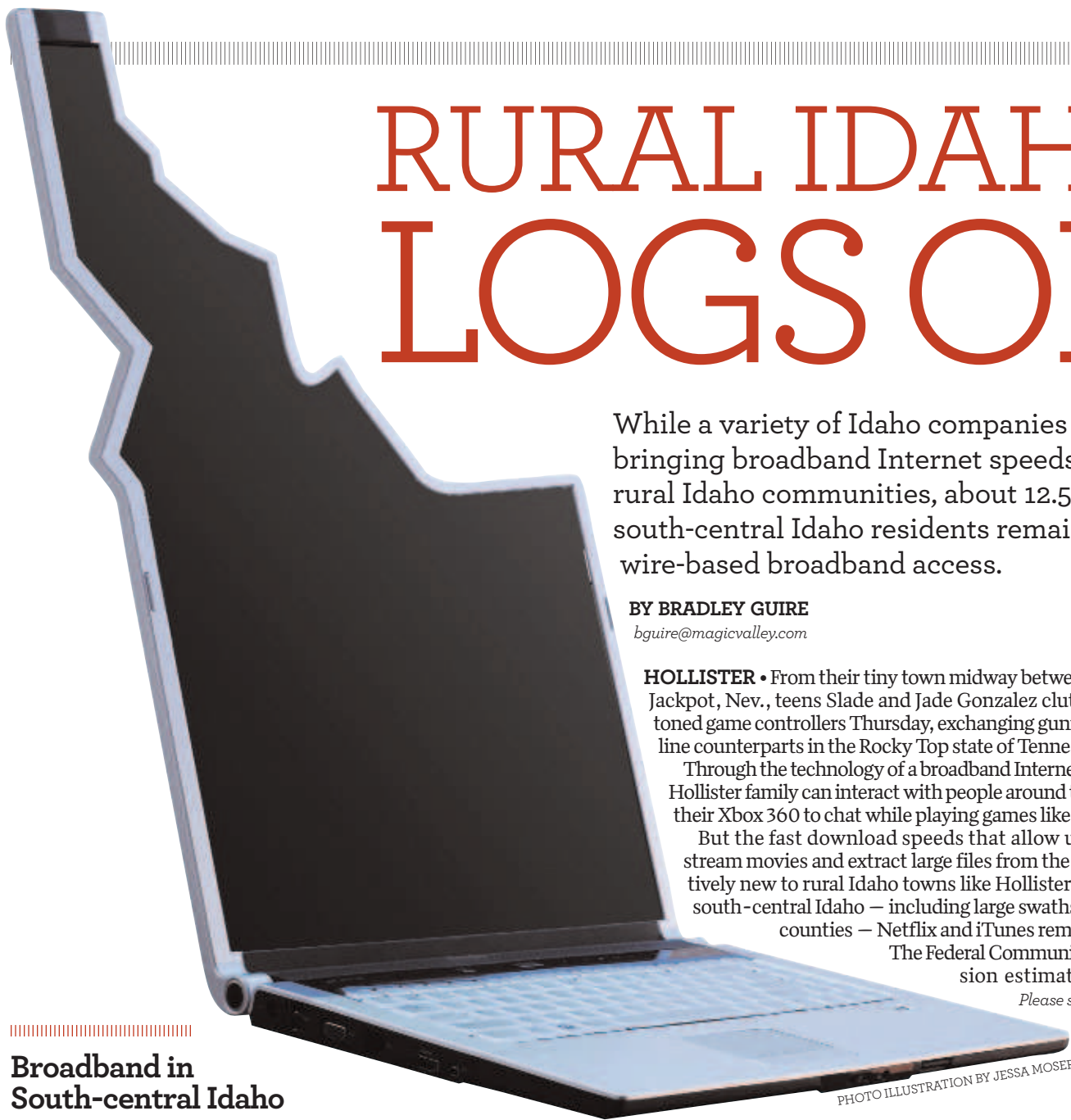


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RURAL IDAHO LOGS ON

While a variety of Idaho companies are bringing broadband Internet speeds to more rural Idaho communities, about 12.5 percent of south-central Idaho residents remain without wire-based broadband access.

BY BRADLEY GUIRE
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HOLLISTER • From their tiny town midway between Twin Falls and Jackpot, Nev., teens Slade and Jade Gonzalez clutched multi-toned game controllers Thursday, exchanging gunfire with their online counterparts in the Rocky Top state of Tennessee.

Through the technology of a broadband Internet connection, this Hollister family can interact with people around the world through their Xbox 360 to chat while playing games like "Call of Duty."

