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Family, Friends Organize Benefit Dinner to Help Twin Falls Mom Pay Bills • P1



Lottery tickets are displayed behind the counter at KJ's Super Store in Twin Falls. About 25 percent of each lottery ticket sale is sent to Idaho public schools and the state's permanent building fund. This year, that amount totaled \$37 million split among the recipients.

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A WINNING COMBINATION?

A 2009 law change has given Idaho public schools more options and less oversight regarding how they spend lottery dollars. While educators say the money helps, it's done relatively little to offset recent years of budget cuts.

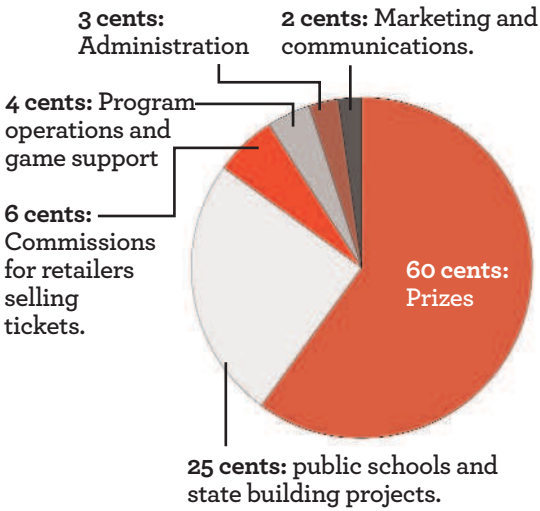
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With big dreams and sometimes on a whim, Idahoans buy lottery tickets. For some, playing is part of a routine. Others, like Twin Falls resident Renee Whitmore, only buy tickets on occasion. All told, Idaho Lottery players paid \$147.2 million last year into an enterprise that, in turn, sends its profits to public schools and state building projects. "My husband says, 'We could retire if you would win,'" said Whitmore, shortly after buying a \$1 Powerball ticket with a potential jackpot of \$52 million at KJ's Super Store in Twin Falls. Roughly 25 cents of her \$1 purchase will go to Idaho's schools and building fund. The remaining 75 cents will cover the myriad costs associated with the Idaho Lottery: prizes, administration, and commissions

for retailers among them. "We manage to that," David Workman, a spokesman for the Idaho Lottery, said of the 25 percent average that's generated in profits for schools and building projects. "The law doesn't require that, but that's what we manage to every single year." At first blush, the numbers are impressive. Public schools received more than \$17 million in lotto profits last year. But even that figure isn't a cure for cutbacks Idaho's schools have faced during the past few years of declining state revenues. In some ways, the lottery's role has stayed consistent in the economic downturn. People buy tickets and money flows to public schools, as always. Yet the system is different, too. In the past, when economic times were better, schools were required to spend lottery money on building maintenance and improvements.

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Where Each Dollar Spent on a Lottery Ticket Goes:



25 percent	\$147.2 million	\$37 million	\$510.8 million	\$2.1 billion
Lottery ticket proceeds that go to schools and state building projects.	Amount spent on Idaho Lottery tickets in fiscal 2011.	Amount of those sales that went to public education and state building projects in fiscal 2011.	Amount the lottery has sent to schools and state agencies in its history.	Amount spent on lottery tickets since the Idaho Lottery began in 1989.

Source: Idaho Lottery.

Do Strict Suspension Rules Hurt Students?

Since the 1999 Columbine shootings, school boards and administrators have been exercising broader discretion in deciding how strictly to enforce behavior codes.

BY SUSAN FERRISS
Center for Public Integrity

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. • As he waited for a disciplinary appeal hearing to begin this fall, the sixth-grade student began sobbing. He was barely 11 years old. He was slated to be expelled again — for a year — from his elementary school district, this time for alleged sexual battery and obscenity. The offense: "Slapping a girl on the buttock and running away laughing." For the local school board, the punishment fit the crime. The boy's pro bono attorney, Tim McKinley, was appalled. "This, on his record, puts him right up there next to the kid who raped somebody behind the backstop," said McKinley, who spent 26 years as an FBI agent. Having lost twice at the local level, McKinley is appealing the boy's expulsion before the Kern County Board of Education. These days disagreements over discipline are common. And Kern County schools — 48 districts in all — are at the leading edge of a contentious debate. Teachers and parents want a safe environment, and school districts are ousting students for a range of reasons. Meanwhile, a national reform movement is growing, fueled by reports that suspension and expulsion policies are disproportionately targeting minorities, and putting many students on a fast track to failure. Since the 1970s, expulsions have been on the rise, many of them not for violence, but for lesser violations like insubordination, according to research by associates of the Civil Rights Project of the University of California at Los Angeles. The "zero tolerance" phenomenon accelerated after the 1999 shooting spree at Colorado's Columbine High

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TODAY IN PEOPLE



Welcome to Health Care in America

Health care can be spotty for refugees before they arrive in the U.S., and for those with chronic conditions, the basic treatment they receive here can be life-changing. Refugees must visit South Central Public Health District within 30 days of arriving in Twin Falls. Besides giving them a check-up, the staff teaches them how to establish relationships with doctors, and where to get treatment for their conditions.



Senate OKs Payroll Tax Cut, Huge Funding Bill. Page N1.

Holiday Shopping Shifts into High Gear

With Christmas a week away, some area shoppers are still looking for that perfect gift.

BY BLAIR KOCH
For the Times-News

If nothing else, Cody Slade figures he can buy his father a power tool for Christmas. Discovering the perfect gift for his mom is a bit more challenging, Slade said, which is why the 21-year-old Twin Falls resident spent much of Saturday afternoon shopping. "I haven't even started," he said. "It's pretty tough as a broke college student because you really have to search for a gift that's special but doesn't cost a lot." Slade was among millions of Americans who spent Saturday engaging in holiday commerce for Christmas, which is just a week away. In addition to family presents, Slade and his two friends were combing second-hand stores and bargain bins for Christmas tree decorations. "This is our first tree but decorations are expensive," said Ben Anderson, 22, of



Deborah Swager, left, shows her daughter, Deona Swager, a pair of hand-painted holiday cookie plates at the Christmas Craft Show at Grandy's Saturday in Buhl.

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Twin Falls. "I'm shopping for my family, too, but it's pretty easy. I get my mom navy blue socks every year and cooking equipment is always a good gift." Robyn Torres of Jerome swung into

the Magic Valley Mall to buy his teenage sons the latest Modern Warfare video game installment and new gaming Bluetooth headsets.

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Are You Sure Going to Church Isn't Funny?

"It is the will of God that we must have ... missionaries and congressmen and humorists, and we must bear the burden."
— Mark Twain

The bumper sticker on the car next to mine in the super-market parking lot read: "Jesus is coming: Look busy!"

A couple unloading groceries into an SUV nearby were offended. "I can't believe," the woman gasped to the man, "how some people take the Lord's name in vain."

When did Christians completely lose their sense of humor?

God sure didn't tell them to do it. Seems to me that the best evidence that the Almighty has a sense of humor is us.

But religion has grown deadly serious in the past few years, not only among Christians but with Muslims, Hindus and Jews as well. Worse, it's been infused with politics, which means — among some believers — that making fun of your own spiritual self-importance is something akin to treason.

Though it's a pervasive phenomenon nowadays, it's certainly not new. In the Baptist congregation in which I was raised, cracking a smile in God's house was akin to tap-dancing on the rotten trapdoor to hell.

Too bad, because those were some of the funniest people I've ever known.

You can still find evidence of that in the church bulletins they wrote (and many more on the website Christian Humor Hotline, www.angelfire.com/ca4/HumorHotline/).

- Some classic examples:
- "For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs."
 - "The audience is asked to remain seated



until the end of the recession."

• "Thursday at 5 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Little Mother's Club. All ladies wishing to become Little Mothers will meet with the Pastor in his study."

• On a church bulletin during the pastor's illness: "GOD IS GOOD Dr. Hargreaves is better."

• "At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice."

• "The Rev. Adams spoke briefly, much to the delight of his audience."

• "Today's Sermon: HOW MUCH CAN A MAN DRINK? with hymns from a full choir."

• "The church is glad to have with us today as our guest minister the Rev. Shirley Green who has Mrs. Green with him. After the service we request that all remain in the sanctuary for the Hanging of the Greens."

All of which is so funny because church humor is utterly without guile. It's a safe bet that the authors of the foregoing announcements didn't give them a second thought.

As a kid one Christmas season, I actually got banished by the pastor from the church sanctuary during a Sunday night service for laughing out loud. That was unfortunate because I was in the choir.

But it wasn't my fault. According to the church bulletin, we were supposed to sing, "Angels We Have Heard Get High."

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Lottery

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They also were required to report to the state how the money was spent.

In 2009, the Legislature changed the system to give schools more flexibility. Lottery money was added into the pool of discretionary funding that schools receive. The end result: Education officials could still spend lottery money on building improvements if they wished, but could also use it for other needs.

Because lottery funding is no longer a separate entry in their budget, Idaho school districts no longer need to report how the money is spent.

School Districts Weigh In

School officials say that while lottery dollars help with costs, they shouldn't be viewed as a huge influx of additional money.

"It's part of our appropriation," said Wiley Dobbs, superintendent of Twin Falls School District. "It's not extra money and a lot of people really have in their mind that we get extra money from the lottery ... It's not extra and the appropriation is lower than it's been in previous years."

As their budgets have shrunk, school districts have delayed some of the maintenance projects that lottery dollars previously funded.

Educators' desire to spend available money in areas where the funding is most needed was one of the reasons behind the 2009 rule change. School officials wrestling with declining funding for staff and days of operation said even the relatively small sums previously slated for maintenance could be put to better use in other areas.

"We're using frayed carpet a little longer," Dobbs said. "We're making do by patching roofs instead of replacing them — just things like that. We just have to prioritize."

In the past, the school district used lottery money to purchase new computers, both to increase its pool of computers and to replace outdated models. "We're using them longer and making do," Dobbs said.

That's not to say that none of the funds are going to building upkeep anymore. Gaylen Smyer, superintendent of Cassia County School District, said that while budgets are tighter, the costs of running and maintaining a school district remain.

"We're working with fewer dollars," he said. "Every dollar becomes that much more precious, but we still have to conduct business and maintain our buildings and do all those things we have to, so those funds are just a source of revenue."

Lawmakers Cautious

The state's current system of giving school districts more discretion with their lottery dollars isn't likely to change anytime soon.

Though there are signs of an economic recovery, cautious lawmakers say it's too soon to know if — or when — any effort will be made to revert lottery funds to their original purpose. Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome and co-chairwoman of the Legislature's budgeting committee, says it's been important to give school districts added flexibility with available dollars.

Both schools and the state's permanent building fund get an equal share of the first \$34 million of annual lottery profits. In addition to dropping the requirements attached to lottery funding for schools, the 2009 law change designated that any profits beyond \$34 million now go to the bond levy equalization fund, which subsidizes bonds that school districts issue for building projects. The law change ends in 2014.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert and co-chairman of JFAC, noted the lottery is a small part of the appropriation for public schools.

"It was never much dollars to begin with," he said.

The public schools budget that the Legislature approved for this year was \$1.56 billion. The \$17 million of lottery money that will go to public K-12



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Arizona resident Wes Wisner purchases a lottery ticket Dec. 7 at KJ's Super Store in Twin Falls. This year, the Idaho Lottery sent \$37 million in profits to state public schools and the permanent building fund.

Lottery Dollar History

Here's how much the Idaho Lottery sent to public schools and the state's permanent building fund over the past five fiscal years.

2007:	\$34 million
2008:	\$34.75 million
2009:	\$35 million
2010:	\$36.5 million
2011:	\$37 million

Source: Idaho Lottery

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Wiley Dobbs, superintendent of Twin Falls School District

schools is only slightly more than 1 percent of that sum.

Since money received is tied to student population, larger school districts receive more. Twin Falls School District received \$422,951 in lottery funding in fiscal 2010. The much smaller Wendell School District received \$71,554.

Idaho schools and building projects also see a relatively low rate of return on each lottery ticket bought when compared to other states. Net lottery profits generally average from 25 percent to 32 percent of ticket sales, said David Gale, executive director of the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries.

Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls and a member of the House Education Committee, said he doubts returning restrictions to how schools spend lottery dollars will be an issue in the upcoming session.

"I don't think that's something we're likely to revisit," he said, adding that the economy's recovery is going to come back a lot slower than it dropped off.

"As long as this pattern of slow recovery continues, I don't see us revisiting any of the major adjustments we had to make when things started to fall off the cliff," Hartgen said.

Inner Workings

Running a lottery's gaming systems is a lot more complicated than drawing the winning numbers out of a hat.

Idaho looked beyond the state's borders to fill that job. Since 2006, Intralot, a Duluth, Ga.-based company, has run the state's systems and has 41 employees in Idaho.

The company provides services that include the satellite technology, software for games and maintenance and repair on terminals and vending ma-

chines scattered throughout the state. It also validates scratch tickets. There are about 1,000 retailers in Idaho that sell tickets, each with a terminal. Of those, about 275 have vending machines.

"They do all of the labor, all of the maintenance all of the installation," Workman said. "If there's a problem with the machine they come and take it out."

Intralot's contract with the state provides the company with 1.98 percent of all ticket sale revenues generated. In fiscal year 2010, the Idaho Lottery paid \$3.37 million to Intralot for services, according to state expenditure records.

Intralot provides service to various state lotteries, but differences in state gaming extend well beyond who runs the lottery.

In Montana, lottery proceeds go toward the state's general fund, where the money can benefit the budgets of multiple state agencies, said Daniel Iverson, a spokesman for that state's lottery. Before 1995, Montana lottery profits went to the state's retirement fund for teachers.

In Oregon, the bulk of lottery dollars go to public schools. Chuck Baumann, spokesman for the Oregon Lottery, said the breakdown is: 59 percent for education, 25 percent to economic development, and 15 percent to state and natural resources. The state also puts 1 percent toward a treatment plan for problem gamblers.

In Washington state, lottery money has gone toward a combination of college scholarships, economic development, stadiums and the state's general fund. The state also puts money toward a problem gambling program.

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Power Play: x4

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Broken Water Pipe Warps Washington Street South

Traffic passes a depression in Washington Street South caused by a broken water pipe, Saturday in Twin Falls. City officials estimate the pipe spilled more than 500,000 gallons before workers were able to halt the leak Friday. The city was still working to assess the damage.



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Otter, Little to Attend Ceremony for Chobani Factory

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Idaho Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter and Lt. Gov. Brad Little are scheduled to be among the attendees Monday when Chobani officially breaks ground on its Greek yogurt processing plant in Twin Falls.

The plant, Chobani parent company Agro Farma’s second U.S. yogurt manufacturing facility, will be built at 3450 Kimberly Road E. A 10 a.m. groundbreaking ceremony will include Chobani founder and CEO Hamdi Ulukaya and Twin Falls Mayor Don Hall, along with various Chobani employees and state and local officials.

The 940,000 square-foot plant will be built on 200 acres and is expected to hire about 400 workers. Through an agreement with the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency, Agro Farma has pledged to invest at least \$128 million into its new location. Work on the site has been under way for the past two weeks.



Wendell’s Deficit Woes Improve

The city’s finances are on the road to recovery from a bloated deficit, driven by an apparent lack of oversight.

BY BLAIR KOCH
For the Times-News

WENDELL • Inside Wendell City Hall, “Black Friday” doesn’t refer to holiday shopping.

Black Friday was Sept. 28, 2010. The city, perilously close to bankruptcy, fired two police officers, a pair of street department employees and a front office worker in order to curb spending.

“It was the hardest, bleakest day I had as mayor,” said Mayor Brad Christopherson, who, since being sworn into the position in January 2010, has probably had quite a few bleak days.

In June 2010, Christopherson announced to a packed City Council audience that the city had somehow amassed a budget deficit of more than \$700,000. Further analysis would reveal that between 2005 and 2010, the city had overspent \$727,619.

This Thursday, the council was given a bit of good news.

An audit report by the Gooding accounting firm Mahlke, Hunsaker and Co. showed the city ended 2011 with a general fund surplus, closing its deficit by \$173,376.

“It looks better,” said Scott Hunsaker, a certified public accountant and partner in the firm. “You’ll hear me say that a lot tonight. It’s much better.”

Not only has the city been able to shrink its shortfall to about \$580,000, it now has nearly \$1 million in the bank, reflecting growing water and sewer fund balances.

Christopherson proudly noted that 2011 was the first time in more than a decade that not one single department overspent its budget, prompting robust applause by residents in attendance. City Treasurer Deb Gibbs said Friday that by keeping a lid on spending, the city should be able to make similar progress on the deficit now that Wendell’s financial house is in order.

Getting the city’s finances

in order was no easy task, Gibbs said, as years of records weren’t just missing — they were never completed to begin with.

“Receipts, contracts and paperwork were literally thrown in a box and we had to go through old bank statements to match who bought what. Bank accounts hadn’t been reconciled in years,” Gibbs said. “Before we could move forward, we had to recreate that record.”

The depth of money mismanagement had gone largely unnoticed because annual audit reports for several years were delayed, due to the city’s lack of financial records.

With the help of Jones, France, Basterrechea and Brush CPAs in Gooding, the city started piecing together how the deficit was created.

“Residents were bamboozled by egregious overspending,” Gibbs said.

Although deficits were logged by the library, sanitation and irrigation depart-

ments, the city now knows that the police department was the biggest overspender. The city’s many funds are kept in a shared pool, a common municipal practice. The city was kept afloat primarily by its water and sewer funds.

In 2006, the department spent \$308,212, going nearly \$74,000 over budget. By 2009, its spending had ballooned to \$436,950 — over by \$86,500 that year. By September 2010, the department had amassed more than \$400,000 in overspending.

“The police department got too big and salaries were out of control,” said Christopherson. “Going through the record it looks like raises were given without oversight or approval.”

By the time former Police Chief Kirtus Gaston abruptly resigned in December 2009, his yearly salary was close to \$80,000, Christopherson said. Gaston couldn’t be reached for comment for this report.

The current head of the police department, Sgt. Jeff Lenker, earns \$42,000 a year.

Gaston’s former boss, Rick

Shopping

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“I’m picking up the must-have ‘I wants,’” Torres said. “The video games come out so often you can’t buy them a year in advance, because they’d be old and the kids would be unimpressed. These are the gifts I’m hoping they’ll get excited about.”

Instead of heading to the mall or big-box retailers, Deborah Swager of Buhl hit the last day of the Christmas Craft Show at Grandy’s inside Snake River Sprinkler, in Buhl, to complete her holiday shopping.

Scanning the display of handmade memorabilia, Swager said the inspirational framed woodwork would be perfect for a friend having a hard time. In another corner, she found hand-painted red cookie plates with cheery words stenciled in glittery gold letters.

“My shopping is coming to a closure and I’m done with the hustle and bustle but still need those odd little gifts for friends,” Swager said.

While retail space may

have been busy, Logan Lloyd, partner with Lloyd Family Christmas Trees, spent much of Saturday pondering what happened to what is typically the second-busiest sales weekend of the season. The company has sold fresh-cut evergreens in Twin Falls for nearly 60 years.

“I’m in my trailer on a Saturday doing nothing when it’s usually really busy,” Lloyd said. “I think the weather is too nice. When we got a bit of snow a couple of weeks back, people came out and sales did increase a bit but it has been slow.”

Lloyd isn’t too worried, though. He knows that all those gifts people are buying will end up under Christmas trees.

Boise Father Arrested After Infant’s Death

BOISE (AP) • Authorities in Ada County say a 3-month-old boy died early Saturday and the child’s 19-year-old father has been arrested on suspicion of felony injury to a child.

KTVB-TV reports that the Ada County Coroner is conducting an autopsy to determine the exact cause of death.

The Ada County Sheriff’s office says Reynaldo “Lucas” Sanchez was being held at the Ada County Jail on \$1 million bond.

Authorities say Sanchez called neighbors in Boise on Friday morning to say his son had fallen out of an infant bouncy seat. The neighbors then called 911. The infant was first taken to St. Luke’s in Meridian and then to St. Luke’s in Boise.

Authorities say they started an investigation after determining the child’s injuries didn’t appear to be from a fall.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

FRIDAY ARRAIGNMENTS

Lucas Lavaur Cunningham, 19, Jerome; minor consumption, unlawful possession of a legal drug, \$500 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Jan. 4.

Lucas Lavaur Cunningham, 19, Jerome; battery on a police officer, \$500 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Jan. 4.

Andrew Phillip Knefel, 25, Filer; no-contact order violation, public defender appointed, pretrial Jan. 4.

Robert Joseph Ferreira, 23, Buhl; aggravated assault, \$20,000 bond, public defender denied, preliminary Dec. 23.

Willie Dee Chaney, 23, Twin Falls; two counts of possession of a controlled substance, \$500 bond, preliminary Dec. 23.

Christopher James Moss, 28, Lake Forest, Calif.; possession of a controlled substance, \$500 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Jan. 4.

Ashley Nicole Vieira, 19, Buhl; possession of a controlled substance, \$10,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Dec. 23.


Ashlee L. Burgoyne, 22, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, third or subsequent, public defender appointed, pretrial Jan. 4.

Courtney Leann Brazil, 23, Buhl; driving under the influence (second offense), walk-in arraignment/summons, public defender appointed, pretrial Jan. 4.

WANTED IN TWIN FALLS COUNTY

Alan Mark Kosek Jr.

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Kosek

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

FELONY SENTENCINGS

Joseph Lee Goins, 30, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver, 10 years penitentiary, 5 determinate, 5 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

Lynnsey Dawn Cummings, 29, Kimberly; possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver, 8 years penitentiary, 3 determinate, 5 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

\$182.50 costs, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

Jordyn D. Stewart, 19, Shoshone; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 1 day time credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

Javier Martinez-Monjaras, 29, Buhl; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$500 suspended, 120 days jail, 90 suspended, 20 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 365 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:

Robert Eugene Huber, seeking establishment of paternity and child support: \$132 monthly support plus 53 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance and 53 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Nathan Scott Wells, seeking establishment of child support and Medicaid reimbursement: \$159 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses and \$5,845.53 in Medicaid reimbursement for birth costs.

Tyler John Parks, seeking establishment of child support and Medicaid reimbursement: \$161 monthly support plus 55 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, 55 percent of any work-related day

care expenses and \$3,550.01 in Medicaid reimbursement for birth costs.

Clifford Kane Katona, seeking establishment of child support and Medicaid reimbursement: \$268 monthly support plus 55 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, 55 percent of any work-related day care expenses and \$3,453.22 in Medicaid reimbursement for birth costs.

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Everett Paul Poulignot Jr. vs. Stephanie Ann Poulignot.

Amber Dawn Friedley vs. Mikel Allen Friedley.

Vickie Lynne Wagner vs. Brian James Wagner.

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Suspensions

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School. School boards and administrators began exercising discretion more broadly in deciding how tough to be in interpreting behavior codes.

A vast expanse of 8,000 square miles, Kern County produces 10 percent of U.S. oil and has the third highest farm earnings of any county nationwide. But about 22 percent of residents lived below the poverty line in 2009. Latinos have grown to become the largest ethnic group in schools, at 61 percent.

Last year, Kern County was home to about 173,360 students, or fewer than 3 percent of all of California's pupils. But 14 percent of the state's total of 18,648 expulsions took place here, according to data reported to California Department of Education. Bakersfield High School, in Kern's biggest city, reported ejecting 232 of its 2,755 pupils. Christine Lizardi Frazier, Kern County's superintendent of schools, defends the policies. "They are not being expelled for pushing and shoving," Frazier said. "It is really hard to look away when they're bringing a gun or a knife or selling drugs."

But the statistics tell a more complicated story.

A Center for Public Integrity analysis shows that few of Kern's 2,578 expelled students were accused of serious violations — brandishing a knife or gun — that actually require expulsion. Instead, most expulsions encompassed a range of allegations for which administrators have discretion to recommend some other punishment to school boards, which have the ultimate authority.

Some 522 Kern students were ousted for "causing, attempting or threatening to cause physical injury." Another common reason for expulsions: using intoxicants, from beer to illegal street drugs to prescription drugs. Schools expelled 843 students for this violation.

Expulsions here were also driven up by two other alleged

infractions: disruption or defiance of authority, and obscenity, profanity or vulgarity.

Authorities here say their community supports tough discipline.

"No one is running for the board on a platform of keeping obscenity-spewing or drug-selling kids in (regular) school," said Bryan Batey, a parent and president of the board of trustees for the Kern High School District.

But for McKinley, now with Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Inc., the evidence is troubling. "Those statistical anomalies ... show there is something seriously wrong going on here," the former G-man said. "You can't tell me kids here are any worse than in Los Angeles or other places."

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McKinley's complaints dovetail with recent studies.

In July, the Council of State Governments released a study tracking all Texas seventh-graders through their senior year. About 60 percent had been suspended or expelled at least once, but on average, eight times.

A separate report released in October by the National Education Policy Center at the University of Colorado highlighted troubling racial disparities. Data collected in 2010 in North Carolina showed that among black students cited for a first-time cellphone violation in schools, 32 percent were given suspension. Less than 15 percent of white students received the same punishment for the same violation.

Reformers are searching for a different approach.

Judge Steven Teske of Georgia's Clayton County Juvenile Court testified in 2010 before the House Committee on Education and Labor that he pushed for changes after discovering that more than 90 percent of referrals to juvenile court stemmed from minor disciplinary matters "that should have been handled in schools."

In California's San Francisco County, where district board trustees have taken a

different approach, not a single pupil was expelled last year for disruption or defiance. The Los Angeles Unified School District board adopted a "positive behavior support" policy in 2007 to reward good behavior and provide more counseling.

"We really don't want to expel for defiance," said Isabel Villalobos, the district's coordinator of student discipline.

The Obama administration, in July, announced the Supportive School Discipline Initiative, which aims to help schools more judiciously apply expulsions. The administration is also reviewing allegations of racially disproportionate discipline in Delaware, New York, North Carolina, Utah and Minnesota.

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Kern officials say their process follows a series of logical steps.

While some schools are beginning to use "positive behavioral intervention and support," the overarching policy is "progressive discipline," said Otis Jennings, who oversees discipline in the large Kern High School district. Expulsion would only follow steps like suspension. Kern school officials say they try to help troubled students, but those efforts are limited by the state's fiscal crisis.

John Teves, the district spokesman, said that since campuses typically have only five or fewer staff counselors, their work must focus on academic progress. Ten school psychologists, he said, concentrate on the needs of 3,500 special education students.

Michael Zulfa, the Kern High School district's assistant superintendent of instruction, agreed that expulsion can stain a record, but said it can also help by separating students from negative influences and giving them a chance to change behavior.

California does require that expelled students be offered some type of public education. Last year about 600 of Kern High School district's 2,040 expelled students were sent to other regular schools

or to district "continuation" schools for low-performing students.

But most of Kern's expelled kids were referred to county-run "community" schools. These schools, along with juvenile court schools, saw their combined enrollments soar by 30 percent in Kern between 2003 and 2008. Community school basic expenditures per pupil in 2008-2009 were estimated at about \$5,954, which was about \$300 more than the state's basic spending per student.



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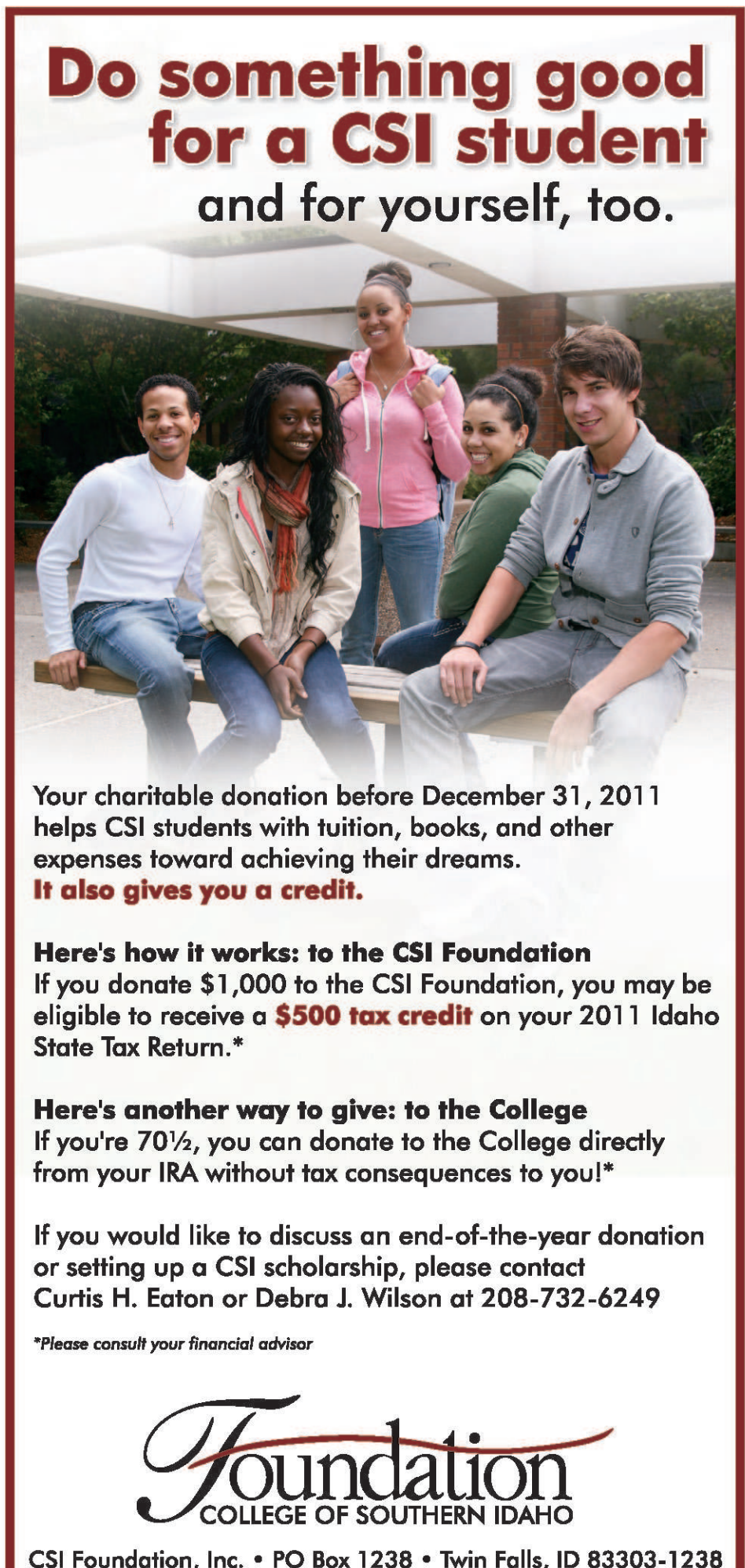
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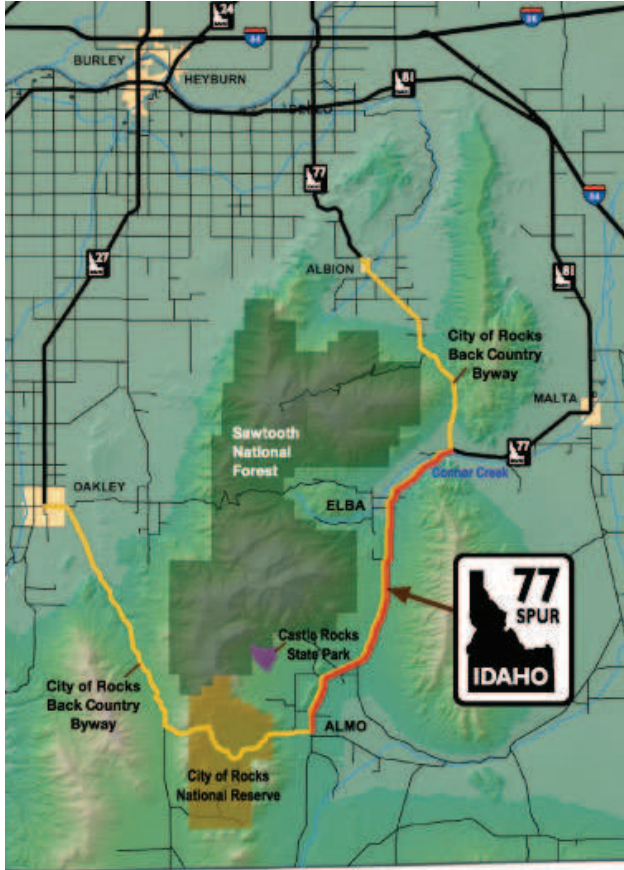
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in Southern Idaho.” ITD will handle road preservation and maintenance, while Cassia County will provide winter plowing, with the help of 300 cubic yards of sand and salt provided by ITD each year. The agreement will be reviewed every five years. ITD also plans a 2013 project to complete a seal coat, update signs and provide other improvements.

