) Students Zack, Daniel, student aide Kiara, and students Kali and Carmen bag school supplies to send overseas from Deborah Roundy's class at East Minico Middle School in Rupert.

## Wendell High Christmas Tree Lighting Nears

Angels Among Us, the senior project of Wendell High School student Micaela Revels, will hold a Christmas tree lighting at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16 at Wendell City Hall.

For \$3, the public can buy an ornament on the tree with the name of a loved one on it. All money

will go to a Magic Valley Bank account to help a family purchase a headstone for a deceased child.

The public is encouraged to attend the lighting, during which refreshments will be served.

Information: Dwain Demaray, 934-4406 or Revels, 536-5205.

## CSI SUN VALLEY SKI DAY NEARS

The College of Southern Idaho will hold its Sun Valley Ski Day on Dec. 17.

CSI students, staff and the public are encouraged to sign up early. The first 50 students to sign up will receive a special rate of \$16 for transportation and lift tickets. After the first 50, the student

rate will be \$26. The cost for CSI faculty, staff, and the public is \$60.

The bus will leave CSI's Taylor Building at 7 a.m. Dec. 17 and return at 6 p.m.

To register, visit the CSI Student Recreation Center. Information: Ted Keyes, 732-6697 or [tkeyes@csi.edu](mailto:tkeyes@csi.edu).

## Thoele 30th at National Cisco Competition

College of Southern Idaho Network Systems Technician student Korey Thoele finished 30th in a national information technology and networking competition held last Friday.

Thoele qualified for the Cisco NetRiders IT Skills Challenge, an international competition involving more than 10,000 students, after being ranked



Thoele

first among Idaho participants in a qualifying competition. In the online event, he competed for national honors in a series of exams and simulation activities.

The top four students in the national competition won a one-week trip to San Jose in January to learn more about Cisco networking and information technology.

## Santa's Next Stop? Paul

Santa will head to Paul this week, making an appearance in town on Saturday.

West End Fire and Rescue will carry Santa around town on a fire truck, while he passes out candy and wishes residents a Merry Christmas.

But you'd better not be late. Santa and the firefighters start their rounds at noon.

## MULLEN COMPLETES ARMY BASIC

Army National Guard Pvt. Michael J. Mullen recently graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Mullen completed a nine-week battery of training on subjects ranging from the Army mission, combat skills, military ceremony and other topics. He is the son of April Mullen of Oakley.

## Minidoka Schools Receive English Learner Grant

The Minidoka School District recently received a three-year, \$75,000 grant to improve its current English learner program by providing middle school students of limited English proficiency tools to improve their language skills.

The grant will also allow teachers to monitor English language progress through the Imaging Learning English curriculum program, which is tailored toward teaching long-term English learners at the middle school level. After three years, the district will have 94 software licenses for the project.

Information: District Director of School Improvement and Student Achievement Sandra Miller, 436-4727 or [sanmiller@minidokaschools.org](mailto:sanmiller@minidokaschools.org).

## GOODING BRIDGE RESULTS ANNOUNCED

Gooding Duplicate Bridge recently released its results for Dec. 2.

1. Henry Robinson and Veeta Roberts; 2. Bobette Plankey and Beverly Burns; 3. Beverly Reed and Kathie

Boian.

Duplicate bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. Information: Kathy Rooney, 934-9732.

### Excellence Pays Off



COURTESY PHOTO

St. Nicholas School in Rupert presented the academic excellence award for earning A's and B's during the first trimester to, from front left, Greyson H., Mason H., Matt E., John I. and Gage S.; back: Kayla G., Philip B., Paul G., Olivia J., Maisie N., and Daniel B.

## Redistricting is M-C Educators Meeting Topic

Idaho Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, will discuss the state's new legislative districts during Monday's meeting of the Mini-Cassia Retired Educators Association.

Darrington, a former Burley Junior High School teacher, will also discuss what Idaho public schools can expect from the Legislature in the future. The meeting will

be held at 11 a.m. at Connor's Cafe, just off the junction of Interstate 84 and Idaho Highway 27 in Heyburn.

All retired area educators and those interested in learning more about Idaho public schools are encouraged to attend. A short business meeting and Christmas musical presentation will follow.

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# Twin Falls Bridge Results Announced

Twin Falls Duplicate Bridge recently announced results of play for Nov. 16 and Nov. 30.

- Nov. 16 Flight A**  
**North/South:** 1. Joye As-torquia and Jessie Lingnaw, 2. Bobette Plankey and Bev-erly Burns; 3. Mary Kienlen and Kathy Rooney  
**East/West:** 1. Marilyn Nes-bit and Bob Probasco; 2. Nancy Sams and Steve Sams; 3. Doris Watts and MaryLee Pfefferle  
**Flight B**  
**North/South:** Veeta Roberts and Doris Finney
- East/West:** Nancy and Steve Sams  
**Nov. 30 Flight A**  
**North/South:** 1. Peggy Hackley and Shirley Tschan-nen; 2. Edna Pierson and Ri-ley Burton; 3. Grace Herrett and Bonnie Aspitarte  
**East/West:** 1. Wilma Driscoll and Ruth Rahe; 2. Kathy Rooney and Beverly Burns; 3. Patti Cooper and Beverly Reed  
**Flight B**  
**North/South:** 1. Herrett and Aspitarte  
**East/West:** 1. Cooper and Reed; 2. Wilma Shockey and Barbara Carney

# Price Earns Eagle Scout Award



**Price**  
Burley resident Aaron J. Price of Burley was pre-sented his Eagle Scout Award at a Court of Honor held Nov. 25 at the Pella LDS Church. A member of Troop 18, Price planned, built and placed a sign at the intersection of 600 South Road and Idaho Highway 27 for the Oak-ley Idaho Crops organi-zation. Southern Field Welding, under the di-rection of Neil Justesen, provided expertise, equipment and material to fabricate the sign. Other members of the scout troop, and leaders Matt Beck, Brent Bean, Alan Garrard and Mike Beck, helped with the project.

# BJ Bridge Announces Results

The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert recently announced the results of play for Nov. 22 and Nov. 29.

**Nov. 22:** 1. Barbara Carney and Wilma Shockey, 2. Mar-lene Temple and Shirley Har-ris, 3. Riley Burton and Bo-bette Plankey, 4. Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland, 5. Gracie Bennett and Dennis Hanel.

**Nov. 29: North-South:** 1. Sue Skinner and Edna Pier-son, 2. Peggy Hackley and Shirley Tschannen, 3. Steve and Nancy Sams, 4. Warren and Faun McEnitre.

**East-West:** 1. Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland, 2. Mar-lene Temple and Shirley Har-ris, 3. Eunice Merrigan and Barbara Carney, 4. Bub and Marie Price.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks, 85 S. 200 W., Rupert.

For partners and more in-formation: Steve Sams, 878-7691 or Vera Mai, 436-4163.

# M-C YOUTH LEARN ABOUT FINANCES THROUGH 4H

Fourteen Mini-Cassia youth recently increased their per-sonal finance skills through a class offered at the Universi-ty of Idaho Extension office in Minidoka County.


The course was taught by extension educator Donna Gillespie and 4-H Program Coordinator Jeni Bywater. The daylong session ex-plored real world situations in which teens investigated potential careers, received a monthly salary, deducted taxes, determined a savings amount and continued to spend their monthly salary on fixed and variable ex-penses.

D.L. Evans Bank donated sample checkbooks and de-posit slips, which organizers said added to the realism of writing checks and deposit-ing money in an account. Guest speakers were Ben Nelson, with D.L. Evans Bank, and Jerome County U of I extension educator Lyle Hansen.

Other class activities in-cluded determining differ-ences between wants and needs, and the importance of saving. This class also met the requirements as a 4-H project in Minidoka County and can be included at the county fair next summer.

**Ernest N. Reed Jr. of Hazelton**  
celebrated his 85th birthday recently with a small family gathering in his honor.

He was born November 19, 1926 on the Tom Brune farm in the Greenwood Community, east of Hazelton.