But the fast download speeds that allow users to instantly stream movies and extract large files from the web are still relatively new to rural Idaho towns like Hollister. In other parts of south-central Idaho — including large swaths of the Northside counties — Netflix and iTunes remain out of reach.

The Federal Communications Commission estimated in November

Please see **BROADBAND, A2**

Broadband in South-central Idaho

Through both wireless and wired Internet service, more Idahoans than ever before have access to broadband speeds. However, wired broadband still isn't available to every household. Here's a look at the penetration into the eight counties in south-central Idaho.

Twin Falls County Population: 75,627 Percent without wired broadband: 7.7 (5,823)	Percent: 19.7 (4,096)
Blaine County Population: 21,314 Percent: 5.1 (1,087)	Minidoka County Population: 18,704 Percent: 2.5 (467)
Jerome County Population: 20,971 Percent: 22.8 (4,781)	Gooding County Population: 13,970 Percent: 24.5 (3,422)
Cassia County Population: 20,495	Lincoln County Population: 4,679 Percent: 47.8 (2,236)
	Camas County Population: 1,133 Percent: 16.9 (191)

Source: National Broadband Map, data as of Dec. 31, 2010



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From right: Slade Gonzalez, Nino Torres and Jade Gonzalez play an Xbox 360 game while Cassie Gonzalez watches, Thursday at their home in Hollister. While more rural Idaho towns now have broadband Internet service, about 12.5 percent of Magic Valley residents have no such access.

Gender Pay Gap Widens in Idaho

Despite a decades-old act demanding equal pay for all workers, regardless of gender, Gem State females still earn less than their male counterparts.

BY KIMBERLEE KRUESI
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TWIN FALLS • Idaho has taken a step backward in its attempt to bridge the gap between what its male and female workers earn.

Idaho women make 77.6 cents to every dollar men make, according to the most report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The disparity is the worst since 2006, when Gem State female workers made was closer to 80 percent as much as their male counterparts.

Data collected from across the nation shows that pay gap between the sexes is not only still alive, but growing.

The most recent report is based on statistics of full-time male and female workers, but doesn't break down the pay gap for different jobs at the state level. However, a 2001 Idaho Gender Wage Gap Report shows the state's largest sector — the health care industry — contains one of the largest wage gaps.

Although three of four health workers are women, men still make as much as two-thirds more per month.

Nationally, the numbers are jarring. From chief executive officers to metalworkers and bus drivers, men consistently earn more than female counterparts in like jobs. But reasons as to why the gap exists even after President John F. Kennedy passed the Equal Pay Act in 1963 are far from easy.

Please see **PAY GAP, A3**

TODAY IN PEOPLE



Godparents: 'We Need Each Other'

As far as most churches are concerned, a godparent's role — to serve as a spiritual mentor — isn't any different than in past centuries. But modern godparents, some of whom live states away, also show they care with emails, Facebook posts and care packages.

Read more on **P1**

Mother Nature's Fury Rakes Magic Valley

Area residents spend Saturday cleaning up after wind storm sweeps through Friday night.

BY ANDREW WEEKS
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FILER • A number of people in the Magic Valley had their work cut out for them Saturday, thanks to Mother Nature.

People were in their own yards or helping neighbors clean up tree branches and, in some cases, whole trees that had fallen in the wake of Friday night's 60 mph winds.

The wind didn't last long — just a few minutes in some areas — but it was enough to wreak havoc on several properties and keep emergency crews busy.

Idaho Power crews still were busy Saturday trying to restore electricity to about 300 customers across Twin Falls County, said a company spokeswoman



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William Tyree clears debris from a blue spruce Saturday morning after a wind storm hit his home in Filer on Friday night.

Anne Alenskis. As many as 10,000 customers across the Magic Valley had gone without power for at least a couple of hours Friday night, she said.

Please see **WIND STORM, A5**

More Online

VIEW more photos of the storm's damage at Magicvalley.com.

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World Rings in 2012, Bids Adieu to Tough Year Page N1



Mediation May Resolve Teens' Battery Cases

BONNER COUNTY DAILY BEE

SANDPOINT — Mediation is under way in attempt to resolve criminal cases against two hitchhiking teens accused of strangling and battering a Hope woman who agreed to give them a lift.

Joseph John Martin and Marshall Owens Dittrich face separate four-day jury trials in 1st District Court next month if the state and the defense cannot come to an agreement on how the case should be resolved.

Dittrich and Martin, both 17, are charged with battery with intent to commit robbery, an offense that is punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

They are being tried separately as adults.

The duo is accused of attacking 66-year-old Vera Gadman as she helped them find a campsite on the Hope Peninsula on July 31. Gadman was able to fend off her alleged assailants despite being choked with cord, hit in the head with a bottle and pelted with rocks.