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Bald Eagles at Lake Coeur d'Alene in Record Numbers

LAKE COEUR D'ALENE (AP) • Bald eagles are mobbing Lake Coeur d'Alene in record numbers this week. The annual eagle congregation to feast on spawning kokanee in Wolf Lodge Bay swelled to 259 on Friday, *The Spokesman-Review* reported in Saturday's newspaper. That's up from a count of 136 a week earlier. The weekly surveys are conducted by Carrie Hugo, a U.S. Bureau of Land Management wildlife biologist. The previous record was 254 eagles in the bay on Dec. 21, 2010. The record previous to that was a mere 154 eagles in 2004. Hugo counted 215 adults and 44 juveniles Friday, noting that most of the fish-loving birds were hanging out in the Beauty Bay area of Wolf Lodge and the hillside just across the water from Higgins Point. More eagles could be coming in, since the peak of the congregation traditionally has been just before Christmas. BLM, Idaho Fish and Game and Audubon Society volunteers are organizing the annual Eagle Watch Week, Dec. 26-Jan. 1, to educate visitors. Bald eagles have been gathering here for decades to feed

on kokanee that swarm into the area to spawn and die. Lake Coeur d'Alene as well as Lake Pend Oreille are having the biggest kokanee spawning returns in many years, perhaps helping to attract the large number of eagles, said Jim Fredericks, Idaho Fish and Game regional fisheries manager. The Pend Oreille kokanee make their run earlier than the fish at Coeur d'Alene, and that could be the reason the eagles were slower than normal to show up at Wolf Lodge Bay in November, Fredericks said. “We had a lot of eagles at Granite Creek (southwest of Hope), where we take the eggs from kokanee for the hatchery,” he said. “But I don't know if anyone was counting them.” The lakes are also receiving a record number of human visitors. The Bureau of Land Management, which administers most of the land, parking areas and trailheads around the bay, offers these suggestions for viewing the eagles: Do not approach the eagles on foot, remember to bring binoculars to enable staying away from the birds, and park off the road and stay in your vehicle while watching nearby birds.

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A Truckful of Holiday Cheer

Kiwanis Club members Ed Ditlefsen, left, James Rabe and Ken Whiting load food gifts in a truck Friday to distribute to homeless children at local motels. Twin Falls High School students contributed 2,000 food items to the effort, while Canyon Ridge High School students collected other gifts. About 45 children received the gifts.

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Spokane Cops Estranged from Community

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. • It was the salute that shocked Spokane.

About 50 Spokane cops stood and saluted a fellow officer as he left a federal courtroom in custody last month after being convicted of using excessive force in the death of a mentally ill janitor.

That salute was quickly denounced by the mayor and chief of police as insensitive to the victim's family. And critics saw it as yet another sign that Spokane cops are estranged from the citizens they are sworn to protect.

The Spokane Police Department is under fire on many fronts.

The outgoing mayor is asking the federal government to investigate the practices of the department. Efforts to create a citizen ombudsman to hear complaints against police have been stonewalled. Some residents have even suggested the department should be dissolved and merged with the Spokane County Sheriff's Office.

There are also signs that the U.S. Department of Justice is conducting a civil rights investigation of the department, although Justice officials have declined to comment.

"This is not just a bad apple problem," said Liz Moore

of the Peace and Justice Action League, which is critical of police. "This is a rotten apple barrel problem."

All the bad blood is having an impact.

"Officers who feel they are risking their lives are not getting the respect they deserve, and citizens don't feel safe to call the police," said Breean Beggs, an attorney who is suing the city on behalf of the family of janitor Otto Zehm, who was killed by police.

Police officers killed three people in Spokane in 2010 while sheriff's deputies killed two. In 2009, the last full year available, only 10 people died in arrest-related incidents at the hands of law enforcement officers in Washington, according to a Justice Department report.

The most notorious police death in Spokane occurred in 2006, when Zehm, a schizophrenic, died at the hands of a group of officers in a convenience store. Zehm, who had committed no crime, was beaten, shot with a Taser, hog-tied and sat on until he passed out and died two days later without regaining consciousness.

According to court records, Zehm's final words were, "All I wanted was a Snicker's bar."

After what federal prosecutors described as five years of cover ups by local officials, a federal jury in November convicted Officer Karl Thompson for use of exces-

sive force and lying about it to investigators.

It was at a post-conviction hearing where Thompson's freedom was revoked that the 50 officers stood at attention and saluted him.

"I was shocked by their willingness to ignore the fact that 12 jurors ... found what Officer Thompson did was a criminal act," said attorney Jeffrey Finer, who also represents the Zehm family in their lawsuit against the city.

Mayor Mary Verner and police chief Anne Kirkpatrick issued a joint statement saying the salute does not reflect

the city's values.

"It clearly was insensitive to the friends and family of Otto Zehm, and for that, we apologize," the statement said.

Tom Rice, an assistant U.S. attorney in Spokane, has declined to say if the investigation into police corruption in the Zehm coverup is continuing. But the U.S. Attorney's Office has in press releases described the police actions as "an extensive cover up," which could indicate additional officers were involved, with the possibility of more indictments.

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Utah Lawmaker to Quit Due to Fundraising Ban

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SALT LAKE CITY • A law prohibiting fundraising during Utah's legislative session has at least one Republican resigning his post and another considering stepping down instead of challenging the ban, as candidates have successfully done in other states.

The two state House representatives are seeking congressional seats and say they can't spare the weeks-long gap from fundraising that would start with the Jan. 23 opening of session.

"Any candidate who is looking at federal office will find it becomes extremely difficult to do both jobs," said Rep. Dave Clark, R-Santa Clara, who will resign next week to run for Congress.

Political donations during sessions are banned in part in at least 28 states, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Some limits only apply to lobbyists and, in most states, they don't apply to federal candidates. In the past several decades, judges have struck down similar laws in Florida, Ohio, Missouri and North Carolina.

Clark says he won't challenge the Utah ban in court. Neither will Rep. Carl Wimmer, R-Herriman, who also is running for Congress and is considering resigning from the state Legislature.

"I am a middle-class,

blue-collar American worker," Wimmer said, adding that he can't afford to not campaign during session.

In Missouri, lawmakers tried for a second time in 2006 to institute the ban by applying it to challengers as well as officeholders.

But a state judge blocked it, saying it violated free speech rights and did not address problems raised with a similar 1994 Missouri law.

Also, while Oregon's ban hasn't been challenged in court, the NCSL says the state's attorney general issued a ruling in 2001 that said the law was unconstitutional and would not be enforced.

Idaho lawmakers, who have a schedule much like Utah's that leaves only a few weeks between the end of the legislative session and party conventions, turned back an attempt by Democrats in 2009 to institute a similar blackout period.

Utah's restrictions were reinforced last month by Lt. Gov. Greg Bell in a letter to legislators that said the law clearly prohibits donations for any race to legislators or the governor during a legislative session.

However, Mark Thomas, director of Utah's elections office, said legal precedent suggests that if somebody were to challenge the law it may not pass constitutional muster, especially for federal candidates.

Fremont County Pays IRS \$15K

ST. ANTHONY (AP) • Fremont County officials have sent a payment of about \$15,000 to the Internal Revenue Service for unpaid taxes.

The Standard Journal in a story published Thursday reports that an audit of three years of Fremont County's books by the IRS resulted in a bill of \$14,808.28

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KAREN BOSSICK • FOR THE TIMES-NEWS

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COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Lee Heider, Justin Heider, Angela Heider, Gene Turley and Carol Turley cut the red ribbon at Kiwi Loco with family and Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.

Kiwi Loco Celebrates Newly Remodeled Location

Owners and employees of Kiwi Loco, at 1520 Fillmore St. in Twin Falls, recently held a ribbon cutting at their newly remodeled store with Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.

Kiwi Loco's newly remodeled store has a banquet room for parties and extra seating. Call 733-1343 to schedule a banquet.



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Steve Stratman, Hunter Mann, Tyler Rogers, Carson Stratman and Rhonda Stratman cut the red ribbon at Complete Nutrition. At back is Mark Will.

Complete Nutrition Celebrates Grand Opening

Complete Nutrition, located at 1239 Pole Line Road E. Suite 310 B in Twin Falls, recently celebrated its grand opening with Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.

Complete Nutrition features weight loss, sport nutrition and general health products.

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Wooten/Riddle Real Estate Team Named Top Three Agents for Residential Units Sold

The Wooten/Riddle Real Estate Team of Prudential Idaho Homes & Properties received the second- and third-quarter Prudential Sales Professional Awards for finishing among the top three teams in Idaho for residential units sold.

The Wooten/Riddle team joined Prudential Idaho Homes & Properties in 2004. Prior to winning these awards, Tawni Wooten and Mandi Riddle also won the President's Circle for 2005, Leading Edge Society for 2006, President's Circle for 2007, Honor's Society for 2008 and 2009, and Leading Edge Society for 2010.

Wooten is an associate broker, relocation certified and holds the Graduate Realtor Institute designation. Riddle is certified in relocation and in interior design and has an associate degree in computer graphic design.

The Wooten/Riddle team's focus is to help clients with their real estate needs, whether it's in residential properties, vacant land, development, new construction, commercial and investment properties or farms and ranches.

Information: Wooten, at 731-0632, or Riddle, at 539-1230 or mandi@prudentialidahohomes.com.

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When Your Criminal Past isn't Yours

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In this Dec. 18, 2010, photo, Kathleen Casey poses on a street in Cambridge, Mass. A case of mistaken identity landed Casey on the streets without a job or a home. The company hired to run her background check for a potential employer mistakenly found the wrong Kathleen Casey, who lived nearby but was 18 years younger and had a criminal record.

As the digitalization of background checks booms, more people are running into issues with potential employers. Incorrect or outdated information is preventing honest Americans from obtaining jobs.

BY JORDAN ROBERTSON

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO • A clerical error landed Kathleen Casey on the streets.

Out of work two years, her unemployment benefits exhausted, in danger of losing her apartment, Casey applied for a job in the pharmacy of a Boston drugstore. She was offered \$11 an hour. All she had to do was pass a background check.

It turned up a 14-count criminal indictment. Kathleen Casey had been charged with larceny in a scam against an elderly man and woman that involved forged checks and fake credit cards.

There was one technicality: The company that ran the background check, First Advantage, had the wrong woman. The rap sheet belonged to Kathleen A. Casey, who lived in another town nearby and was 18 years younger.

Kathleen Ann Casey, would-be pharmacy technician, was clean.

"It knocked my legs out from under me," she says.

The business of background checks is booming. Employers spend at least \$2 billion a year to look into the pasts of their prospective employees. They want to make sure they're not hiring a thief, or worse.

But it is a system weakened by the conversion to digital files and compromised by the welter of private companies that profit by amassing public records and selling them to employers. These flaws have devastating consequences.

It is a system in which the most sensitive information from people's pasts is bought and sold as a commodity.

A system in which computers scrape the public files of court systems around



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In this Nov. 10, 2010 photo, Gina Marie Haynes, left, looks over documents with her boyfriend Shawn Hicks before she heads to a job interview in Frisco, Texas. Haynes had just moved from Philadelphia to Texas with her boyfriend in August 2010 and lined up a job managing apartments. A background check found fraud charges, and Haynes lost the offer.

the country to retrieve personal data. But a system in which what they retrieve isn't checked for errors that would be obvious to human eyes.

A system that can damage reputations and, in a time of precious few job opportunities, rob honest workers of a chance at a new start. And a system that can leave the Kathleen Caseys of the world — the innocent ones — living in a car.

Those are the results of an investigation by The Associated Press that included a review of thousands of pages of court filings and interviews with dozens of court officials, data providers, lawyers, victims and regulators.

"It's an entirely new frontier," says Leonard Bennett, a Virginia lawyer

who has represented hundreds of plaintiffs alleging they were the victims of inaccurate background checks. "They're making it up as they go along."

Two decades ago, if a county wanted to update someone's criminal record, a clerk had to put a piece of paper in a file. And if you wanted to read about someone's criminal past, you had to walk into a courthouse and thumb through it. Today, half the courts in the United States put criminal records on their public websites.

Digitization was supposed to make criminal records easier to access and easier to update. To protect privacy, laws were passed requiring courts to redact some information, such as birth

Please see **BACKGROUND, M2**

Business Owner Watches as Pay Phones Fade Away

BY PAUL HAMPEL

St. Louis Post-Dispatch (MCT)

ST. LOUIS • At 62, Jim Nesselhauf is not sure which will come first, retirement or the demise of his business — pay phones.

Three years ago, Nesselhauf's company, Joltran Communications Inc., had 1,000 pay phones scattered around the St. Louis area.

Today, he's down to about 400. And he expects to soon lay off one of his four remaining employees.

"I'll be honest with you: It's a business that's not going to be around much longer," Nesselhauf, of south St. Louis County, said recently in an interview. "We're on the dying end of a category here."

With cellphones dominating the telecommunications industry, pay phones are disappearing fast. Their numbers nationally plummeted from 2.1 million in 1999 to 550,000 in 2009, the last year the Federal Communications Commission released its "pay phone population" figures.

The major carriers, AT&T and Verizon, have both pulled out of the pay phone business, leaving the market to small, regional companies such as Joltran, which, with Pacific Telemanagement Inc., operates most of the remaining pay phones in this area. Pacific Telemanagement, a California company, did not return calls for this story.

Nesselhauf said another factor had hastened the decline in recent years — the federal Lifeline program which, in 2009, began giving free cellphones and

free minutes to people on welfare.

"The bulk of our business is in the inner city, and when the federal government started giving cellphone minutes away, what had been a steady decline really started speeding up," he said.

Before going into the pay phone business, Nesselhauf had worked as a regional manager at the old National Supermarkets, until the company was sold in 1995.

"We were in the process of closing down everything at National, and a young lady came to my office and left a stack of papers on my desk," he said.

In the stack, he found the company's pay phone records.

"I started looking through them and saw that pay phones did super-well back then, about \$600 to \$800 a month each," he said.

With retirement money from National and a bank loan, Nesselhauf started Joltran in 1995. (The company moniker is an amalgamation of letters from his name and those of his wife of 40 years and their two daughters.)

He started with 50 phones that cost him about \$2,000 each.

Nesselhauf began signing up clients, who would get a percentage of the revenue. In the early years, he worked by himself, seven days a week, sometimes 16 hours a day.

His phones gave him an advantage over those used by the dominant company at the time, Southwestern Bell.

"Mine had modem boards inside that allowed me to communicate with

Please see **PAY PHONES, M2**

TV CHANNEL SQUEEZE PROPOSED TO PAY FOR TAX CUTS

BY ANICK JESDANUN

Associated Press

NEW YORK • Call it the Great Channel Squeeze.

Congress is considering letting cellphone companies pay television stations to give up their frequencies so they can be put to better use for wireless broadband.

The idea is to squeeze over-the-air television, which has few viewers, into a smaller slice of the airwaves. The government would be the broker in the deal and would use some proceeds to fund tax cuts and unemployment benefits.

In years to come, you might see Channel 17 cease to broadcast and Channel 49 take its place, for instance. The empty slot at Channel 49 would then become available for a range of wireless services. That could mean faster downloads for smartphones and tablet computers.

Although vast swaths of broadcast spectrum were freed when television signals converted from analog to digital in 2009, much of that has already been claimed. Technology companies have been clamoring for even more airwaves to satisfy growing consumer appetite for movies, books and websites on mobile devices.

The Federal Communications

Please see **CHANNEL, M3**



Joe Nesselhauf checks the operation on a pay phone that is part of the family's business in Mehlville, Mo., on Nov. 23. With the proliferation of cell phones, the pay phone business is dying out.

Pay Phones

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them every day; I knew how much cash was inside, when a handset was missing or a key was stuck. Customers preferred them to Southwestern Bell's — which we called 'dumb phones' — and that really kick-started the business," he said.

He got successful enough to hire an employee. He eventually had seven people working for him.

A few years ago, Nesselhauf reached his goal of 1,000 pay phones. The most profitable of them brought in about \$800 a week.

In 2006, Nesselhauf got a letter from the city of St. Louis. Residents living near one phone had complained that the phone was a magnet for criminal activity. The city ordered Joltran to remove it.

"I had the same thing

happen before," Nesselhauf said. "In all honesty, I was very understanding."

When a Joltran technician began disconnecting the phone, a familiar scenario ensued.

"A young lady came out and begged him not to take the phone out. She lived right across the street and said she had a sick child and this was her only communication with a doctor," Nesselhauf said. "All of our techs can tell you heart-breaking stories like that, where people come out of their houses saying, 'Please don't take my phone away!'"

Nesselhauf wrote to the ward's alderman, Matt Villa, seeking a reprieve for the phone.

Villa, who was an alderman from 1997 to this year, recalled the incident.

"I was sympathetic to Jim and to that woman," he said. "But it was obvious to people in the area that the phone was being used to sell drugs and for prostitution.

"I know legitimate calls were also made from the phone, but I think it was the illegal activity that drove the profit."

Villa offered to let Nesselhauf move the phone inside the gas station.

"But (Nesselhauf) said that once a phone is moved inside, it won't do enough business to make it worthwhile," Villa said.

Recently, Joltran got a small boost when Metro renewed its contract with the company to support the 56 phones on the agency's train platforms, parking lots and bus transfer centers.

Nesselhauf had initially told Metro officials that he would need to remove 30 of the pay phones because they were not generating enough revenue.

Metro Vice President Debbie Erickson said the agency negotiated a deal with Joltran in which it would pay the company a total of \$300 a month to support unprofitable phones.

"There was a time when all of our pay phones produced a little commission, but not anymore," Erickson said. "But we felt that it was a good idea for people to still have access to pay phones at all our locations; even if you have a cellphone, you never know when your battery is going to run out. So we will pay a little something just to cover (Joltran's) costs on some phones."

The best of Joltran's phones now take in about \$150 a month, and only a few do that.

Joltran has removed about 140 phones this year.

The company is now heading into its roughest time of year, when cold weather deters calls at outside phones.

Nesselhauf wonders how long he can hold out before the last line goes dead.

"I'm hoping we can make it until March," he said. "With 300 phones, we could survive another year or two."

Background

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dates and Social Security numbers, before they put records online. But digitization perpetuates errors.

"There's very little human judgment," says Sharon Dietrich, an attorney with Community Legal Services in Philadelphia, a law firm focused on poorer clients. Dietrich represents victims of inaccurate background checks. "They don't seem to have much incentive to get it right."

Dietrich says her firm fields about twice as many complaints about inaccurate background checks as it did five years ago.

The mix-ups can start with a mistake entered into the logs of a law enforcement agency or a court file. The biggest culprits, though, are companies that compile databases using public information.

In some instances, their automated formulas misinterpret the information provided them. Other times, as Casey discovered, records wind up assigned to the wrong people with a common name.

Another common problem: When a government agency erases a criminal conviction after a designated period of good behavior, many of the commercial databases don't perform the updates required to purge offenses that have been wiped out from public record.

It hasn't helped that dozens of databases are now run by mom-and-pop businesses with limited resources to monitor the accuracy of the records.

The industry of providing background checks has been growing to meet the rising demand for the service. In the 1990s, about half of employers said they checked backgrounds. In the decade since Sept. 11, that figure has grown to more than 90 percent, according to the Society for Human Resource Management.

To take advantage of the growing number of businesses willing to pay for

background checks, hundreds of companies have dispatched computer programs to scour the Internet for free court data.

But those data do not always tell the full story.

Gina Marie Haynes had just moved from Philadelphia to Texas with her boyfriend in August 2010 and lined up a job managing apartments. A background check found fraud charges, and Haynes lost the offer.

A year earlier, she had bought a used Saab, and the day she drove it off the lot, smoke started pouring from the hood. The dealer charged \$291.48 for repairs. When Haynes refused to pay, the dealer filed fraud charges.

Haynes relented and paid after six months. Anyone looking at Haynes' physical file at the courthouse in Montgomery County, Pa., would have seen that the fraud charge had been removed. But it was still listed in the limited information on the court's website.

The website has since been updated, but Haynes, 40, has no idea how many

companies downloaded the outdated data. She has spent hours calling background check companies to see whether she is in their databases. Getting the information removed and corrected from so many different databases can be a daunting mission. Even if it's right in one place, it can be wrong in another database unknown to an individual until a prospective employer requests information from it. By then, the damage is done.

"I want my life back," Haynes says.

Haynes has since found work as a customer service manager, but she says that is only because her latest employer didn't run a background check.

Hard data on errors in background checks are not public. Most leading background check companies contacted by the AP would not disclose how many of their records need to be corrected each year.

A recent class-action settlement with one major database company, HireRight Solutions Inc., provides a glimpse at the

magnitude of the problems.

The settlement, which received tentative approval from a federal judge in Virginia last month, requires HireRight to pay \$28.4 million to settle allegations that it didn't properly notify people about background checks and didn't properly respond to complaints about inaccurate files. After covering attorney fees of up to \$9.4 million, the fund will be dispersed among nearly 700,000 people for alleged violations that occurred from 2004 to 2010. Individual payments will range from \$15 to \$20,000.

YOUR BUSINESS

Eckrote Team Awarded Third In GCI From Prudential

Rose Ann Eckrote of Prudential Idaho Homes & Properties has been awarded third place in gross commission income for third quarter 2011 by Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, a Prudential Financial company.

The award recognizes sales professionals who exemplified great sales measures in closed residential properties for the quarter.

Eckrote established her real estate business with Prudential Idaho Homes & Properties in March 2004. Prior to winning this award, she has also won Presidents Circle, Leading Edge Society awards and other quarterly awards.

Eckrote specializes in residential sales, investment properties, commercial and land sales. She is an associate broker, luxury fine homes specialist, certified relocation specialist, e-certified specialist, and a designate of the Graduate Realtor Institute. She also has her Short Sale and Foreclosure Resource Certification from the National Association of Realtors.

She can be reached at 737-4201 or www.twinfallshomefinder.com.



Eckrote

Cactus Petes Workers Donate \$104K

Workers at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot, Nev., donated about \$104,000 to a variety of organizations with the assistance of Ameristar Casinos' matching fund program.

According to an Ameristar release, 54 percent of Cactus Petes employees participated in the campaign, pledging money to United Way, Community Health Charities, St. Luke's Magic Valley Rehabilitation, Court Appointed Special Advocates and the Ameristar Cares Sunshine Fund.

"Ameristar team members have an exceptionally high long-term participation rate in Ameristar Cares Workplace Giving Campaign, and the campaign results are clear evidence that Ameristar is a company that truly cares about people," Ameristar CEO Gordon Kanofsky said in a written release.



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The corporate logo for Zynga is shown on an electronic billboard at the Nasdaq MarketSite, Friday, in New York. Stock in the San Francisco company began trading at Nasdaq, Friday following its IPO.

Investors Give ‘Farmville’ Maker a Cold Shoulder

BY BARBARA ORTUTAY
Associated Press

NEW YORK • As its workers celebrated with hot chocolate and cinnamon buns, Zynga saw its stock dinged on its first day of trading Friday — an unexpected turn of events for a closely watched public debut seen as a precursor to Facebook’s next year. Zynga Inc., the online game developer behind “FarmVille,” “Mafia Wars” and other popular time killers on Facebook, raised at least \$1 billion in its initial public offering of stock, the largest for a U.S. Internet company since Google’s \$1.4 billion IPO in 2004. But by Friday afternoon,

Zynga’s stock fell 50 cents, or 5 percent, to close at \$9.50. The stock priced at \$10 on Thursday, at the high end of its expected range. It traded as high as \$11.50 on Friday before heading into a downward spiral on the Nasdaq Stock Market. It was far from the eye-popping jump that has been the trend this year for freshly public Internet darlings such as LinkedIn Corp., which saw its stock double on its first trading day. Zynga’s opening — with a ticker symbol of “ZNGA” — was supposed to be big. After all, unlike many others with IPOs, the company is profitable, with more than 220 million people playing its games on Face-

book each month. What this all means for Facebook’s IPO, expected sometime after April, is hard to say. One thing is clear, though. “A hot IPO is not guaranteed,” said Kathleen Smith, principal of IPO investment advisory firm Renaissance Capital. Despite the big-name public offerings this year, the IPO market is not in good health. Buyers are skittish and concerned about the high volatility of freshly public stocks, Smith said. Big name or not, investors don’t want to pay sky-high prices for stocks, especially not before a company has proven itself with good earnings reports and analyst ratings.

Seventy percent of the 125 companies that went public this year are now trading below their IPO price, according to Renaissance Capital. While Friday’s drop doesn’t look good, it’s not devastating for Zynga. Its CEO, Mark Pincus, said the company’s focus is on “delivering great products” that expand audience for social games over the next few years — and not on the next trading day. “We didn’t have any expectations coming into this whole process,” he said in an interview. “We decided to go public a long time ago.” Pincus rang the Nasdaq’s opening bell in San Francisco, a first in the city for a freshly public company. The company’s roughly 1,700 San Francisco employees woke up at the crack of dawn to celebrate with cinnamon buns and hot cocoa. Zynga also delivered video of the opening ceremony over the Internet to its offices around the world.

Channel

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Commission sees more spectrum as a way to extend high-speed Internet access to places where phone and cable TV companies don’t have enough customers to offer landline broadband connections. “Unless we free up new spectrum for mobile broadband, the looming spectrum crunch risks throttling our mobile economy and frustrating mobile consumers,” FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski said in a statement this week.

In a sense, this proposal is a reflection of the times. In the U.S., there are more wireless devices in use than there are people. Meanwhile, various studies show that fewer than 10 percent of households get their TV signals over the air — the rest have cable or satellite service.

The FCC’s national broadband plan envisions freeing up 500 megahertz of spectrum over the next 10 years. As much as a quarter of that could come from television.

But many things need to happen first.

For starters, Congress needs to give the FCC authority to do this.

The House included that authority in a bill it passed Tuesday to extend Social Security payroll tax reductions and unemployment coverage. Congress estimates that \$16.5 billion could be generated over 10 years by auctioning the broadcast channels and another slice now used for public safety. But President Barack Obama opposes the bill for reasons unrelated to spectrum, and the Senate is working on its own version of the package.

Once the FCC gets authority, it needs to find broadcasters willing to cede their frequencies. Station owners would share in auction proceeds if they turn in their broadcasting licenses and either cease operations or become cable-only channels. They would be compensated to build new towers and make

other adjustments if they need to switch frequencies. Congressional revenue estimates already factor that in.

The National Association of Broadcasters isn’t sure how many stations would go along.

“Local TV stations are doing pretty well in terms of advertising sales,” NAB spokesman Dennis Wharton said. “It would surprise me if there would be the sort of stampede to go out of business.”

That said, the NAB supports the proposal as long as stations aren’t forced or pressured to give up their frequencies. If stations must move, the NAB wants to make sure they aren’t the ones paying for it and won’t face more interference or any reduction in how far their signals go. Wharton says the

House bill includes good protections for broadcasters, but a similar measure in the Senate does not.

Television stations once had Channels 2 to 83, except for 37, which is used for astronomy. Channels 70 to 83, mostly used to retransmit signals from other channels, disappeared in the 1980s and have been reassigned to other uses. Stations gave up Channels 52 to 69 in 2009 as part of a transition to digital broadcasts, and much of that has already been reassigned.

The House-passed bill would allocate some of what’s left from the digital transition to build a broadband network for public safety. It would also auction off spectrum that police, firefighters and emergency workers now use for voice communications.

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This photo provided by Ford Motor Co. shows the final Ford Ranger rolling off the production line at the company's plant in St. Paul, Minn., Friday. The plant's closing after an 86-year run means about 800 workers will be transferring to other plants or simply looking for a new job. Ford is shuttering the plant due to declining sales of the pickup truck.

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St. Paul Ford Plant Sees Final Truck Off the Line

BY CHRIS WILLIAMS
Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. • The last Ranger small pickup truck rolled off the line Friday morning, closing out an 86-year history of turning out Fords at the assembly plant along the Mississippi River and putting about 800 people out of work.

A crowd of employees took photos and applauded as the last Ranger, a white sport model bound for the Orkin Pest Control fleet, was driven off the production line.

"I could not understand why they were cheering for the last vehicle," said Mike Montie, 58, who worked at the plant for 28 years. "You cheer for the first one, not the last one. I was like, what the hell? I didn't want it to end, you know?"

Darlene Aspley, 62, who said she did the final quality-control test on the engine and transmission of the last Ranger, recently started looking for a new job. "I'm kind of scared," she said.

Dallas Theis, who worked at the plant for 53 years, drove the last Ranger off the line. Afterward, he was in the plant's lobby posing for photos with other employees while wearing a T-shirt that said, "I built the last Ford Ranger in America."

"I'm really going to miss the people," said Theis, who plans to retire. "I've learned to get along with young guys, old guys, radicals. There were people I didn't like, but I'm going to miss them too."

Sales of the Ranger small pickup peaked in the mid-1990s and have fallen ever since, hurt by neglect as Ford

Motor Co. focused its attention on its line of more profitable large pickups. The Ranger slowly lost its edge in fuel economy and price over Ford's full-sized pickups, even as the Ranger's styling grew stale.

The St. Paul plant has produced more than 6 million cars and trucks since 1925. Ford plans to sell a new version of the Ranger outside the U.S., but the trucks will be built in Thailand, South Africa and South America.

The company plans to begin decommissioning the plant soon by moving out any equipment that can be used in other Ford facilities and stepping up environmental testing on the nearly 125-acre site. Demolition is expected to start in a few months. Pollution cleanup is expected to go into 2014.

Marcey Evans, a spokes-

woman for Ford, said about two-thirds of the employees will have an opportunity to transfer to another Ford location, most likely assembly plants in Chicago or Louisville, Ky., which are adding thousands of jobs.

Ford announced in 2006 that it planned to close the St. Paul plant and offered the 1,800 employees who worked there at the time several kinds of buyouts, but as the company repeatedly pushed back the closure date it brought back hundreds of workers.

Many who came back returned in job classifications that don't qualify for an automatic transfer to another plant, including most who took a \$100,000 lump sum. "When an employee took a buyout it was expected they were leaving Ford Motor Co.," Evans said.

That includes workers like Greg Audette, who's now looking for work after 20 years at the Ford plant. "We've known about it for the last five years now," he said as walked out of the plant for the last time Friday. "It's just too bad it had to happen."

Wausau Paper Finds Buyers for Timberlands

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MOSINEE, Wis. • Wausau Paper has reached a deal to sell its remaining timberland in northern Wisconsin for \$42.9 million.

The company says two companies — The Lyme Timber Co. and The Forestland Group — will buy a total of about 80,200 acres from Wausau Paper. Both deals are expected to be finalized by the end of the year.

The Lyme Timber Co., based in Hanover, N.H., agreed to buy 72,800 acres. The Forestland Group, headquartered in Chapel Hill, N.C., bought the remaining 7,400 acres. Both companies

manage timberland throughout the U.S.

The Mosinee-based papermaker announced plans to sell its remaining timberlands this fall.

According to the *Wausau Daily Herald*, Wausau Paper CEO Tom Howatt says the sale will provide the company with funds to finance an expansion of its tissue division in Kentucky.



Small Florida Bank Closed; 91 Failures in 2011

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WASHINGTON • Regulators have closed a small bank in Florida, boosting to 91 the number of bank failures in the U.S. this year.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. on Friday seized Premier Community Bank of the Emerald Coast, based in Crestview, Fla., with \$126 million in assets and \$112 million in deposits. Summit Bank, based in Panama City, Fla., agreed to assume the assets and deposits of the failed bank.

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OBITUARIES

Elmer LaDrue ‘Drue’ Holman

Feb. 3, 1919-Dec. 8, 2011

BOUNTIFUL, Utah • Elmer LaDrue “Drue” Holman passed away peacefully in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011.



He was born an identical twin in Fountain Green, Utah, on Feb. 3, 1919, to Elmer and Zelda Holman. His early years were spent in a rural community doing “boy things,” including riding horses and herding sheep.

When World War II began, he proudly joined the U.S. Marines and served his country in the Pacific to include China until the end of the war. Following the war, he began a career in the grocery business in management that lasted for 40 years and took him from Utah to Twin Falls and Pocatello, Idaho, and Bountiful, Utah. He married Catherine Joyce Twitchell on Nov. 1, 1947, in Provo, Utah.

He enjoyed service with the Twin Falls Kiwanis Club as member and president. He loved being a member of the Bannock County Sheriff’s Posse. Throughout his life, he enjoyed spending time with his family. He also loved horseback riding, fishing, gardening, traveling, playing the organ and watching the Utah Jazz. He was active in the LDS Church,

serving as a high priest. He was in the Sunday school presidency and had a special joy being with the Primary children.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine; daughter, Margo Harrington; sons, Craig (Cherylyn) and Dennis (Margaret); as well as seven grandchildren, Geneva, Julena, Alison, Nathan, Ryan, Hannah and Craig; and two great-grandchildren, Ian and Isaac. Also surviving Drue are two step-grandchildren, Jedd and Jake Van Houten; and five step-great-grandchildren, Riley, Reagan, Jase, Cy and Leif Van Houten. He is survived by his brothers, Elvon and Merrill; and sister, Jean Bowles. He was preceded in death by his son, Gary; his twin brother, Elwin; and his sister, Athaleen Shepherd.

Services were held Dec. 12 at Lindquist’s Bountiful Mortuary. Interment was at the Bountiful City Cemetery. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Disabled American Veterans, 273 E. 800 S., Salt Lake City, UT 84111-3828, or the Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls, P.O. Box 855, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0855.

Condolences may be shared at www.lindquist-mortuary.com.

Rachelle Jean Fuller

Dec. 13, 1990-Dec. 13, 2011

Rachelle Jean Fuller, 21, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011, at home.



Rachelle was born in Jerome, Idaho, on Dec. 13, 1990, to Ronald and Phyllis Vaux Berg. She moved with her family to Kendrick, Idaho, where she attended elementary school until moving to Twin Falls in the late ‘90s. She attended schools in Twin Falls, graduating from Magic Valley High School in 2008. In 2007, Rachelle married Aaron Fuller and together they had two children, Adaya and Caleb. She was currently attending CSI and her goal was to become a respiratory therapist.