Reed, a veteran of World War II, graduated from the University of Idaho and spent a short time in the Midwest. He returned to the Greenwood area where he taught school in the Valley School District for fifteen years, and farmed until recently.

He and his wife, Dorothy, currently reside at Wynwood Assisted Living in Twin Falls.

# Celebrations

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## Anniversaries



### The Ehlers

Dorothy & Irvin Ehlers will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on December 18th at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 9:30 A.M. They were married on December 10th, 1941 at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Irvin was born 2 miles south of this city. Dorothy & Irvin met in the Walther League, the youth organization of the Lutheran Church. After they were married he worked for his father on the family farm.

Upon Edwin Ehlers retirement, they continued to farm & dairy raising Purebred Holstein cows until 1974 when they sold the entire herd to a California Dairyman.

Because of their success developing cows of outstanding milk production they were inducted into the "Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame" and the "Idaho Dairy Hall of Fame."

### The Mikesells

Jim and Carrie Mikesell will be honored at family events this month in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Jim and Carrie met in Kobe, Japan. Jim was serving in the U. S. Army and Carrie was employed in the Public Information Office as a secretary. The first time Jim saw Carrie was on an elevator in the Public Information office. He described her as "a cute little thing". After he saw her he was determined to find her again so he spent the next 3 days trying to find her in the office building. He eventually saw her again at the "social club". Carrie sang in the church choir and they would perform for the soldiers on base. After the choir would sing they would have a social activity and a dance. That is where they first officially met and 14 months later they were married.

Jim and Carrie were married on December 10, 1951. They were married at the American Consulate in Kobe, Japan. Then 12 years later they were sealed for time and all eternity in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on June 27, 1963.

They began their married life in Kobe, Japan. While living in Japan their first child (Jo-Anne) was born in Osaka, Japan. After Jim was discharged from the U.S. Army they moved to Utah. Jim worked for the Kaiser Steel company for a short time and then they moved to Northern California. While in California Jim worked at the Meadow Valley Lumber Company sawmill. This is also where their second child was born (Richard Ace). In 1955 Jim and Carrie moved to Twin Falls, Idaho. This is where their last two children were born (Pamela L. and Kelle Lea). When they first moved to Twin

## Engagements

### Carlisle-Bastow

Ben and Laura Lee Carlisle of Jerome, formerly from Riverton, Utah, are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Rebecca Ann, to Jameson Tyler Bastow, son of David and Tamie Bastow of Twin Falls.

Becca is a 2009 graduate of Jerome High School and will graduate in May 2012 from the College of Southern Idaho with an AAS in Liberal Arts. She is employed by Mystic Paws in Twin Falls.

Jameson graduated from Twin Falls High School in 2008 and served a mission for The Church of Jesus



*Rebecca Ann Carlisle and Jameson Tyler Bastow*

Christ of Latter-day Saints to Concepcion, Chile. He will also graduate from the College of Southern Idaho in May with an AAS in Liberal Arts. He is employed with Swensen's, Inc.

The couple will be sealed for time and all eternity on Friday, December 30, 2011 in the Twin Falls Temple.

### Jacobson-Groves

Flint and Lisa Jacobson of Buhl, Idaho are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tianna Brooke, to Richard Burke Groves, son of Wylie and Bonita Groves of Lucedale, Mississippi.

Tianna is a 2007 graduate of Buhl High School. She worked as a nanny in Virginia, and has most recently been employed at The Medicine Shoppe in Rexburg, Idaho.

Richard is a 2007 graduate of George County High School in Mississippi, and is attending the University of South Alabama, where he is studying to be an electrical engineer.



*Tianna Brooke Jacobson and Richard Burke Groves*

The couple will be sealed in the Twin Falls Temple on Saturday December 17, 2011. They will be honored at a reception that evening at the Buhl LDS church on Fair Street.

The couple will reside in Lucedale, Mississippi.

For information on how to place your announcement in the Times-News, please call Janet at 208-735-3253 or email [announcements@magicvalley.com](mailto:announcements@magicvalley.com)

Deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday

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DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS

The sun sets on Rock Creek Canyon Parkway on Dec. 1. The tree-lined Twin Falls trail is a popular place for dog walkers, bicyclists, skateboarders and even anglers.

# Rock Creek

Continued from **People 1**

Bowyer doesn't recommend people walk the parkway alone, though that's what many seem to do.

Hernandez took a breath and folded his arms Nov. 11, gazing silently beyond the picnic table.

One by one, people passed him on the trail — some of them jogging, others walking dogs. A man raised his arm, and Hernandez waved back.

"Sure, I know him," he said. "I know a lot of people here."

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**Signs posted along the parkway** prohibit overnight camping in the canyon. Visitors must leave by sundown.

That doesn't always happen, though. During the *Times-News*' five-week observations in the canyon in November and early December, people often entered the canyon at sundown as journalists were leaving.

That's not unusual, according to a woman who rents a canyon-bottom home on private property at the trail's east end.

"Did you see the caves?" Donna Anderson asked, gesturing beyond the trail's end. "People live in those caves."

During Anderson's seven years in the house, she said, she has seen people carry baseball bats into the canyon, bicyclists crash and homeless people make camp. She's tried to help the latter by placing wool blankets and sleeping bags outside. She didn't like it when, she said, police came and took the items away.

"That kind of bothered me," she said, adding that she's not encouraging people to stay in the canyon. But they do it anyway, so why not help them?

"We work with the police," Bowyer said, noting that his department is in the canyon at least once a week from April to October. "Sometimes we get reports of people camping down there, and we'll have to go down there and make them leave."

At times, callers have reported people sleeping beneath Old Towne Bridge, Bowyer said, and city workers have found several obvious campsites deep in the canyon foliage, especially near the trail's Blake Street end.

"A lot of time we get reports of people living under the trees and we go down there and remove them the best we can," Allen said. "We tell them this isn't a park for you to stay and sleep in." Officers often try to help the campers find other places to stay, he said, but many don't want the help. "They're used to that lifestyle and just move on."

Anderson said she's seen



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Joe Hernandez, 64, enjoys listening to the sounds of Rock Creek Canyon while he shares tips on cooking fish Nov. 17.

small, jury-rigged huts made from tumbleweeds and other brush. She doesn't see as many homeless in Rock Creek Canyon during fall and winter, but her heart goes out to them no matter what time of year.

"I know what it's like to be homeless," she said. "I was once homeless myself. It was back when I was a young girl, but I still remember what it was like. It's something I'll never forget."

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**Even when it's cold, Hernandez** enjoys spending afternoons in the canyon and meeting the people who use the trail.

People recognize him by his regular outfit: long-sleeve flannel shirt, gray sweater, Budweiser cap. He uses a wooden cane, its handle worn from use, which makes his frequent journey into the canyon remarkable. He limps several blocks from his home in downtown Twin Falls to spend afternoons at his favorite city spot.

Hernandez enjoys sitting on the benches and hearing the gentle sound of moving water in the creek from which the canyon takes its name. The water of Rock Creek travels many miles from the South Hills before snaking through Twin Falls.

"That's cold water," Hernandez said Nov. 17, nodding toward the creek.

A can of beer was near him; a backpack lay next to him on the bench. Among other things, he said, he carried a couple of blankets in the pack.

"Just in case," he said, noting that he's fallen asleep in the park more than once after drinking too much beer. But not at this time of year, he said. "It's too cold."

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**Sarah Barker smiled as she walked** at a brisk clip through the canyon Dec. 1, trying to get in her day's exercise. The sun would be up for another hour or so, but already the evening chill had set in. Another reason to

walk fast.

"I like the canyon because it's quiet and there's rarely anyone ever here," she said, stopping to talk with the *Times-News*. She said she's never felt threatened in the canyon, though she has met some people who've made her feel uncomfortable. Most people she meets here, though, are other walkers, joggers or people out with their dogs — like Tony Byrd.

For the past six months, Byrd has walked dogs for the Twin Falls animal shelter at least once a week. He likes the canyon parkway because it's more pleasant than walking near city streets.

"Where else is there to walk the dogs?" he said.