Bonner County Sheriff's officials

snared the teens in a police dragnet shortly after the incident.

The two had reportedly fled Explorations, a therapeutic boarding school in Trout Creek, Mont.

Dittrich, of Danville, Calif., described Martin, who is from Denver, as the primary aggressor and himself as a somewhat unwilling accomplice when he was questioned by sheriff's investigators. Martin said little during his interrogation, according to court records.

Both suspects entered not guilty pleas. Dittrich is being held at the Bonner County Jail and Martin is being held at the state's Region 1 juvenile detention facility in Kootenai County.

Bonner County Prosecutor Louis Marshall and Martin's defense counsel, Sandpoint attorney Bryce Powell, subsequently moved jointly to attempt criminal case mediation. Dittrich's counsel, Michael Palmer of Coeur d'Alene, also agreed to mediation.

Charles Lempesis, an attorney in Post Falls, was mutually agreed upon to help guide the mediation negotiations, court records show. Lempesis helped

mediate the resolution of a second-degree murder case Keith Allen Brown last year.

Brown, 51, is serving a 15-year prison sentence for the fatal shooting of Leslie Carlton Brea in Coolin in 2007.

More recently, civil mediation was used to resolve a criminal theft case against a former Oldtown grocery store manager accused of fleecing his former employer. Jasen W. Johnson, 50, is scheduled to be sentenced in February.

A court rule adopted by the state of Idaho enables the use of mediation to resolve criminal cases.

It has only been used a handful of times in Bonner County.

Mediation can be used to find common ground on sentencing and charging options, restitution and the facts of a case. Mediation is held behind closed doors and the discussions during the proceedings are kept confidential.

A court order preventing the defendants from contacting Gadman has been amended so she can take part in the mediation process, court records show.

Pay Gap

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Many times, employees don't know what their co-workers are earning, said Pamela Parks, director of the Idaho Commission on Human Rights.

It's not that unusual for companies to have policies forbidding employees from discussing their pay, leaving women in the dark as to if they're being equally compensated, she said.

"It's something that the commission is concerned about, but if employees aren't aware of how much others around them make, they don't know if they should file a claim," she said.

Last fiscal year, ICHR received 54 charges filed that were wage-based. Of those, 25 were filed by women, but it's not uncommon for ICHR claims to be filed under two or more charges, Parks said.

The commission also received 230 charges that were filed on sex discrimination claims. Sex-based claims include wage discrimination

but also failure to promote, harassment and unfair discharge.

"We're clearly not there yet," Parks said.

Local reaction

"When I owned my business, I always paid my sales people the same amount and I've never seen an employer pay an employee less just because that person is a woman. I don't really think it's an issue."

— **Larrey Anderson**, former business owner, Twin Falls

"I don't know what my coworkers make, but I haven't seen gender discrimination in my experience."

— **Sara Florence**, St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, Twin Falls

"When I worked on a farm, men were paid more for moving pipe or some of the other more physical jobs. They got paid one to two dollars more, but I didn't say anything. It wasn't my place."

— **McKenzie Brizuela**, unemployed, Hansen



Anderson



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Brizuela

Making 2012 Count

BY DAVID WILKINS

For the Times-News

TWIN FALLS • With the promise of a new year ahead, we asked some people on Saturday what kind of resolutions they've made for 2012. Here's what they said:

Chantry Gremler, Twin Falls

"To buy less clothes. I buy a lot. I bought six shirts and two jackets yesterday and this morning I bought this leather jacket."



C. Gremler

Todd Gremler, Twin Falls

"To get a better job — a higher paying job."



T. Gremler

Gayle Gorrell, Glenns Ferry

"I want to get more organized."



Gorrell

Lucinda Walker, King Hill

"To clean out my basement. It's something I really need to do and something I have been putting off."



Walker

Casey Walsh, Twin Falls

"I want to quit smoking. I quit for three days last month, but it didn't last."



Walsh

Daniel Boisvert, Twin Falls

"I'm trying to lose some weight because I plan to enter the Marine Corps soon."