Rachelle enjoyed living life to the fullest. She loved the outdoors, going to the mountains, rock climbing, swimming, and camping. She was a very social and outgoing person and loved spending time with her friends. Rachelle was an amazing wife, mother, daughter, and friend and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Rachelle is survived by her husband, Aaron of Twin Falls; her children, Adaya and Caleb; her mother, Phyllis Berg of Twin Falls; brothers, Slade Hatch, Russell (Kristina) Berg, Jerry Morton and Dennis Berg; sisters, Rhonda Berg, Lisa (Scott) Baumgartner, Stacy Vaux and Darcy Hatch; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Chuck and Vicki Fuller; brother-in-law, Austin Fuller; sister-in-law, Melany Fuller; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her father and her grandparents.

A viewing will be held from 2 until 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Serenity Life Celebration Center, 512 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, at the First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Cleone S. Nielsen

Feb. 17, 1918-Dec. 16, 2011

ALBION • Cleone Stephens Nielsen, age 93, of Albion and formerly of Glendale, Calif., passed away Friday, Dec. 16, 2011, at her daughter’s home in Albion.

Cleone was born Feb. 17, 1918, in Bennington, Idaho, the daughter of Isaac Edward and Mary Jane Speirs Stephens. After graduating from high school in 1936, Cleone went on to graduate from Utah State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in vocational home economics and teaching. Cleone taught for one year in Cokeville, Wyo., prior to getting married. In 1941, she married her college sweetheart, Calvin O. Nielsen, on June 4, 1941, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. After marriage, Cleone and Calvin moved to California, where she worked as a secretary for Lockheed Aircraft.

Cleone enjoyed many crafts, sewing, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, quilting, leather work, wood carving, hat making, upholstering chairs and sofas, and making lamp shades. She enjoyed ushering at the opera house to see plays and concerts.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in various church positions including Relief Society, work director, in the Junior



Sunday school, secretary of the Young Women’s (MIA), and worked many years in the Primary as a teacher and the president.

Survivors include her daughter, Janet N. (Alan) Clark of Albion; six grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Calvin; one son, Stephen K. Nielsen; and two brothers and two sisters, Lyle Stephens, Mabel Bentsen, Claude Stephens and Mary Ellen Peterson.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at the Albion LDS Church, 889 S. Main St. in Albion. Burial will follow at the Mormon Cemetery in Albion. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

SERVICES

John Woodrow “Jack” Crivits of Jerome, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome

Barbara Ann O’Halloran Sievers of Kimberly, memorial Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m., with vigil service at 7 p.m. today at Parke’s Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Vivian Arlene Masters Daiss of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Buhl Methodist Church; visitation from 3 to 5 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Ella Louise Bohle Hirsch of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert, and 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church.

S.D. “Marty” Martindale of Meridian, memorial service

Walter Ferman Prentiss

April 19, 1922-Dec. 16, 2011

JEROME • Walter Ferman Prentiss was born to Frank Dubois Prentiss and Lillie Rebecca Thompson on April 19, 1922, the second of six children. He passed away Friday, Dec. 16, 2011, at his home. He was 89.

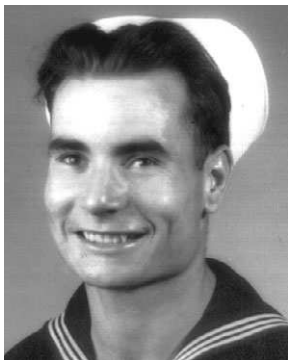
Walt graduated from Jerome High School in 1940. He enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and was honorably discharged in 1946. Walt enjoyed working as a sheepherder and having horses.

He made the best Dutch oven bread. He also spent time farming. Walt enjoyed many happy times with his cousin, Inez.

Walt married Jetta Alene Garrison Studyvin on Dec 12, 1964, in Jerome. They were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple on Jan. 25, 1980. This week, they celebrated 47 years together. Walt was proud of his children and grandchildren. They made their home east of Jerome.

Walt was preceded in death by his parents; two infant brothers, Edmond Frank and James Thompson; and two sisters, Thelma Williams and Donna Craig.

Walt is survived by his wife, Alene; a sister, Laurel Jennings; their children, Sheraldcan (Ralph) Brown of Aurora, Colo., Rex (Lanita) Studyvin of Jerome, Rhonda (Earl) Casper of Twin Falls and Roy Studyvin of Kansas City, Mo.; 12 grandchildren; 13



great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to Visions Hospice.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, Dec. 20, 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 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, in the Jerome LDS 6th Ward Chapel, 26 N. Tiger Drive (100 East) in Jerome, with Bishop Joel Prince officiating. A visitation will begin at noon. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

DEATH NOTICES

Johnny Traugher

ARCO • Johnny C. Traugher, 54, of Arco, died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the Arco LDS Ward Chapel; visitation from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, at Anderson Family Funeral Home, 2555 N. Highway 93 in Arco, and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

James Ivie

SHOSHONE • James A. “Jim” Ivie, 72, of Shoshone, died Friday, Dec. 16, 2011, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Gary Hall

Gary Woods Hall, 73, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

James McMichael

James J. McMichael, 84, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

The families of MaryJane Kelly would like to thank all our friends and families for their support given to her and to us after her passing. Also for the beautiful flowers, plants, cards, calls and food.

We would especially like to thank Tracey and her staff at Evergreen Place Assisted Living Center and Visions Hospice for their wonderful care of our mother. Also to White Mortuary for the handling of her service. Their kind attention was truly appreciated.

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OBITUARIES

Sherman E. McCoy

Sept. 22, 1935-Dec. 17, 2011

JEROME • Sherman E. McCoy, 76, of Jerome, passed away Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, in Kimberly.

He was born Sept. 22, 1935, in Jerome, the son of Henry Edward McCoy and Alice May Kingsland McCoy. Sherm attended school in Jerome and then served his country in the U.S. Navy. Following an honorable discharge, he began a lifelong career working as a machinist. He lived and worked in Ohio, California and Utah and finally settled back in Jerome. He married Ruth Mae Breznak and they had four children. They were later divorced.

Sherm enjoyed diving and swimming. He loved motorcycle riding and was extremely talented with his hands. He could accomplish just about anything he set his mind to. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandson, Stephen, who inspired Sherm to start carving and collecting ducks. Sherm loved the Lord and was active in the Bethel Temple Apostolic Church in Twin Falls.

Sherm is survived by three children, Sherman E. (Lynn) McCoy Jr. of Victorville, Calif., Stephen Gregory (Blair) McCoy of Bend, Ore., and Patricia Kimberly McCoy of Stow, Iowa; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren;



one sister, Jean (Jim) Breznak; and many extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Debra Ruth Racine; and three sisters, Chris, Millie and Orpha.

A memorial service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, in the Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Road in Twin Falls, with Pastor John Collins Jr. officiating. A visitation will begin at 9 a.m. Interment with military honors will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made in Sherman's name to Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301 or any Alzheimer's research and prevention organization. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Christopher Hitchens, Master of the Contrarian Essay, Dies at 62

BY MATT SCHUDEL
The Washington Post

Christopher Hitchens, a sharp-witted provocateur who used his formidable learning, biting wit and muscular prose style to skewer what he considered high-placed hypocrites, craven lackeys of the right and left, "Islamic fascists" and religious faith of any kind, died Dec. 15 at a hospital in Houston. He was 62.

He had pneumonia and complications from esophageal cancer, according to a statement from Vanity Fair, the magazine for which Mr. Hitchens worked.

Mr. Hitchens, an English-born writer who had lived in Washington since 1982, was a tireless master of the persuasive essay, which he wrote with an indefatigable energy and venomous glee. He often wrote about the masters of English literature, but he was better known for his lifelong engagement with politics, with subtly nuanced views that did not fit comfortably with the conventional right or left.

In his tartly worded essays, books and television appearances, Mr. Hitchens was a self-styled contrarian who often challenged political and moral orthodoxy. He called Henry Kissinger a war criminal, savaged Mother Teresa and Princess Diana, ridiculed both Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton, then became an outspoken opponent of terrorism against the West from the Muslim world.

In 2007, Mr. Hitchens aimed his vitriol even higher, writing a best-selling book that disputed the existence of God, then enthusiastically took on anyone — including his own brother — who wanted to argue the matter.

His supporters praised Mr. Hitchens as a truth-telling literary master who, in the words of the Village Voice, was "America's foremost rhetorical pugilist." Writer Christopher Buckley has called him "the greatest living essayist in the English language."

Enemies vilified Mr. Hitchens as a godless malcontent. His onetime colleague at the Nation, Alexander Cockburn, called him "lying, self-serving, fat-assed, chain-smoking, drunken, opportunistic and cynical."

Friends and enemies alike marveled at how the hedonistic Mr. Hitchens, after a full evening of drinking and talking, could then sit down and casually produce sparkling essays for Vanity Fair, the Nation, the Atlantic, Slate.com and many other publications without missing a deadline.

"Writing is recreational for me," he said in 2002. "I'm unhappy when I'm not doing it."

The writer he was most identified with was George Orwell, the British essayist and author of "1984." His bracing moral courage and brisk prose were among Mr. Hitchens's ideal models.

In his 2002 book "Why Orwell Matters," Mr. Hitchens sought to rescue

Orwell from "sickly veneration and sentimental overpraise" and noted that the most important thing to be learned from Orwell was that "it matters not what you think, but how you think."

Mr. Hitchens was often quite funny in print, but his humor was usually at the service of his rhetoric and larger ideas. He seemed to delight most in the things he disliked.

Unlike many armchair polemicists, however, Mr. Hitchens had the courage to take his convictions to the streets. He was shot at in Sarajevo, jailed in Czechoslovakia and, as recently as 2008, beaten bloody in Beirut.

He was among the first to criticize Iran's leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, for issuing a 1988 fatwa, calling for the death of Mr. Hitchens's friend, the writer Salman Rushdie.

At age 59, Mr. Hitchens voluntarily underwent a session of waterboarding, the practice of simulated drowning that had been approved by the administration of George W. Bush for the questioning of prisoners. Although Mr. Hitchens supported the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, his view of waterboarding was without equivocation.

"If waterboarding does not constitute torture," he wrote in Vanity Fair, "then there is no such thing as torture."

To Mr. Hitchens, literally nothing was sacred. He assailed the reputations of many religious figures, including Mother Teresa and Billy Graham. He had little but contempt for President Bill Clinton, whom he knew at England's University of Oxford in the 1960s, and titled his 1999 book about Clinton "No One Left to Lie To."



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Evan Ash

July 30, 1966-Dec. 14, 2011

BURLEY • Evan Woodrow Ash, 45, of Burley, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

He was born July 30, 1966, in St. Louis, Mo., the son of Anthony Woodrow and Karen Lynn Peck Ash. He graduated from Twin Falls High School. He married Sweet Iris Jones Nelson on Oct. 25, 1987, in Las Vegas, Nev. Together, they had two children, Daniel and Tiffany.

Evan, along with his family, owned and operated Main Street Burger in Burley. Here, he made lifelong friends through his generosity and the warm and inviting atmosphere of the restaurant. He was an active member of Truth Tabernacle and was extremely devoted to his church family. He was a wonderful husband of 24 years to his beautiful wife, Iris, and was a loving father to both of his children. He simply adored his grandson, Jameson.

Survivors include his wife, Iris of Burley; his children, Daniel (Christina) Ash and Tiffany (Skyler) Gonzalez, all of Burley; his grandson, Jameson; his parents, Tony and Karen



Ash of Twin Falls; his grandparents, Leslie and Martina Peck; two sisters, Lisa (Jeff) Larsen and Taunya Ash; and his nieces, Kayla Marie Ash and Tabitha Frey. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Henry Woodrow and Virginia Ash, and Goldie Peck; a brother, Larry Ash; and a nephew, Cameron Jenkins.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the Truth Tabernacle, 2459 Hiland Ave. in Burley, with Pastor Quinn Yarbrough officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 1 until 1:45 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

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Senate OKs Payroll Tax Cut, Huge Spending Bill

BY ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON • The Senate voted Saturday to temporarily avert a Jan. 1 payroll tax increase and benefit cut-off for the long-time unemployed, but forcing a reluctant President Barack Obama to make an election-year choice between unions and environmentalists over whether to build an oil pipeline through the heart of the country.

With the still-reeling economy serving as a backdrop, the Senate's 89-10 vote belied a tortuous battle between Democrats and Republicans that produced the compromise two-month extension of the expiring tax breaks and jobless benefits and forestalled cuts in doctors' Medicare reimbursements.

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President Barack Obama delivers a statement in the Brady Press Briefing Room at the White House in Washington on Saturday following the Senate vote to approve legislation extending a Social Security payroll tax cut and long-term jobless benefits for two months.

NEIGHBOR DESCRIBES ILL. MOM SHOOTING HER CHILD

BY NOMAAN MERCHANT
Associated Press

PONTIAC, Ill. • A burst of gunfire sent Annelise Fiedler running out of her home to see what the noise was. In the yard next door, she saw 30-year-old Sara McMeen hovering over her baby as if she had dropped her. Fiedler asked McMeen if everything was all right.

"She looked at me and said, 'No, everything is not all right,'" Fiedler told The Associated Press.

Then, Fiedler said, McMeen shot the baby. Fiedler fled for her life.

While authorities in the small Illinois farming community remained tight-lipped Saturday about the details of what they said was a murder-suicide that left five people dead, neighbors described shocking violence that took place outside, in full view of their

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U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, center right, with U.S. Ambassador to Libya Gene Crets, center left, and Gen. Carter Ham, Commander U.S. Africa Command, third from left, places a wreath at the grave site of 13 U.S. Navy sailors during a ceremony at the Protestant Cemetery in Tripoli, Libya, Saturday. Panetta visited the grave site of the sailors, who were killed on the USS Intrepid in 1804.

Pentagon Chief Leon Panetta Makes Historic Visit to Libya

The U.S. Defense Secretary pledged that the United States will do all it can to help the country move toward democracy.

BY LOLITA BALDOR
Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya • U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said “the torch of freedom” has passed to the Libyan people and he pledged during a historic visit Saturday to Tripoli that the United States will do all it can to help the country move toward democracy.

But he and his Libyan hosts acknowledged the threat of Islamic militants gaining ground in this period of political uncertainty following the ouster and death of longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

Panetta and Libyan leaders identified challenges for the government now forming, including how to gain control of the militias that overthrew Gadhafi during an eight-month civil war.

"This will be a long and difficult transition, but I have confidence that you will succeed in realizing the dream of a representative government," Panetta said during a news conference with Prime Minister Abdurrahim el-Keib.

"The torch of freedom that has passed throughout the centuries and now passes from nation to nation in the Middle East and North Africa burns brightly here in Libya. May it light your way to a future of peace, prosperity and freedom," Panetta said.

While his visit was brief, Panetta made history as the first U.S. Pentagon chief to set foot on Libyan soil.

He evoked U.S. history, too, with a visit to the cemetery presumed to hold remains of U.S. sailors killed in Tripoli harbor in 1804. Their deaths were memorialized in the famous "shores of Tripoli" line in the Marine Corps hymn.

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EGYPT MILITARY USES HEAVY HAND IN CRUSHING PROTEST

BY SARAH EL DEEB
and MAGGIE MICHAEL
Associated Press

CAIRO • Troops pulled women across the pavement by their hair, knocking off their Muslim headscarves. Young activists were kicked in the head until they lay motionless in Cairo's Tahrir Square.

Unfazed by TV cameras catching every move, Egypt's military took a dramatically heavier hand Saturday to crush protests against its rule in nearly 48 hours of continuous fighting in Egypt's capital that has left more than 300 injured and nine dead, many of them shot to death.

The most sustained crack-down yet is likely a sign that the

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An Egyptian protester throws a stone toward soldiers, unseen, as a building burns during clashes near Tahrir Square, in Cairo, Egypt, Saturday. Hundreds of Egyptian soldiers swept into the square, chasing protesters and beating them to the ground with sticks and tossing journalists' TV cameras off of balconies in the second day of a violent crackdown on anti-military protesters that has left nine dead and hundreds injured.

Israeli Changes His Name to Mark Zuckerberg

JERUSALEM (AP) • Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, meet your Israeli doppelganger: Mark Zuckerberg.

Israeli entrepreneur Rotem Guez says he has legally changed his name to that of Facebook's CEO, a gimmick meant to persuade the social networking site to back down from what he says are threats to take legal action against him.

He's telling Facebook: "If you want to sue me, you're going to have to sue Mark Zuckerberg."

He says a lawyer for Facebook pressed him this week to close his online business Like Store, calling it illegal. Like Store promises to enhance companies' online reputations by offering Facebook users free content only accessible by clicking "like" on the companies' profiles.



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Emergency personnel are silhouetted in the backyard of a house where a murder/suicide happened Friday night in the small town of Emington, south of Dwight, Illinois. Five people, including a baby and two children, were found shot to death at the home in the small eastern Illinois farming town, authorities said, and police said they were not searching for a gunman.

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homes. Some could see two of the children's bodies from their windows.

The dead included McMeen, her 29-year-old live-in boyfriend, Daniel Warren, and her three children, 8-year-old Skyler Lemke, 7-year-old Ian Lemke and 10-month-old Maggie Warren, authorities said.

Livingston County Sheriff Martin Meredith would not identify the shooter or disclose a possible motive for the shootings, which happened about 2:30 p.m. Friday.

A school bus had dropped off Skyler and Ian Lemke, along with several of their friends, moments earlier, neighbors said. The children were excited because it was the last day of school before Christmas break, said Ronald Groetsema, whose 12-year-old son was also on the bus.

From his home one street away, Groetsema heard an initial round of six to eight gunshots. A few minutes of silence passed. Then, he heard four to six shots more.

Dave Melton rushed home after getting a frantic call from his wife, who could see McMeen's backyard from her window.

"The kids are dead," she told him.

On Saturday, Melton stood

in front of his home and pointed at the yard that backs up to his. A day earlier, he saw Ian Lemke's body on the step leading into the neighboring house and McMeen's and Skyler's bodies about 10 feet away.

"I stood here for a while, like, 'This ain't happening,'" he said.

All five were pronounced dead at the scene. Meredith said investigators found a semi-automatic pistol there, but wouldn't say exactly where.

In a statement issued by authorities, Cynthia McMeen, Sara McMeen's mother, said family members "grieved over the loss of their loved ones."

"They realize this tragedy ... affects not only their family, but other families as well," she said in the statement. "The family is drawing together during this time, relying on God, and grieving."

Neighbors said McMeen and her family had moved recently to Emington, a speck of a town about a half-mile long with just 117 residents. Surrounded by miles of farmland covered in frost, it's a place where "you drive 15 miles in any direction to get to anywhere else," Pastor Pam Gansch-Boythe said.

The family rented a home that, according to longtime resident Bob Young, was known as the "banker's house" before the town bank closed years ago. A woman

who said her brother-in-law now owned it declined to comment when reached by telephone.

Meredith said the two older children attended school in nearby Saunemin, where Skyler was in second grade and Ian was in first grade. The children were well-known in the neighborhood, but the adults were not.

Fiedler said she had heard a man and woman fighting next door three times over the past few months. She said the couple kept "very much to themselves."

Melton said he had spoken to McMeen "just a little bit," usually when he was in his own backyard.

About 30 people gathered in an Emington church Saturday morning to pray and try to understand what happened. Some residents said they had moved from larger towns to find a safe, quiet place to raise their families.

Beth Barcikowski, who lives across the street from McMeen's house, said her children used to play with the Lemkes. Skyler would come to their home before and after getting on the school bus, Barcikowski said.

She's haunted by the idea that the little girl was shot just as she arrived home from school.

"Just wishing she would've come here first," Barcikowski said.

Congress

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It also capped a year of divided government marked by raucous partisan fights that tumbled to the brink of a first-ever U.S. default and three federal shutdowns, only to see eleventh-hour deals emerge. It ensured that the two sides would revisit the payroll tax cut early next year as the fights for control of the White House and Congress heat up.

By 67-32, senators gave final congressional approval to a separate \$1 trillion bill financing the Pentagon and scores of other federal agencies through next September. That measure avoided a shuttering of government offices that otherwise would have occurred this weekend when temporary financing expired.

The tax legislation delivers tax cuts and jobless benefits that some Republicans opposed. It also represents a rebuff of Obama's original demands for a yearlong payroll tax reduction for 160 million workers that was to be even deeper than this year's cut, extended to employers and paid for by boosting taxes on the highest-earning Americans.

The measure's \$33 billion price tag will be paid for instead by raising fees that government-backed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will charge to back new mortgages or refinancings, beginning next year. When fully phased in, those increases could cost a person with a \$200,000 mortgage about \$17 a month.

Despite the changes, Obama praised the Senate for passing the bill and prodded the Republican-run House to give it final approval in a vote expected early next week. He exhorted lawmakers to extend the tax cuts and jobless aid for the entire year, saying it would be "inexcusable" not to.

"It should be a formality,

and hopefully it's done with as little drama as possible when they get back in January" from their holiday recess, he said.

Senate Republicans voted 39-7 in favor of the payroll tax measure, suggesting that many House GOP lawmakers might also back it. Of the 51 Senate Democrats and two independents who usually side with them, only three voted "no."

The Senate adjourned for the year after its votes Saturday.

While Obama and Democrats used the fight to portray themselves as defenders of beleaguered middle- and lower-income people, Republicans used it to cast themselves as champions of job creation.

Headlining that was a provision they inserted forcing Obama to make a decision within two months on whether to allow construction of the proposed 1,700-mile Keystone XL pipeline, which is to deliver up to 700,000 barrels of oil daily from tar sands in Alberta, Canada, to refineries in Texas. The language requires

him to issue the needed permit unless he declares the pipeline would not serve the national interest.

Unions have clamored for the thousands of jobs the project could create. Environmentalists have decried the huge amounts of energy it would take to extract the oil. Obama originally announced he was delaying a decision until 2013, which would have allowed him to avoid choosing between two Democratic constituencies before Election Day next November.

When the House inserted the language into its version of the payroll tax bill this month, Obama said he would "reject" the legislation if it retained the Keystone provision. He abandoned that stance this past week as GOP leaders said they would insist on keeping the Keystone language and the final deal jelled.

"The only thing standing between thousands of American workers and the good jobs this project will provide is a presidential decision," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

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Libya

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Both Panetta and al-Keef expressed confidence that the fledgling government will be able to reach out to the militias and bring them together.

“We know how serious this issue is,” said al-Keef, “We realize it is not matter of saying ‘OK, put down your arms, go back to work or do what you want to do’ We realize that there are lots of things that we need to be organized!”

More broadly, Panetta said the revolts across the region represent a quest for sovereignty by the people, but they will all involve different approaches and challenges.

During meetings with the Libyan leaders, Panetta expressed concern about al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb militants gaining a foothold amid the chaos of an unfolding democracy. But they told him that the Libyan people will reject the terrorist group, said a senior defense official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the discussions were private.

Panetta’s motorcade from the airport into the city provided views of the nation’s violent past and future promise — lush orange groves, carcasses of bombed buildings and charred and graffiti-covered compound once occupied by Gadhafi. Flying from rooftops were the green, black and red flags, adorned with a star and a crescent, belonging to the new government.

At one point, amid the graffiti splashed across the



U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta and Libyan Prime Minister Abd al-Rheem Al-Keef greet one another during their joint news conference in Tripoli, Libya, Saturday.

walls of Gadhafi’s former compound was a short comment in English: “Thanx US/UK.”

The visit also put the man who has led much of the U.S. terrorism fight over the past several years at the scene of one of the first American wars on terror, more than two centuries ago.

Panetta went to what historians believe is the gravesite of as many as 13 U.S. sailors killed in 1804, when the Navy ship Intrepid exploded while slipping into Tripoli harbor to attack pirate ships that had captured an American frigate.

As the story goes, governments along the Barbary coast had turned to state-sponsored piracy to raise money, attacking and taking over merchant ships, enslaving their crews and stealing their bounties. Unwilling to pay fees to protect its ships, the U.S. sent the Navy frigate Philadelphia to the region but it ran aground just off Tripoli

and was captured.

President Thomas Jefferson sent a team to get the Philadelphia back or destroy it. Under cover of darkness, the Intrepid sailed into the harbor, killed about 25 pirates and burned the Philadelphia.

A few months later, Jefferson sent the Intrepid back to destroy as many of the pirate ships as possible. The plan was to pack the ketch with explosives, sail into the harbor and blow her up.

The 13 sailors never got to their destination. The ship exploded prematurely killing all aboard and the next day bodies washed ashore. They were buried outside Tripoli, but in 1949 the remains were moved to The Protestant Cemetery by the Libyan government.

On Saturday, Panetta walked into the small walled cemetery and slowly made his way to a corner where five large but simple white grave-stones mark the graves of the

American sailors. Markers on four of the stones read, “Here lies an American sailor who gave his life in the explosion of the United States Ship Intrepid in Tripoli Harbour, Sept. 4, 1804.”

Panetta placed a wreath at the site and, after a moment of silence, placed one of his U.S. secretary of defense souvenir coins on top of one of the stones.

New life was breathed into the long-ago tale by Congress this year. Lawmakers, prodded by descendants of the sailors, added provisions to the defense bill ordering the Pentagon to study the feasibility of exhuming the bodies and bringing them home to America.

In a statement, Panetta said the recent effort to restore the cemetery is “a symbol of the values we share.”

Officials said that Panetta made no specific offers of assistance to the Libyan leaders, and he told reporters that there was no discussion of providing military equipment or weapons.

“They have to determine what their needs are and what kind of assistance is required,” he said. “And whatever they need, the United States will be happy to respond.”

Ahead of Panetta’s visit, the Obama administration announced it had lifted penalties that were imposed on Libya in February to choke off Gadhafi’s financial resources while his government was using violence to suppress peaceful protests.

The U.S. at the time blocked some \$37 billion in Libyan assets, and a White

House statement said Friday’s action “unfreezes all government and central bank

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Egypt

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generals who took power after the February ouster of Hosni Mubarak are confident that the Egyptian public is on its side after two rounds of widely acclaimed parliament elections, that Islamist parties winning the vote will stay out of the fight while pro-democracy protesters become more isolated.

Still, the generals risk turning more Egyptians against them, especially from outrage over the abuse of women. Photos and video posted online showed troops pulling up the shirt of one woman protester in a conservative headscarf, leaving her half-naked as they dragged her in the street.

“Do they think this is manly?” Toqa Nosseir, a 19-year old student, said of the attacks on women. “Where is the dignity?”

Nosseir joined the protest over her parents’ objections because she couldn’t tolerate the clashes she had seen.

“No one can approve or accept what is happening here,” she said. “The military council wants to silence all criticism. They want to hold on power ... I will not accept this humiliation just for the sake of stability.”

Nearby in Tahrir, protesters held up newspapers with the image of the half-stripped woman on the front page to passing cars, shouting sarcastically, “This is the army that is protecting us!”

“Are you not ashamed?” leading reform figure and Nobel Peace laureate Mo-hamed ElBaradei posted on Twitter in an address to the ruling military council.

Egypt’s new, military-appointed interim prime minister defended the military, denying it shot protesters. He said gunshot deaths were caused by other attackers he didn’t identify. He accused the protesters of being “anti-revolution.”

Among those shot to death in the crackdown was an imminent cleric from Al-Azhar, Egypt’s most respected religious institution. At the funeral Saturday of the 52-year-old Sheik Emad Effat, thousands chanted “Retribution, retribution.” Some of them marched from the cemetery to Tahrir to join the clashes.

The main street between Tahrir Square, the epicenter of the anti-Mubarak protests, and the parliament and Cabinet buildings where the clashes began early the previ-

ous morning looked like a war zone Saturday. Military police on rooftops pelting protesters below with stones and fire-bombs and launched truncheon-swinging assaults to drive the crowds back.

Flames leapt from the windows of the state geographical society — a treasure trove of antique scientific books — that was hit by fire-bombs in the melee. Some youths tried to rescue books

from the fire.

Young activists put helmets or buckets on their heads or grabbed sheets of concrete and even satellite dishes as protection against the stones hailing down from the roofs. The streets were strewn with chunks of concrete, stones, broken glass, burned furniture and peddlers’ carts as clashes continued to rage after nightfall Saturday.

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MANNING’S SEXUAL ORIENTATION IS RAISED IN HEARING

BY PAULINE JELINEK and DAVID DISHNEAU
Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Md. • The young Army intelligence specialist accused of passing government secrets spent his 24th birthday in court Saturday as his lawyers argued his status as a gay soldier before the repeal of “don’t ask, don’t tell” played an important role in his actions.

Lawyers for Pfc. Bradley Manning began laying out a defense to show that his struggles as a gay soldier in an environment hostile to homosexuality contributed to mental and emotional problems that should have barred him from having access to sensitive material.

Manning is accused of leaking hundreds of thousands of sensitive items to the anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks, including Iraq and Afghanistan war logs, State Department cables and a military video of a 2007 American helicopter attack in Iraq that killed 11 men, including a Reuters news photographer and his driver.

The Obama administration says the released information has threatened valuable military and diplomatic sources and strained America’s relations with other governments. Manning’s lawyers counter that much of the information that was classified by the Pentagon posed no risk.

The military is conducting a hearing in a small courtroom on an Army post outside Washington to determine whether prosecutors have enough evidence to bring Manning to trial, where he could face a term of life in prison as a traitor.

Prosecutors began presenting evidence to substantiate the charges against Manning.

Army criminal investigators described evidence they collected that links Manning to the WikiLeaks website’s collection of U.S. military and diplomatic secrets.

But among the first issues to arise Saturday was whether Manning’s sexual orientation is relevant to the case against him.

The basis for the charges Manning faces are transcripts of online chats with a confidant-turned-government-informant in which Manning allegedly confesses his ties to WikiLeaks and also reveals he is gay.

Maj. Matthew Kemkes, a defense lawyer, asked Special Agent Toni Graham, an Army criminal investigator, whether she had talked to people who believed Manning was gay or found evidence among his belongings relating to gender-identity disorder. The condition often is described as a mental diagnosis in which people believe they were born the wrong sex.

Graham said such questions were irrelevant to the

investigation. “We already knew before we arrived that Pfc. Manning was a homosexual,” Graham said.

Prosecutors objected several times to the questions. Kemkes responded that if the government can argue that Manning intended to leak secrets, “what is going on in my client’s mind is very important.”

During its cross examination of Graham, Manning’s defense team also sought to convince the court that not all of the material he is accused of leaking is classified.

Graham, who collected evidence from Manning’s living quarters and workplace, testified that among the items seized was a DVD marked “secret” that contained a military video showing the 2007 incident in which Apache attack helicopters gunned down unarmed men in Iraq.

The video was taken from the cockpit of one the helicopters. WikiLeaks posted the video in April 2010, sparking questions about the military’s rules of engagement and whether more needed to be done to prevent civilian casualties. The gunners can be heard laughing and referring to the men as “dead bastards.”

Kemkes, one of Manning’s lawyers, asked Graham whether she knew the video was unclassified. She said she didn’t. “In fact, it was an unclassified video,” Kemkes said.

At the time the video was posted by WikiLeaks, the Pentagon called it a breach of national security and it was believed to be secret.

Although WikiLeaks had been posting sensitive information to the Web since 2006, release of the Apache video drew worldwide attention to the organization as it prepared to publish secret documents on the war in Afghanistan.

Gingrich Says Rivals’ Criticism Taking a Toll

BY PHILIP ELLIOTT and KASIE HUNT
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa • Newt Gingrich tried to quiet unrelenting campaign criticism that he acknowledged had taken a toll as Mitt Romney stepped up insider attacks Saturday in hopes of regaining front-runner status with the first presidential vote little more than two weeks away.

Gingrich, the former House speaker enjoying a late surge in the polls, pledged to correct what he said were his rivals’ inaccurate claims about him. Romney, the ex-Massachusetts governor looking for a rebound, portrayed Gingrich as a well-heeled lobbyist since his service in Congress and predicted that conservative voters will reject Gingrich as they learn more about his lengthy Washington record.

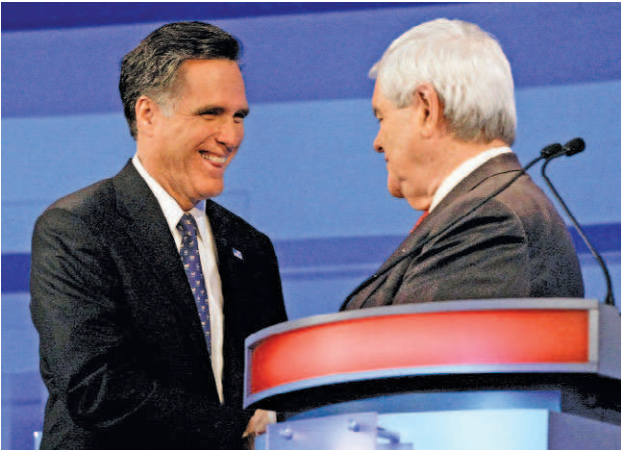
“I’m going to let the lawyers decide what is and what is not lobbying, but when it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, typically it’s a duck,” Romney said.

With the Iowa caucuses Jan. 3 up for grabs, most candidates are redoubling their efforts heading into the holidays, when voters generally tune out the race.

Gingrich is their prime target. Last week alone, anti-Gingrich ads from a Romney ally outspent Gingrich by an 8-to-1 margin on television.