Byrd stopped at the creek Dec. 1, unleashed a black Labrador, and watched the dog jump into the cold water. He calls the dog No. 30, because that's his kennel number.

Dogs must be leashed in the canyon, but Byrd released No. 30 long enough for a splash. What are police going to do? he asked with a chuckle. "No. 30 already is in jail."

The Lab chased the ducks swimming nearby until they took to the air.

Rock Creek Canyon is also home to squirrels and feral cats.

"A lot of cats," Barker said.

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**A fisherman with his pole** raised high moved quietly along the banks of the creek Nov. 17, and like a phantom vanished behind the foliage.

Rock Creek is a nice place to catch brown and rainbow trout, which the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the College of Southern Idaho stock during the summer.

But it's not quite a traditional setting for anglers, for amid the parkway's beauty are industrial buildings along the canyon's rim. And a sewer's stink permeates parts of the canyon when the breeze kicks up — and sometimes when it doesn't.



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One of only a few Rock Creek Canyon residents, Donna Anderson pauses in her front yard Dec. 3. Anderson has rented the home for the past seven years, and she has tried to help the less fortunate who have camped in the canyon over the years.

The creek has something of a stigma, said Doug Megargle, regional fisheries manager with Fish and Game.

"I understand people's caution," he said, noting that industries sometimes release warm water into the creek. He also said people should be mindful of what they dump into city drains, because Rock Creek is a drainage for that.

But, he said, the creek also is overlooked as a good fishery for catching large, resident browns and rainbows. "It still represents a catching and eating opportunity for fishermen."

And the industrial overtones of Rock Creek Canyon appeal to some of the trail's users.

"I like the old buildings," said Barker, who typically walks from one end of the paved trail to the other.

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**That pavement basically defines** the city-owned section of canyon, Bowyer said, though city workers have caught people trespassing on private property beyond the trail.

There aren't visible no-trespassing signs, Allen said, but owners could post them if they wanted to. Most Rock Creek Canyon landowners haven't openly opposed people using the dirt paths as long as they respect the property, but it's better to be safe than sorry: Don't trespass. The Twin Falls Livestock Commission owns part of the property beyond the trail's east end, he said.

With no signs warning them away, Robert Moreno and Chad Hacking visited a cave east of Anderson's home Dec. 1 to hang out and smoke cigarettes. Old blankets were bundled inside the rocky hideaway, its walls stained black by campfires.

A homeless woman named Josephine used to live in the cave, Hacking said.

He likes the parkway, noting that he's met a lot of interesting people since he

started coming here. It's also a good place to ride bikes — particularly in a spot hidden from trail users' view beneath a canopy of trees near Blake Street. There, teenagers like to ride their mountain bikes over mounds. And skateboarders often ride the pavement from one end of the parkway to the other.

The city eventually wants to extend the parkway, Bowyer said, connecting it with county-owned Rock Creek Park near the old hospital. The city owns land that could connect its canyon trail to the county's park, but the challenge is how to do that — above or below the Addison overpass?

Nothing likely will happen soon.

"We're still pursuing our trail along the Snake River system," Bowyer said. "Once we get those pieces done then maybe we can start working on Rock Creek trail."

## More online

**SEE** a gallery of more photos from *Times-News* journalists' five weeks in Rock Creek Canyon. **Magicvalley.com**

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**Hernandez reached into his pants pocket** and pulled out a handkerchief, then wiped his nose, the cold Nov. 11 air making him snuffle.

Before long, he was talking about the past, about working in beet fields after moving to Twin Falls in 1971. His skin is leathered, as if used to hard work and sunlight. A lot of years have gone under the bridge, he said. He'll turn 65 on Dec. 18.

"Damn right," he said, a smile creasing his lips. Where will he celebrate? It depends on the weather.

But knowing Indian Joe, it just might be in Rock Creek Canyon.

# CLEANING

## Question:

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OPINION

We're Past Due on Handling the Finances of War • 03

It's a Tough Time for Jews

In a season in which there is very little "peace on Earth" and even less "good will towards men," it is a particularly tough time for Jews, who may be finding it more and more difficult to tell who their real friends are.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta fired an unusually harsh salvo across the Israelis' bow. In a speech at a Brookings Institution forum, he urged Israel to get to the "d-n table" for peace talks. It must have escaped Panetta's notice that the Palestinians are the ones refusing to come to the "d-n table" unless their unacceptable demands are met. These include, depending on the day, the cessation of construction projects, even on pre-1967 Israeli land, the so-called "right of return" of "Palestinian refugees," a concession by Israel to re-draw its borders to 1967 lines — though such borders would be completely indefensible against an inevitable attack — and the re-division of Jerusalem, which Israel rightly sees as its capital. Meanwhile, the Palestinian side concedes almost nothing and fulfills none of its promises. Neither is it held accountable for its behavior.

Next, we heard from Howard Gutman, the U.S. ambassador to Belgium. In the ultimate case of blaming the victim, Gutman seemed to blame Israel for anti-Semitism when he spoke recently at an event hosted by the European Jewish Union. According to *The Weekly Standard*, Gutman said, "A distinction should be made between traditional anti-Semitism, which should be condemned and Muslim hatred for Jews, which stems from the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians."

If Gutman had studied history, he would know that Muslim hatred of Jews predates by many centuries Israel's 1948 rebirth as a Jewish state.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton took her own jabs at Israel. She was quoted in the English edition of the Arab publication, Al-Arabiya, as saying she fears for the future of democracy in Israel and the rights of women. Why? Because of a newspaper story that told of patterns in certain small Orthodox Israeli neighborhoods where women are required to be separate from men in certain situations, such as when taking public transportation.

In case Secretary Clinton hasn't noticed, gender segregation has long been practiced in religiously conservative Muslim societies. Events surrounding the so-called "Arab Spring" do not encourage confidence that women will have more rights and freedom under emerging regimes than they have had under previous dictatorships.

But it is not only Jews who are being singled out for verbal abuse and physical attacks.

In last month's *Smithsonian* magazine, there was a revealing story by Joshua Hammer about the stepped-up attacks by Egyptian Muslims against Coptic Christians, who trace their lineage to the time of Christ. In fact, notes Hammer, attacks against Coptic churches and individual Christians have increased since Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was deposed. Radical Muslims have little regard for other religious viewpoints. Arab-Israeli relations, or U.S. -Arab relations for that matter, are not likely to improve if the Muslim Brotherhood takes power in the coming election, though you won't be able to

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OUR VIEW

SURPLUS OR NO SURPLUS?

Back in mid-August, a whopping six weeks into the state's fiscal year, the Legislature and Governor Otter seemed to agree on something. That's not a misprint; they agreed that the state was likely to end fiscal 2012 with a \$179 million budget surplus.

That kumbaya-moment of agreement was fleeting. Republicans urged tax cuts. Rep. Marv Hagedorn, R-Meridian, recommended cutting both individual and corporate income tax rates. "We need to address all the things that restrict business from being successful."

Democrats disagreed. They suggested restoring previously cut funding to higher education and Medicaid. Rep. Grant Burgoyne, D-Boise, suggested that the Legislature would be short-sighted not to restore Medicaid funding that was leveraged three-to-one in federal matching funds. Still, he was not optimistic. "There's a sentiment, at least in the house," Burgoyne said, "to try to cut taxes." How's that for understatement?