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Noteworthy Numbers

- Idaho \$585:** Median weekly earning for a full-time female worker
- \$754:** Median weekly earning for a full-time male worker
- Nation \$669:** Median weekly earning for a full-time female worker
- \$824:** Median weekly earning for a full-time male worker

Same job, different pay

A selection of careers and how much male and female workers earn per week

Position	Men	Women
CEO	\$2,217	\$1,598
Lawyer	\$1,895	\$1,461
Postsecondary teacher	\$1,308	\$1,011
Physician/surgeon	\$2,278	\$1,618
Waiter/waitress	\$450	\$381
Cashier	\$400	\$366
Receptionist	\$547	\$529

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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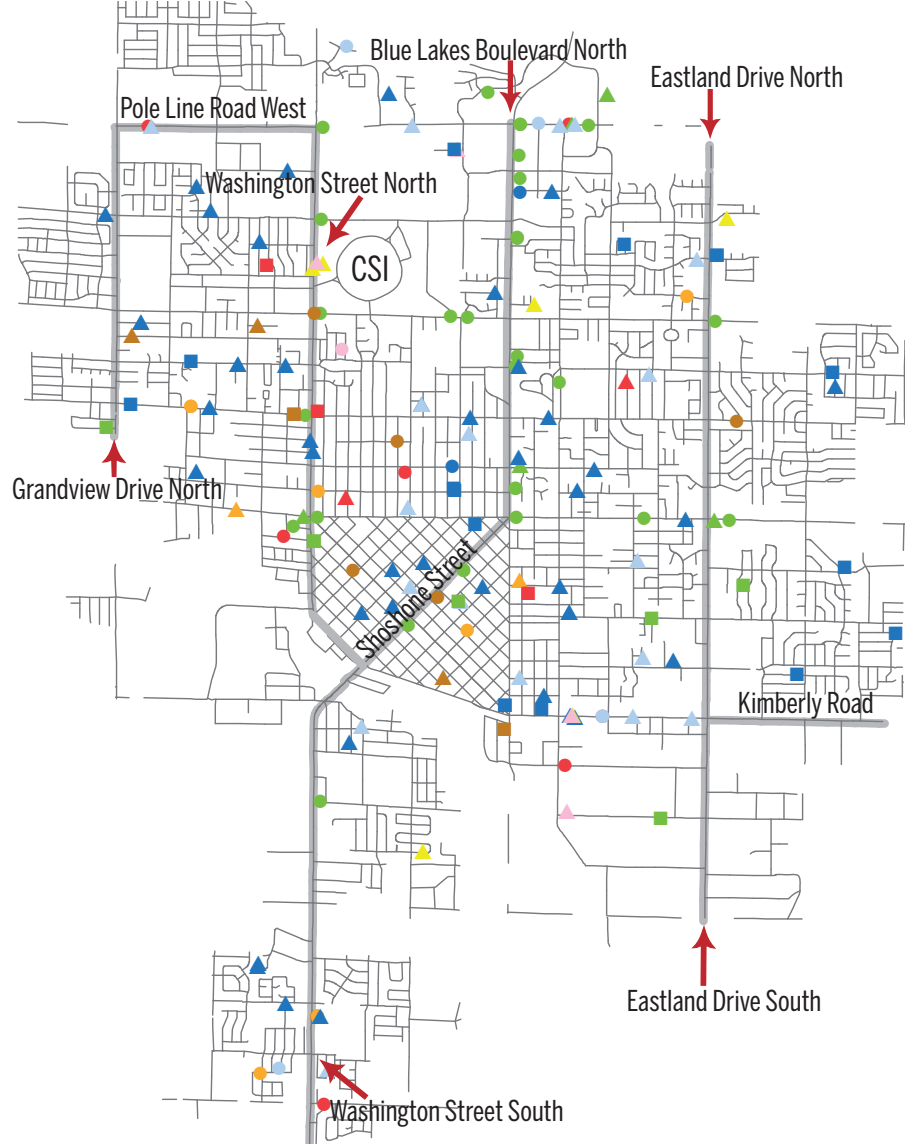
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Source: City of Twin Falls

Lawsuit Settled Over Death of Salt Lake Inmate

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) • Salt Lake County has agreed to settle a federal lawsuit filed by the family of a 19-year-old Magna man who starved to death while in the county jail earlier this year.

The dollar amount and other terms of the settlement were not immediately disclosed, the Salt Lake Tribune reported.

However, the agreement was confirmed by a federal court filing and by an attorney representing the family of Carlos Umana, whose weight dropped from 175 pounds to 77 during his four months in jail.

The plaintiff's attorney, Bob Sykes, said his clients are satisfied with the settlement and with policy changes that have occurred at the jail since Umana died Feb. 27.

"I believe (the clients are) confident steps have been taken to avoid this kind of problem in the future," he said.

Lawsuit accuses Montana Priest of Sexual Assault

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) • A Northern Cheyenne woman has filed a lawsuit against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Great Falls-Billings contending she was sexually abused as a young girl by a popular priest at the St. Labre Mission School in Ashland between 1955 and 1962.

The lawsuit seeking unspecified damages was filed Friday in Cascade County District Court in Great Falls. It also names as defendants the Order of Friars Minor, the Capuchin Order and the school.