Gingrich cited “the extraordinary negativity of the campaign” during a call from Washington with Iowa supporters. He said he was inclined to hold teleconferences every few days so people can discuss ideas and his campaign can “encourage them to raise any of these things that you get in the mail that are junk and dishonest.”

“I’ll be glad to personally answer, so you’re hearing it from my very own lips,” he said in the forum. “We don’t have our advertising versus



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Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney shakes hands with former House Speaker Newt Gingrich after a Republican presidential debate in Sioux City, Iowa, Thursday.

their advertising, but you get to ask me directly.”

Romney campaigned in early-voting South Carolina, where tea party activists have given Gingrich a strong lead in polls. Romney told reporters that many voters now are just beginning to pay attention to the race and will turn on Gingrich after they learn about his time in Washington and his role with mortgage company Freddie Mac, a quasi-government agency.

Gingrich’s consulting firm collected \$1.6 million from the company. Gingrich insists he did not lobby for them and only provided advice.

“I think as tea partiers concentrate on that, for instance, they’ll say, ‘Wow, this really isn’t the guy that would represent our views,’” Romney said after a town hall meeting with South Carolina Rep. Tim Scott. “Many tea party folks, I believe, are going to find me to be the ideal candidate.”

Gingrich said the attacks on his record have been brutal, but he insisted they are exaggerated.

“I just want to set the record straight,” Gingrich told his Iowa backers. “We were paid annually for six years, so

the numbers you see are six years of work. Most of that money went to pay overhead — for staff, for other things. It didn’t go directly to me. It went to the company that provided consulting advice.”

It’s a distinction without a difference, his rivals have said.

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Thomas Karl, 2, left, and his sister, Evelyn Karl, 5, waves US flags during a parade honoring Japanese American WWII veterans, Saturday in Honolulu.

Hawaii Parade Honors Japanese-American World War II Vets

BY AUDREY MCAVOY
Associated Press

HONOLULU • Hundreds of Japanese-American veterans of World War II were honored Saturday with a parade in Honolulu — nearly 70 years after they volunteered to fight for their country even as the government branded them “enemy aliens.”

About 200 veterans rode in convertibles, troop carriers and trolleys past a cheering crowd of tourists, family and local residents. The event celebrates the Congressional Gold Medal the veterans received last month.

Thousands of Japanese-Americans served in World War II even as the government viewed them with suspicion because their ancestors were from the country that bombed Pearl Harbor.

Some on the mainland enlisted from internment camps, where the federal government had imprisoned 110,000 Japanese-Americans.

Fragile health prevented many of the surviving veterans — the youngest of whom are in their 80s — from traveling to Washington, D.C., to attend a ceremony at which the medal was presented.

Two-thirds of the Japanese-Americans who served were from Hawaii. Many others were from California, Oregon and Washington state.

The medal recognizes the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion which together saw some of the most brutal fighting in the war as the soldiers pushed their way through Italy, France and Germany.

BY COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

NEW YORK • Dozens of Occupy Wall Street protesters were arrested Saturday after they scaled a chain-link fence or crawled under it to get to an Episcopal church-owned lot they want to use for a new camp site.

Protesters used a wooden ladder to scale the fence or lifted it from below while others cheered them on. A man wearing a Santa suit stood on the ladder among others, as they ignored red “Private Property” signs.

As officers made arrests, protesters shouted obscenities and hollered: “Make them catch you!” The group was inside the lot for a short time before being led out by police in single file through a space in the fence. About 50 people were arrested, police said.

“We’re just trying to say that this country has gone in the wrong direction, and we need spaces that we can control and we can decide our future in, and that’s what this is about,” said David Suker, who was among those who scaled the fence.

Before the arrests, several hundred gathered in Duarte Square, a half-acre wedge of a park at the edge of Manhattan’s Tribeca neighborhood and across the street from the vacant lot. They gathered partly to mark the three-month anniversary of the Occupy movement and partly to demand use of the lot, owned by Trinity Church.

After police cleared the protesters from the lot, about 200 people regrouped for a march on Seventh Avenue. Police began making arrests, tackling at least two people in the street and handcuffing them. When the protesters cleared the avenue, the crowd continued to march to Times Square under a heavy police presence.

The original Occupy Wall

Street camp in Zuccotti Park in lower Manhattan was shut down last month. Trinity is a Zuccotti Park neighbor that helped demonstrators assemble, and provided them shelter in the three months since the movement began. The day after authorities moved in and cleaned out Zuccotti Park, about a dozen protesters went to the vacant lot, clipped the fence at the church-owned property and were arrested, along with some journalists.

Since then, some Occupy protesters have launched a bid to gain the church’s consent for them to use the space. Trinity’s Rev. James H. Cooper said giving the protesters access to the lot would not be a safe or smart move.

“There are no facilities at the Canal Street lot. Demanding access and vandalizing the property by a de-

termined few OWS protesters won’t alter the fact that there are no basic elements to sustain an encampment,” he wrote in a statement. “The health, safety and security problems posed by an encampment here, compounded by winter weather,

would dwarf those experienced at Zuccotti Park.”

On Friday, the top bishop of the Episcopal Church asked protesters not to trespass on the property. Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori warned it could result in “legal and police action.”

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Salvation Army Volunteers Set Bell-ringing Record

BY SUDHIN THANAWALA
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO • After ringing his hand bell to solicit donations for 51 hours without food or sleep, Salvation Army volunteer Marcelino Soriano had reached his limit Saturday.

“My legs are hurting, and I’m feeling a little light-headed,” the 44-year-old said, as he rang his bell for the last few times outside a Macy’s store in San Francisco’s Union Square.

Soriano was among more than a dozen Salvation Army volunteers around the nation who broke the charitable organization’s 36-hour record for continuous hand bell ringing.

The contest began Thursday with 24 bell-ringing volunteers. The goal was to raise awareness about The Salvation Army’s iconic red kettle donation drive and encourage giving over the holidays, officials with the organization said.

Fifteen volunteers — taking only 10-minute breaks every four hours to go to the bathroom — rang bells past 10 a.m. MST, beating the previous 36-hour record set in 2010 by a Salvation Army captain in Spokane, Wash.

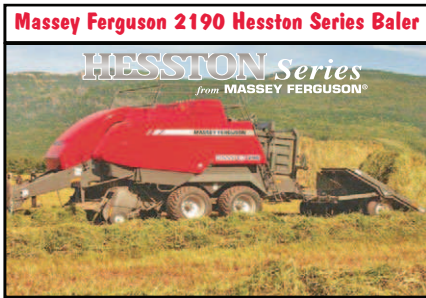
Soriano continued into the late morning hours, but at least two others — both in Indianapolis, Ind. — were still going Saturday afternoon. Under the contest rules, volunteers had to stand the whole time while ringing their bell and could not sleep or take food. Liquids were allowed.

“The toughest thing is trying to stay awake and handling the cold weather,” Soriano said. “In the end, it’s trying to have a clear mind.”

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FLASH FLOODS KILL MORE THAN 400 IN PHILIPPINES

BY OLIVER TEVES
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines • Flash floods devastated a southern Philippines region unaccustomed to serious storms, killing more than 400 people while they slept, rousting hundreds of others to their rooftops and turning two coastal cities into muddy, debris-filled waterways that were strewn Saturday with overturned vehicles and toppled trees.

Most of the victims were asleep Friday night when raging floodwaters cascaded from the mountains after 12 hours of rain from a late-season tropical storm in the southern Mindanao region. The region is unaccustomed to the typhoons that are common elsewhere in the nation of islands.

Ayi Hernandez, a former congressman, said he and his family were resting in their home in Cagayan de Oro late Friday when they heard a loud “swooshing sound” and water quickly rose ankle-deep inside. He decided to evacuate to a neighbor’s two-story house.

“It was a good thing, because in less than an hour the water rose to about 11 feet (3.3 meters),” filling his home up to the ceiling, he said.

At least 436 were dead, based on a body count in funeral parlors, Philippine Red Cross Secretary General Gwen Pang told The Associated Press. She said that 215 died in Cagayan de Oro — a city of more than 500,000 — and 144 in nearby Iligan, with more than 300,000 residents. The rest died in several other southern and central provinces, she said.

Many of the bodies were unclaimed after nearly 24 hours, suggesting that entire families had died, Pang said.

The number of missing was unclear Saturday night. Before the latest Red Cross figures, military spokesman Lt. Col. Randolph Cabang-



Residents are rescued by volunteers following a flash flood that inundated Cagayan de Oro city, Philippines, Saturday.

bang said about 250 people were still unaccounted for in Iligan.

The swollen river sent floodwaters gushing through neighborhoods that do not usually experience flooding. A man floated in an inner tube in muddy water littered with plastic buckets, pieces of wood and other debris. Ten people in one home stood on a sloping roof, waiting for rescuers even as water still flooded the lower floors. Local television footage showed muddy water rushing in the streets, sweeping away all sorts of debris. Thick layers of mud coated streets where the waters had subsided. One car was thrown over a concrete fence and others were crushed and piled in a flooded canal.

Benito Ramos, chief of the government’s Civil Defense Office, attributed the high casualties in Mindanao “partly to the complacency of people because they are not in the usual path of storms” despite four days of warnings by officials that one was approaching.

Thousands of soldiers backed up by hundreds of local police, reservists, coast guard officers and civilian volunteers were mobilized for rescue efforts, but they were hampered by the flooded-out roads and lack of electricity.

Many roads were cut off and there was no electricity, hampering relief efforts.

The missing included prominent Filipino radio broadcaster Enie Alsonado, who was swept away while trying to save his neighbors, Iligan Mayor Lawrence Cruz said.

Rep. Rufus Rodriguez of Cagayan de Oro said that about 20,000 residents of the city had been affected and that evacuees were packed in temporary shelters.

Authorities recovered bodies from the mud after the water subsided. Parts of concrete walls and roofs, toppled vehicles and other debris littered the streets.

Rescuers in boats rushed offshore to save people swept out to sea. In Misamis Oriental province, 60 people were

plucked from the ocean off El Salvador city, about six miles (10 kilometers) northwest of Cagayan de Oro, said disaster official Teddy Sabuga-a.

About 120 more were rescued off Opol township, closer to the city, he added.

Cruz said the Philippine coast guard and other rescuers were scouring the waters off Iligan for survivors or bodies that may have been swept away to sea.

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Pope Benedict XVI Heads into Busy Christmas Season Tired and Weak

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY • Pope Benedict XVI seems worn out. People who have spent time with him recently say they found him weaker than they'd ever seen him, seemingly too tired to engage with what they were saying. He no longer meets individually with visiting bishops. A few weeks ago he started using a moving platform to spare him the long walk down St. Peter's Basilica. Benedict turns 85 in the new year, so a slowdown is only natural. Expected. And given his age and continued rigorous work schedule, it's remarkable he does as much as he does and is in such good health overall: Just this past week he confirmed he would travel to Mexico and Cuba next spring. But a decline has been noted as Benedict prepares for next weekend's grueling Christmas celebrations, which kick off two weeks of intense public appearances. And that raises questions about the future of the papacy given that Benedict himself has said popes should resign if they can't do the job.

Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi has said no medical condition prompted the decision to use the moving platform in St. Peter's, and that it's merely designed to spare the pontiff the fatigue of the 100-meter (-yard) walk to and from the main altar.

And Benedict rallied during his three-day trip to Benin in west Africa last month, braving temperatures of 32 Celsius (90F) and high humidity to deliver a strong message about the future of the Catholic Church in Africa.

Wiping sweat from his brow, he kissed babies who were handed up to him, delivered a tough speech on the need for Africa's political leaders to clean up their act, and visited one of the continent's most important seminaries.

Back at home, however, it seems the daily grind of being pope — the audiences with visiting heads of state, the weekly public catechism lessons, the sessions with visiting bishops — has taken its toll. A spark is gone. He doesn't elaborate off-the-cuff much anymore, and some days he just seems wiped out.

Take for example his recent visit to Assisi, where he traveled by train with dozens of religious leaders from around the world for a daylong peace pilgrimage. For anyone participating it was a tough, long day; for the aging pope it was even more so.

"Indeed I was struck by what appeared to me as the decline in Benedict's strength and health over the last half year," said Rabbi David Rosen, who had a place of honor next to the pope at the Assisi event as head of interfaith relations at the American Jewish Committee.

"He looks thinner and weaker ... which made the effort he put into the Assisi shindig with the extraordinary degree of personal attention to the attendees (especially the next day in Rome) all the more remarkable," Rosen said in an email.

That Benedict is tired would be a perfectly normal diagnosis for an 84-year-old, even someone with no known



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Pope Benedict XVI celebrates Mass on Dec. 11 in the 'Santa Maria delle Grazie' parish church, Rome. People who have spent time with the Pope recently say they found him weaker than they'd ever seen him, seemingly too tired to engage with what they were saying. He no longer meets individually with visiting bishops. A few weeks ago he started using a moving platform to spare him the long walk down St. Peter's Basilica. Benedict turns 85 in the new year.

health ailments and a still-fragile mind. He has acknowledged having suffered a hemorrhagic stroke in 1991 that temporarily affected his vision. And his older brother, who has a pacemaker for an irregular heartbeat, has expressed concern about Benedict's own heart.

But Benedict is not a normal 84-year-old, both in what he is called to do and the implications if he were to stop.

Popes are allowed to resign; church law specifies only that the resignation be "freely made and properly manifested."

Only a handful have done so, however. The last one was Pope Gregory XII, who stepped down in 1415 in a deal to end the Great Western Schism among competing papal claimants.

There's good reason why others haven't followed suit: Might the existence of two popes — even when one has stepped down — lead to divisions and instability in the church? Might a new resignation precedent lead to pressures on future popes to quit at the slightest hint of infirmity?

Yet Benedict himself raised the possibility of resigning if he were simply too old or sick to continue on, when he was interviewed for the book "Light of the World," which was released in November 2010.

"If a pope clearly realizes that he is no longer physically, psychologically and spiritually capable of handling the duties of his office, then he has a right, and under some circumstances, also an obligation to resign," Benedict said.

The former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger had an intimate view as Pope John Paul II, with whom he had worked closely for nearly a quarter-century, suffered through the debilitat-

ing end of his papacy. After John Paul's death at age 84, it was revealed that he had written a letter of resignation to be invoked if he became terminally ill or incapable of continuing on.

And it should be recalled that at the time Benedict was elected pope at age 78 — already the oldest pope elected in nearly 300 years — he had been planning to retire as the Vatican's chief orthodox watchdog to spend his final years writing in the "peace and quiet" of his native Bavaria.

It is there that his elder brother, Monsignor Georg Ratzinger, still lives. Ratzinger, who turns 88 next month, is nearly blind. Benedict has said his brother has helped him accept old age with courage.

Benedict said in "Light of the World" that he knew his own strength was diminishing — steps are difficult for him and his aides regularly hold his elbows as he climbs up or down. But at the same time Benedict insisted that he had no intention of resigning to avoid dealing with the problems of the church, such as the sex abuse scandal.

"One can resign at a peaceful moment or when one simply cannot go on. But one must not run away from danger and say that someone else should do it," he said.

As a result, a papal resignation anytime soon seems unlikely.

And Benedict is maintaining a hectic agenda. His planned trip to Cuba and Mexico next spring will fall shortly before he turns 85 on April 16. He has also said he'd like to make it to Rio de Janeiro in 2013 for the next World Youth Day.

Sometime in the New Year he will presumably preside over a new consistory to name the new cardinals who will

elect his successor. And he has lots of unfinished business close to his heart: Bringing back breakaway traditionalists under Rome's wing, the fate of the sex abuse-scarred Irish church, tensions with China.

And he still cuts a robust figure in public given his age, walking briskly, speaking clearly and emphasizing key points. But his public engagements have been trimmed back; he had far fewer speeches in Benin than during his September visit to his native Germany or the United Kingdom last fall.

And behind closed doors, during audiences without the glare of TV cameras or throngs of the faithful encouraging him on, he has begun to show his age, acquaintances say.

The Rev. Joseph Fessio, Benedict's U.S. publisher and onetime student, sees the pope every so often, including during the summer when Benedict gathers his former theology students for an informal academic seminar at the papal summer retreat in Castel Gandolfo.

Fessio recalled a day in the 2010 edition that remains with him: "In the Saturday morning session, the pope looked older and weaker than I had ever seen him before. In fact I remarked to someone that it's the first time I've seen him look like the old man that he is. He was speaking in softer tones than even his normally soft speaking voice. His head was bowed. He was pale. He just looked frail."

But then, after lunch and an apparent rest, Benedict returned for the afternoon session. "It was a complete transformation. He was lively, vigorous, attentive, and with his usual good humor," Fessio said.

Clearly, at his age Benedict has good days and bad, even good half-days and bad.

Yet he's never called in sick. In fact as pope, he has only had one significant known medical incident: He broke his right wrist when he tripped on the leg of his bed and fell while on vacation in the Alps in 2009.

Lombardi says the pope realizes the limitations of his strength, and that's why the recent trip to Benin was a one-stop-only affair.

"I think it's an example of the great willingness and wisdom of the Holy Father to continue doing these trips, even those that are difficult or far away," Lombardi said. He said the pope "measures well what his strengths are, and the possibility of doing the trips well."

"When I'm 84 I think I'll have been buried for many years," he added.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

CSI Christmas Basketball Camp

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball program will hold its annual Christmas basketball camp Dec. 28-29 at the CSI gym and run from 9 a.m. to noon. Campers will have the opportunity to work directly with the CSI men's basketball players and coaching staff. Brochures can be found at www.csi.edu/athletics. Cost is \$45 for pre-registration and \$55 at the door. Information: Colby Blaine at 208-340-7588 or CBlaine@csi.edu.

Rapids Recruiting U13 Boys Players

Twin Falls Rapids Soccer Club is recruiting players for its U13 boys team for the spring season. Information: Sasha at 731-2386 or Garrett at 280-0054.

Elite Skills Basketball Camp

Burley High School is hosting and elite skills basketball camp on Dec. 27-28 from 1-4 p.m. for all children in grades 3-8. Cost is \$35 and includes a T-shirt. Information: Michael Hill, 670-4924 or 878-6606, ext. 2314.

Burley Golf Course Specials

Until further notice, Burley Golf Club is offering all-you-can-play greens fees at rates of \$12 per nine holes and \$17 for 18 holes. Cart fees are extra.

CSI Softball Winter Camp

The CSI softball program is hosting a winter camp Dec. 29-31 in the CSI Expo Center. The camp is for girls in grades 7-12. Guest coaches include pitcher Christina Gwyn (Texas, BYU) and catcher Courtney Clark (Arizona, BYU), as well as

several former and current CSI players. Information: Nick Baumert, 308-4978, or online at www.csi.edu/athletics for a registration form.

Jerome High School Basketball Camp

Shaquille Kennedy, as part of his senior project, is hosting a youth basketball camp on Dec. 22-23 at the high school. Jerome High players and coaches will act as clinicians. Second through fifth grade boys will be instructed from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., followed by sixth through eighth grade boys from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$25 and includes a t-shirt.

Frozen Stones Highland Games

The Scottish-American Athletic Association is hosting the Frozen Stones Games at Shoshone Falls on Jan. 1 at 10 a.m. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. and costs \$30 to participate. Novices are welcome to participate and the event is free to the public. Information: Erick Ettesvole, 490-6470.

Southern Idaho Baseball Camp

CSI is hosting the Southern Idaho Baseball Camp on Dec. 27-29. Collegiate and professional players and coaches will instruct campers in hitting, fielding, catching and pitching. Information: Jim Walker, 308-4024, Boomer Walker, 308-4025, or on the web at athletics.csi.edu/baseball/camp.asp.

Twin Falls Golf Club Specials

Greens fees from Nov. 1-Jan. 31 are \$10 for everyone. Punch cards are on sale Dec. 1-Feb. 14. Cost is \$150 for 10 rounds. All store credit must be spent by Dec. 15. Special orders were done as of Oct. 30.

— Staff reports

PREP ROUNDUP

Goetz Buzzer Beater Lifts Kimberly Over A.F.

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Kaitlyn Goetz made a layup with 13 seconds remaining for the game-winning shot to knock off American Falls 39-38 on the road.

The Bulldogs pulled off an impressive comeback, trailing by five with 1:30 left. Kimberly head coach Brett Wright said Hailey Wilsey put the team on her back in the second half and the senior led all scorers with 18.

Kimberly (5-5) returns to the court Jan. 3, traveling to Canyon Ridge.

Kimberly	6	9	12	11	4	10	-39
American Falls	9	14	14	14	10	10	-38
KIMBERLY (39)							
Corney 3, Goetz 11, Watts 2, Wilsey 18, Upton 2, Keller 3. Totals 14 7-21 39.							
AMERICAN FALLS (38)							
Mcomber 8, A. Morris 11, Sanzhez 12, Fehringer 1, Villa 2, Pernann 2, H. Morris 2, Totals 14 10-20 38.							
3-point goals: Wilsey 4. Total fouls: Kimberly 17, American Falls 22. Fouled out: Vila, Sanchez, Pernann.							

Girls Basketball JEROME 56, SPRING CREEK, NEV. 51

Haylee Burnham scored 13 points, Frankie Carey added 11 and the Tigers moved to 9-0.

Jerome is off until Dec. 29, where it hosts Class 4A power Middleton.

Jerome	16	14	15	11	56
Spring Creek	10	11	14	16	51
JEROME (56)					
Stauffer 1, Jackman 3, Burnham 13, Kelley 7, Branch 8, Grove 5, Carey 11, Bright 2, Praegitzer 6. Totals 17 12-23 56.					
SPRING CREEK (51)					
Firi 6, Estes 4, Anderson 2, Griswold 12, Smith 9, Thompson 11. Totals 18 6-15 51.					
3-point goals: Jerome (Burnham 3, Kelly), Spring Creek 5 (Thompson 3, Estes, Griswold). Total fouls: Jerome 15, Spring Creek 22.					

TWIN FALLS 54, ELKO, NEV. 46

Josie Jordan scored 19 and the Bruins used a full-court press to score 29 fourth-quarter points, overcoming an eight-point deficit.

Kaitlyn Merritt pitched in with 18 points. Jordan and Taryn Skahill each grabbed six rebounds for the Bruins (7-3), who are off until hosting Mountain Home Dec. 29.

Twin Falls	6	8	13	29	54
Elko	8	12	13	11	46
TWIN FALLS (54)					
Bartlett 9, Jordan 19, Merritt 18, Robertson 6, Harris 2, Skahill 2, Johnson 1. Totals 18 16-25 54.					

Times-News Seeks College Athlete Information

Know a former area prep sports star competing at the next level? The *Times-News* wants to know. Please send information on any former area high school athlete competing in college during the fall 2011 season (cross country, football, soccer and volleyball) to dbashore@magic-valley.com no later than Friday, Dec. 23. Information must be verifiable through a school's athletic department to be included in the fall college report, which will appear in the *Times-News* on Christmas Day.

ELKO (46)
Dumas 6, Elquist 7, Sprouts 7, Nielsen 11, Forcella 5, Dubois 8. Totals 11 21-32 46.
3-point goals: Twin Falls 2 (Jordan, Merritt), Elko 2 (Nielsen 2). Total fouls: Twin Falls 23, Elko 16. Fouled out: Robertson.

CAMAS COUNTY 60, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 12

Katelyn Peterson scored 20 points as Camas County routed the young Lions.

Lighthouse Christian (2-8) hosts Richfield on Tuesday.

Camas County	16	10	19	15	60
Lighthouse	1	6	5	8	30
CAMAS COUNTY (60)					
Walker 3, Sabin 8, Straum 7, Moore 8, Hulme 4, Peterson 20, Gorringer 4, McGuire 6. Totals 27 6-10 60.					
LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN (12)					
Wooten 2, Griffith 4, Dekruyf 4, Jenks 2. Totals 4 4-10 12.					
3-point goals: none. Total fouls: Camas County 6, Lighthouse Christian 7.					

RIGBY 51, WOOD RIVER 30

Erica Barrus scored 15 points and Rigby used a big second quarter and eight 3-pointers to blow past Wood River.

Haylee Thompson led Wood River (4-5) with 19 points.

Rigby	9	5	13	24	51
Wood River	23	12	11	51	51
RIGBY (51)					
Larsen 11, Blanchard 8, Daw 11, Barrus 15, Lance 3, Jacobson 3. Totals 17 9-13 51.					
3-point goals: Wood River 1 (Peavey), Rigby 8 (Daw 3, Barrus 3, Blanchard, Larsen). Total fouls: Wood River 13, Rigby 18.					

MINICO 50, CANYON RIDGE 28

Micaela Merrill scored 18 points and Marlee Chandler added 11 in the Great Basin Conference win for the Spartans.

Breyana Burk led Canyon Ridge with 15.

Minico (7-5) hosts Preston on Tuesday.

Minico	13	13	16	8	50
Canyon Ridge	4	9	11	4	28
CANYON RIDGE (28)					
Hudelson 3, Bell 2, Strauss 3, Miller 1, Burk 15, Co. Josin 4. Totals 10 8-16 28.					
MINICO (50)					
Merrill 18, Mendoza 4, Chandler 11, Bailey 2, Munns 7, Hegsted 2, Bradford 6. Totals 20 8-13 50.					
3-point goals: Minico 2 (Merrill 2). Total fouls: Canyon Ridge 17, Minico 15.					

Boys Basketball DECLO 56, WENDELL 39

Kai Garner had 21 points, five assists and three steals as Declo cruised past Wendell despite not scoring in the second quarter.

The Hornets built a 25-7 lead after the first, but failed to make a bucket in the second. They still led 25-11 at halftime. Seth Baker chipped in 18 for Declo, which moves to 4-3 with a 2-0 mark in Canyon Conference play.

Wendell	7	4	12	14	39
Declo	25	0	16	15	56
WENDELL (39)					
Hope 8, Swainston 7, Southfields 4, Mendez 2, Valdez 14, Bum 4. Totals 16 4-7 39.					
DECLO (56)					
Smyer 2, Wrigley 3, Baker 18, Garner 21, Wallace 4, C. Webb 8. Totals 22 7-8 56.					
3-point goals: Wendell 3 (Hope 2, Swainston), Declo 5 (Wrigley 1, Garner 2, Webb 2). Total fouls: Wendell 7, Declo 11.					

VALLEY 51, SHOSHONE 39

Justin Johnson scored 21 points and Ivan Orozco and Jake Kelle came off the bench to provide strong defense for the Vikings.

Orozco also pitched in with 11 points, while Garrett Sant led Shoshone with 17.

Valley (4-1) returns after

the break to host Carey Jan. 3

Shoshone	10	10	4	15	-39
Valley	10	8	15	18	-51
SHOSHONE (39)					
H. Garcia 9, Sant 17, Waite 3, Roberts 2, Wallace 3, Hadden 5. Totals 12 12-17 39.					
VALLEY (51)					
Johnson 21, Orozco 11, Shawver 7, Mora 7, Artiaga 1, Cauhorn 4. Totals 20 8-12 51.					
3-point goals: Shoshone 3 (Sant 2, H. Garcia), Valley 3 (Johnson, Orozco, Shawver). Total fouls: Shoshone 11, Valley 18.					

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 65, CAMAS COUNTY 43

Lighthouse Christian created turnovers with its aggressive defense and the shots started to fall as Ridge Reid led the Lions with 12 points.

Dylan Van Esch pitched in with 10 for Lighthouse Christian (2-5). Andrew Simon led Camas County with 13.

Camas County	3	16	16	8	-43
Lighthouse Christian	24	16	13	12	-65
CAMAS COUNTY (43)					
A. Simon 13, Knowlton 11, I. Simon 5, G. Simon 10, Lane 4. Totals 16 8-14 43.					
LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN (65)					
Berndt 9, Heath 6, Aardema 4, Goettle 2, Hamilton 5, Helman 5, Reed 12, Millenkamp 2, Van Esch 10, Briggs 2, Vander Stelt 8. Totals 28 5-14 65.					
3-point goals: Camas County 2 (A. Simon, G. Simon), Lighthouse Christian 4 (Berndt, Heath, Hamilton, Helman). Total fouls: Camas County 12, Lighthouse Christian 18. Fouled out: G. Simon.					

HANSEN 69, CHALLIS 51

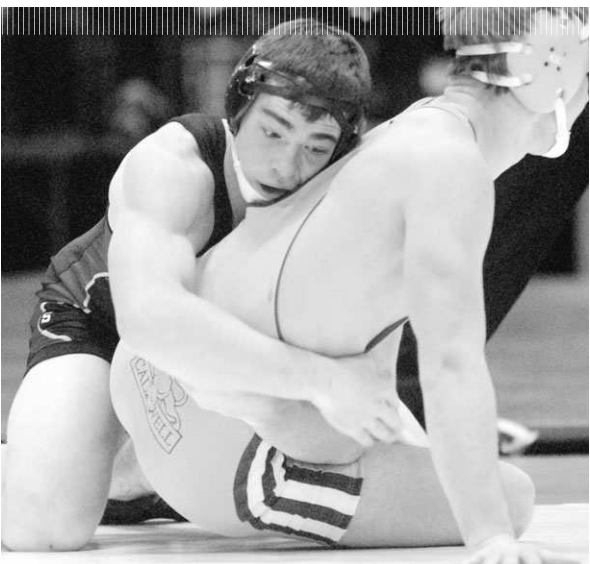
The two Devons: Spearing and Fitzsimmons, scored 21 and 16 points, respectively, to help Hansen knock off Challis.

Seth Williams added 15 and Kevin Fuller had 11 for the Huskies (4-3), who return to the court Jan. 3 at Shoshone.

Challis	13	17	13	8	-51
Hansen	11	18	21	19	-69
CHALLIS (51)					
Novak 5, Hamilton 11, Lind 5, Olsen 16, Sensabaugh 12, Schwenn 2. Totals 17 12-24 51.					
HANSEN (69)					
Spearing 21, Williams 15, Veenstra 6, Fitzsimmon 16, Fuller 11. Totals 23 21-32 69.					
3-point goals: Challis 5 (Lind, Olsen 3, Sensabaugh), Hansen 2 (Williams, Veenstra). Total fouls: Challis 26, Hansen 19.					

Wrestling DECLO WINS MALAD INVITE

The Declo wrestling team won the Malad Invitational on Saturday, beating out 13 other schools. The Hornets had medallists in 11 of the 15 weight classes, including champions Stirland Zollinger at 126 pounds and Jason Gillette at 170.



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David Borden of Minico, left, was the 170-pound champ at the Bear-Cat Invitational Saturday at Twin Falls High School.

Wrestling

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“He’s a big guy and probably dropped a lot of weight to get down to 132, so that (stoppage) gives him time to breathe and it doesn’t help me any at all. I’m trying to wear him out when he’s getting a break,” said Ramirez. “I’m still fresh, it’s early in the season because I missed the Boise Duals. Right now I’m working on stuff I need to work on.”

Jerome, which finished ninth as a team, had two wrestlers finish runner-up in the finals. Jade Parsons lost by pin to Nick Zylka of Fruitland at 220. At 182, the score was tied 0-0 heading into the third period before Arnold Zavala gave a reversal and lost 2-0 to Fruitland’s Tim McDonald.

“I should have done some things a little different,” Zavala said. “I was hoping to get some back points... but he was strong and fast and outworked me. I would have been a lot better on bottom.”

Most Outstanding Wrestler awards went to 126-pounder Cody Burden

of Middleton in the lower weights and 285-pounder Gaylen Edmo of Highland in the upper weights.

2011 BEAR-CAT INVITATIONAL

AT Twin Falls HS
Saturday’s results
Final team standings
1. Highland 181, 2. Boise 179, 3. Caldwell 164.5, 4. Fruitland 130, 5. Minico 122, 6. Ontario, Ore., 118, 7. Jerome 109, 8. Rocky Mountain 104, 9. Elko, Nev., 81, 10. Middleton 63.5, 11. Buhl 58.5, 12. Canyon Ridge 49, 13. Twin Falls 37, 14. Kimberly 33, 15. Burley 15, 16. Wendell 0.
Championship match results
98 pounds: Dorian Sapien, Boise, pinned Jacob Barton, Rocky Mountain; 106: Robert Gomez, Caldwell, pinned Devaughn Sapien, Boise; 113: Tony Gonzalez, Caldwell, pinned Devyn Christian, Rocky Mountain; 120: Eric Nunez, Ontario, dec. Michael Carr, Middleton; 4-3: 126: Cody Burden, Middleton, dec. Andrew Rossow, Boise; 6-4: 132: Jason Eavenson, Caldwell, major dec. Alberto Ramirez, Minico; 11-3: 138: Kaden Steingruber, Rocky Mountain, major dec. Michael Gonzales, Caldwell; 14-1: 145: Brennan Bell, Highland, dec. Cade Hartley, Ontario; 17-0: 152: Stephen Mejia, Buhl, dec. Kevin Smith, Elko; 6-2: 160: Andre Lopez, Highland, pinned Brett Walton, Boise; 170: David Borden, Minico, dec. Brad Ferguson, Caldwell; 5-3: 182: Tim McDonald, Fruitland, dec. Arnold Zavala, Jerome; 2-0: 195: Canyon Purcell, Boise, pinned Aurelio Flores, Ontario; 220: Nick Zylka, Fruitland, pinned Jade Parsons, Jerome; 285: Gaylen Edmo, Highland, pinned Anthony Freeman, Fruitland.
Third-place match results
98 pounds: Blake Gilchrist, Minico, major dec. Marcus Velazquez, Elko; 12-4: 106: Riley Thacker, Jerome, dec. Francisco Barrera, Ontario; 4-0: 113: Dakota Buffalo, Highland, pinned Connor Stubbelfield, Canyon Ridge; 120: Jacob Herman, Kimberly, dec. Spencer Rich, Rocky Mountain; 4-2: 126: Isiah Alvarado, Minico, dec. Kole Nakamura, Ontario; 5-2: 132: Tanner Mulberry, Kimberly, major dec. Zack Campbell, Boise; 16-7: 138: Wade Fry, Elko, dec. Riggs Quayle, Highland; 6-2: 145: Austin Wahl, Rocky Mountain, dec. Kaleb Price, Canyon Ridge; 8-3: 152: Marcus Ko, Twin Falls, dec. Eric Corona, Fruitland; 7-5: 160: Daulton Blackwell, Fruitland, pinned Zach Argyle, Jerome; 170: Nick Popkey, Boise, dec. Koltin Howe, Elko; 3-2: 182: Josh Hansen, Highland, pinned Jason Turner, Buhl; 15-5: Salvador Gutierrez, Minico, pinned Juan Labra, Burley; 220: Gabe Escobedo, Caldwell, dec. Jaren Kahowai, Boise; 5-3: 285: Layne Laszke, Jerome, dec. Davin Addison, Boise; 3-1.