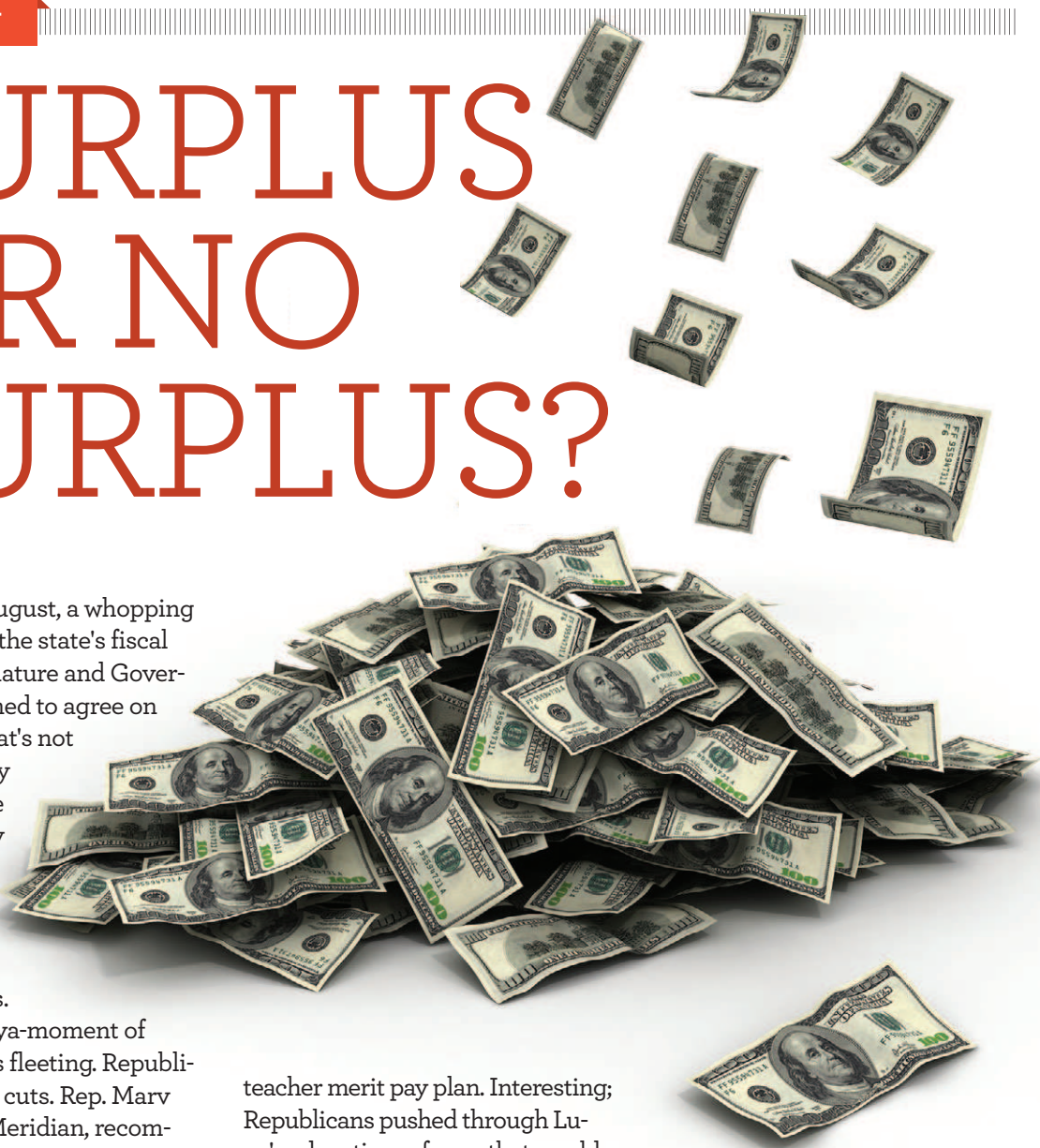
And remember, we were still in August.

Come September, Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna weighed in on the alleged surplus. He told the Associated Press that he wanted \$61 million of the projected \$179 million surplus to go toward public education with \$38 million to fund his

teacher merit pay plan. Interesting; Republicans pushed through Luna's education reforms that would need to be paid out of a surplus.

And apparently, a rapidly shrinking one. Earlier this week, the surplus estimate presented by the Legislative Services Office to lawmakers attending the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho conference was down to \$77 million. And according to Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, co-chair of the Legislature's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, there is a list of requests \$142.5 million long that will compete for the \$77 million in excess funds.

But, of course, these "excess funds, this "surplus" is an illusion. It does not now and may never exist. What was thought to be \$179 million six weeks into the fiscal year is now estimated to be \$100 million less six months into the fiscal year. And although estimates do become more accurate as the year progresses, there's still no guarantee that today's estimate will stand up.



Governor Otter, a self-proclaimed "underestimator", has continuously warned the Legislature — and the public — about mentally spending money before it's reached the state treasury. And while we don't agree with his tactic of referring to a shrinking surplus as a "shortfall" — as he did in his letter to the Cabinet last week — we think he's right in cautioning legislators against false optimism.

Spending any time at all "prioritizing" \$142.5 million in requests is at best a waste of time and at worst creates an expectation among state departments, agencies and employees that will almost certainly NOT be met when the year ends on June 30.

After years and years of state budget cuts a surplus sure seems like a fun thing to think about. And come May or June it certainly could be. But not in mid-December. It's simply too early.

Earthlings Go Planet Hunting

Sooner or later, we're going to run out of stuff on Earth. Right now, the only resources we have in clear abundance are acrimony, flawed economic theories, and buffoons willing to showcase their oddities on reality TV shows.

"He jiggles uncontrollably. She's a tanning-bed addict. Can their love last? Tune in to 'Shakes and Fries' and see!"

The first thing we exhaust may be clean water, but it could be metals, farmland or places to stash our waste.

And we will run out of patience and set off too many nuclear weapons. We will run out of luck



and into a devastating pandemic, or a meteor.

These things will eventually happen. Before they do, we must find our next planet. In a recent interview, renowned astrophysicist Stephen Hawking shared his belief that space travel is the answer.

"Our only chance of long-term survival is not to remain lurking on planet Earth, but to spread out into space," Hawking told The Canadian Press news service. "We are entering

an increasingly dangerous period of our history. ... Our genetic code still carries the selfish and aggressive instincts that were of survival advantage in the past. It will be difficult enough to avoid disaster in the next hundred years, let alone the next thousand or million."

There is a deadline by which we must get out. The sun will burn out in a few billion years, but in just one billion years, it will burn too bright to allow human life on Earth.

In the meantime, we're not getting any better at taking care of the place. A report last week said greenhouse gas emissions are the highest they've

ever been. A recent U.N. study concluded the Earth's population will exceed 9 billion by 2075.

The scary part isn't that the population will increase even more after that, it's that it won't. The study concludes that after that, our species, under the various pressures caused by such a high population, won't expand any more.

And being stuck in place isn't what our species is about.

Traveling to a planet that could support us has traditionally been the focus more of sci-fi than scientific research, but two things are happening

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READER COMMENT

American Agriculture Remains Economic Bright Spot for U.S.

Last week, The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported that 2011 U.S. farm income is forecast to reach an all-time high, up 28 percent over 2010, signaling that American agriculture remains a bright spot in our nation's economy.

In Idaho, this amounts to a one-year farm income increase totaling more than \$390 million. In the three-year period since 2009, Idaho farm income is projected to have increased by \$900 million. The growth in farm income is also making a real



difference for America's farm families, whose household income was up 3.1 percent in 2010 and is forecast to increase 1.2 percent in 2011.

And despite marginal increases in retail food prices, all American families still pay substantially less for food at the grocery store than residents of nearly

every other country thanks to the productivity of our farmers. All told, this is good news for our national economy and good news for Idaho. A combination of factors has made this growth possible, including strong returns on cash receipts and off-farm employment, strong yields despite weather setbacks and record high farm exports, which continue to make U.S. agriculture one of the only sectors of our economy to log a trade surplus year after year.

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in agricultural exports, including fresh and processed potatoes, livestock feeds, wheat, dairy and feed grains. Today, exports support nearly 10 million American jobs. Overall, U.S. agriculture supports 1 in 12 American jobs in all sorts of industries from picking and processing, to packing and shipping, to shelving at your local market. Farm exports support more than 1.1 million jobs here at home.

A few weeks back, President Obama signed into law a major piece of his jobs agenda: new trade agree-

ments with Colombia, Panama and South Korea. Combined, the agreements will generate an additional \$2.3 billion in farm exports next year alone. USDA believes that America needs an economy that makes, creates, innovates and exports. And there is no better way to spur productivity than by putting more money back into the pockets of American families.