Rev. Emmett Hoffmann is not named as a defendant but is identified as the reason for the lawsuit. The 85-year-old Hoffmann retired in 1993 and lives in Ashland.

Hoffmann did not return a call Saturday from The Associated Press, and a message left at the retirement home where he lives was not returned. A message left at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Great Falls-Billings was also not returned.

The Billings Gazette reports that Hoffmann was sent in 1954 to close the mis-

sion, but instead revived it. It had a \$50 million endowment when he retired. He is one of only two white men ever to have been made an honorary chief of the Northern Cheyenne.

He is also the subject of a book by Billings author Renee Sansom Flood titled "Renegade Priest of the Northern Cheyenne."

Attorney Vito de la Cruz, who filed the lawsuit, said in news release that Hoffmann's stature "certainly makes it more difficult for victims to muster the courage to come forward."

De la Cruz said the statute of limitations prevents his client from pressing criminal charges. He said Hoffman is not named in the lawsuit because the diocese and the order placed him at the mission. He also said, based on his past experience in dealing with similar lawsuits, it's better to go after those who should have acted.

"If you find a rattlesnake in the backyard, you don't just throw it over the fence into the neighbors' yard so somebody else gets hurt," he told the newspaper. "You do something about it."

The lawsuit also seeks the diocese and the Capuchin

Order to publicly acknowledge the alleged wrongdoing.

The lawsuit describes an escalating pattern of abuse that began when she was a preteen and ended before she turned 18.

De La Cruz said the woman, now in her 60s, is not being named because of concern for her safety. In the lawsuit she is identified as Jane Doe.

"Tribal children molested in remote areas had nowhere to turn," de la Cruz said in the news release. "When a perpetrator threatens a child with death or the death of a family member if they tell, as Hoffman did, the secrets remain buried for years?"

The newspaper published a profile of Hoffman in 2004 after Flood's book came out. Hoffman freely acknowledged his struggle with alcoholism, the newspaper reported, and also said he struggled in the mid-1960s when his superiors ordered him to dismiss a young female volunteer who worked as his secretary.

The profile also said that in Flood's book, "Hoffmann freely talks of being in love with the woman, but says there was no physical relationship."

Twin Falls County

FELONY SENTENCINGS

Shawn Alan Cochran, 21, Jerome; possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), 5 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 3 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$265.50 costs.

Ryan Andrew Larson, 28, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, 5 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 3 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$2,500 fine, \$270.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

Lesley Alexandra Wendling, 29, Twin Falls; grand theft, 5 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 3 indeterminate, 3 years probation, 100 hours community service, \$225.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

Dylan Christopher Byrne, 29, Twin Falls; unlawful possession of a firearm, 5 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 3 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$225.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

FELONY DISMISSAL **Michael Jason Park**, 34, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, judge dismissed case based on state's motion.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCING **Tory Robert Harvey**, 20, Filer; driving under the influence, \$400 fine, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 1 credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCING **Richard Francis Muegerl**, 63, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$400 fine, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, credit for time served, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

CIVIL FILINGS **CHILD SUPPORT CASES** The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services has filed claims against the following:

Michael Earl Aaron Jones, seeking establishment of child support and Medicaid reimbursement: \$159 monthly support plus 50 per-

cent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses and \$7,161.35 in Medicaid reimbursement for birth costs.

Kevin Lyle Westcott, seeking establishment of paternity, 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 \$5,054.36 in Medicaid reimbursement for birth costs.

Jose Antonio Cabral Murillo, seeking establishment of child support and Medicaid reimbursement: \$321 monthly support plus 56 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, 56 percent of any work-related day care expenses and \$9,968.48 in Medicaid reimbursement for birth costs.

Christopher Denton Maxfield, seeking establishment of child support: \$189 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance and 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

DIVORCES FILED

Timothy Wood vs. Beverly Wood

Lorelee Freeman vs. Charles Freeman

Julie Peterson vs. Dennis Peterson

Jeannine Arredondo vs. Carlos Arredondo

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DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Jeffery Scott Newman, 38, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$400 fine, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 1 credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

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Cathy Powlus surveys the damage to her mother's house Saturday morning in Filer after a tree fell on it during Friday night's storm.

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Holiday Closure Around the Magic Valley

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • Many of- fices and facilities are closed Monday for New Year's Day.

- County, state and federal offices are closed.
- Most city offices are closed Monday, including in Twin Falls, Jerome, Burley, Rupert, Hailey, Ketchum, Gooding, Shoshone, Buhl, Kimberly and Wendell.
- Post offices are closed.
- Most banks are closed.
- College of Southern Idaho and Herrett Center for Arts and Science are closed.
- Twin Falls Public Li- brary is closed.
- YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool is closed today; offers open swim from 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday.
- Magic Valley Mall is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday.
- Trash collection will not be affected.