NAIA Title

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“It’s just an indescribable feeling; I’ve never been so proud of my team,” said Saint Xavier head coach Mike Feminis, who upon completion of his 13th season with the Cougars was pounced on by his players, taking his ceremonial sports drink shower lying on the AstroTurf.

“I’m still a little sore,” he chuckled.

He’ll be feeling a lot better with the traveling trophy at home.

The Saints, meanwhile, will be remembering this nail-biter for years to come. Having trailed by 10 points twice in the game, they clawed their way back to a 20-17 lead when freshman Jared Mayernik returned the opening kickoff of the third quarter 94 yards for a touchdown.

But the Cougars came right back, engineering an 11-play, 67-yard drive that ended with a touchdown run by senior K.J. Franklin. They held the Saints and NAIA Player of the Year Chance Demarais, who finished with just 57 yards on 21 carries, from getting into the end zone from there.

“We played hard all season; you can never question that about our team,” said Broadhead, who completed 20 of 31 passes for 223 yards and two touchdowns, but finished his career with four straight incompletions in Saint Xavier’s end zone. “We won’t be bringing a trophy back to Helena, but this game will be in my memory for a long time.”

Two weeks after SXU true freshman Clayton Fejedelem intercepted a pass in the final seconds of a semifinal with Marian (Ind.) to propel the Cougars to the championship, Williams sealed it with his own tremendous play. With just over 2 minutes

left, the Saints drove 72 yards to the SXU 9-yard line and made one touchdown attempt after another.

Broadhead’s first pass went high through the fingers of senior receiver Matt Ritter. His second and third were both incomplete to senior Lat Wipplinger. Then, following Carroll’s final time out, he aimed for the hands of freshman Anthony Clarke, but Williams was able to get his left hand on the ball to break up the pass.

“When they were driving down, I was thinking of their game with Azusa,” said Feminis, referring to the Saints’ quarterfinal, when they scored in the final minutes to advance. “I was just praying to God that we would come up with another big play like we did two weeks ago.”

Feminis knew his defense was in good hands. The front seven stuffed Demarais — who led the NAIA with more than 130 yards per game heading into the contest and broke just one run for 10 yards — and forced the Saints to break from their run game and throw the ball.

SCOREBOARD



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Odds

NCAA Football

Tuesday

Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl

At St. Petersburg, Fla.

FAVORITE	OPEN TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
FIU	4½	4	(48½) Marshall
Wednesday			
Polinesetia Bowl			
At San Diego			
TCU	11	10	(55½) Louisiana Tech
Thursday			
MAACO Bowl			
At Las Vegas			
BoiseSt.	11½	14	(66) Arizona St.
Saturday			
Hawaii Bowl			
At Honolulu			
SouthernMiss.	5½	6	(62) Nevada
NFI			
Today			
FAVORITE	OPEN TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
atN.Y.Giants	7½	6½	(46) Washington
GreenBay	14	13½	(46) at Kansas City
NewOrleans	7	7	(51½) at Minnesota
atChicago	4	3½	(35½) Seattle
atBuffalo	OFF	OFF	(OFF) Miami
atHouston	6½	6	(45) Carolina
Tennessee	7	6½	(41) at Indianapolis
Cincinnati	6½	7	(39½) at St. Louis
Detroit	PK	1	(47½) at Oakland
NewEngland	4½	7½	(46) at Denver
atPhiladelphia	2	3	(44) N.Y. Jets
atArizona	6½	6½	(37½) Cleveland
Baltimore	1	2½	(44½) at San Diego
Tomorrow			
atSanFrancisco	OFF	OFF	(OFF) Pittsburgh
Off Key			
MIAM QB questionable			
Pittsburgh QB questionable			

NCAA Basketball

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
atNortheastern	1½	Princeton
Yale	3	at Rhode Island
atIowaSt.	15	Cent. Michigan
atMissouri	30	William & Mary
atFloridaSt.	16½	Loyola Marymount
Virginia	1	at Oregon
atS.Bonaventure	6½	Loyola (Md.)
atNorthwestern	18	E. Illinois
atPepperdine	3	Montana St.
atOregonSt.	15	Portland St.
atXavier	7	Oral Roberts
atSouthDakota	6½	Canisius
IPFW	4	at UT-Martin
atWashington	12½	S. Dakota St.

Baseketball

MEN'S COLLEGE SCORES

Far West

Air Force 64, Md.-Eastern Shore 60

Baylor 86, BYU 83

CS Northridge 99, Pacifica 58

Cal Poly 65, Fresno St. 46

Cal St.-Fullerton 86, La Verne 44

Denver 79, Boise St. 62

Georgia 63, Southern Cal 59

Georgia St. 71, Utah Valley 68

Gonzaga 71, Arizona 60

Idaho 72, CS Bakersfield 44

N. Arizona 69, Arizona St. 68

Nevada 71, UC Riverside 47

Saint Mary's (Cal) 77, Bethune-Cookman 52

Santa Clara 78, Pacific 76, OT

Stanford 75, San Diego 55

UCLA 82, UC Davis 39

Utah St. 78, Seattle 53

Midwest

Akron 91, Florida A&M 69

Butler 67, Purdue 65

Cincinnati 101, Radford 70

Cregonth 97, Houston Baptist 62

Dayton 61, FIU 40

DePaul 81, Ark.-Pine Bluff 62

Indiana 69, Notre Dame 58

Iowa 82, Drake 68

Loyola of Chicago 64, Chicago St. 49

Marquette 93, N. Colorado 72

Miami (Ohio) 66, Belmont 61

Michigan 87, Alabama A&M 57

Michigan St. 74, Bowling Green 60

Milwaukee 86, Nebraska-Omaha 50

Mississippi 80, Detroit 75

Missouri 78, Kennesaw St. 55

N. Dakota St. 92, Mayville St. 50

Nebraska 60, Alcorn St. 46

Northwestern 70, CCSU 64

Oakland 82, Valparaiso 80

Olio 82, Wright St. 54

S. Illinois 62, N. Illinois 49

Saint Louis 65, Alabama St. 35

Tennessee Tech 72, Evansville 70

Toledo 86, Youngstown St. 77

UNLV 64, Illinois 48

W. Michigan 85, Duquesne 71

Southwest

Arkansas 62, SE Louisiana 55

Lamar 87, Rice 81

Oklaohama 79, Houston 74

Stephen F. Austin 64, Texas College 57

Texas 77, Temple 65

Tulsa 80, Texas-Arlington 75, OT

UT 87, Southern U. 57

TX

South

Auburn 84, North Florida 71

Austin Peay 72, Rochester (Mich.) 50

Clemson 60, Winthrop 40

Coll. of Charleston 70, Charleston Southern 68

E. Kentucky 59, Jacksonville St. 53

Florida 84, Texas A&M 64

Furman 76, W. Kentucky 63

Indiana St. 61, Vanderbilt 55

Kentucky 87, Chattanooga 62

Liberty 74, Hampton 65

Louisiana Tech 71, UALR 68

Louisville 95, Memphis 87

Marshall 79, High Point 59

Miami 93, FAU 90, 2OT

Murray St. 66, Arkansas St. 53

North Carolina 97, Appalachian St. 82

Northwestern St. 65, Missouri Valley 39

Ohio St. 74, South Carolina 66

SC-Upstate 79, Stetson 63

Samford 90, Spring Hill 64

Southern Miss. 86, Mississippi 82

Syracuse 88, NC State 72

Tennessee St. 59, Delaware St. 55

UCF 61, Old Dominion 53

VCU 87, UNC Wilmington 64

Virginia Tech 85, Campbell 60

TX

East

Bucknell 79, Richmond 65

Cornell 85, Albany (NY) 82, OT

Dartmouth 62, Elon 54

Drexel 73, Bradley 68

Georgetown 81, American U. 55

Hofstra 82, Binghamton 62

Iona 73, Vermont 70

LIU 82, St. Peter's 80

New Hampshire 73, Marist 56

Pittsburgh 69, SC State 55

Rider 73, UMB-C 66, OT

Robert Morris 72, Louisiana-Lafayette 64

Rutgers 67, Stony Brook 58

Saint Joseph's 74, Villanova 58

St. John's 56, Fordham 50

UMass 72, Quinnipiac 67

West Virginia 84, Texas A&M-CC 64

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Denver 79, Boise St. 62

BoiseSt.(8-3)

Bropleh 1-3 0-0 2, Watkins 2-3 2-3 6, Drmic 4-13 5-6

14, Elorriaga 1-1 0-0 2, Perryman 5-10 1-2 12, Marks 2-5

9-14 13, Hanstad 0-0 0-0 0, Wiley 0-2 0-0 0, Crayton 1-2 0-0 2, Buckner 4-8 3-4 11, Totals 28-47

20-29 62

Denver(8-2)

Lewis 3-3 4-6 10, Udofia 6-9 3-5 17, Stafford 6-7 4-4 18, Olson 1-4 0-0 3, C. Hallam 2-8 4-4 9, Coughlin 5-7

0-0 11, Foeman 0-0 0-0 0, T. Hallam 3-4 0-0 7, O'Neale 2-6 0-1 4, Pickert 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 28-49 15-20

79

Halftime--Denver 36-22, 3-Point Goals--Boise St. 2-10, Perryman 1-2, Drmic 1-5, Wiley 0-1, Bropleh 0-2, Denver 8-15, Stafford 2-2, Udofia 2-3, T. Hallam 1-1, Coughlin 1-2, Olson 1-3, C. Hallam 1-4, Fouled Out--None, Rebounds--Boise St. 29 (Perryman 7), Denver 26 (Olson 6), Assists--Boise St. 6 (Elorriaga, Perryman 2), Denver 17 (T. Hallam, Olson 3), Total Fouls--Boise St. 21, Denver 23, Technical--Marks. A--2,3,5.

Idaho 72, CS BAKERSFIELD 44

CSBAKERSFIELD(5-5)-White 2-9 0-0 5, Grayson 17 0-0 2, Johnson 2-9 0-0 5, Savage 2-7 0-0 4, Carter 2-9 1-2

5, Pearson 0-0 0-0 0, Matto 1-4 1-1 3, Hughley 0-3 1-2 1, Young 1-4 0-0 2, Totals 18-49 10-18 72

Totals 18-66 6-10 44

Idaho(7-4)-Tatum 5-7 2-3 12, Bandoumel 3-6 0-0 6, Barone 4-6 5-7 13, Madison 4-8 1-2 9, Geiger 3-7 1-3 9, Starke 0-1 1-2 1, Habeeb 1-2 0-0 2, Shayne 0-0 0-0 0, Hill 2-5 0-0 6, McChristian 1-2 0-0 2, Borton 3-3 0-1 8, Kammerer 2-2 0-0 4, Totals 28-49 10-18 72

Halftime--Idaho 31-26, 3-Point Goals--CS Bakersfield 2-18 (Johnson 1-2, White 1-2, Carter 0-1, Young 0-1, Matip 0-2, Hayes 0-2, Grayson 0-3), Idaho 6-17 (Borton 2-2, Geiger 2-5, Hill 2-5, McChristian 0-1, Madison 0-4), Fouled Out--None, Rebounds--CS Bakersfield 38 (Savage 8), Idaho 42 (Barone 9), Assists--CS Bakersfield 5 (Grayson 5), Idaho 13 (Madison 5), Total Fouls--CS Bakersfield 15, Idaho 11, A--815.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Far West

BYU 73, Utah St. 65

Boise St. 72, E. Washington 63

Colorado 77, Weber St. 59

Furman 75, Elon 60

Kennesaw St. 83, UNC Asheville 79

North Florida 72, Delaware St. 61

Samford 64, W. Carolina 61, OT

South Florida 71, Md.-Eastern Shore 50

Stetson 69, SC-Upstate 54

Wofford 62, UNC-Greensboro 47

Southwest

Arkansas St. 69, Stephen F. Austin 64

Texas 71, North Texas 62

East

Duquesne 61, West Virginia 55

Fordham 76, Winthrop 53

Hamhatten 71, Monmouth (NJ) 59, OT

Rider 66, Binghamton 56

Seton Hall 65, Stony Brook 30

Tournament

St. John's-Charlottesville Holiday Classi

First Round

Memphis 86, Louisiana Tech 67

St. John's 66, Prairie View 50

Football

NFL

AMERICAN

EAST

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
NewEngland	10	3	0	.769	396	274
N.Y.Jets	8	5	0	.615	327	270
Buffalo	5	8	0	.385	288	341
Miami	4	9	0	.308	256	246

SOUTH

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Houston	10	3	0	.769	330	208
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	266	251
Jacksonville	4	10	0	.286	207	293
Indianapolis	0	13	0	.000	184	382

NORTH

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	10	3	0	.769	320	202
Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.769	282	198
Cincinnati	7	6	0	.538	285	270
Cleveland	4	9	0	.308	178	254

WEST

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Denver	8	5	0	.615	269	302
Oakland	7	6	0	.538	290	354
SanDiego	6	7	0	.462	324	299
KansasCity	5	8	0	.385	173	305

NATIONAL

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	348	296
N.Y.Giants	7	6	0	.538	324	249
Philadelphia	5	8	0	.385	297	292
Washington	4	9	0	.308	229	290

SOUTH

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
x-NewOrleans	10	3	0	.769	415	286
Atlanta	9	5	0	.643	341	281
Carolina	4	9	0	.308	313	355
TampaBay	4	10	0	.286	247	401

NORTH

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-GreenBay	13	0	0	1.000	466	278
Detroit	8	5	0	.615	367	305
Chicago	7	6	0	.538	301	255
Minnesota	2	11	0	.154	274	364

WEST

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-SanFrancisco	10	3	0	.769	307	182
Seattle	6	7	0	.462	246	259
Arizona	6	7	0	.462	253	288
St.Louis	2	11	0	.154	153	326

x-clinched playoff spot

Ski Sport

Idaho

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Winter Sailing

Sweden's Jesper Stalheim (032) and competitors start the Laser men's gold fleet race 10 at the Sailing Championships in Perth, Australia, on Saturday. Croatia's Milan Vujanovic was the winner of the race.

PIERCE, TEMPLE RUN ALL OVER WYOMING 37-15 IN N.M. BOWL

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. • Bernard Pierce ran for two early touchdowns and Chris Coyer threw for 169 yards and a touchdown to help Temple beat Wyoming 37-15 in the New Mexico Bowl on Saturday.

The Owls (9-4) had three interceptions — tying a New Mexico Bowl record — en route to the second bowl victory in school history.

The New Mexico Bowl was Temple's second bowl game in three years, but that 2009 game — a 30-21 loss to UCLA in the Eagle-Bank Bowl in Washington — was the Owls' first bowl in 30 years. The Mid-American Conference East runner-up did not get a bowl invite last year despite going 8-4.

"Our team played real well. We played a team game," first-year Temple coach Steve Addazio said. "Our starting point is playing great defense. That's the starting point of our program. We have a lot of pride in playing great defense."

Sophomore Coyer, who also rushed for 71 yards, was selected the game's offensive MVP.

Coyer said Temple got a little worried at the end of the first half when Wyoming freshman Brett Smith threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Josh Doctson with 28 seconds left. But Coyer responded with a 61-yard touchdown pass to Rod Streater moments later.

"We knew they had swung the momentum their way. It was a big touchdown for them," Coyer said. "We weren't really sure if we were going to go for it or sit on it."

Meanwhile, Smith was held to just 127 yards by a greedy Owls defensive line that preventing the Cowboys from getting anything started.

The loss dropped the Cowboys (8-5) to 6-7 in bowl games. It was a disappointing effort by Wyoming after the Cowboys won the 2009 New Mexico Bowl in double overtime, beating Fresno State 35-28.



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Temple running back Bernard Pierce (30) leaps over Wyoming defensive back Kenny Browder (24) and linebacker Brian Hendricks (8) in the second quarter of the New Mexico Bowl NCAA college football game in Albuquerque, N.M., Saturday.

Potato Bowl

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For two quarters, it looked like the game would be about as interesting as its namesake. The scoring auspiciously started with a safety. Ohio punter Paul Hershey, who earned instant infamy for tweeting his displeasure about going bowling in Boise, shanked the ensuing free kick. For a fleeting moment the score was 5-0 in favor of the Aggies, the same score as the only previous meeting between the two programs (1994), before Utah State capitalized on a penalty to turn a field goal into a touchdown.

At halftime it was a 9-7 barnburner.

Then Michael Smith and Tyler Tettleton happened.

Both went off in the third quarter, Smith running for a career-high 157 yards in his final appearance in a blue and white jersey, and Tettleton pulling his best impression of a certain other quarterback with the initials T.T., after the Aggies stretched the lead to 23-10.

The comeback was capped with a Tim Tebow-esque moment, Tettleton and Co. getting the ball down six with two minutes left. He finished it

off nine plays later by ambling to his right for the game-tying 1-yard touchdown run with 13 seconds on the clock. The ensuing PAT gave Ohio its only lead of the game.

For the eighth time in 15 bowl games to be played in Boise, the game was settled by a possession. Few, even with more "brand name" programs involved, have carried this drama.

The cardiac kids from Utah State — this was the team's 11th game decided by 10 or fewer points out of 13 this season — wanted to win in their first bowl appearance since 1997, when the Aggies lost the inaugural Humanitarian Bowl. Ohio has made bowl trips a regular occurrence in recent years, but the Bobcats had never won one before Saturday.

Record days from Smith and Ohio receiver LaVon Brazill, who broke the school's single-season receptions mark despite sitting out all week with a knee injury, served as footnotes on a roller-coaster day that might otherwise have put those team-MVP performances front and center.

In the end, I suppose my first-half observation was spot-on. The Famous Idaho Potato Bowl lived up to its title billing: plenty satisfying, but you're clamoring for another helping just the same.

TOP 25 COLLEGE HOOPS ROUNDUP

Jones Powers No. 6 Baylor Past BYU, 86-83

PROVO, Utah • With an NBA general manager watching from the front row, Baylor's 6-11 forward Perry Jones III came up huge for the No. 6-ranked Bears on Saturday.

Jones scored a career-high 28 points, including a putback with 20 seconds left after returning from a knee injury. The shot provided the final margin in an 86-83 win over Brigham Young.

"I couldn't let my team down," said Jones, a sophomore. "I didn't want to use my knee as a crutch. I just wanted to go back in and do what I could do to help my team win."

The other star for Baylor was a guy more than a foot shorter.

Former College of Southern Idaho point guard Pierre Jackson blocked Brandon Davies' 3-point shot at the buzzer that might have forced overtime.

"You don't expect your 5-9, 5-10 point guard to do that, but Pierre is really athletic," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "And the thing about him is he's a competitor. He didn't want Davies to get a shot to (force) overtime."

Baylor is off to the third 9-0 start in school history and best under Drew.

NO. 1 SYRACUSE 88, NORTH CAROLINA STATE 72

RALEIGH, N.C. • Dion Waiters scored a career-high 22 points to help No. 1 Syracuse beat North Carolina State 88-72 on Saturday.

Scoop Jardine added 16 points for the Orange (11-0), including a pair of 3-pointers during an 11-2 spurt that finally gave them some cushion after the Wolf-pack fought back from a 17-point deficit late in the first half.

Waiters also came up big during that run, starting it by knocking down his own 3-pointer to answer one by Scott Wood that pulled N.C. State (6-4) to within 63-61.

NO. 2. OHIO STATE 74, SOUTH CAROLINA 66

COLUMBIA, S.C. • Deshaun Thomas scored a career high 30 points and No. 2 Ohio State overcame the loss of star Jared Sullinger to defeat South Carolina 74-66 on Saturday and give Thad Matta his 200th win as Buckeyes coach.

Sullinger left in the first half after getting kicked in the left foot. X-rays showed no fracture, although it wasn't known if Sullinger would play against Lamar on Tuesday night in Ohio State's next game.

NO. 3 KENTUCKY 87, TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA 62

LEXINGTON, Ky. • Doron Lamb scored 24 points to help Kentucky bounce back from its first loss of the season despite an injury to forward Terrence Jones.

Voted preseason All-America, Jones spent much of the game on the bench after hurting a finger on his left hand early in the first half. He checked back in but played only 10 minutes. He finished with no points and one rebound.

Still, the Wildcats (9-1) opened with 13 unanswered points in their first game since a 73-72 defeat at Indiana last Saturday knocked them from the nation's top ranking.

NO. 4 LOUISVILLE 95, MEMPHIS 87

LOUISVILLE, Ky. • Russ Smith set personal bests with 24 points and seven steals as Louisville extended its home winning streak to 18 games.

Gorgui Dieng added 14 points and 14 rebounds in the schools' first meeting since the Cardinals (10-0) beat the Tigers (5-4) by a point to win the Conference USA tournament in 2005 before departing for the Big East.

NO. 5 NORTH CAROLINA 97, APPALACHIAN STATE 82

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. • Tyler Zeller had 31 points and 10 rebounds, and John Henson added 17 points to lead North Carolina.

The Tar Heels (9-2) never trailed, led by 29 and shot 54.5 percent to claim their third straight win and 22nd in a row at the Dean Smith Center.

NO. 11 MARQUETTE 93, NORTHERN COLORADO 72

MILWAUKEE • Freshman Todd Mayo replaced suspended star Darius Johnson-Odom in the starting lineup and scored 22 points to lead Marquette.

Jae Crowder added 19 points and 11 rebounds for Marquette (10-0), which moved to 10-0 for the first time in a decade and seventh time in school history. Vander Blue had 18 points

Tate Unruh had a career-high 25



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Baylor forward Perry Jones III drives past BYU forward Brandon Davies during Baylor's 86-83 win Saturday in Provo, Utah.

points for Northern Colorado (3-7), the defending Big Sky Conference regular-season and tournament champions. Unruh made five 3-pointers.

NO. 13 FLORIDA 84, NO. 22 TEXAS A&M 64

SUNRISE, Fla. • Kenny Boynton sank six 3-pointers and No. 13 Florida built an early 16-point lead.

Boynton scored 22 points and was voted the game's most valuable player at the Orange Bowl Classic. Erving Walker had 16 points and six assists, and Bradley Beal added 16 points for Florida.

The Gators came into the game leading the nation in 3-pointers and ranked third in scoring, and they showed why from the start. Florida took leads of 7-0, 18-2 and 35-14.

NO. 15 PITTSBURGH 69, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE 55

PITTSBURGH • Lamar Patterson tied a career high with 16 points and Pittsburgh pulled away in the second half for the victory.

Ashton Gibbs added 14 points and a team-high six assists for the Panthers (10-1), who have won eight straight.

NO. 16 GEORGETOWN 81, AMERICAN 55

WASHINGTON • Georgetown center Henry Sims took over the game early in the second half, finishing with 17 points and six assists.

Sims assisted on back-door baskets on four consecutive possessions in the opening minutes after halftime as Georgetown (9-1) broke open a tight game en route to its seventh victory in a row.

NO. 17 MISSISSIPPI STATE 80, DETROIT 75

DETROIT • Rodney Hood's jump shot with 17.7 seconds left gave the Bulldogs their 10th straight victory.

Hood's shot broke a 75-75 tie and Arnett Moultrie blocked a shot seconds later to keep the Bulldogs (11-1) ahead.

Moultrie and Brian Bryant each scored 17 points and Renardo Sidney added 16 as Mississippi State earned the 1,300th win in school history.

Chase Simon and Ray McCallum both scored 17 for the Titans (5-8), who lost their second straight.

NO. 18 INDIANA 69, NOTRE DAME 53

INDIANAPOLIS • Cody Zeller had 21 points and eight rebounds to lead Indiana in the inaugural Crossroads Classic at Consecro Fieldhouse.

The Hoosiers are 10-0 for the first time since 1989-90, protected their first Top 25 ranking in more than three years and are now poised to make their 500th appearance in the next AP poll.

UNLV 64, NO. 19 ILLINOIS 48

CHICAGO • Mike Moser had 17 points and 11 rebounds, UNLV went on a 14-2 run to close the first half and the Runnin' Rebels handed Illinois its first loss of the season.

UNLV (11-2), which beat then-No. 1 North Carolina earlier this season, used its quick, switching defense and nine blocked shots to frustrate the Illini.

NO. 20 MICHIGAN 87, ALABAMA A&M 57

ANN ARBOR, Mich. • Evan Smotrycz had 17 points and 11 rebounds, and Trey Burke led the Wolverines with 19 points.

Zack Novak and Tim Hardaway Jr. contributed 13 points each. Michigan (9-2) shot 55 percent from the field, 63 percent in the second half.

NO. 21 MICHIGAN STATE 74, BOWLING GREEN 60

EAST LANSING, Mich. • Brandon Wood scored 16 points and No. 21 Michigan State overcame a sluggish first half to beat Bowling Green 74-60 on Saturday night.

Derrick Nix added a career-high 14 points to go with seven rebounds and Brandon Dawson had 13 points for the Spartans (9-2), who have won nine straight. Draymond Green had 12 points and 10 rebounds, his fifth double-double this season.

NO. 24 MURRAY ST. 66, ARKANSAS ST. 53

MURRAY, Ky. • Isaiah Canaan hit six 3-pointers and scored 21 points to lead No. 24 Murray State to a 66-53 win over Arkansas State on Saturday night.

Ivan Aska added 14 points and 11 rebounds, and Donte Poole had 11 points for the Racers (12-0), who are off to their best start since the 1950-51 season.

INDIANA STATE 61, NO. 25 VANDERBILT 55

NASHVILLE, Tenn. • Steve McWhorter hit two free throws with 3:32 left to give Indiana State its first win over a ranked team since 2006.

Indiana State (8-2) is off to its best start since opening 8-1 in 2005-06. The Sycamores' last win over a ranked team came on their own court against No. 14 Butler on Dec. 12, 2006.

NO. 25 CREIGHTON 97, HOUSTON BAPTIST 62

OMAHA, Neb. • Doug McDermott scored 25 points, and Gregory Echenique had 18 points and 14 rebounds to help No. 25 Creighton overpower Houston Baptist 97-62 on Saturday night.

McDermott, who came in as the nation's No. 2 scorer at 24 points a game, had his eighth straight 20-point game for the Bluejays (8-1).

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Bobcats

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The Aggies dominated the first half and extended their lead to 23-10 in the third quarter behind a bruising rushing attack that rolled up 345 yards.

Michael Smith rushed for 157 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries, including a 63-yard scoring run early in the third quarter that

put Utah State up 16-10. Smith scored later in the third on an 11-yard run up the middle, giving the Aggies a 13-point lead.

Robert Turbin added for 101 yards on 20 carries, and Kerwynn Williams had 69 yards on nine carries.

But Utah State, which finished second in the Western Athletic Conference and was making its first bowl appearance since 1997, failed to close the deal.

After Smith's second touchdown, Tettleton started the rally by marching the Bobcats quickly down the field, capping the drive with a 44-yard TD pass to Brazill, who jumped high over a defender and fell just beyond the goal line to make it 23-17.

The Aggies had a chance to run out the clock when they took possession at their own 7 with 4:23 to go. But Ohio's defense stopped the Aggies on three straight

plays to force a punt.

On the winning drive, Tettleton scrambled for 14 yards and completed passes of 19, 7 and 14 yards to Brazill. The last reception was initially ruled a touchdown, but a review concluded he was down before the end zone, giving Ohio a first down inside the 1.

Brazill led the Bobcats with eight catches for 108 yards and the Ohio offense had 345 total yards.

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Balanced Ravens Visit Recharged Bolts

BY BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

Even if they aren't considered the NFL's best team, the Ravens qualify as the most balanced. They can move the ball on the ground and through the air. They're formidable against the run and the pass.

They can beat you deep or peck away. They can stuff you or sack you into submission.

On Sunday night, Baltimore brings that balance to San Diego, which has revitalized itself with two straight wins. While the Chargers (6-7) think they have an outside shot at a playoff berth, the Ravens (10-3) would need a complete collapse to fall short.

But with the Steelers breathing down their necks, the Ravens can't lose their balance. Or any games.

The margin for error is that tiny.

"It's very small because if you lose this one, or you lose that one, you never know how the tables will turn," safety Ed Reed said. "That's why early in the season you have so much frustration losing to those teams that we lost to. At the end, everything changes. That's why we keep jumping Pittsburgh, and they keep jumping us."

Stopping the Ravens has become frustrating because they do so many things well.

"I think we're starting to be more efficient," receiver Anquan Boldin said. "Our front line is playing well, which enables us to move the ball, and it opens up the passing game. Everything is working out well. We're giving the defenses a lot of different looks, and everybody is getting the ball."

San Diego was a mess until two weeks ago, when it routed Jacksonville to snap a six-game slide. It did the same to Buffalo, but to think the Chargers have turned the corner might be a long reach.

Facing the Ravens should provide a strong indication of where the Chargers are at.

"I don't know if measuring stick is the word," quarterback Philip Rivers said. "It keeps you alive or it doesn't, from a postseason opportunity. But I think it will certainly, if we find a way to win this game, say a lot about where we were three weeks ago and how we responded. At 4-7, we could have thrown in the towel. If you get to 7-7 with three big wins, it will say a lot about the guys in the room and Norv (Turner, San Diego's coach) and the whole group, and how we responded.

"It's going to be a big challenge and one we're excited about. I mean, it's truly what you ask for, playing arguably, right now, the best team in football, in mid-December, with it all on the line."

Also on Sunday, it's New England at Denver, Washington at the New York Giants, New Orleans at Minnesota, Green Bay at Kansas City, Detroit at Oakland, Seattle at Chicago, the New York Jets at Philadelphia, Cincinnati at St. Louis, Tennessee at Indianapolis, Carolina at Houston, Cleveland at Arizona, and Miami at Buffalo.

Dallas is at Tampa Bay on Saturday night. The Monday night game has Pittsburgh at San Francisco.

The weekend began with

Atlanta beating Jacksonville 41-14. The Falcons (9-4) clinched their fourth straight winning season and moved 1 1/2 games behind division-leading New Orleans in the NFC South. The Jaguars (4-10) trailed 27-0 at halftime and 41-0 before returning a blocked punt for a score late in the third quarter.

NEW ENGLAND (10-3) at DENVER (8-5)

If anyone can figure out how to put a dent in Tebowmania and slow down the rampaging Broncos, it would be Bill Belichick.

Denver has won six in a row to take control in the AFC West, with Tim Tebow's late-game heroics and a staunch defense and special teams sparking the spurt. Into the Mile High City come the Patriots, on the verge of clinching the AFC East after five straight victories, but with a defense that yields yards by the bushel.

New England can score with anybody, although it struggled against the best defense it faced in an October loss at Pittsburgh. The question is whether Belichick can find enough defense — and prevent the game from being close near the finish, when Tebow and company turn in to magicians.

"Obviously, Tim is having a great year," Tom Brady said. "You watch guys and the way that they perform under pressure and it says a lot about who they are and the way their teammates feel about them."

PITTSBURGH (10-3) at SAN FRANCISCO (10-3), MONDAY NIGHT

No James Harrison (suspended for helmet-to-helmet hit on Colt McCoy), maybe no Ben Roethlisberger (sprained left ankle), and a tough opponent coming off a surprising loss but already in the playoffs.

Not exactly the scenario the Steelers envisioned for their trip to the Bay Area.

Still, it's unwise to count out Roethlisberger, especially with the way he came back in the Cleveland game on Dec. 8 after the injury. Plus, Pittsburgh's defense isn't built solely around Harrison.

The 49ers want that No. 2 slot in the NFC playoffs and a bye, so they can't afford a stumble with New Orleans in close pursuit.