The current payroll tax cut has given tax breaks to millions of families across the country this year, and now Congress is deciding whether it should be extended in 2012. If the current payroll tax cut is not extended, taxes will go up on millions of people at a time when families are struggling to make ends meet. A household earning

\$50,000 a year will see their taxes increase by \$1,000. The administration's plan would give the typical family earning \$50,000 a year an additional \$500, for a total tax cut of \$1,500, providing assistance to middle class families at a time when many are still trying to get back on their feet.

Thanks in part to Idaho farmers, we have made economic progress in Idaho. But to help rebuild an economy that restores security for the middle class and renews opportunity for folks trying to reach the middle class, we also need to invest in the middle class.

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# What's So Awful About the 1%?

The class war is on. It's the 99 percent of "us" versus the 1 percent of "them."

In the rhetoric of this war, we are fighting the 1 percent because they possess most of the nation's wealth, bankroll their handpicked political candidates, control the banks and get million-dollar paychecks and billion-dollar bailouts; yet they don't pay enough taxes or invest their wealth in creating American jobs. They're the "millionaires and billionaires" President Obama has called out as needing to pony up more for progressive reforms of our health care, banking, tax and political systems. They are the enemy of "us" — the 99 percent who toil at low-wage jobs, hold underwater mortgages, face foreclosures, suffer recurrent and protracted job layoffs and plant closings, and yet pay our fair share of taxes.

But there's a flaw in this strategy. The Occupy Wall Street movement envisions the 1 percent as a monolithic cadre of entrenched billionaires who have a firm and self-serving grip on all the levers of the economy. But a closer look at that elite group reveals how untrue that perspective is.

Forbes magazine compiles a list of the richest 400 Americans every year. To get on that list, you must have at least \$1 billion of wealth. They are the creme de la creme of the 1 percent — indeed, the top 0.0000013 percent (!) of Americans. So who are these dastardly people?

The late Steve Jobs was in that elite club this year. In his earlier days, Jobs would have been camped out with the OWS crowd, probably passing around a joint. Should we count him as one of "us" or one of "them"? (And you can't use your iPhone or iPad to vote "them.")

Then there's 27-year old Mark Zuckerberg (No. 14 on the Forbes list), whose Facebook innovation enables the OWS movement to communicate so easily. He and five other Facebook entrepreneurs just joined the Forbes 400 this year.

We'd also quickly recognize among "them" Sergey Brin, Larry Page and Eric Schmidt, who became billionaires developing Google. And, as they are sipping a latte to keep warm, the OWS campers should also reflect on whether Howard Schultz, Starbucks' founder and No. 330 on the Forbes list, is with "us" or "them."

Not every member of the Forbes 400 is a high-tech folk hero. There is a lot of inherited wealth on that list too (the Mars, Walton, Cargill and Ford dynasties). But 70 percent of the Forbes elite are self-made billionaires. Those entrepreneurial successes include not just the names behind Facebook, Google, Apple and Starbucks but also eBay (Meg Whitman, Pierre Omidyar), Yahoo (Jerry Yang), Nike (Phil Knight), AOL (Steve Case), Amazon (Jeff Bezos), Subway sandwiches (Peter Buck, Fred DeLuca), "Star

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Wars" (George Lucas) and even Beanie Babies (Ty Warner). Does anyone doubt that these members of the reviled 1 percent have enriched the country in significant ways?

Even more to the point is that all of these club-400 elites were once just like "us." Jobs worked on the first Apple computer in a garage on a shoestring budget. He had vision, not wealth, to propel him to fame and fortune. Oprah Winfrey (No. 139) rose from poverty to TV queen through determination, hard work and a couple of lucky breaks. Even Warren Buffett, No. 2 on the Forbes list, started out looking very much like just another hardworking middle-class kid with good Midwestern values.

These storied rises from "rags to riches" are what make America the unique and prosperous nation it is. Some critics would have us believe that the American dream is dead. But that's a view purveyed by those without the vision, the grit, the energy or the single-minded determination to build a better mousetrap. Starry-eyed inventors and entrepreneurs have no doubts about that dream. They know it exists and that they are going to achieve it. Maybe not on the first try, but eventually. That's the entrepreneurial spirit that drives competitive markets, that not only makes the American dream come true for some (the 1 percent) but also improves life for the many (the 99 percent).

What really motivates the OWS movement is not resentment against the 1 percent but a sense of futility in grappling with a weak economy. With unemployment hovering around 9 percent, and with all the recurrent plant closings, foreclosures and cutbacks in public services, there is a lot of anger to vent. But class warfare isn't the solution.

Our frustrations are more the product of Washington than Wall Street. We have been promised a lot and received little. Obama (who made millions in book royalties the last few years) sowed the seeds of disillusionment when he overpromised what his February 2009 stimulus package could deliver. A series of policy failures and political deadlocks has left people feeling disenfranchised and forgotten. Calling out millionaires and billionaires as the culprits in this economic saga is disingenuous and ultimately self-defeating. Those 1 percenters are not an avaricious "them" but in reality the most entrepreneurial of "us." If we had more of them and fewer grandstanding politicians, we would all be better off.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Animal Cruelty Remains a Choice

In a letter in Monday's *Times-News* (Dec. 7), Tris Woodhead made a succinct point in her argument against inhumane treatment of animals, specifically wolves.

She subtly highlights the crux of the conflict between animals, i.e., wolves and humans, by asking a wolf-trapper advocate if he had any statistics which compare the rate of obesity in wolves and humans. (Most of us know the answer to that question. Obviously, many humans have more access to food than is necessary; usually not the case with "lean and hungry" wolves.)

The question highlights the motivation behind the argument put forth by those who would delist wolves dominance of man over animals — according to some, a God-given right. I do not believe, however, that the "right" comes without limitations. As a high school teacher,

I often told my students that animals don't have the privilege of choice; they are driven by a mandate to survive and procreate. Humans, however, have been endowed with the ability to make choices, good or bad, and along with the endowment comes responsibility to be conscious of the consequences of our choices.

Under no circumstances do I find deliberate cruelty to animals, human or otherwise, to be a viable choice.

I put trapping at the top of the list of deliberate acts of cruelty. Shooting wolves, as first designated by Fish and Game, is a choice which can be accepted. Most hunters are careful to not let their prey suffer. Trapping is not an option ever. Let the Tris Woodheads prevail.

SARAH M. BLASIUS  
Burley

### Festival of Trees

Dec. 5, 2011, I had the privilege of helping coordinate volunteers for this year's Festival of Trees. I

would like to commend Rebecca Southwick, St. Luke's Magic Valley Hospital Foundation and her staff for putting together such a wonderful event. The amount of time and effort that it takes to put on this kind of event is more than most people realize. It takes hundreds of hours to plan an event of this size. With today's tough economy, Rebecca's job has been even more difficult than in the past trying to find people and businesses to donate for each event.

Southern Idaho Landscape also deserves a special thanks for hosting the event. They worked many weeks to prepare for the thousands of visitors. The decorations were beautiful and there was plenty of space for all. A special thanks to all the volunteers that helped. An event such as this can not be successful without your help. A great event for a good cause! Thanks to all for your time and effort!

JANET BENEFIEL  
Twin Falls

### Thomas

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convince the U.S. State Department of that. In a November address to the Atlantic Council, William Taylor, the State Department's special coordinator for Middle East transitions pronounced, "What we need to do is judge people and parties and movements on what they do, not what they're called."

Really? The Muslim Brotherhood's motto is "Allah is our objective. The Prophet is our leader. The Qur'an is our law. Jihad is our way. Dying in the way of Allah is our highest hope." Hamas, whose charter calls for the destruction of Israel, grew out of the Muslim Brotherhood. Is that good enough to conclude for everyone, except Taylor, that the Muslim Brotherhood plans to behave very badly toward Israel?

No intelligent person who has observed the media attacks against Israel (not to mention the many wars, countless terrorist incidents and continuing threats directed at Israel's destruction) can credibly conclude that Israel's enemies are merely hyperbolic. Despite all the agreements, goodwill gestures and disproportionate prisoner exchanges in which Israel has released hundreds of alleged terrorists in exchange for a single captured Israeli soldier or civilian, there are people who continue to advocate the fiction that only Israel stands in the way of peace.