Wind Storm

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The company hoped to have power restored to the remaining 300 customers by the end of Saturday, Alenskis said. "But again, that depends on the nature of the outage."

Twin Falls Police received 33 emergency calls Friday night that included reports of downed power lines, up- rooted trees, non-working traffic lights, damage to structures and alarm sys- tems going off, said Staff Sgt. Chuck Garner. Not all damage was reported.

"I drove around for a couple of hours today," he told the *Times-News* on Satur- day, "and saw things that no one has reported to us."

Filer resident William Tyree said he never experi- enced power failure, but came home Friday night to a surprise in his front yard — a 40-foot blue spruce lying partially on top of his pick- up truck.

"I've never seen a wind hit that hard," said Tyree, who's lived in his home for the past



Sebastian the cat, who belongs to the Melissa Baxter family, rests on a tree that fell Friday night in the family's yard in Filer.

30 years.

Tyree was away with family when he received a call from his neighbor, Gary Motzner, telling him about the fallen tree.

"Well, looks like you've got a new hood ornament," Tyree's daughter-in-law, Stormy Tyree, said she told him when they saw the fall- en tree that also took out about 20 feet of his fence.

Motzner said once the wind kicked up about 8 p.m., he heard a loud crack outside his home. He thought his chimney had toppled. He went outside to check for damage and that's when he saw the tree, lying not far from his own home.

Luckily, Tyree said, dam- age to his pickup was minor.

A couple of blocks away, a tree lay on the roof of a house Saturday afternoon; another one in the middle of a street. Throughout Filer, branches and roof shingles dotted the streets and side- walks, while a number of large branches were scat- tered on the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

Drew Rhodes and his mom, Melissa Baxter, and family were inside the house when the wind started. They never heard the crack from one of their trees that sent a branch crashing into the front yard. The howl of the wind itself was too loud, said Rhodes, who was help- ing clean up the branches Saturday afternoon.

In Twin Falls, Mark and Kathy Bausman were busy cleaning up the 70-foot

spruce that for nearly 100 years grew in their front yard. The tree was planted when the historic home was built in 1920, Kathy said. It fell in the street at Heyburn Avenue and Ostrander Street, landing on top of Mark's pickup.

"We're really blessed that no one was under it," said Kathy, who is pastor of the Community Church of the

Brethren. Members of the church were helping clean up the mess Saturday.

City crews had responded quickly Friday, Mark said, moving the tree off the road.

The tree's demise was in some ways a blessing, he said: the wood will be given to church members, some whose only source of heat are from fireplaces and wood burning stoves.

Pleas Entered in Assault, DUI Case After Incident at Bar

BONNER COUNTY DAILY BEE

SANDPOINT • A Ponderay man is sched- uled to be sentenced in the new year for drunken driving and running a vehicle into a Sandpoint bar bouncer who attempted to prevent him from getting behind the wheel.

Michael John Edwards entered pleas to second-offense DUI and aggravated assault charges on Dec. 5, according to documents filed in 1st District Court.

Edwards entered Alford pleas to the of- fenses, which means he admits no wrongdo- ing but concedes he could be convicted if the case went to trial.

The pleas will be treated no differently than a regular plea of guilt when he's sen- tenced on Feb. 9, 2012. The sentencing rec-

ommendations are open.

Aggravated assault is punishable by up to five years in prison. The DUI charge can re- sult in a one-year sentence.

Edwards, 46, is free on his own recogni- zance while sentencing is pending.

Edwards is accused of hitting a 39-year- old bar security worker on Oct. 29 at the Eagles Club. The worker received non-life- threatening injuries after rolling up the hood of the car and hitting the windshield.

Ponderay Police located Edwards and ar- rested him. His blood-alcohol level was measured at 0.18, which is more than twice the state's legal limit to drive.

In exchange for the pleas, the state agreed to dismiss a third charge of leaving the scene of an injury collision.

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Judge: No Attorney Conflict in Toddler Death Case

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) • A northern Idaho attorney contracted to serve as public defender for a foster parent indicted in the death of a 2-year-old girl will keep working on the Kootenai County case after a judge rejected claims of a possible conflict of interest. County commissioners voted last week to dump a special contract with private attorney Sean Walsh for the defense of Jeremy M. Clark, 35, of Post Falls. Clark is charged, along with his wife, in the 2009 death of Karina J. Moore. Commissioners contend Walsh was not upfront about his wife, Mayli Walsh, being employed as an attorney in the county public defender's office. Commissioners also claim they didn't know Walsh's law office partner was married to a deputy prosecutor with the county.