WASHINGTON (4-9) at NEW YORK GIANTS (7-6)

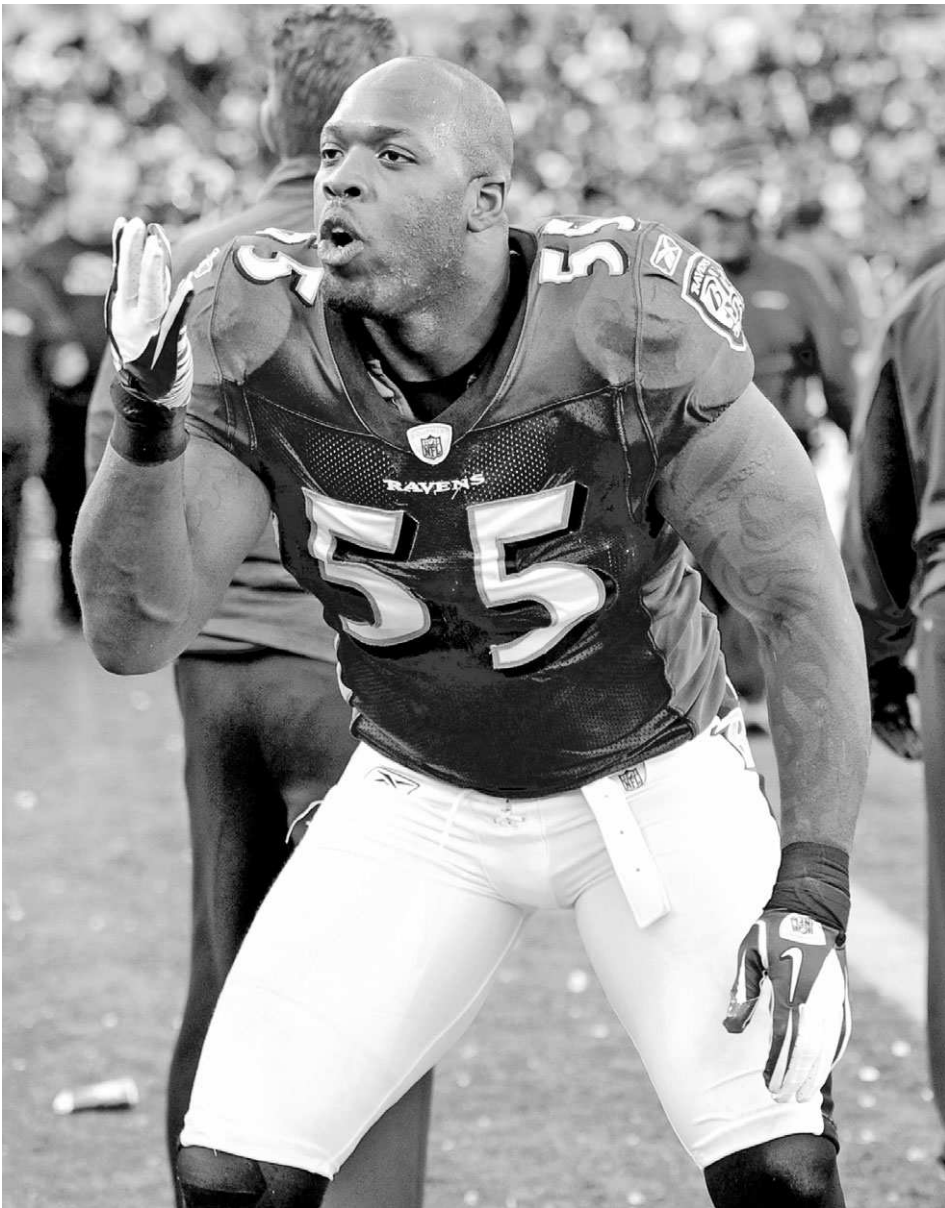
After breaking a four-game slide that placed their postseason hopes in jeopardy, the Giants now control the NFC East. Win out and it is theirs. They aren't likely to overlook the last-place Redskins, who beat them in the opener — even if Washington is a shell of itself after a slew of injuries.

"This is against a division opponent that already punched us in the mouth," safety Deon Grant said.

Eli Manning has been punching out defenses with his best pro season, which hasn't gotten much notice in this Year of the Passer.

NEW ORLEANS (10-3) at MINNESOTA (2-11)

Already locked into the postseason, the Saints keep up their chase of the Niners as well as going for the NFC South crown. Drew Brees



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Baltimore Ravens outside linebacker Terrell Suggs blows a kiss to fans in the second half of an NFL football game against the Indianapolis Colts in Baltimore, Sunday, Dec. 11. Suggs and the Ravens play at San Diego tonight.

continues his assault on Dan Marino's passing record of 5,084 set in 1984. Brees is at 4,368 — he won't reach it against the Vikings' sieve of a pass defense, but should erase a huge chunk of the difference.

Minnesota hopes to get back star RB Adrian Peterson from a high left ankle sprain, and does have the NFL's sacks leader in Jared Allen with 171-2. He also is in a record chase, going after Michael Strahan's mark of 221-2 sacks.

GREEN BAY (13-0) at KANSAS CITY (5-8)

The pursuit of perfection takes the Packers to Arrowhead Stadium, where the Chiefs are in the midst of upheaval. Kansas City fired coach Todd Haley this week after a distressing performance in which the team drew 11 penalties for 128 yards, including a 15-yarder for unsportsmanlike conduct on Haley.

Interim coach Romeo Crennel probably won't berate the officials the way Haley did, but his frustration level trying to slow down Aaron Rodgers and the defending champions figures to be high. Green Bay has won 19 in a row and the NFL mark is 21 by the 2003-04 Patriots, for whom Crennel was defensive coordinator.

DETROIT (8-5) at OAKLAND (7-6)

The Lions barely escaped against Minnesota last Sunday, with a missed facemask penalty on the final snap playing a huge role. They get back DT Ndamukong Suh from his two-game suspension,

and they can use him as they pursue a wild-card spot.

Oakland can use anything that curbs its slide. In the last two losses, the Raiders were outscored 80-30, becoming the first team to fall behind 34-0 in successive weeks since the 1984 Bills.

"We don't care how we get in there. We just want to get in there," coach Hue Jackson said of the AFC playoffs. "We need to get off to a faster start. We haven't played well on offense the last two weeks as far as scoring points. We've been consistently inconsistent, and that's not an offense that I put my stamp on. We need to get better. And I think we will."

Better be soon.

SEATTLE (6-7) at CHICAGO (7-6)

Two more teams on the fringes of the wild-card race, and considering the up-and-down nature of this season, either one could sneak into the playoffs.

For Chicago, it will be up to the defense, special teams and backups on offense to get the deed done. Minus outstanding RB Matt Forte and starting QB Jay Cutler, the Bears are hamstrung, and scored 13 points in their last two defeats. They also blew a 10-0 lead at Denver in the last 4 1-2 minutes to fall to 7-6.

Seattle won the NFC West at 7-9 a year ago, but with San Francisco's surge, the Seahawks are left to try to sweep the final three games and hope to get an unfathomable amount of help elsewhere.

but also to win the NFC East. Hard to believe considering how mediocre the Eagles have been, but with Michael Vick back in the lineup, they can still be a formidable foe.

CINCINNATI (7-6) at ST. LOUIS (2-11)

The Bengals feast on weak teams, lose to the good ones. The Rams most definitely are a weak team.

Cincinnati almost certainly must get to 10-6 to get the final AFC wild-card spot. St. Louis could win out and still not save coach Steve Spagnuolo's job, although injuries have so depleted the roster that even Spags might not recognize some of the faces in the locker room.

TENNESSEE (7-6) at INDIANAPOLIS (0-13)

Although the Titans remain in contention for a wild card, they might decide this is the time for Jake Locker to take over at quarterback, especially if Matt Hasselbeck isn't recovered enough from a left calf injury to start. But Locker also is slowed by a sore chest after a solid relief effort in a loss against New Orleans.

Indy started the 2009 season with 14 straight victories. Falling to Tennessee on Sunday will make it 14 straight defeats this year. At least the Colts have seen Peyton Manning do some throwing in light workouts this week.

CAROLINA (4-9) at HOUSTON (10-3)

Don't expect the Texans to begin resting people or let up on the pedal now that they own their first division title. They want to enter their first playoffs in 10 seasons of life as the top seed in the AFC, so three more wins are on their radar. It's hard to doubt them the way they have responded despite injuries to such key starters as Mario Williams, Matt Schaub and Andre Johnson.

Third-string QB T.J. Yates has been a revelation since taking over for the injured Schaub and Matt Leinart. Still, the rookie quarterback most eyes have been on — rightfully so, considering how dynamic he has been — is Carolina's Cam Newton.

MIAMI (4-9) at BUFFALO (5-8)

New coach Todd Bowles, who replaced the fired Tony Sparano on Monday, takes his Dolphins to western New York. Hardly a vacation destination this time of year, but he could be comforted by the fact Buffalo has lost six straight and its defense has fallen apart.

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To be considered for this position, a cover letter, resume, and completed City of Elko employment application (w/supplemental questionnaire) must be submitted to the Human Resources Department (1751 College Avenue, Elko, NV 89801) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2011. For application materials, please call (775) 777-7122, or visit our website at www.elkocity.com.

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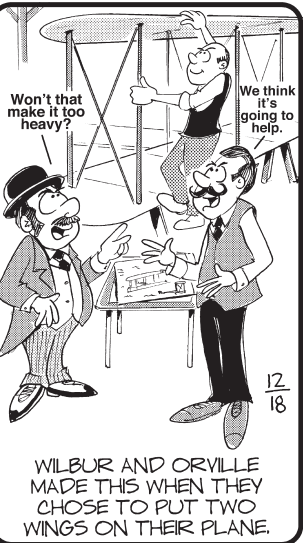
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215 Professional

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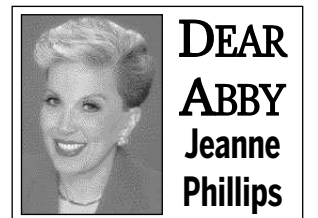
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DEAR ABBY: My mother, Eleanor, passed away last Aug. 30. She spent her long life helping others. During her eulogy, I described her by saying, "Her best lesson, the one she modeled for us, is that a selfless life devoted to family and others, is the highest example of God's work here on Earth."

After the funeral, my brother mentioned that the one thing Mom had wanted read during her service was an item she had saved from a column of yours that was published in 1999. It eloquently captures the essence of bigotry and lack of compassion in our society.

Although we have made significant inroads on eradicating prejudice, I found it still timely. Would you please print it again?

— **ELLIE'S DAUGHTER**
IN SEATTLE



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR DAUGHTER: I am honored that your mother found something she saw in my column to be so meaningful. Please accept my sympathy for her passing. I agree that the poem, which is attributed to James Patrick Kinney, is worth sharing again.

THE COLD WITHIN

Six humans trapped in happenstance

In dark and bitter cold,

Each one possessed a stick of wood,

Or so the story's told.

Their dying fire in need of logs

The first woman held hers back,

For of the faces around the fire,

She noticed one was black.

The next man looking across the way

Saw not one of his church,

And couldn't bring himself to give

The fire his stick of birch.

The third one sat in tattered clothes

He gave his coat a hitch,

Why should his log be put to use,

To warm the idle rich?

The rich man just sat back and thought

Of the wealth he had in store,

And how to keep what he had earned,

From the lazy, shiftless poor.

The black man's face bespoke revenge

As the fire passed from sight,

For all he saw in his stick of wood

Was a chance to spite the white.

The last man of this forlorn group

Did naught except for gain,

Giving only to those who gave,

Was how he played the game.

The logs held tight in death's still hands

Was proof of human sin,

They didn't die from the cold without,

They died from the cold within.

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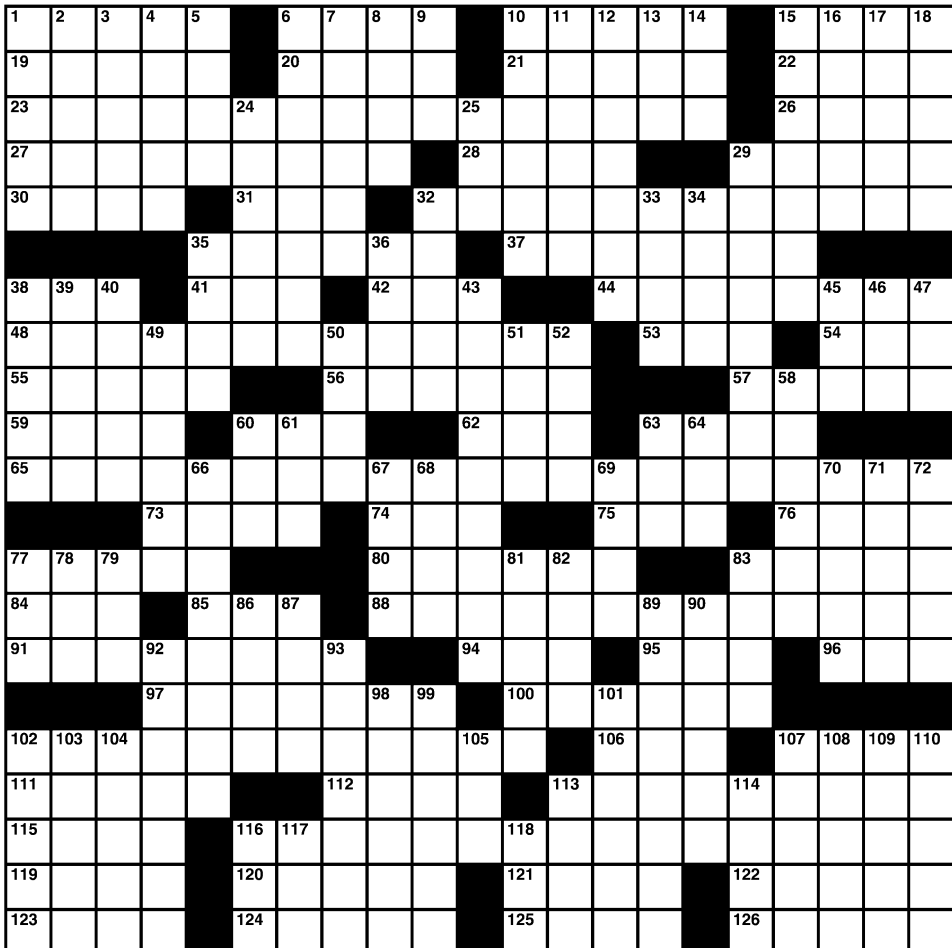
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- 21 New York restaurateur
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- 32 New England senator's winter tools?
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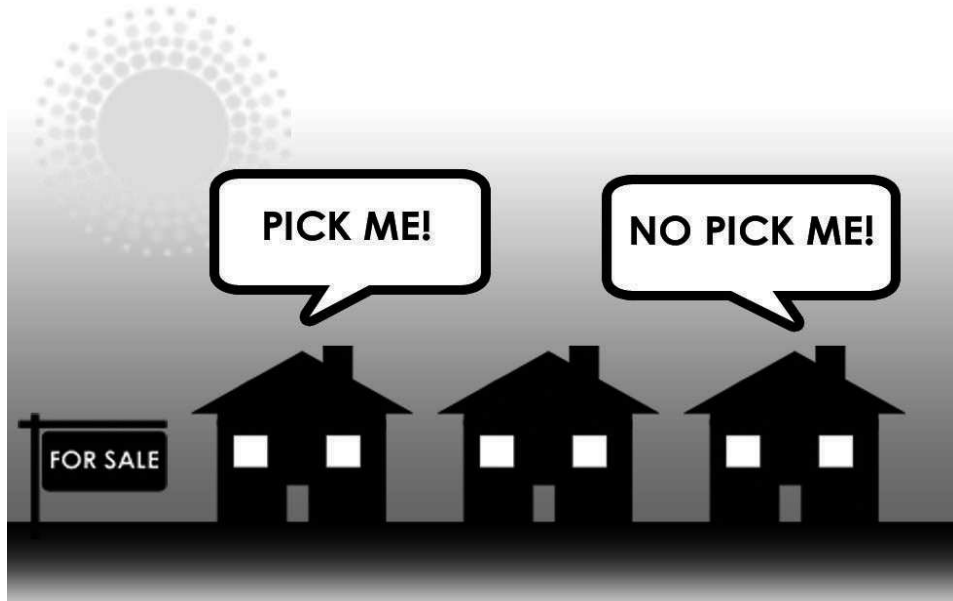
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- 97 Most idiotic
- 100 Works with dough
- 102 Routines that crack up patriot Thomas?
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- 112 "Say Anything ..." actress Skye
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- 115 Split apart
- 116 Maintain vital info on actor Rob?
- 119 Jazz combo
- 120 Established fact
- 121 Bit of Realtor slang
- 122 Coupe alternative
- 123 Pre-wedding party
- 124 Hägar's hound
- 125 Formerly, once
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- 6 Frat social
- 7 Enterprise helmsman
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- 10 Part of ASAP
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- 12 Take under one's wing
- 13 Old Tokyo Bay capital
- 14 Cartoonist Browne
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- 16 Overhead
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- 18 Okays
- 24 "A stitch in time ...," e.g.
- 25 Mideast "son of"
- 29 Texas flag symbol
- 32 Big bag carrier
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- 34 Cross one's fingers
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- 36 Enthusiastic acceptance, in Acapulco
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- 43 Surmount
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- 50 Rick's love
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- 52 "Contact" acronym
- 58 Bad thing to catch
- 60 Hr. affected by delays
- 61 "Yo!"
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- 68 Listless assent, perhaps
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- 82 Yours, in Tours
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- 90 Make lovable
- 92 Canine also called a Hokkaido
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- 103 Warn
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't become a witness to the witless. Someone could persuade you to do something against your better judgment. It is a good idea to adopt a wait-and-see attitude during the first half of the week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Jingle bells bravely. Sometimes, you get caught up in the moment – but that's when disappointment seems to hit the hardest. In the week to come, you might expect more gifts or eggnog than you receive.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): "Con" could very well stand for conversation. You might be somewhat suspicious of everyday exchanges in the early part of the week, but by the time the holidays commence, everything will be hunky-dory.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If plan "A" doesn't work, remember that the alphabet has twenty five more letters. In the first part of the week, your resolve might weaken in the face of unexpected reactions from others. Persevere.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1892, Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1915, President Woodrow Wilson, widowed the year before, married Edith Bolling Galt at her Washington home.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler ordered secret preparations for Nazi Germany to invade the Soviet Union. (Operation Barbarossa was launched in June 1941.)

In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first public, full-scale commercial nuclear facility to generate electricity in the United States, went on line. (It was taken out of service in 1982.)

In 1958, the world's first communications satellite, SCORE (Signal Communication by Orbiting Relay Equipment), nicknamed "Chatterbox," was launched by the United States aboard an Atlas rocket.

In 1969, Britain's House of Lords joined the House of Commons in making permanent a 1965 ban on the death penalty for murder.

In 1971, the Rev. Jesse Jackson announced in Chicago the founding of Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity).

In 1972, the United States began heavy bombing of North Vietnamese targets during the Vietnam War. (The bombardment ended 11 days later.)

In 1980, former Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin died at age 76.

Ten years ago: A federal judge in Philadelphia threw out Mumia Abu-Jamal's death sentence and ordered a new sentencing hearing for the former Black Panther alternately portrayed as a vicious cop-killer and a victim of a racist frame-up. (This month, Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams decided to stop pursuing execution for Abu-Jamal in the 1981 shooting death of police officer Daniel Faulkner.)

Five years ago: Robert Gates was sworn in as U.S. defense secretary. President George W. Bush signed legislation to let America share its nuclear know-how and fuel with India. The NBA suspended seven players for their roles in a brawl between Denver and New York; each team was fined \$500,000. Animator Joe Barbera died in Los Angeles at age 95.

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Dear Mr. Wolff:

You recently explained that when a player holds ♠ ---, ♥ A-K-Q-5-4, ♦ Q-3-2, ♣ A-K-9-7-6, he must open one heart, not two clubs. I view this as a four-loser hand, which meets the requirements of a two-club opening. That call best describes the values contained in this hand.

Flaut It, Orlando, Fla.

ANSWER: The reason why opening one heart is unlikely to miss a game is that even if your partner is too weak to bid, your RHO will surely balance with one spade, so you will get your chance to come back into the auction. A jump to three clubs will then show the hand nicely. But the real reason why opening two clubs may backfire is the problem of describing your two-suiter if the opponents pre-empt.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

If you make a Jacoby transfer and the opponents intervene, what should your bids mean at your next turn to speak? Specifically, what does rebidding your suit mean — invitational or competitive? And is a double for takeout, for penalties, or is it optional?

Planning Ahead, Mitchell, S.D.

ANSWER: If you rebid your suit, it should not be invitational, because you can double to show values (optional is probably the best word for it). So a suit-rebid suggests six cards and a weak hand. With game-going values, bid game or start with a double and bid on.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Holding ♠ K-7-4, ♥ Q-J-9-5-4-2, ♦ A-4, ♣ K-2, I assume you would open one heart and rebid two hearts when your partner bids two clubs. Now over a bid of two spades from your partner, how should you describe your hand? Would you prefer two no-trump, three clubs or three hearts? Would a bid of three diamonds be asking or telling?

Spoiled for Choice, Spokane, Wash.

ANSWER: I think three diamonds suggests weak diamond length, three hearts suggests a good six-carder, three clubs suggests three-card support, and two no-trump suggests a good diamond stop. So no action is perfect, but three clubs looks like the least committal bid as well as being quite economical.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Can you discuss responses to partner's opening bid of a minor in third seat? I thought jumps to the two-level as a passed hand would let my partner know I had 10-plus HCP, but I understand this is not the standard interpretation of the call.

Jumping In, Jackson, Miss.

ANSWER: I understand your position but I think there is no real need to jump to show 10-plus. If your hand is unbalanced with 10 or 11, you don't need to bounce around. You find out more if you stay low. If she has a real opening, partner won't pass a cheap response with or without a fit (for fear of letting the opponents in if she does). And you won't make game unless she does.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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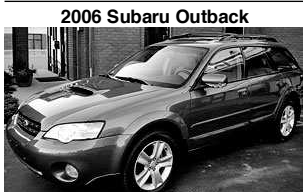
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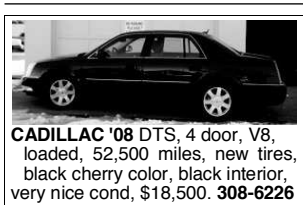
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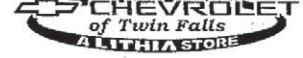


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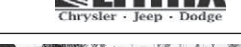
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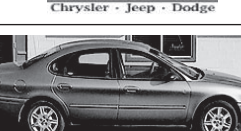
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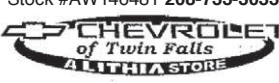
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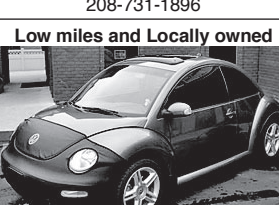
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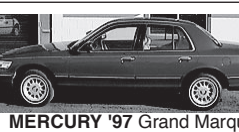
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Brittney D'Ambra wipes her 4-year-old son Carter Bentley's mouth Monday at their Twin Falls home. D'Ambra's twin boys both suffer from moyamoya syndrome. The disease has caused Carter Bentley to have two major strokes.

Motherhood Trials

After one child's death and the tragic diagnosis of two others, family and friends of a 23-year-old single Twin Falls mom are organizing a benefit dinner to help pay funeral and medical bills.

BY ANDREW WEEKS
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Brittney D'Ambra never guessed in June that there was something wrong with her twin 4-year-old boys. But then July rolled around and D'Ambra found herself sitting in a Boise hospital, awaiting news about her son Tucker, who had been taken by air ambulance to the hospital after suffering a stroke. Doctors' diagnosis: moyamoya syndrome.

It was the first bad news the 23-year-old single mom would receive over the next several weeks. Tucker's twin, Carter, was soon diagnosed with the same disease. And in September, D'Ambra's 4-month-old preemie son, Tyler, died of unknown causes, the Twin Falls woman said.

"They're still looking at the toxicology report," D'Ambra said, noting that he was on a small dose of oxygen but was doing well. "They don't know why, because he had a great day."

Besides the passing of one child

and the suffering of two others, funeral expenses and rising medical bills continued to push D'Ambra down. After not wanting to burden

"She was like, 'I can handle this.' But it just became so much more than anybody ever would have expected."

Amber Haycock, Brittney D'Ambra's sister-in-law

others with her problems, the single mom has now accepted the help of family and friends who are planning a benefit dinner and raffle Feb. 4 at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center.

"She was like, 'I can handle this,'" said sister-in-law Amber Haycock, who is helping plan the dinner. "But it just became so much more than anybody ever would have expected."

D'Ambra, who lives with her mother and isn't employed, said she's grateful for the help.

"Before this they were totally fine," she said of her sons in a Dec. 10 phone interview. "The only way we knew that anything was wrong is because Tucker had a stroke."

Moyamoya syndrome is a rare, progressive cerebrovascular disorder caused by blocked arteries at the base of the brain, according to

the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. Moyamoya means "puff of smoke" in Japan, where it first was discovered in the 1960s, and describes the look of tangled vessels that cause the blockage. The disease primarily affects children, but it also can occur in adults.

Revascularization surgery can restore blood flow to the brain by

Please see **D'AMBRA, P6**



Lily D'Ambra holds her nephew Carter Bentley's hand while her sister Brittney D'Ambra, right, hangs out with her son Tucker Bentley, middle, and Lily's son Christopher D'Ambra on Monday in Twin Falls.

More online

SEE more photos of family life, from Brittney D'Ambra's home in Twin Falls.

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Benefit Dinner

A benefit dinner and raffle to help single mom Brittney D'Ambra pay for funeral and medical expenses will be Feb. 4 at

Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. Time and cost of tickets are still being planned. Information: Amber Haycock, 731-0450.

Welcome to American Health Care

Health care can be spotty for refugees before their arrival in the U.S. But for refugees with chronic conditions, the basic treatment they receive here can be life-changing.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN
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Still sleepy and wrapped in coats and jackets, the Rai family filed into the South Central Public Health District office on Nov. 23.

Nearly seven months after their arrival in Twin Falls from refugee camps in Nepal, they were finishing up their immunizations. The children — Tirtha, 20, Summon, 16, and Shamir, 11 — had to get more shots than their parents, Man Bahadur Rai and Nara Maya Rai. All winced when the needles went in their arms.

It was one in a long string of checkups, physicals and exams the Rais have had to attend over the past two years on their journey from Nepal's refugee camps to the United States.

Health care can be spotty for refugees before their arrival in the U.S., leaving aid agencies and American doctors to fill in the holes. But for refugees with chronic conditions, the basic treatment they receive in the U.S. can be life-changing.



Bhutanese refugee Shamir Rai gets immunization shots from nurses Kate Parker, left, and Mandy Abram while his brother, Summon Rai, watches at South Central Public Health District on Nov. 23 in Twin Falls.

Future of a Forgotten People

In a special reporting project this year, *Times-News* writer

Melissa Davlin has explored the social, economic and political issues involved in Idaho resettlement of Bhutanese refugees from camps in Nepal. Online at

[Magicvalley.com/nepal](#), you can read Davlin's previous stories and view more photos from Nepal and Twin Falls.

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Is New Year’s Eve a Date Night for Singles Today?

BY LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

The bubbly, the ball, the midnight kiss. Not all single ladies want a ring on it, but do they want a date for New Year’s Eve?

Yes, it’s almost here, that milestone of love and romance. This year, the holiday has its own movie (of the same name) filled with intertwining couples and a cast dripping with Zac Efron, Sarah Jessica Parker, Jon Bon Jovi, Halle Berry and oh so many more of Hollywood’s sexiest.

There’s love lost and found, confusing new love, love in an elevator and sweet father-daughter love. Director Garry Marshall packs it all in, but back here in the real world, New Year’s Eve is one of those nights of all nights when the date monster rears. For others, though, Plan B (not worrying about a date) has become the new Plan A.

“A lot of us are starting to wake up to the fact that those are silly traditions meant to make us feel des-

perate about having a partner,” said Jayelle Hughes, 32, single and happy in suburban New York. “Just because you’re single on New Year’s doesn’t mean there’s something wrong with you!”

Avoiding that feel-bad trap requires strategy, she said, especially in the bright lights, big city glare of ball-dropping New York City, where Marshall unfurls his film.

Hughes, for one, will seek out other single friends and certain “non-annoying” couple friends on New Year’s Eve. “An annoying couple is one that is either constant PDA, ignoring their friends, or they’re fighting all night long,” she said.

Now that online dating has gone mobile through a variety of phone apps, hooking up — er, dating — in real time has never been easier and seems ready made for New Year’s Eve. Alex Weissner, 26, in Denver isn’t interested.

“I’ve never been on a date on New Year’s Eve and I’m

pretty sure most of my close friends haven’t either,” she said. She, too, will celebrate with a group of friends.

And that kiss? “I feel like so many young women out there need to have that date,” Weissner said, “but honestly why not just enjoy your life and you never know what might happen?”

Shannon Mouton, 43, in Washington, D.C., has been in several long-term relationships that involved being together for New Year’s Eve. This year, she isn’t. Like Weissner, she’ll be with friends, with a likely stop at church.

“I did spend one New Year’s Eve with just a single girlfriend of mine and it was depressing,” she said. “I knew I would never do that again. It felt like two spinsters sitting at home watching time and the world go by us.”

The New Year’s Eve dread sets in right about now, said 29-year-old Doree Lewak, who wrote “The Panic Years: A Guide to Surviving Smug Married Friends, Bad Taffeta and Life on the

Wrong Side of 25 Without a Ring.”

“Women still feel huge pressure around the holidays — and certainly exacerbated by New Year’s — to have a date,” said Lewak, in New York City. “I don’t think that moment has passed.”

Christine Clifford in Minneapolis owns a resource site for divorcees, Divorcingdivas.net, and hears the same sentiment on a regular basis. She offers these tips to staying on the right side of happy. They could work for any single, whether divorced, widowed or never married.

Plan ahead: Don’t wait until the last minute. “Plant a seed early with several of your closest friends,” she said.

Host the night: Occupy New Year’s Eve and host a party, Clifford suggested.

Get out of town: “If money isn’t an issue, plan a trip to a spa or resort. Go horseback riding, golfing or hiking,” she said. “Go to a place that you’ve always dreamed of visiting.”

STORK REPORT

St. Luke’s Jerome

Paycee Lynn Kimber, daughter of Tommi and Norman Kimber of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 10, 2011.

St. Luke’s Magic Valley

Ayden Alberto Huerta, son of Mallory Rain Solis and Jose Alberto Huerta of Jerome, was born Dec. 2, 2011.

Kam’ron Amari Dixon, son of Vanessa Garibaldi and Rheushaun Royce Dixon of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 3, 2011.

Teagen Duane Mittelstadt, son of Jesse Jo and Benjamin Joshua Mittelstadt of Filer, was born Dec. 5, 2011.

Henasey Roy Sue Fitzpatrick, daughter of Abby Ruth and Dustin Neil Fitzpatrick of Hazelton, was born Dec. 5, 2011.

Payton Avery Butrim, daughter of Lacy Jean Boschma and Jason Thomas Butrim II of Filer, was born Dec. 6, 2011.

Phelix Emmett Morris, son of Kristina Abigail Morris of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 7, 2011.

McCoy Brandon Larson, son of Lani Jean and Brandon Kurt Larson of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 8, 2011.

Ella Sophia Dawn Lynch, daughter of Stephanie Michelle and Michael Jay Dee Lynch of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 8, 2011.

Ellie Manga Za Hnem, daughter of Dawt Sung and Tial Chum of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 8, 2011.

Clara Sage Dahl, daughter of Carrie Leigh and Jared Kent Dahl of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 9, 2011.

Bandana Regmi, daughter of Januka Devi and Krishna Prasad Regmi of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 9, 2011.

Dexter Lee Stanger, son of Leejean and Kip Evera Stanger of Hansen, was born Dec. 9, 2011.

Easton Alan Richardson, son of Whitney Rae and Lance Louis Richardson of Buhl, was born Dec. 10, 2011.

Kiera Maree Brookshier, daughter of Alexandria Reve Van Schaik and John Charles Eugene Brookshier of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 10, 2011.

Enzi Jane Lisonbee, daughter of Amanda Suzanne-Nicole and Bradley Boyd Lisonbee of Murtaugh, was born Dec. 11, 2011.

Ryann Jane Nelson, daughter of Ashlie Jane and John Leslie Nelson of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 11, 2011.

Remington Todd Hunt, son of Skye Elizabeth and Trevor Hunt of Shoshone, was born Dec. 11, 2011.

NEXT WEEK

Man Caves to Envy

Many men like their private space. Read what Andrew Weeks found out about how Magic Valley men decorate and use their man caves.
Next Sunday in People

COMING UP

What to Drink

Three great winter brews, from beer writer Nate Poppino.
Wednesday in Food

Hidden Treasures

Andrew Weeks reports about the thrills of geocaching in the Magic Valley. Find out about this growing outdoors activity.
Thursday in Outdoors

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: Chicken strips
Tuesday: Pork chops or liver
Wednesday: Beef and noodles
Thursday: Taco salad
Friday: Beef stew

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.
Tuesday: Blood pressure checks, 11:30 a.m.
Ticket Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.
Painting class, 6 p.m.
Pinochle, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Cinnamon and sweet rolls sale, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.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: Christmas dinner, 1 p.m., ham
Monday: Chicken noodle soup
Tuesday: Lynette’s barbecue
Wednesday: Lemon pepper cod
Thursday: Tater Tot casserole

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Foot clinic, 9 a.m. to noon
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon Tuesday through Thursday. Suggested donation: \$4. 326-4608.