It's past time to stop taking potshots at Israel and start directing "fire" at the prime suspects behind continuing war and turmoil in the region.

### Filler

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that could change that.

One is the discovery of our first potential "Goldilocks planets," so-called because they're not too cold, not too hot, but just right to allow for the existence of liquid water, and thus, us. The most promising are a couple of planets around the star Gliese 581, a mere 20 light-years from here.

In space terms, the planets of Gliese are practically our neighbors, although, at 117.6 trillion miles away, not the kind you go caroling with or pester for a cup of sugar.

Another promising development is the recent announcement that neutrinos may have been clocked moving faster than light. The thought-to-be absolute rule that nothing can travel faster than light is often considered the cul-de-sac of interstellar travel, the reason we'll never make our way to another habitable planet.

Are the planets of Gliese the right planets? Don't know. Is the speed-of-light breakthrough the thing that's going to make interstellar travel a reality? Don't know.

Does all this seem impossibly beyond our technological grasp? Sure.

But every great scientific breakthrough looks like science fiction before it happens. I believe in inhabiting another planet will become possible because I know the challenge will be dealt with using science I can't yet imagine. By then, they'll look back at our primitive iPhones, and our belief the stars could not be mastered, and snigger, "ignorant cavemen."

Particularly if they stumble across any old episodes of "Shakes and Fries."

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# We’re Past Due on Handling the Finances of War

Better late than never. It’s time to start thinking about how to pay not only for core spending by the Defense Department for what I will call “peacetime” forces but also the costs for actual fighting, next year and beyond.

Bush administration officials took the core defense budget to provide a force to fight two overseas wars and expanded it from \$391.5 billion in 2001 to \$544.6 billion in 2009. Each year, they sought supplemental billions in addition to the growing core budget. By 2009, funds for Iraq and Afghanistan fighting had totaled \$1 trillion. Over the same time period, another \$1 trillion had been added to core budget spending.

For the first time in U.S. history, an American president did not ask citizens to pay a special tax to cover costs of the fighting, leaving the trillion-dollar bill for later generations. Making it worse for the economy, President George W. Bush reduced income and other taxes, including one on phone calls that helped pay for the costs of World War II and the Korean War.

The Obama administration, sadly, has also not sought a special war tax. In 2009, Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., and others in the House called for one. It would have established a 1 percent surtax on what each taxpayer owed, plus an additional percentage on returns where the higher-income payer owed \$22,600 or more.

Obey told the press at the time, “If we don’t address the cost of this war, we will continue shoving billions of dollars in taxes off on future generations and will devour money that could be used to rebuild our economy.”

In the Senate, Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, joined Obey in calling for an “additional income tax to the upper brackets, folks earning more than \$200,000 or \$250,000” to pay for a troop increase. “They have done incredibly well,” Levin said of the troops two years ago, “and I think that it’s important that we pay for it if we possibly can.”

The Democratic congressional leadership, petrified by the thought of increasing taxes even to support the troops, failed to take action.

In April, Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., took another approach, introducing a resolution that would have required Obama or a future president to find funding at the same time he or she planned to send U.S. troops into combat situations. His “Pay for War Resolution” called for budget cuts or added revenue if the costs could not be covered by the core defense budget. In an emergency situation, the fund requirement could be overridden by a vote of 60 senators.

Not perfect, but a start. The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have required personal sacrifice from less than 1 percent of the American people, the troops that do the fighting and their families. “We have to ensure that Iraq and Afghanistan remain anomalies in American history,” Franken said in introducing his resolution. “It will ensure that Congress and American citizens must face the financial sacrifice of going to war. And it will force us

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to decide whether a war is worth that sacrifice.”

The question for the other 99 percent remains, Franken said, “Who will bear the financial sacrifice, the generation that has decided to go to war or its children and grandchildren?” We know the answer to Franken’s question, at least for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Franken got two co-sponsors, Democratic Sens. Jon Tester, Mont., and Jeff Merkley, Ore.

The Brookings Institution’s Michael O’Hanlon called the resolution a “serious and smart proposal.” He added, “It seeks to remedy a major problem of the last decade: fighting wars while not asking the broader nation for sacrifice and commitment, and meanwhile racking up federal debt in a way that endangers the economic prospects of future generations.”

William Niskanen, the Cato Institute’s chairman emeritus and senior economist, who died this fall, said deficit financing of wars “limits the extent to which voters and their representatives weigh the wars’ cost against other priorities. The effect is to make war feel cheaper.”

He concluded, “Debt-bought wars debase democracy.”

Franken’s measure was sent to the Senate Budget Committee and hasn’t been heard from since.

Nonetheless, it is a concept worth pursuing.

For example, the fiscal 2012 defense authorization bill that passed the Senate on Thursday set \$527 billion for the core Pentagon budget and another \$117 billion for Afghanistan and Iraq. One estimate is that the fiscal 2013 overseas war costs will be around \$82 billion and continue downward toward \$50 billion through 2015.

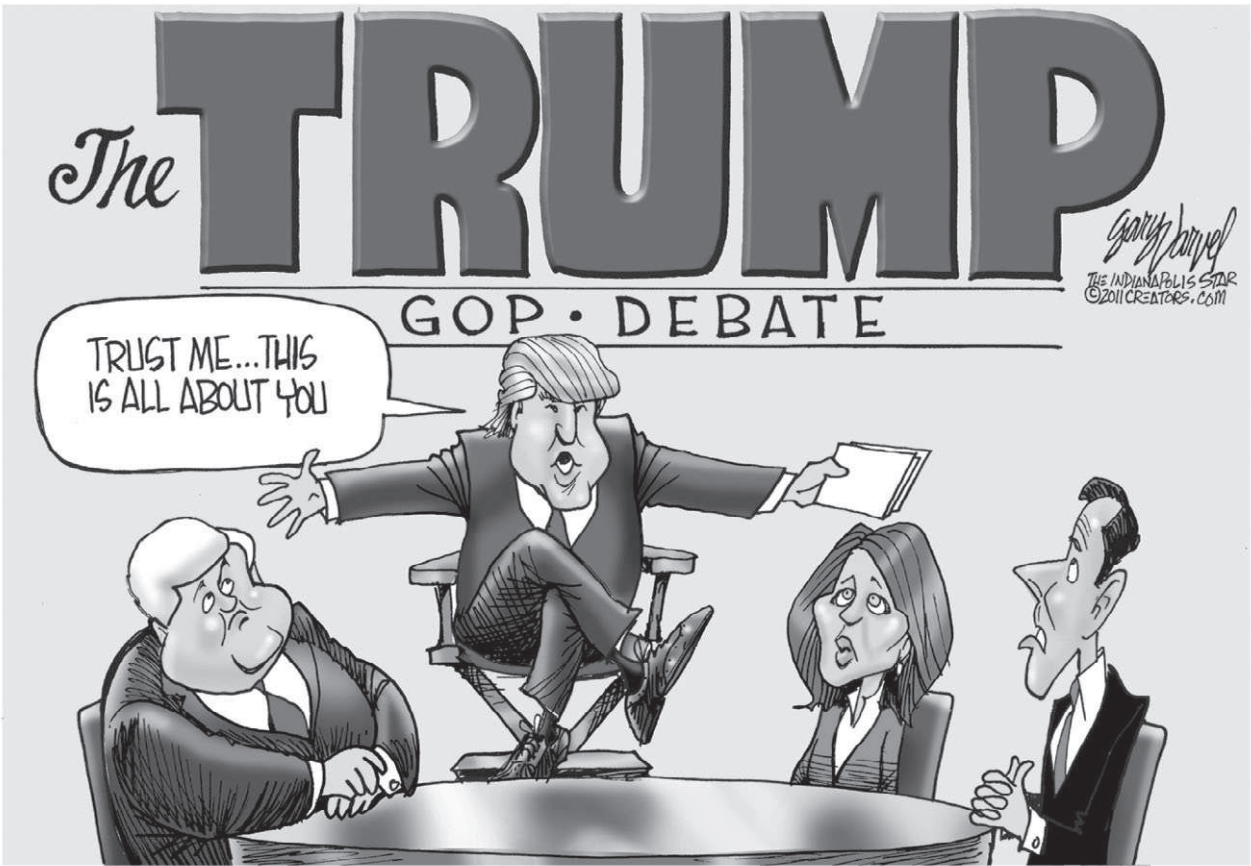
Some of the loudest voices in support of maintaining or increasing defense spending and keeping troops in Iraq and Afghanistan are among those most opposed to increasing revenues, even through cutting tax expenditures.