"To me, he represented himself as a one-man office," commissioner Jai Nelson told the *Coeur d'Alene Press*. "I had no idea he had a partner, let alone it was someone I'd met, or that his wife worked for the county." But a judge in 1st District Court ruled Thursday there was no conflict of interest and Walsh should remain as Clark's attorney in the case. "I am pleased that Mr. Clark can now put to rest the question of whether his Sixth Amendment right to counsel will be honored in Kootenai County," Walsh

said after the ruling. "I look forward to vigorously defending Jeremy as the case progresses."

Local government officials have no problem with Walsh continuing to work on the case, said Kootenai County Commissioner Todd Tondee.

"We weren't saying there was a conflict, we were just saying there was a perception (of one)," Tondee said.

Clark and his wife, Amber, 28, had been foster parents to Karina for more than a year when the child died in January 2009, days after the Clarks told police she fell down stairs. A coroner ruled the death a homicide caused by blunt force head injuries. A grand jury indictment handed down in November alleges the Clarks also abused a boy in their care in December 2007 and January 2008 by putting him in ice baths and inflicting injuries to his body and head. The boy was 4 or 5 at the time.

The Clarks were given separate defense attorneys and each face two counts of felony injury to a child, conspiracy to conceal evidence of abuse and perjury. Kootenai County commissioners have also approved a special contract to help prosecute the couple. Private attorney Betsy Black, who is married to the county's chief deputy criminal prosecutor, was awarded a contract to work with prosecutors in the case.

Ariz. Dog Survives Mont. Wilds, Is Finally Rescued

BY JOHN GRANT EMEIGH
The Montana Standard

BUTTE, Mont. • An Arizona man is ringing in the New Year with good news after a local animal warden found his dog — which had been missing for a month — near Butte.

Phil Nichols and his 6-year-old lab mix, Buddy, became separated in November while stopped in Dillon, he told *The Montana Standard* in a telephone interview Friday.

Exactly when and how Buddy jumped out of his camper, Nichols isn't sure. But the news received this week that Buddy is alive — albeit thin, haggard and nursing a badly hurt back foot — has Nichols brimming with happiness. The mutt wandered rugged terrain, endured freezing temperatures and BB shots — all with the lame foot — before being rescued this week near Buxton, southwest of Butte.

Animal control officer Charlie Dick said Friday that

he is amazed the dog is alive. "What a little survivor. He was out there a long time," Dick said.

Buddy's odyssey started on Nov. 28 when Nichols, 79, was driving back to Arizona in his pickup truck after visiting his daughter in Helena. Buddy rode in a camper in the bed of Nichols' pickup truck. Nichols recalls seeing Buddy in the camper while in Dillon to gas up.

But when he stopped again in Idaho Falls to let Buddy out for a quick walk, his dog was gone.

"I turned around and drove 150 miles back to Dillon to look for him," Nichols said.

He stayed in Dillon for a day and a half searching for his best friend, which he had adopted from an animal shelter.

Buddy was nowhere to be found.

With a heavy heart, Nichols finally called off the search and returned home to Arizona. He assumed Buddy may have fallen out or just got out of the camper

through a small side door.

It turned out to be a lucky thing that Buddy wasn't in the camper, however. Nichols crashed near Pocatello, Idaho, when another vehicle cut him off. He hit a guardrail and rolled. Nichols survived, but the camper was smashed to bits.

Nichols suspects Buddy may have had a "sixth sense" about the accident and got out of the camper before it was too late.

"I think the dog has more brains than I do," he said.

It's not known if Buddy has a sixth sense, but he certainly has a survival instinct. Animal services got a call

about 8:30 a.m. Thursday of a wounded dog hanging around the Buxton area, about 10 miles southwest of Butte. Buddy had scratches on his face, a badly wounded right rear foot and was thin.

"He was just wandering around on three feet and was very skittish," Dick recalled.

It took Dick about 45 minutes to finally coax the dog toward him with treats.

Animal control people found Buddy's owner through a lost dog ad on Craigslist, which had been posted by Nichols' daughter in Helena.

Erin Wall, shelter director, said Buddy was recovering Friday at the Amherst Animal Hospital in Butte and appears to be doing well. She said it is amazing the dog managed to survive so long in his condition.

"They (dogs) have such an instinct to live and a homing drive to get home," Wall said.

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Idaho Teen to Compete in National Math Competition

BY KATIE ROENIGK
Moscow-Pullman Daily News

MOSCOW • On Jan. 6, Pullman High School sophomore Rachit Singh will be one of 10 contestants to participate in the American Mathematical Society's Who Wants to Be a Mathematician competition in Boston.