Tuesday: Chicken and wild rice
Wednesday: Hoagie sandwich
Thursday: Christmas dinner, baked ham

Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
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: Chicken strips
Tuesday: Liver and onions
Wednesday: Sloppy Joe
Thursday: Christmas dinner, ham

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.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 11 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Morning out, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
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: Sweet and sour chicken over rice
Wednesday: Hamburger steak
Friday: Baked ham

Monday: Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, early bird, 6:45 p.m.; cash prizes

Jerome Senior Center

520 N. Lincoln St., Jerome. 324- 5642. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Trans IV bus: 736-2133.

Monday: Chicken carbonara

Tuesday: Liver and onions
Wednesday: Meatloaf
Thursday: Barbecue
Friday: Turkey

Today: Potluck, dance; music by Melody Masters, 2 p.m.; \$5
Monday: Board elections, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Bunco, 12:45 p.m.
Tuesday: Emergency assistance, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Board elections, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Tai chi, 10:30 a.m.
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Gem State Fiddlers
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, 8-10 a.m.
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Country Cowboys band
Crafts, 1 p.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.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Crafts, 1 p.m.
SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m.
Women’s pool, 7 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Tuesday: Meat pizza
Wednesday: Ham sandwich
Friday: Turkey

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: Tamale pie
Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup
Friday: Ham

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors. 788-3468.

Monday: Smoked chicken and garlic ravioli
Tuesday: Dixie fried chicken
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
Thursday: Roast beef
Friday: Roast pork

Monday: Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 11 a.m.
Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure checks, 12:30 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Weight Watchers, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Board meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Energy assistance, 10 a.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

Monday: Turkey
Thursday: Grilled cheese 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: Meat pizza
Wednesday: Ham sandwich
Friday: Turkey

Monday: Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo
Wednesday: Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo

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: Tamale pie
Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup
Friday: Ham

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors. 788-3468.

Monday: Smoked chicken and garlic ravioli
Tuesday: Dixie fried chicken
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
Thursday: Roast beef
Friday: Roast pork

Monday: Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 11 a.m.
Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure checks, 12:30 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Weight Watchers, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Board meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Energy assistance, 10 a.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

Monday: Turkey
Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich

to 3 p.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.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: Salisbury steak
Tuesday: Pulled pork sandwich
Wednesday: Christmas party
Thursday: Chili
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: Lasagna
Tuesday: Club sandwich
Wednesday: Oven-fried chicken
Thursday: Steak
Friday: Pork noodles

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.

Tampon’s Return Celebrated in Song

BY JEANNINE STEIN
Los Angeles Times

Women, rejoice. Your o.b. Ultra tampons are on their way back to store shelves. And the company wants to apologize. With a song.

First, the back story: The diminutive tampons started disappearing from stores in fall of 2010 to the dismay-bordering-on-panic of women who were extremely loyal to the small, applicator-free product from Johnson & Johnson — especially its Ultra brand, a favorite among those with a heavy flow.

Shelves were emptied and the tampons were reportedly selling on eBay for more than \$100 (a recent search found a 40-count box of Ultras on a Buy It Now for \$79. Ouch). As for the reason for the disappearance, that still remains unclear; the company said it had a supply interruption but some wondered whether there might be quality control or manufacturing issues.

The tampons started showing up in stores again in the spring, but the Ultras were still unavailable. Until now.

Start celebrating, ladies: The company says they are coming back in 2012. And they’re sorry — really, really sorry — that you had to wait so long. Apparently they’re so sorry

that a regular apology won’t do, so they made a music video featuring every cheesy cliché in the book: young, unshaven, cute guy; a white piano on the bluffs; a live dove and rose petals.

The best part of the video is that’s interactive. Evidently the company wanted to thank everyone personally, so if you type in your name before the video plays you’ll get a special surprise (warning: if you have an unusual name, the video is slightly different).

A message on the company’s website says: “In case you questioned it, we’re really, really, really sorry that you were not able to find our products earlier this year. You’ve also shown us how much you love o.b. Ultra and we’re sorry we discontinued it — we stand corrected! We’re working hard to bring o.b. Ultra back to store shelves by the second half of 2012 and we’ll keep you updated on our progress. In the meantime, we’d like to apologize with this video message and extend a special coupon offer. Again, we’re really, really, really sorry!”

We have to admit it’s brilliant marketing. We hope women can hold out for another few months — and if not, there’s a box of Ultras on eBay with your name on it.

How to Avoid Common Breakfast Mistakes

BY ALISON JOHNSON
Daily Press (Newport News, Va.)

Many people start their day with diet blunders. Here’s how to correct them, with help from Dr. Wayne Andersen, an obesity specialist in Maryland and medical director for Take Shape for Life, a weight loss program:

Skipping breakfast... Dieters often use this strategy, but numerous studies have found breakfast eaters are more likely to maintain a healthy weight and make better food choices throughout the day. Even an unhealthy breakfast is almost always better than no breakfast at all.

... or eating it too late. Don’t wait longer than an hour. “Thirty minutes is ideal,” Andersen says.

Not eating enough protein. You won’t stay full long on carbohydrate-rich breakfasts such as sugary cereals or pastries. Choose cereals made from rice, oats, wheat, barley or rye; eggs and low-fat dairy such as yogurt and milk al-

so are good protein sources.

Skimping on fiber. Fiber is filling enough to lower your overall caloric intake without leaving you feeling deprived. Choose whole-grain breads and cereals and add fruits and vegetables and a handful of nuts and seeds to staples such as cereal and eggs.

Taking in too many — or too few — calories. Most people should aim for roughly 300 to 400 calories per morning meal.

Not reading food labels. Compare total calories, protein, fiber, sugar and fat content, and pay attention to serving sizes. Remember that some “healthy” foods such as granola and cereal bars can be very high in sugar and fat. If you’re eating at a restaurant, check for nutrition facts via online menus.

Drinking too many calories. Fruit juices and energy drinks, along with many flavored coffee creamers, often are packed with sugar. Water and unsweetened green tea are always good choices.

Online: Random Rules

BY AARON LEITKO
The Washington Post

Stumbleupon.com brings an element of chance to Web surfing: Sign up, tell it what you like — sports, TV, video games, cars, etc. — and, when you click the “stumble” button, it generates a seemingly random stream of articles related (albeit sometimes tangentially) to your interests. And if your interests happen to be scientific, it can even be educational.

A few clicks of the mouse will steer your browser window from the Harvard-Smithsonian

Center for Astrophysics’s “Brief Answers to Cosmic Questions” Web page — basically, an FAQ on life, the universe and everything — to instructions on how to build a speaker (courtesy of the Center for Science Education at the University of California at Berkeley).

Sometimes, it may stumble a little too far off the beaten path — for example, taking you to a site dedicated to biology-oriented tattoo designs. Still, it’s a good way to learn something unexpected while trying to kill a coffee break.

No, No. Don’t Get Up: 5 Exercises You Can Do Without Upsetting Your Inner Couch Potato

BY WILLIAM HAGEMAN
Chicago Tribune

Going to the gym is such drudgery. You have to drag your lazy butt off the couch, you need to make yourself presentable, then you have to haul yourself out the door.

But what if you didn’t have to leave your home? What if you didn’t even have to leave your couch? That you can wear a tattered Three Stooges T-shirt and stained sweat pants is just gravy.

Yes, says Selene Yeager, a certified personal trainer and author, you can get something out of a 15-minute session on your couch.

“People see that ‘15-minute workout’ and are skeptical,” says Yeager, whose “The Women’s Health Big Book of 15-Minute Workouts” (Rodale) came out in October. “To those people I say, honestly, just try it. Do pushups. Are you working? You better believe it. And you can honestly do a few very effective exercises on your couch. Before you snarkily toss them aside, try them. You’ll see they work!”

So here are five easy and beneficial exercises for you couch potatoes. And they can be done without equipment. “Don’t need dumbbells in the living room,” Yeager says.

Roll Down with Knee Squeeze
(For abs and inner thighs)

On a firm sofa, sit up with knees bent, feet flat on the couch cushion, and back straight. Place a throw pillow between your knees. Lean back, grasping back of thighs just below the knees, and tuck chin toward chest. Squeeze into the pillow as you slowly roll down one vertebrae at a time — sort of a reverse sit up — until your arms are straight and your head is almost on the couch behind you. Hold for four to

five deep breaths. Then slowly roll back up. Repeat eight to 10 times.

Bridge Kick
(For butt and thighs)

Lie on your back with heels planted on the armrest, arms down at your sides. Squeeze glutes and lift hips so body forms a straight line. Lift the right leg, extending it as high as comfortably possible. Lower back to start, and repeat with the left leg. Do 20 total reps (10 per side).

Triceps Dip
(For triceps, shoulders and back)

Scoot to the edge of the sofa. Grasp the sofa with your hands positioned wider than shoulder-width apart. Keeping elbows slightly bent, inch your butt off the sofa, keeping your legs bent and feet flat on the floor. Straighten your arms and lift your torso upward. Bend elbows, lowering hips toward the floor until your upper arms are parallel with the floor. Straighten arms and return to start. Repeat for 10 reps.

Armrest Press
(For chest and triceps)

Kneel on the sofa and put your hands on the armrest about shoulder-width apart. Your body should form a straight line from head to knees. Bend elbows and lower chest toward armrest until elbows are in line with shoulders. Pause, then push back to starting position. Repeat eight to 12 times.

Seated Scissors
(For thighs and core)

Scoot to the edge of the sofa seat and sit straight up. Extend legs straight in front of you, feet as far off the floor as comfortably possible, about hip- to shoulder-width apart. Point your toes



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Selene Yeager demonstrates the finish position of the roll down with knee squeeze exercise to help tone abs and inner thighs.



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The finish position of the triceps dip couch exercise to help tone triceps, shoulders and back.



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The finish position of the bridge kick couch exercise to help tone butt and thighs.

and turn your legs out slightly. Keeping your legs straight, cross your left ankle over the right, then your right over the left. Keep

switching quickly, 30 to 40 times. Make the move harder (and add super ab work) by holding your arms out in front of you.

MANY BOOMERS AVOID LIVING WILLS, SAY THEY’RE YOUNG

BY JENNIFER C. KERR
Associated Press

Many baby boomers don’t have end-of-life legal documents such as a living will — and some say it’s because they feel healthy and young in their middle-age years and don’t need to dwell on death.

An Associated Press-Life-GoesStrong.com poll found that 64 percent of boomers — those born between 1946 and 1964 — say they don’t have a health care proxy or living will. Those documents would guide medical decisions should a patient be unable to communicate with doctors.

“I’m very healthy for my age,” said Mary McGee, 53, of Archbald, Pa. “So, death and dying isn’t on my mind a lot!”

McGee, a computer programmer, exercises five to seven days a week, everything from aerobics to kickboxing, and her parents are alive and healthy.



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Sandy Morgan, 57, works out in a gym in Midlothian, Va. ‘You know when they say 60 is the new 40, I really believe that,’ said Morgan, a retired teacher who is working part-time for an executive search firm.

The same goes for 57-year-old Sandy Morgan in Richmond, Va., a retired teacher who is working part time for an executive search firm.

“I don’t think of myself in terms of my age group,” said Morgan, who runs three miles a day twice a week, practices yoga twice a week and takes part in a rigorous fitness boot camp twice a week. Her parents, in their early 80s, are healthy, too — so living wills aren’t on her radar.

“I just feel like it’s something I’ll probably think about in my late 60s or 70s,” she said.

A living will spells out a patient’s wishes for medical care if he or she is unable to communicate with doctors.

The health care proxy, also known as a health care power of attorney, allows an individual to select a person he or she trusts to make decisions about

medical care should the patient become incapacitated.

Kathy Brandt says living wills and health care proxies are a good idea for everyone whether they are healthy and young or older and not so healthy.

Brandt, a senior vice president at the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, said the two documents can spare families a painful fight and ensure that patients receive — or don’t receive — the medical treatment they wish should they end up in a situation where they can’t speak for themselves.

The living will is not “all or nothing,” said Brandt. A person could say he or she wants everything, something or nothing. For example, one person may want heroic measures taken to prolong life, while another may want to be resuscitated but decide

against being dependent on breathing machines long-term.

Brandt pointed to high-profile cases such as the Florida family fight over Terri Schiavo as a smart reason to draft a living will and health care proxy.

At 26, Schiavo collapsed at her St. Petersburg home in 1990 with no end-of-life care instructions in writing. Her heart stopped and she suffered what doctors said was irreversible brain damage that left her in a permanent vegetative state. Her husband said his wife would not have wanted to live in a vegetative state; her parents wanted her kept alive.

What ensued was a years-long legal battle that involved dozens of judges in numerous jurisdictions, including the U.S. Supreme Court, and Congress. Schiavo’s feeding

tube was ordered removed in 2005. About two weeks later, she died.

Each state has its own forms for proxies and living wills, said Brandt. And while it’s a legal document, she said, you don’t need an attorney to draft one. The forms need to be witnessed, but that’s it. She advises giving copies to plenty of people — family, friends, colleagues — so a person’s wishes are well-known.

For baby boomer William Walsh in Petersburg, Va., drafting a living will hasn’t crossed his mind.

“I just haven’t really thought about it to tell you the truth,” said Walsh, 61. “You always think something is going to happen to the other guy, not you!”

Walsh said no one in his family has ever needed one, but also said he might give the idea more thought.

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Don't Take on the Tailgaters

Is there any way to get tailgaters to back off? When driving on the streets of Twin Falls, I sometimes have a car tailgating me. I drive close to the posted limit, so I'm not holding up traffic — they are just too close for me. I have tried touching my brake pedal just enough to make my brake lights blink, and sometimes that works. Would using my turn signals right, then left, then over again pass on the message? What do you suggest?

— W. Spain

Tailgating is one of my pet peeves as well. The danger that a driver creates while tailgating is very unnerving. Tailgating does not seem to happen as much when the police are around, but it still happens. I believe most of the causes of tailgating are that some drivers love hospital visits and law suits, because that is what they face if a crash occurs from following too close.

Another reason behind tailgaters' logic is that since most don't get cited unless they are involved in a crash, they might not believe it is against the law or unsafe. Drivers' behaviors, like many things in life, are learned from observing how others (parents, for example) drive. This can lead to the thought that everybody drives close enough to read the dashboard on the vehicle in front.

Now for ways to stop tailgaters: I can say that the greatest cure I have seen is to sign a citation and give the tailgater a lesson on cause and effect loss ("cause somebody tailgated the effect was a loss of revenue and points"). I determine if someone is tailgating me by checking for their headlights — if I can't see them in my rearview mirror, they're too close to me. I also use the "one



Dan Bristol
Policeman Dan

thousand and one rule" (my rule). That is when I pass an object and then count, "one thousand and one, one thousand and two, etc..." until I see the vehicle behind me get to that object. If the speed limit is 25 mph I should get to at least one thousand and two or three before it gets there. If it gets there sooner, the vehicle is too close.

Hitting the brakes is not a good idea at all. This could cause the tailgater to swerve to miss you and hit something or somebody else. This could also lead to a literal pain in your neck for the rest of your life. And, it could put you partially at fault for causing a crash.

The final thing you could do is to pull to the right and allow the vehicle to pass. It might feel like you're letting them win, but it is much better than meeting them up close and personal (aka, crash).

Officer Down

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

- Officer Anthony Giniewicz, Signal Hill Police, Calif.
- Officer Deriek Crouse, Virginia Tech Police, Va.
- Deputy Rick Rhyne, Moore County Sheriff, N.C.
- Sgt. David Enzbrenner, Atchison Police, Kan.
- Officer Peter Figoski, New York City Police, N.Y.

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

Email your questions to policemandan@yahoo.com, or look for Ask Policemandan on Facebook.

Dan Bristol is the Heyburn chief of police.



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Dworshak Elementary School second-grade students Thomas Gardner, Aubrey Simmons, Sage McCarty, Hadlee Mathis, Brody Whitaker, and Prestyn Ramos present a self-made novelty check to Project Rudolph's Ray and Cheri Archibald at the Burley school.

Dworshak Donates to Project Rudolph

Second-grade students at Dworshak Elementary School in Burley recently donated \$100 to Project Rudolph through Ray and Cheri Archibald, who help send Christmas gift bags to overseas military members from their Oakley home. Dworshak also donated two boxes of candy

to help fill the bags.

Also, the second-grade students recently donated funds to buy two sheep for a Third World country family through Heifer International. Students continue to raise money to purchase two more sheep through the program.

Bliss' Butler Inducted to Idaho 4-H Hall

Bliss resident Art Butler is among eight longtime volunteers who were recently inducted into the Idaho 4-H Hall of Fame during the Idaho State 4-H Leaders' Forum in Boise.

Butler is an 18-year leader of the Clover Creek 4-H Club, and teaches various facets of beef education to Gooding County youth. He served as the county's beef and round robin superintendent for years, and has also served as announcer at various livestock shows.

Butler has been heavily involved in livestock evaluation, going as far as hosting the county livestock judging contest for several years. He has also advised youth on marketing options for animals.

More than 33,000 youth ages 5-18 participated in Idaho 4-H activities dur-



COURTESY PHOTO

Idaho 4-H Hall of Fame member Art Butler accepts his plaque with his wife, Stacy, left, and daughter, Sarah, second left, during a recent induction ceremony in Boise.

ing the past year, while more than 4,200 youth and adult volunteers helped with a variety of

projects through the University of Idaho Extension-led program. The Idaho 4-H Hall of

Fame was founded in 2002 with 100 members. Since then, 29 more members have been added.

LOCAL SCHOOLS TAKE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The American Heart Association recently announced its award winners for its Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart events.

The community service programs for elementary school and middle school students include jump rope and basketball activities and also raise money

to help with cardiovascular care and research.

Locally, White Pine Elementary School in Jerome was honored as the state's top Hoops for Heart school for raising \$5,338.71. Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls took the Rookie of the Year Hoops for Heart award for raising \$1,701.69.



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Twin Falls Christian Academy's fifth- and sixth-grade class recently purchased gifts for five children through the Salvation Army Angel Tree program. From front left: Caela McKay, Victoria Glaze, Grace Miller, Emma Fenderson and Jonathan Scruggs. From back left: Abbie Nedrow, Rese Walker, Jeragan Thornton, Alyssa Bishop, Salvation Army Comdr. Marcos Marquez, Kevin Wiest, Elijah Bolyard and Trae Becker.

TFCA Students Give to Angel Tree

The fifth- and sixth-grade class at Twin Falls Christian Academy recently donated gifts for five children through the Twin Falls Salvation Army Angel Tree program.

Each student earned their own money to contribute,

and with the help of parents, shopped at the Magic Valley Mall for presents. The gifts were donated to the Twin Falls Salvation Army, where Comdr. Marcos Marquez gave students a tour of the gift room.

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Vera C. O'Leary Middle School physical education teacher Cliff Garbett holds a \$20,000 novelty check from the Twin Falls Optimist Club, representing a donation the club gave the Twin Falls school for its efforts to resurface its track.

O'Leary Track Funding Efforts Continue

After receiving a \$20,000 donation from the Twin Falls Optimist Club, Vera C. O'Leary Middle School in Twin Falls is about a quarter of the way toward its goal of resurfacing its track.

Students, parents and teachers have raised about

\$5,000 for the effort, and the Optimist donation represented a major jump toward the project's funding.

To assist in the effort, donations can be made to the Twin Falls Education Foundation, 828 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Holiday Grieving Workshop Nears in Jerome

Alliance Hospice will hold a free workshop concerning grieving during the holidays at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Public Library.

The one-hour presentation will provide informa-

tion about healthy grief and communication, how to involve family members in the process, and how to start new traditions.

Information: Nicke Cutler, 733-2234.

Area Students Join U of I Alpha Gamma Delta

Three University of Idaho students from the Magic Valley recently joined the Delta Theta chapter of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority in Moscow.

Samantha Breeding and Stephanie Paine, both of

Kimberly, and Kaylee Kent of Eden became members on Nov. 11. The sorority was founded in 1904 at Syracuse (N.Y.) University and includes 181 chapters in the U.S. and Canada, with more than 150,000 members.

LIBRARY NEWS

DeMary Memorial Library

Here are the most recent new books at DeMary Memorial Library in Rupert: **Fiction**

“Against the Law” by Kat Martin: The protagonist’s latest case – and client – forces him to lay everything on the line. “Vigilante” by Stephen J. Cannell: Shane Scully and his partner investigate a crime with ties to the world of reality TV, and an enemy who will do anything to exact revenge on police. “Wings of a Dream” by Anne Mateer” A sweetly told story of lost and recaptured hope. “The River Queen” by Gilbert Morris: A fish out of water, Julianne aims to resuscitate a remaining possession – a dilapidated steamboat – in hopes of restoring the Ashby name. “When the Heavens Fall” and “As the Sparks Fly Upward” by Gilbert Morris: The second and third novels in the Winslow Breed series.

“Prince of Ravenscar” by Catherine Coulter: A Sherbrooke novel. “Micro” by Michael Crichton: There is a universe too small to see and too dangerous to ignore. “The Silence of God” by Gale Sears: A nation in upheaval, a heart in turmoil, a story of unwavering faith and friendship. “The Tehran Initiative” by Joel C. Rosenberg: The world is on the brink of disaster. “Lost Melody” by Lori Copeland: A responsibility she never wanted. Choices she never wanted to make. “Lonestar Angel” by Collen Coble: Eden’s hope is rekindled when Clay delivers astounding news: their daughter has been found.

“Valley of Dreams” by Lauraine Snelling: Will they find the valley before winter closes in on them? “Simple Choices,” “Simple Secrets” and “Simple Deceit” by Nancy Mehl: Kansas Mennonites deal with small-town issues and a way of life threatened by outsiders.

Young adult fiction “Matched” by Ally Condie: Cassia knows Xander is her ideal mate, until she sees Ky Markham’s face flash for an instant before the screen fades to black. **Mystery** “Explosive Eighteen” by Janet Evanovich: Bounty hunter Stephanie Plum’s life is set to blow sky high when international murder hits dangerously close to home. “Mrs. Jeffries & the Mistletoe Mix-Up” by Emily Brightwell: With the birth of Betsy’s baby girl, Inspector Witherspoon, Mrs. Jef-

fries, and the staff at Upper Edmonton Gardens are looking forward to a wonderful Christmas. But murder takes no holiday. “I am Half-Sick of Shallows” by Alan Bradley: A Flavia de Luce novel.

Nonfiction “Lions of the West” by Robert Morgan, “Being George Washington” by Glenn Beck, “No Higher Honor” by Condoleezza Rice. **Spanish edition** “Eldest” and “Brisingr” by Christopher Paolini.

Filer Public Library

Recent additions to the Filer Public Library include: **Fiction:** “Explosive Eighteen” by Janet Evanovich, “Blowback” by Brad Thor, “The Mistress” by Susan Wiggs, “Wyoming Tough” by Diana Palmer, “Second-hand Bride” by Linda Lael Miller, “The Solomon Effect” by C.S. Graham, “The Lone House Mystery” by Edgar Wallace, “Inheritance” by Christopher Paolini, “V is for Vengeance” by Sue Grafton, “Orchid Beach” by Stuart Woods, “Blade of Fire” by Stuart Hill, “The Lost Madonna” by Kelly Jones, “Touched by Angels” by Debbie Macomber, “11/22/63” by Stephen King, “The Christmas Wedding” by James Patterson and Richard DiLallo, “Lost December” by Richard Paul Evans, “The Mask of Dimitrios” by Eric Ambler, “Christmas at Timberwoods” by Fern Michaels, “The Lion” by Nelson Demille, “The Affair” by Lee Child, “The Bravo Bachelor” by Christine Rimmer, “Western Skies” by Nora Roberts, “Miracle Cure” by Harlen Coben, “Back Story” by Robert Parker, “The Woman Who Heard Color” by Kelly Jones, “1225 Christmas Tree Lane” by Debbie Macomber, “A Lawman’s Christmas” by Linda Lael Miller, “Forever” by Maggie Stiefvater, “The Race” by Clive Cussler and Justin Scott

Large-print fiction: “The Prodigal” by Beverly Lewis, “Looking for Peyton Place” by Barbara Delinsky, “The Innocent” by Harlan Coben, “Land of my Heart” by Tracie Peterson, “The Secret Between Us” by Barbara Delinsky, “Hello Darkness” by Sandra Brown, “The Nosy Neighbor” by Fern Michaels, “Your Heart Belongs to Me” by Dean Koontz **Nonfiction:** “The Portable Thoreau” by Henry David Thoreau, “Food Rules: An Eater’s Manual” by Michael Pollan, “Guinness World Records 2012,” “Being George Washington” by Glen Beck, “Fitzroy” by John and Mary Gribbon,

“Simply Beautiful Photographs” by Annie Griffiths, “The Secret Life of Wives” by Iris Krasnow **Juvenile fiction:** “The Throne of Fire” by Rick Riordan, “Daniel X” by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge, “Prairie River series” by Kristiana Gregory, “Love Bites” by Sienna Mercer, “Briar’s Book” by Tamora Pierce, “Everything On It” by Shel Silverstein, “Eloise Wilkin’s Poems to Read to the Very Young”

Hailey Public Library

Santa will be featured at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 21 during story time at the Hailey Public Library. Children and their parents or caregivers are invited for a day of Christmas stories, songs, games and a craft. From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 23, the library will hold family crafts and games for the public to attend. Information: 788-2036 or www.haileypubliclibrary.org.

Kimberly Public Library

Kimberly Public Library will host a series of “Let’s Talk About It” reading programs in the coming months. Each program will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Quilt Barn, 241 Main St. N., Kimberly. **Jan. 12:** “Sometimes a Great Notion” by Ken Kesey, with speaker Matthew Haynes **Jan. 26:** “This House of Sky” by Ivan Doig, with speaker Kim Madsen **Feb. 9:** “Shane” by Jack Schaefer, with spaker Shelley McEuen **Feb. 23:** “Death Comes for the Archbishop” by Willa Cather, with speaker Kim Madsen **March 8:** “Ceremony” by Leslie Marmon Silko, with speaker Dave Nicholas Everyone is invited to read the books involved and participate in a night of discussion and refreshments. The books are available at the library, 120 Madison St. W, and at the Hansen Community Library, 120 Maple St. W, in Hansen. Information: Helen, 423-4556, or Linda, 423-4122.

Here are the new materials at the Kimberly Public Library:

Adult fiction: “The Next Always” by Nora Roberts, “Trading Christmas” by Debbie Macomber, “The Survivors Club” by Lisa Gardner, “The Comforts of Home” by Jodi Thomas, “Holiday in Stone Creek” by Linda Lael Miller, “Bring Me Home for Christmas” by Robyn Carr, “Lost December” by Richard Paul Evans, “City of Whispers” by Marcia Muller, “Dreams of the Dead” by Perri O’Shaughnessy, “Hotel Vendome” by Danielle Steel, “Zero Day” by David Baldacci, “The Christmas Wedding” by James Patterson and Richard DiLallo, “Out of Oz” by Gregory Maguire, “The Litigators” by John Grisham, “Bonnie” by Iris Johansen, “Lady of the Rivers” by Philippa Gregory, “Darkness, My Old Friend” by Lisa Unger, “The Accident” by Linwood Barclay **Adult nonfiction:** “The Complete Handbook of Solar Air Heating Systems,” “Simplify Your Christmas” by Elaine St. James, “A Simple Delicious Christmas” by Darina Allen, “Forgotten Heroes of the Pacific War” by Don Morrow and Kevin Moore, “Martha Stewart’s Handmade Holiday Crafts” by Martha Stewart, “The Healthy Kitchen” by Andrew Weil **Inspirational fiction:** “Fairer Than Morning” by Rosslyn Elliott, “A Bride’s Portrait of Kansas City, Kansas” by Erica Vetsch, “The Lady’s Maid” by Susan Page Davis, “A Stranger’s Gift” by Anna Schmidt, “Love Finds You On Christmas Morning” by Debby Mayne and Trish Perry, “Simple Choices,” “Simple Deceit” and “Simple Secrets” by Nancy Mehl, “Dangerous Mercy” by Kathy Herman, “A Vision Of Lucy” by Margaret Brownley **Juvenile fiction:** “Inheritance: The Vault of Souls” by Christopher Paolini, “The Outcasts” by John Flanagan, “Perfect” by Ellen Hopkins, “Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25” by Richard Paul Evans, “Mastiff: A Tortall Legend” by Tamora Pierce, “Destined” by P.C. Cast, “Shelter” by Harlan Coben, “The Scorpio Races” by Maggie Stiefvater, “Dogs in the Dead of Night,” “Moonlight on the Magic

Flute” and “A Crazy Day With Cobras” by Mary Pope Osborne, “Home For Christmas” by Jan Brett, “I’ll be Home for Christmas” by Holly Hobbie, “Angelina’s Christmas” by Katharine Holabird, “Biscuit’s Christmas Eve” by Alyssa Satin Capucilli, “There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bell” by Lucille Colandro, “The Berenstain Bears Trim the Tree” by Jan and Mike Berenstain **Juvenile nonfiction:** “The Magic School Bus Goes Upstream: a Book About Salmon Migration” by JoAnna Cole **DVDs:** “Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince,” “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2,” “Young Guns,” “Guess Who,” “S.W.A.T.,” “The General’s Daughter,” “The Davinci Code,” “The Greatest Story Ever Told,” “Definitely, Maybe,” “Water for Elephants,” “Joy to the World,” “Madagascar,” “The Original Christmas Classics,” volumes 1-2 **Videos:** “Rudolph and Friends,” “Snowed in at the House of Mouse,” “Little People: Christmas Discoveries” **Books on CD:** “The Hobbit” by J.R.R. Tolkien, “Vanishing Act” by Jodi Picoult, “Inside My Heart” by Robin McCraw, “Angels & Demons” by Dan Brown, “Divine Misdemeanors” by Laurell K. Hamilton, “The Affair” by Lee Child

Wendell Public Library

Here are the new materials at the Wendell Public Library: **Large-print mysteries:** “New York to Dallas” by J.D. Robb, “Chasing the Night” by Iris Johansen, “Betrayal of Trust” by J.A. Jance, “Explosive Eighteen” by Janet Evanovich, “Back of Beyond” by CJ Box, and the “Eve, Quinn, Bonnie” series by Iris Johansen **Adult fiction:** “The Next Always” by Nora Roberts, “1225 Christmas Tree Lane” by Debbie Macomber **Young adult fiction:** “Inheritance” by Christopher Paolini **Fantasy:** “Bearers of the Black Staff” and “The Measure of Magic” by Terry Brooks

Contestants Sought for Idaho International Pageants

Idaho women are sought to represent their cities and counties during the Feb. 24-25 Idaho International Pageants in Pocatello.

Contestants will compete for scholarships and cash prizes in the Mrs., Miss and Miss Teen Idaho categories, with Idaho winners going on to compete in an international event.

Mrs. contestants must be married women between ages 21-56. Miss contestants must be between ages 19-29, while Miss Teen contestants must be age 13-18. Contestants must be legal residents of Idaho and, according to a pageant release, “of good moral character.” They will compete in a personal interview, physical fitness, evening ware and fun fashion ware categories.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 1.

Information: www.mrsidaho.com, idahopageants@hotmail.com, or Kimberly Bronson, 208-757-3050.

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Andrew Weeks reports about the thrills of geocaching in the Magic Valley. Find out about this growing outdoors activity. Thursday in Outdoors



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Engagements

Carlquist-Carpenter
Douglas & Melanie Carlquist of Eden are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Caitlin, to Kolby Kirk Carpenter, son of Kirk and Debby Carpenter of Burley. Caitlin is a 2008 graduate of Burley High School and is currently enrolled in the Marriott School of Accountancy at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Kolby graduated from Burley High School in 2007 and served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Neuquen, Argentina. He is attending Utah State University studying business management.



Caitlin Carlquist and Kolby Kirk Carpenter

The couple will be sealed in the Twin Falls Temple on Tuesday, December 20, 2011. They will be honored at a reception that evening at Sweetheart Manor in Burley.

The couple will reside in Logan, Utah where they will complete their educations at Utah State University.

Weddings

The Clares
Don and Jean Chisholm of Rupert, Idaho are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Elise, to Christopher Clare, son of David and Marsha Clare, of Clarence Center, New York. Elise and Chris were married at St. Joseph Parish in Seattle Washington on October 1st. They enjoyed a honeymoon in Italy following the wedding. Elise and Chris reside in Seattle. Elise is employed at Spring Creek Group, a social marketing agency and is pursuing a masters



Elise Chisholm and Christopher Clare

of communication in digital media at the University of Washington. Chris is a senior systems architect at Amazon.

The Hansings
Ashley Michelle Lutz and Terrance LaVon Hansing were married on Saturday November 5, 2011 at the White House in Twin Falls, Idaho. The bride is the daughter of Betty and Beny Freeman of Rogerson. The groom is the son of David Hansing of Bliss and Jenalee Hansing of Twin Falls. Officiating was Pastor Tim Chandler. Delia Williamson, sister-in-law of the bride, served as Matron of Honor. Kinley Hansing, daughter of the groom, was the flower girl. Aaron Hansing, brother of the groom, served as Best Man. Skylar Borrayo, nephew of the bride, was the ringbearer. Host for gifts and guestbook was Mario Borrayo, nephew of the bride. Josh Williamson, brother of the bride, gave



Ashley Michelle Lutz and Terrance LaVon Hansing

away his sister in marriage. An informal reception was held after the ceremony at the couples’ home. The bride is a graduate of Filer High School. She is employed by Wells Fargo in Twin Falls. The groom is a graduate of Bliss High School. He is employed by LTI, inc of Jerome. The couple reside in Jerome.

BRIDGEVIEW HOSTS HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

BridgeView Estates, at 1828 Bridgeview Boulevard, Twin Falls, will hold holiday open house events from Dec. 28-31.

On Dec. 28, an Idaho Commission for the Blind presentation will be held from 1:30-2:30 p.m., followed by an informational presentation on Medicare and health-care reform from 2:30-4 p.m.