But how about linking funds gained from letting the Bush upper-income tax cuts expire to paying for overseas war expenditures? That would gain \$40.9 billion in fiscal 2012, according to a 2010 Treasury estimate, and \$49.7 billion in fiscal 2013. It would also put us on the way to covering all the extra war expenditures by fiscal 2014.

“If it takes the threat of a tax increase to get people to think seriously about whether it’s worth continuing to fight wars far from home, wars that have only the most tenuous connection to the national interest, then it’s a good idea,” Bruce Bartlett, a domestic policy adviser to President Ronald Reagan and Treasury official under President George H.W. Bush, wrote in November 2009.

“History shows that wars financed heavily by higher taxes, such as the Korean War and the first Gulf War, end quickly, while those financed largely by deficits, such as the Vietnam War and current Middle East conflicts, tend to drag on indefinitely,” he added. The man has the right idea.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Celebrating Christ-mas

Whether you’re a Christian or not, Christmas is the time set aside to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It’s a method of dividing history, establishing a calendar and telling time. It’s either B.C. or A.D. and is accepted by the majority of the civilized countries of the world. It’s a solemn occasion with nothing to do with Santa, elves, snowmen, sleigh rides, reindeer, lawns and houses decorated with bright lights, outdoor trees indoor, drunken parties, buying or gift giving. If you’re Orthodox Jew, Muslin, Atheist, Shinto, Buddhist or any other belief, you don’t have to believe as Christians do. But if you don’t, why do you celebrate Dec. 25, since it has no more significance to you than Dec. 24 or 26 or any other day?

In our economy, it’s obscene for millionaire athletes or rock stars to show off their wealth. It’s not wrong to have wealth, but it’s déclassé to flaunt it. And to amplify on my last tirade, Boise TV interviewed a young man who has been waiting day and night in line since Wednesday for Black Friday. It makes me wonder how he could get off work that long and, if he’s not working, why he’s buying expensive electronic adult toys. Maybe it’s just because I grew up in a culture where we all had to work to get the essentials. Homemade cookies or candy were as gracefully received as a fancy box of chocolates.

While we’re on that, I’ve never understood Black Friday. Shouldn’t the stores’ biggest buying day be accepted as a blessing? The day after Christmas when everybody returns unwanted gifts would more appropriately be called Black Friday, whatever day it happens to fall on.

But either way, it takes the focus away from the real meaning of Christmas.

VAUGHN PHELPS  
Twin Falls

### Breaking Down Obamacare

From Judge Kithil of Marble Falls, Texas, outlining the most egregious pages of HB3200 (ObamaCare), Judge Kithil wrote:

Page 50, Section 152 — The bill will provide insurance to all non-U.S. residents, even if they are here illegally.

Pages 58 and 59 — The government will have real-time access to an individuals’ bank account and will have the authority to make electronic fund transfers from those accounts.

Pages 654 and 164 — The plan will be subsidized (by the government) for all union members, retirees, community organizations to reform (ACORN).

Pages 241 and 253 — Doctors will all be paid the same regardless of specialty. The government will set all doctors’ fees.

Page 272, Section 1145 — Cancer hospitals will ration

care according to the patient’s age.

Page 425, Lines 4 to 12 — The government mandates advance care planning consultation. Those on Social Security will be required to attend end-of-life planning (death counseling).

Page 429, Lines 13 to 25 — The government will specify which doctors can write an end-of-life order.

Finally, it is specifically stated that this will not apply to members of Congress. Members of Congress are already exempt from Social Security and have a well-funded private plan.

Just a few examples of what is in store for the nation with “commicare.” Stalin is alive and living in our White House with all his corrupt buddies.

No wonder Madam Pelosi stated: “We have to pass ObamaCare before we

read it.” That’s the kind of lawmakers we have in the Senate and House. A nation being systematically destroyed day by day by a corrupt administration.

“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.” (Abraham Lincoln).

MIKE SIMMONS  
Buhl

### Rising Gas Prices

This is in response to Ernie Hall’s letter in the Sunday, Dec. 4, paper.

I, too, am appalled at the gas prices in Twin Falls. I travel out of town quite frequently myself and have found gas prices anywhere from 10 cents to 50 cents a gallon less. I traveled more than 5,000 miles last summer and I only found gas to be higher in one other city than Twin Falls.

I have been doing my Christmas shopping at local businesses to support our struggling economy, but I will not support the local gas stations. I make sure that whenever I have to be out of town that I fill up elsewhere. My question to you, the gas station owners, is: Is this a conspiracy, a local cartel or is it just called plain old greed?

So I agree with Ernie we need to be contacting our congressman, governor or whoever it takes for our gas prices to be lowered. My other question is: Why, when gas goes up, it can go up 10 cents overnight, but when it starts to come down, it is a penny or two at a time.

So I also urge you, the people of Twin Falls, let’s take a stand and get our gas prices lowered.

This is my opinion.  
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# Pushing the Government to Speak Plainly

If you want to understand Americans' frustration with Washington, you might start with the very words the government uses to communicate with them.

Take the Labor Department's explanation of health insurance subsidies for laid-off workers under the 2009 stimulus legislation:

"Generally, the maximum period of continuation coverage is measured from the date of the original qualifying event (for Federal COBRA, this is generally 18 months). However, ARRA, as amended, provides that the 15 month premium reduction period begins on the first day of the first period of coverage for which an individual is 'assistance eligible.' This is of particular importance to individuals who experience an involuntary termination following a reduction of hours. Only individuals who have additional periods of COBRA (or state continuation) coverage remaining after they become assistance eligible are entitled to the premium reduction."

What does that mean? Essentially, it explains that certain laid-off or downsized workers can get special subsidies for 15 months after losing their employer-sponsored health coverage.

It is complicated information to absorb. But does it have to be so complex to read?

Anti-jargon warriors don't think so. A small but growing band of civil servants, lawmakers and consultants is leading the charge against bureaucratic legalese. Their mission isn't just to cut down on government forms in triplicate. They believe that Washington is dysfunctional on a more basic level and that to fix it, the public must understand what the government is telling them.

It's a movement that's deeply populist in spirit, with its aim to bring the government closer to the people. Activists across ideological lines have echoed the same cause: The Occupy Wall Street crowd rails against deliberately impenetrable credit-card billing practices; tea partiers find evils lurking behind every run-on sentence in regulatory reform bills.

Ultimately, proponents believe they're protecting the sanctity of not only the English language but the republic itself.

"How can you trust anyone if you don't understand what they're saying?" asked Annetta Cheek, a 25-year federal government veteran who now runs the nonprofit Center for Plain Language. "When you're supposed to be a democracy, and people don't even understand what government is doing, that's a problem."

Plain-language advocates acknowledge that slaying jargon within the federal bureaucracy often seems

Suzy Khimm

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impossible. But their ranks are growing in Washington, and officials loyal to the cause are embedded in the highest levels of all three branches of government.

"When people talk about government red tape, first, it's because of the incomprehensible gobbledygook that's used to write many of these federal regulations," Rep. Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, the House's point man for plainspeak, said. "The average user can't understand their responsibilities unless they hire lawyers and accountants to figure it out."

Such complaints have made their way to the White House. "We hear from small businesses in particular that any government documents are too unruly and long," Cass Sunstein, head of President Obama's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, said. "It does breed a kind of frustration that really isn't good for anybody."

Under the Obama administration, this populist push to keep legalese from getting between the government and the people has gained ground. In late 2010, Obama signed the Plain Writing Act, which mandates that all publicly available government documents be written in a "clear, concise" manner, requiring all agencies to push new writing standards.

The law neatly converges with Obama's pledge to create a more open, transparent government, Sunstein said. It also builds on a long-standing battle against jargon in Washington. People have been railing against bureaucratic legalese for half a century. But as the government's responsibilities have grown, so have its rules and regulations, plus all the exceptions and carve-outs that interest groups have lobbied to include. Ensuring that all these provisions are technically and legally correct means that it's often easier for the government to produce documents that are complicated, and hard for the public to understand, than ones that are simple.

According to the federal government's primer on plain language, PlainLanguage.gov, the father of the movement was John O'Hayre, an employee of the Bureau of Land Management who resolved that convoluted prose had made government documents impossible to read. O'Hayre's 1966 book, "Gobbledygook Has Gotta Go," helped launch the movement. A few years later, President Richard Nixon required the Federal Register to be written in "layman's terms" rather than government-ese, followed by an executive order from President Jimmy Carter that told federal agencies to

solicit information "in a simple, straightforward fashion." Though President Ronald Reagan rescinded Carter's order, President Bill Clinton issued an executive order in 1998 requiring all federal employees to use short sentences, the active voice and "common, everyday words."

But such executive actions haven't stemmed the bureaucratic jargon. The 2010 Plain Writing Act has no penalties for complex writing, and the federal government has yet to appoint its own editor in chief to monitor the agencies' efforts.

Connecting good governance with plain language has been a long struggle. In his famous 1946 essay, "Politics and the English Language," George Orwell ar-

gued that government's "lifeless, imitative style" produced groupthink. "One can probably bring about some improvement by starting at the verbal end. If you simplify your English, you are freed from the worst follies of orthodoxy," Orwell wrote.

But, left to their own devices, agencies tend to develop inscrutably dense vocabularies. "Smart people with great educations feel they have to demonstrate that they know what they're doing by writing in complex, impossible-to-understand language with lots of clauses and subparagraphs," Braley said.

He singled out lawyers as the movement's most stubborn foe. "Anything that grew out of legal training that has 'wherefores,' 'here-

inafter,' 'party of the first part,' party of the second part,' 'as referenced in sub-clauses A, B and C.' Those types of things are impossible to follow," said Braley, himself a lawyer.

Often, Cheek said, it's possible to use plain language in such documents without diluting or diminishing their legal meaning. "It's a very common excuse," she explains. "Some people try to tell you that it's dumbing down."

A few departments and agencies have taken the early lead in the war against bureaucrat-speak. Veterans Affairs began a massive effort to rewrite its benefits rules in the early 2000s after an internal review and more than a dozen court decisions cited the need to clarify its confusing, ponderous style, as two officials wrote in a 2004 report. The VA's Regulation Rewrite Project has taken years, but preliminary feedback has been positive: After recasting one benefits form in plain language, the response rate to that form rose from 35 percent to more

than 55 percent, saving the agency \$8 million every time it mailed the letter out.

Convincing the rest of the government to follow suit may seem like its own bureaucratic nightmare: Every agency must appoint plain-language "officers," post guides and issue reports to comply with the 2010 act.

One agency that has openly embraced the movement is among the most loathed institutions in Washington: the Internal Revenue Service. This year, the IRS won the Center for Plain Language's top prize for intelligible writing in public life, the 2011 Clear-Mark Award.

Receiving the award in May, Jodi Patterson, who runs the IRS office for taxpayer correspondence, gave a speech that distilled the essence of the plain-language movement. "They may not want to hear from us," she said. "But at least they'll understand what it is we want them to do."

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### In Need of a Fresh Start

Being a proud independent voter for the past 50 years who tries to vote for the lesser evil, the Republicans have made my choice easy this time. You would think that there would be someone of the Republican view worthy of a run for high office. So far, no one has appeared. As of December 2011, the Republicans have known liar, cheat and oath breaker in the lead for nomination to run for the office of president of these United States. This is the party of family values or so they say.

On the matter of our nothing Congress, there should be a six-year term limit which would stop them from running for reelection as soon as they get

into office. They should be on Social Security and Medicare like everyone else. That would take care of those problems. When their job ends, the salaries should end also instead of drawing it the rest of their lives. This is a government for congress, not for the people who have to work for a living and balance a budget every month.

Why we as voters keep returning the same people to office term after term when all they have done is to come close to ruining our country boggles my mind. Let's wake up and try some new people and new ideas. If they don't work, then let's dump them and try again. We have to get this right.

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# Wolves Wait at NM Refuge for Chance at the Wild

BY SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN  
Associated Press

**SEVILLETA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, N.M.** • Miles from the nearest rural outpost and far beyond the smatterings of broken down cars that have been left to rust into the central New Mexico prairie is a narrow canyon at the edge of the Los Pinos Mountains.

This rugged stretch is ground zero for the federal government's effort to return the endangered Mexican gray wolf to the wild in the Southwest.

Here, behind an elaborate maze of fencing and locked gates are nearly two dozen wolves, many of them waiting for a chance to be released. However, the odds are stacked against them. First there's politics. Then comes a strict set of requirements for the right genetics and the right location.

"Every Mexican wolf has a chance to go into the wild. That's the purpose of all the captive animals," Susan Dicks, a biologist and veterinarian with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said as she negotiated the rough two-track road leading up to the wolf pens.

"Sometimes, we're all lined up for a release and then politically, the stars don't align," she said. "That can be years of work."

Dicks along with a team of other biologists, volunteers and students spent the day Wednesday at the wolf management center at Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge. Their mission was to capture four female wolves, vaccinate them and do a quick checkup.

The work is all in preparation for the day when more captive-bred animals can be released into the wild to bolster a population that has stumbled over the last decade due to court battles, illegal shootings, management hurdles and feuds between ranchers and environmentalists.

In the last five years, there

have been more than a dozen transfers of wolves around the reintroduction area, which spans millions of forested acres in Arizona and New Mexico. But only once during that time have wildlife managers released a new wolf as part of the program. That was in 2008.

The lack of fresh genetics in the wild is what has supporters of the program worried. A subspecies of the gray wolf, Mexican wolves were added to the federal endangered species list in 1976 after they were all but wiped out due to hunting and government-sponsored extermination campaigns.

The federal government started its reintroduction effort along the New Mexico-Arizona border in 1998 with the release of 11 wolves. Biologists had hoped to have more than 100 wolves in the wild by 2006, but the numbers continue to hover around 50.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is ready to start its annual count next month. There's some hope for improvement given the number of pups that were spotted with some of the packs earlier this year.

The latest blow to the program was a vote earlier this month by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to not support the release of any new wolves until the federal government revamps its decades-old recovery plan for the species.

It could be another year before a draft of the new plan is released, and the prospect of no new releases has supporters like Eva Sargent with the group Defenders of Wildlife worried.

"The population just can't make it without releases. It's so small at this point and it's already suffering from inbreeding because of the low number of founders," she said. "I think it's pretty much without doubt that without new releases, the population will start on a downward trend again and you can't afford that when you've only

got 50 animals."

Tom Buckley, a spokesman with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said the federal government has the authority to continue with releases but would prefer to have the support of Arizona.

Buckley and other federal officials acknowledged the emotion that has long fueled the debate over the wolf reintroduction. Environmentalists have pushed for more, while ranchers have felt their livelihoods threatened by the loss of cattle and some community leaders have voiced concerns about wolves getting too close to people.

"There's a balance that has to be struck and it's not easy," Buckley said, noting that the middle road often leaves both sides angry.

Sargent said she believes the recovery plan, once finished, will be the key to helping the program find its way.

"You've got to know what the goal is," she said. "And

the ranchers will be happy to see that too. Everybody wants to know: When do we get to the end game where there are plenty of wolves and we can treat them like other wildlife?"

Far from the offices in Washington D.C. and the courtrooms where some of the decisions about the wolves' fate have been made, Dicks and her crew are playing out a complicated dance of sorts around rocky outcroppings and juniper trees in order to corner female No. 1034.

The wolf wanted no part of it. She ran back and forth as the line of people advanced, trying to force her into one of the wooden den boxes inside the acre-sized pen.

She checked out both ends of the line. No way out.

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