On Dec. 29, Simply Al

will hold a 1:30 p.m. magic show, while Ron Wilcox will give a 3 p.m. piano performance.

Danny Marona will perform from 2-4 p.m. Dec. 30, while a Coldwater Creek fashion show and spa day, with refreshments, will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the events. Information: 736-3933.



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D'Ambra

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opening narrowed blood vessels or by bypassing blocked arteries, according to the institute, but without treatment the disease can be fatal.

Carter suffers the worst of the twins. He cannot talk, walk or eat on his own. He receives nourishment through a tube that was surgically placed into his stomach. He recently returned from Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, because the tube wouldn't stay in.

D'Ambra was divorced about three years ago and also has a healthy 6-year-old son, Jaydyn.

"He's just a really big helper," she said.

Twin Falls resident Debbie Seach knows D'Ambra through her daughter, Sharlene. They've talked over the phone, with Seach encouraging D'Ambra to accept other people's help.

"I know it can be hard," Seach said. "I'm 47 years old and raised three kids. I can't imagine being her



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Tucker Bentley, 4, middle, looks about while his mother, Brittney D'Ambra, tends to his twin brother, Carter Bentley. Both the boys suffer from moyamoya syndrome, which has caused multiple strokes in both twins.

"She's very courageous. She can still laugh and joke around, and be there for the other three boys who need her very much."

Amber Haycock, Brittney D'Ambra's sister-in-law

age and going through what she's going through."

Haycock said D'Ambra is one of the strongest women she knows.

"She's very courageous," she said. "She can still laugh and joke around, and be there for the other three boys who

need her very much."

Haycock said she would have liked to plan the dinner before February, but that is the soonest it could be arranged. She and friends already have gotten several area businesses on board to donate raffle prizes.

"It's been very difficult,



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Brittney D'Ambra holds nephew Christopher D'Ambra while her own son Jaydyn Bentley, 6, gives them a hug.

but somehow I manage to cope with it all," D'Ambra said. "It's all happened so fast that I don't have a

choice but to go with it. ... It's still hard to grasp that my children have this disease."

Refugee

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determine what conditions must be treated before an individual can depart.

Refugees must visit South Central Public Health District within 30 days of arriving in Twin Falls. The office receives refugees' health history before their first appointments, said Kate Parker, registered nurse with the health district. Initial appointments include thorough screenings and blood tests.

After that, "education is our biggest thing," Parker said. The staff teaches refugees about how to establish relationships with general practitioners, and where to go for treatment for chronic conditions.

"It's important that they know who their doc is and where they can go to get care," Parker said. A lot of it is basic information "that you and I would probably take for granted."

Some of the information, like family planning, is culturally sensitive. Some groups, such as refugees from Myanmar and Nepal, are receptive to talking about birth control, while Iraqis and Iranians are more timid.

"Our Tigrinyan refugees (from Eritrea), they're very interested in family planning, safe sex and STD prevention, things like that," Parker said.

Screenings for refugees have changed over the years. Under a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regulation, which Congress passed into law in 1993, those with HIV used to be ineligible for resettlement without a waiver.

The law was overturned in 2008, and as of January 2010, refugees aren't tested for HIV before arrival in the U.S. South Central Public Health tests newcomers for HIV, but individuals can decline. Parker said she doesn't know of any refugee in Twin Falls ever refusing the test.

Paying for Care

For the first eight months they're in the U.S., refugees receive Medicaid, which covers many medical procedures.

In those first eight months, many refugees try to take care of lingering health problems. Nara Maya Rai had back surgery this summer, and Summon Rai had minor surgery on his arm. Without Medicaid, the family wouldn't be able to afford it, Man Rai said — even though he works two jobs.

After they're off Medicaid, refugees are responsible for procuring their own insurance. Many of them, unable to afford health care, end up at the Mustard Tree Wellness



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Refugee Man Bahadur Rai gets an immunization before going to work Nov. 23.



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Dr. Leena Bhandari, left, checks Pokharel Radha's pulse at the International Office for Migration compound in Kathmandu, Nepal, on April 1. The Kathmandu compound is the last stop for Bhutanese refugees before they leave Nepal to resettle in other countries. Shortly before departure, they're given a brief health exam — one of several throughout the resettlement process.

Refugee Health Basics

While living in camps in Nepal, refugees receive health care through the Association of Medical Doctors of Asia. AMDA has clinics in each of Nepal's refugee camps and can provide basic health care. For surgeries and other procedures, refugees are transferred to hospitals in nearby cities.

During the resettlement application process, refugees are screened to determine general health and to see whether they have conditions that may affect resettlement.

Class A conditions, like tuberculosis and leprosy, are infectious diseases that must be under control before the refugee can resettle in the U.S.

Class B conditions — including pregnancy, treated syphilis and addiction — can stall resettlement while the condition is active.

Before departure, refugees are given one last check at the International

Organization for Migration compound in Kathmandu. Doctors take everyone's blood pressure and review medications and chronic health conditions.

Upon arrival in Twin Falls, refugees must visit South Central Public Health District within 30 days. There, they're given a thorough exam which includes immunizations, blood tests, vital signs and, for women ages 11-55, a pregnancy test. From there, refugees receive referrals to general practice physicians for basic health care.

Refugees receive Medicaid for the first eight months after their arrival. After that, eligible refugees, including children and the elderly, continue to receive health insurance through the state, while adults can either obtain insurance through their work or become uninsured.

— Melissa Davlin

Improved Outlook

On Nov. 20, Bhutanese refugee Menuka Darjee sat in her Twin Falls apartment, wrapped in blankets and watching a documentary on PBS to practice English listening skills. She hadn't been feeling well lately, said her son Bikash Darjee.

Menuka, who arrived in Twin Falls in June, had



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Refugees Nara Maya Rai, right, and Tirtha Rai fill out paperwork to get immunizations at South Central Public Health District.

been sick for years. Her sons had taken her to doctors in Nepal's refugee camps and in neighboring India, but no one could figure out why she felt so weak. During screening for resettlement, though, doctors discovered she had untreated diabetes.

That, coupled with back problems from years of working on her family's farm in Bhutan, keeps Menuka from working in Twin Falls. Her adult sons support her while she cooks meals, takes English classes and cleans the small apartment they share.

Menuka has struggled with her health since her arrival in Idaho. Diabetes complications landed her in the emergency room twice in her first month in Twin Falls, and she often feels ill.

Still, "she is much better here," Bikash said. He's not sure how much longer she could have lasted in the refugee camps.

Menuka smiled weakly from her spot on the couch and wrapped her blanket more tightly around her shoulders.



CLEANING

Question:

Over the holidays, my home has been designated to be the "Party House." As you can imagine, my carpets are taking a beating with drink spills, ground in cookie crumbs, and spotting caused by walk-in foot traffic, bringing in all the nasty elements from winter weather. After my guests are gone, their messes remain! Any suggestions?

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Cleaning a Dehumidifier Pan

BY MARY BETH BRECKENRIDGE
Akron Beacon Journal

Question: How do you clean the water container of a dehumidifier? I have faithfully emptied the containers of my Amana dehumidifiers every day, but they still have a slimy buildup in the bottom. I tried scrubbing the bottom with a toilet brush, as the area is hard to move your hand around in. I tried pouring bleach into the container and scrubbing.

Answer: Amana's customer service department recommends spraying the inside of the container with a commercial mold and mildew remover and letting it sit for the time directed on the label before rinsing and drying.

Filling the container with white vinegar and letting it sit overnight might also do the trick.

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OPINION

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OUR VIEW

Passing the Buck?

The word “decision” is defined as the act of, or need for, making up one’s mind.

When it applies to a group — especially an elected one — a decision involves members of that group making up their collective minds because a larger group entrusted them to do so.

Unfortunately, we have had way too many recent local, state and national examples of elected representatives failing to make any decision whatsoever. They seem content with passing the buck to someone else or some elite subset of their own group. Need some examples?

- 313 million Americans are represented by 535 congressmen. When they couldn’t or wouldn’t reach a decision on tackling the deficit, they punted it to a 12-member “super committee” that also failed to make a decision.
- A six-person “bipartisan” redistricting committee was formed to draw up new Idaho legislative boundaries. They were to represent the interest of all Idahoans (don’t we have an elected legislature that should be doing that?) but

failed to make a decision after 92 days. Their failure passed the buck to Redistricting Committee II.

- Before the resignation of their most recent principal, members of the Xavier Charter School Board voted to “delegate” that particular principal’s personnel decision to a separate three-person panel rather than making a decision that Xavier parents probably thought they had elected the School Board to decide.
- Residents of Twin Falls elect a seven-member City Council to represent their interests. Earlier this year they couldn’t or wouldn’t make decisions regarding downtown parking and a task force was appointed. The task force actually agreed — made an actual decision — on what to recommend, only to have the entire council fail to reach consensus twice, and in so doing kicked the decision down the road to the new council that will be seated in January.

Local city officials, the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization, Business Plus and others were assertive enough — and smart

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Pro: Reasonable Reforms Can Provide Fair Fees

No matter how you slice it, the Medicare program as it stands today is financially unworkable.

More than 10,000 Baby Boomers reach retirement age every single day, which puts a huge strain on a system that the chief actuary for Medicare projects will be insolvent in 2024.

Clearly, that is unacceptable. Medicare is a promise and a lifeline for our country’s seniors. Few things are as important as having affordable, quality health coverage in retirement. Consequently, the important question is how we save the program from insolvency while preserving the greatest access to quality health care choices for America’s seniors.

If fewer and fewer physicians are able to participate in Medicare because of regulations and low reimbursement, the promise of Medicare and the health of our nation will be compromised.

Some have suggested we should squeeze more savings out of Medicare by cutting payments to physicians. This might make Washington bureaucratic bean counters happy, but it will have a devastating impact on seniors’ access to care.

Already, nearly one-in-three primary care doctors are forced to limit the number of Medicare patients they see. Another “solution” was offered by President Obama and his Democratic allies last Congress when they created, as part of their health-reform law, the Independent Payment Advisory Board — a board of 15 bureaucrats given the power to deny payment for treatment of seniors.

These are the types of so-called solutions that some believe allow the fiscal health of Medicare to trump the personal health of beneficiaries.

The good news is that there are positive, patient-centered solutions that would put Medicare on sound financial footing and ensure physicians remain able to participate in the program and provide the highest level of quality care to seniors.

Early this year, House Republicans drafted, debated and passed a budget plan that would address the challenges facing Medicare and strengthen and secure it for future generations.

Rather than getting the program’s finances in shape by eliminating choices or access to physicians, or by

U.S. Rep.
Tom Price

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Con: Don’t Increase Fees, Train More Doctors

The latest scare tactic by right-wing opponents of the Affordable Care Act aims at convincing Americans that reasonable trims in Medicare spending will make it very difficult for seniors to find a good doctor in coming years.

A lot of this hokey is based on an outdated 2008 report from the Medicare Payments Advisory Commission that 29 percent of the Medicare beneficiaries who were looking for a primary care doctor had a problem finding one to treat them, up from 24 percent the year before.

Please note that the report by the independent federal panel that advises Congress on Medicare was issued the year before the House and Senate passed the Affordable Health Care and made it the crowning achievement of President Barack Obama’s first-term.

There’s no doubt that some doctors are leaving Medicare, but many do so in order to band together to form small concierge clinics that cater to wealthy seniors. These posh clinics are designed to cater to the top 1 percent of the nation’s elderly — the ones who can pay boutique prices and prefer not to sit next to the riff-raff in germ-filled waiting rooms.

There’s no doubt some physicians are leaving the Medicare system, but they hardly constitute the mass exodus that free-market advocates imply.

A survey reported in the June 27 *Archives of Internal Medicine* found that physician acceptance of new Medicare patients fell to 92.9 percent in 2008 from 95.5 percent in 2005, while more recent survey in early October by the Texas Medical Association reported 3 percent of its members withdrew from the federal program.

If there are serious doctor shortages looming in our future, they are more likely attributable to the rapid growth of people over 65 rather than a flight of health-care providers.

Some 40 million Americans currently have Medicare insurance, but they will be joined soon by an additional 70 million Baby Boomers. The United States needs to increase significantly the ranks of its medical school graduates or begin to import more from abroad.

As for the doctors who would rather ignore their Hippocratic oaths to serve the poor as well as the rich, they will evoke few cries of pity from most Americans. While

Please see **CON**, O3

Wayne
Madsen

READER COMMENT

Congress Must Allow Postal Service to Function as a Business

As Congress considers legislation to reform the business model of the Postal Service, it must confront a basic choice: to permit the Postal Service to function more as a business does, or constrain it from doing so.

For an organization that generates all of its revenue from the sale of its postage, products and services — and is contending with declining use of First Class Mail for bill payment — having the flexibility to quickly adapt and react to the marketplace is vital. Our immediate goal is to reduce our annual costs by \$20 billion by 2015, which would put the Postal Service in the black and ahead of our long-term cost curve.

Within the limits of our current legal framework, we have responded aggressively to a changing marketplace — reducing the size of our workforce by



128,000 career employees and reducing annual operating costs by \$12.5 billion dollars in just the past four years. However, to return to profitability we must move at an even faster pace. And to do so requires changes in the law. There are various bills being debated in both the Senate and House that address some of the more pressing constraints we are operating under. We need Congress to enact comprehensive legislation as soon as possible.

In a digital world, businesses and individuals have choices in the way they communicate. Although the Postal Service facilitates trillions in commerce

annually, and supports a \$900 billion mailing industry that employs almost 8 million people, it must have the tools and the motivations to effectively compete for customers.

The answer is an organization that performs a vital national function and operates with the discipline and motivations of a business that competes for customers. If it is to endure as a great American institution, provide the nation with a secure, reliable and affordable delivery platform, and serve as an engine of commerce, Congress should provide it with the speed and flexibility it needs to compete in an evolving marketplace.

Ken S. McArthur is the manager for the Salt Lake District of the U.S. Postal Service, which covers Utah and southern Idaho.

THEIR VIEW

Sense, and Nonsense, on the Border

The following editorial appeared in Wednesday’s *Washington Post*:

When President Obama announced his decision to deploy 1,200 National Guard troops to the Mexican border last year, his hand was forced at least as much by politics as by border security. The president acted under pressure from border-state governors shortly after Arizona passed a draconian law targeting illegal immigrants. At the time, the number of illegal border crossings was already plummeting in the face of a beefed-up U.S. Border Patrol and wilting demand for cheap labor among recession-wracked U.S. companies.

So it is no surprise that the modest force of guardsmen, who lack the power to make arrests or pursue illegal border crossers, has been little more than window dressing. Though they have provided some help with

logistics, intelligence and surveillance, their overall contribution to the clampdown on the southwestern frontier — on top of 18,500 Border Patrol officers plus personnel from an alphabet soup of other federal agencies — has been slight.

Mr. Obama is now reported to have decided to slash the number of guardsmen on the border, whose deployment was paid for by the Pentagon. His decision is sensible. The deployment was intended to be temporary, and at \$10 million a month, it was a luxury the Pentagon, facing billions of dollars in cuts, could hardly justify.

Still, the logic of the president’s decision has not dampened an outcry from Republicans who see political advantage in fanning hysteria on the issue of illegal immigration. Texas Gov. Rick Perry, whose collapse in the polls this fall owed much to his supposed softness on illegal immigration,

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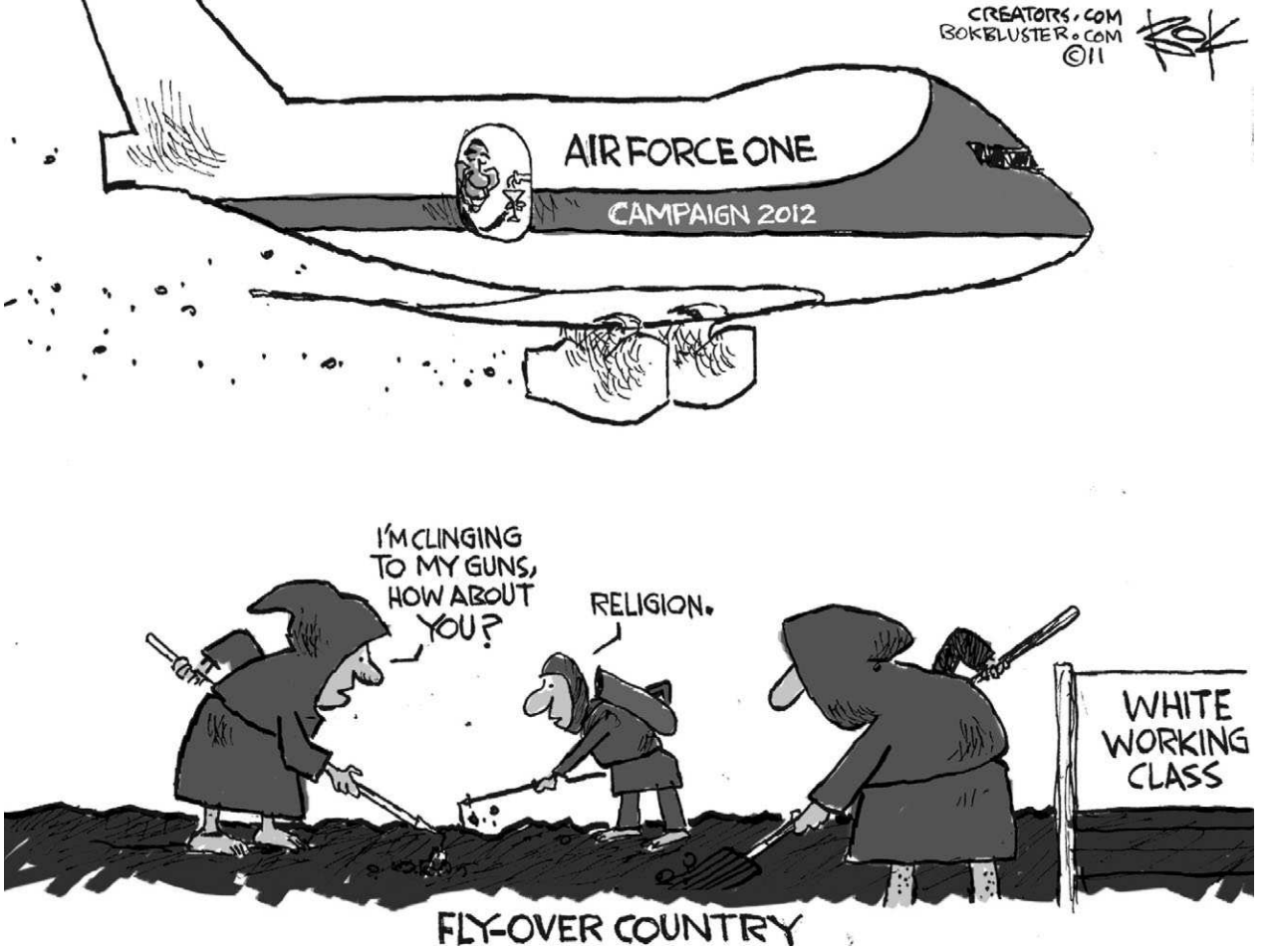
was especially quick to pounce. Mr. Obama's move, said the governor, "is proof that this administration has no intention to truly secure the border."

Facts are always the first casualty of political cross-fire, but Mr. Perry's misuse of them is especially cynical. The border today is more tightly sealed than at any point in decades. Illegal border crossings, as measured by apprehensions along the 2,000-mile Mexican border, fell in the latest fiscal year to their lowest level since 1972. The number of crossers captured, about 327,000, was down 50 percent since 2008; 70 percent since 2006; and 80 percent since 2000, when the Border Patrol picked up 1.64 million illegal immigrants along the border.

Mr. Perry, as with many Republicans, prefers to dwell on the specter of bor-

der insecurity — the facts be damned — because he has no solution for the real challenge: the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants already living in the United States. Still trying to recover from his self-inflicted wound in suggesting that Americans were heartless if they wanted to deny higher education to illegal immigrants, Mr. Perry speaks of adding "boots on the ground" and boosting technology at the border. Of course, he never mentions that the Border Patrol has already doubled its forces on the Mexican frontier in the last decade, and billions of dollars worth of technology has also been deployed.

Even if the U.S. economy stages a muscular recovery, illegal immigration is unlikely to surge to previous levels, given the Border Patrol's strength and a combination of Mexico's declining birth rate and relatively strong economy.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rec Center Overdue in T.F.

Thanks to the Jerome Recreation Center for supporting the Magic Valley.

I have lived in Twin Falls all of my life and now I have two daughters who I am raising in Twin Falls. Both of my girls play basketball for their schools and also play on AAU teams. We have recently been having to travel to Jerome to utilize its recreation center because there is no gym space available anywhere in Twin Falls. I am very troubled by this.

Why does Twin Falls not have its own recreation center. I know Jerome is considered part of the Magic Valley, but I feel like why am I having to spend my money in Jerome County when I could be spending my money in Twin Falls County. I paid for the use of the Jerome Recreation Center, spent money on dinner and even Christmas shopped in Jerome, when all of the while I could have stayed in my home town had they had a recreation center for my daughters to practice in. Next time I may have to purchase gas in Jerome or even if I were to get a ticket in Jerome, my money would go to Jerome County.

I wish I were spending my money in Twin Falls County.

My question is what has Dennis Bowyer been doing for so many years as the Parks and Recreation director and Twin Falls still has no recreation center? Yes, I know the economy is bad right now but if we start small with just a few gyms and then add more in the future or even add other stuff besides gyms. Then I could spend my money at home and others could spend their money in Twin Falls County as well because with gyms we could hold tournaments (of any sport). Tournaments mean revenue for hotels, retailers, restaurants and more.

Come on, Twin Falls and Dennis Bowyer, let's jump on the bandwagon and support our athletes and our community by building a recreation center.

JESSICA BEVERLY
Twin Falls

Parking Meters Are Outdated

I respect the previous views, opinions and personal stories I've heard shared in regard to the lingering meter/parking question. However, seems that some, not all, perspectives are outdated, confusing, ego driven and counterproductive to the matter.

Downtown is a living, changing organism and has

evolved from years ago and will continue to evolve in the future. What an exciting momentum to see fresh new, young and progressive entrepreneurs choosing Downtown as their location! Downtown client parking, as in any shopping/service center or area has a natural turnaround; it follows the natural business exchange of such arenas. A client comes in for a product or service, the needs are met and "goodbye till next time," on to the next one.

This is not science. This turnaround relationship is as natural as the moon and tide. So the focus is really on owner/employee use or abuse of parking space. That is the real issue. Beyond the common understanding that convenient parking should be left for clients, some owners/employers should remind and enforce that their employees/students practice this courtesy.

Get rid of the meters! Pull them out by the roots! Replace them with inspiring aesthetics or signage that encourages the good nature in people's consciousness to park within a limit. Allow for a self-regulated system to take place, encouraging the public to be responsible to one another in this public space exchange.

It is annoying and insult-

ing to charge potential clients to pay to bring their business to Main Street/Downtown. Each owner/employer/employee needs to practice conscious effort in making their parking decisions, just as in any business or location, and leave the rows and spaces closest to the businesses available for potential clients. How simple! My 2-year-old can come to that comprehension.

If the city council holds the position that the Downtown Main Street should be self-regulated and self-maintained by Downtown business and building owners, then perhaps the council needs to keep government out of Downtown and allow business owners resolve these and future matters. Downtown is not a microstate.

LIYAH BABAYAN
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Liyah Babayan is the chief executive officer of Ooh La La! on Main Street in Twin Falls.)

Congress Should Know Better

With the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act (S.1867 and H.R.1540) and no veto from the White House, I find myself deeply troubled.

All four of Idaho's Republicans in Washington voted to eviscerate the Constitution and pass these bills, including Raul Labrador. They should all be ashamed, and especially so-called conservatives like Labrador. And in the reconciliation process, "Indefinite Detention for U.S. Citizens" stayed in and a 2014 audit for the Pentagon went out! And a promised veto from the White House was suddenly nowhere to be found.

We went from citizens to subjects with the stroke of a pen. I don't think I'm a conspiracy nut, but I worry about the future of the country that I love and the people that are dear to me.

So do me this favor: the next time you meet an off-duty law enforcement officer or member of the military say this: "I don't want you to answer me. Your expression will be answer enough. But consider this question. If you are given an order you know to be unconstitutional like to disarm citizens who have committed no crime or to deprive citizens of their liberty without due process, will you obey them or arrest those giving such criminal orders?"

Remember that last part, please. Not obeying is only part of the question.

In liberty,
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enough — to put together a proposal that is bringing Agro Farma and Chobani Yogurt to our area with 400 direct jobs. Why is it then that we're not smart enough to take on downtown revitalization and therefore feel the need to continue to send up to \$5,000 per month to Boise consultant Mark Rivers?

Shouldn't voters expect their city, state and federal representatives to actually make decisions? Isn't that why we voted for them? Isn't that why they're actually called "representatives" in the first place? When did we

start drastically lowering our expectations of those we elect?

Although the questions above are all rhetorical, the answers are not. We can — indeed we must — increase our expectations and raise the bar for what we will accept. Inaction is no longer tolerable. The art of compromise and consensus-

building must be valued and must be regularly evident.

If you're looking for a little more meaningful New Year's resolution this year, we encourage you to keep a closer eye on those you elected and make sure that they are actually making decisions — not just passing the buck.

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the proposed cuts in Medicare payments would cut a few percentage points from their income, they are hardly bound for the poor house.

American physicians across all categories make far more than their counterparts in any other country including such affluent ones as Germany, Japan, Britain, France, Denmark and Sweden.

Consider the median salaries as recently catalogued by the American Medical Group Association, which has been tracking the salaries of U.S. physicians since 1986.

They range from \$204,000 for practitioners of family medicine to \$605,953 for orthopedic surgeons who specialize

in joint replacements. In between are anesthesiologists at \$370,500, dermatologists at \$375,176, gastroenterologists at \$405,000, and radiation therapists at \$447,250.

Bear in the mind that those are median salaries with half of all doctors making more and half making less. By comparison, the median household income in the United States is \$46,623.

The fact that a relative handful of doctors are quibbling about slight cutbacks to their incomes at a time when 20 million Americans are unemployed or underemployed can be laid at the doorsteps of President Obama, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Instead a of pushing for a low-cost, single-payer health-care system when Democrats controlled Congress in 2009, the

trio couldn't forgo millions of dollars in campaign contributions from Big Pharma, Big Insurance and powerful physician groups.

If they had, Americans might now be enjoying the low-cost, highly effective national health insurance that has been available for decades to the citizens of Canada, Japan, the European Union and virtually every other advanced nation on Earth.

Indeed, if that system were in place now, no greedy doctor would be able to turn his back on the needy. The biblical admonition "physician heal thyself" seems apropos.

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empowering a government agency to deny care, our plan allows seniors to choose from a list of guaranteed coverage options to find the one that best suits their needs. It would be personalized health coverage while also making certain that the program is around for current and future retirees.

Because we don't believe the plans of those currently on Medicare or near retirement should be disrupted, no changes would be made to those 55 and older. Our budget shows that we can solve the challenge of unsustainable spending projections by providing greater choice and greater flexibility for seniors.

Because the status quo is unacceptable, there are even more efforts under way to further empower seniors — including the Medicare Patient Empowerment Act, which would allow Medicare beneficiaries and physicians to contract freely for items and services outside of the Medicare system while retaining their Medicare benefits.

This is the type of pressure-valve release that will contribute to saving the viability of the entire system. Washington shouldn't be allowed to force you to have only the care it wants you to have.

These are positive, patient-centered reforms that would allow doctors to remain in the Medicare system, enhance access to affordable, quality health care and address

the fiscal challenges facing the Medicare program.

Bureaucratic-driven price controls or misguided cuts to physician reimbursement rates will not ensure long-term financial security for Medicare and will do great harm to current and future retirees.

When we put patients' care and choices first, and not the government's bottom-line, we will enact positive reforms that will allow Medicare to keep its promise to America's seniors and keep physicians able to serve their patients.

Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga., is chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee. Readers may write him at 403 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Broken System

Something is broken in Idaho. Unemployment edges toward 10 percent. The Department of Health and Welfare can't answer phone calls; they take your number and call you back, eventually. The Department of Labor cannot provide the services promised on its website due to lack of funds. For every employment opportunity, there are more than 100 applicants. The less we have, the less help we get from those we have elected into office.

I can guarantee you that our representatives in government don't live with the painful choices and broken systems we are forced to

deal with every day. They are cutting funding for entitlement programs, which includes health insurance for underprivileged children, welfare for working adults who just don't make enough to pay the bills, and temporary assistance for families in need. Pulling yourself up by your own bootstraps doesn't work if you can't even afford boots, let alone boots with straps.

The fact that Idaho's elected officials have let things get this bad in the first place is reprehensible. The fact that they do nothing to fix any of the problems in our state is downright deplorable. The fact that they are actively mak-

ing the situation worse with mindless rhetoric and political grandstanding is absolutely revolting.

How long are we going to keep electing these blowhards into office? How bad does it have to get before we throw them out and find someone who actually cares about the disadvantaged, the working poor, and those who have no voice?

Most importantly, how will we dig ourselves out of this hole even if we get some help? The longer we wait to demand better from our government, the harder it will be to turn this situation around.

CINDY CARLIN
Twin Falls

COMING UP

What to Drink

Three great winter brews, from beer writer Nate Poppino.
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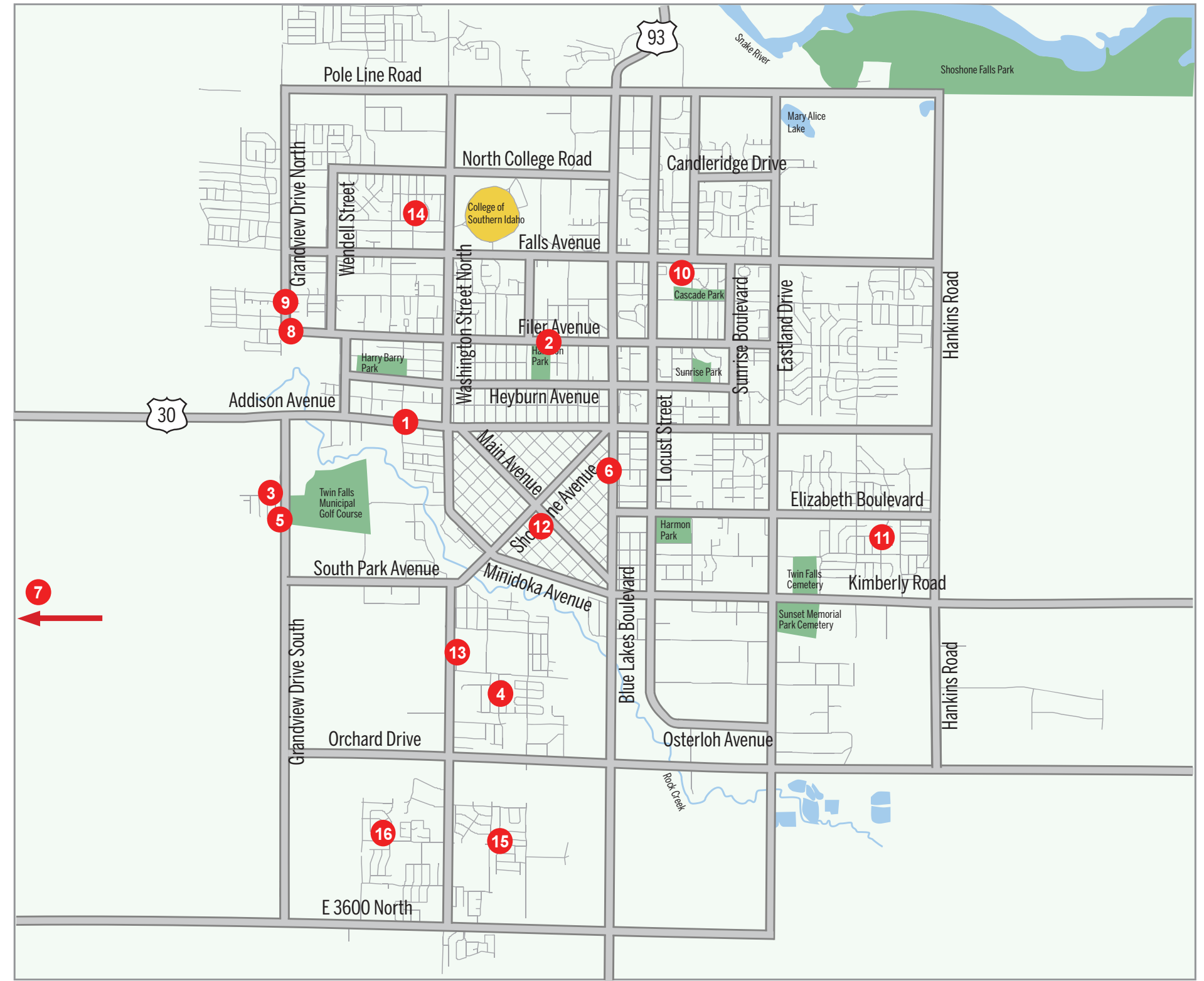
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Occupy Twin Falls

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County Pays IRS \$15,000

ST. ANTHONY (AP) • Fremont County officials have sent a payment of about \$15,000 to the Internal Revenue Service for unpaid taxes.

The Standard Journal in a story published Thursday reports that an audit of three years of Fremont County's books by the IRS resulted in a bill of \$14,808.28

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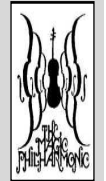
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