During the event, students will answer several multiple choice math questions in a certain period of time — a challenge that 15-year-old says he is ready for.

"I should be fine," Singh said at his home this week. "I love doing math."

He was not always a whiz with numbers, however. When he was in elementary school Singh's mother said the boy's mind would wander whenever he sat down with a math textbook. It wasn't until seventh grade that he became more interested in the subject, but since then Singh has excelled in mathematics.

As a freshman, he earned a score of 145.5 on a nationwide test through the Mathematical Association of America — the best score in the state of Washington and far better than the national average score of 67.7. In the higher-level American Invitational Math Exam, Singh scored 8 points compared to the national average of 2. And he was one of 520 students to take the U.S. Junior Math Olympiad exam this year, placing among the top 14 high-scorers in the country.

"That was pretty nice," Singh said, adding that he believes he tied for seventh place.

He is unsure how he will do next week in Boston, because he does not know what kind of questions he will have to answer. He was invited to the event — part of the annual Joint Mathematics Meetings attended by more than 6,000 mathematicians — based on his score on a qualifying test, which included questions in algebra, trigonometry, probability and math history.

"We'll see how well it goes," Singh said. "It's not the sort of thing I've been doing recently so I'm not totally prepared. ... I'm going to have to basically wing it."

He believes he and his competitors will have 60 seconds to answer each question posed to the group. Everyone who answers the problem correctly goes on to the next round, and the last contestant standing wins. The top prize is \$5,000 for the winner and \$5,000 for the math department of the winner's school.

People interested in seeing the event can watch it live at ustre.am/rdm5. The contest is scheduled to be held 9:30-11 a.m. Eastern Standard Time at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston.

Though he has grown to enjoy the subject, Singh said there are still aspects of mathematics that he finds tedious.

"How fast can you solve this math problem — that's really boring after you do that 500 times," he said.

Instead, Singh tends to focus on more in-depth questions.

"Lately I've been doing problems where they give you four hours to try to solve it," Singh said. "They're hard problems, but it's fun. ... I like getting the answer!"

His favorite subject is geometry, which he says he is able to "do more" with.

"You draw a couple of figures, and if it doesn't work out you draw something else; you can get somewhere," he said. "With other problems you can't do anything (if you're stuck)."

He does not like combinatorics, which Singh described as "a fancy way of saying 'counting.'" For example, students will be asked to figure out how many handshakes would be exchanged among a large group of mathematicians if



Pullman High School sophomore Rachit Singh talks about the Torricelli point Tuesday at his home in Pullman, Wash. On Jan. 6, Singh will be one of 10 contestants to participate in the American Mathematical Society's Who Wants to Be a Mathematician competition in Boston.

each person shakes hands with everyone else individually.

"It sounds really simple, but it's actually really tough," Singh said. "You have to count the number of possible cases, which is confusing and difficult to do."

If one were to try to count each handshake one by one, Singh said the process would take days. The challenge is to organize the problem logically in order to find the solution in a rea-

sonable amount of time.

"It gets hard because there are always overlaps and some combinations don't exist," Singh said.

He currently takes calculus at PHS, but next year Singh will head to Washington State University for more advanced classes in subjects like the numbers theory — the study of the properties of whole numbers according to Wolfram's MathWorld.

He may continue studying math when he goes to

college, but Singh said he would like to learn more about physics or computer science in the future.

Singh is the son of Ram and Kiran Singh of Pullman. He is a member of the PHS Math Team and he has qualified three times for the National Science Bowl, and in 2010 he and two teammates were named the grand prize winners of the Avista Video Challenge. Singh also plays soccer and violin and is a member of the PHS Key Club.

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Former Cop Now Packs Heat as Tex-Mex Cook

BY JIMMY HANCOCK
Idaho State Journal

POCATELLO • There is no doubt about Nicolas Garcia's passion for his time spent in law enforcement, but when the former police officer was physically unable to continue that career, he decided to tap into another passion — cooking.

Garcia's longtime joy of cooking for friends and family has been translated over the past three years or so to a thriving business named Senor Garcia's Tex-Mex Grill, which now includes two trucks, three carts and a trailer from which he serves his Texas-influenced Mexican food.

As his business grows, Garcia dreams of more.

"My hope and my prayers are to open a restaurant here in town," he said.

Garcia was an agricultural worker more than 20 years ago. He was also a young father who yearned for more for himself and his family. But as the head of a family, he couldn't just drop a paycheck to go to school.

He did find an opportunity, however, at the American Falls Police Department, which was in need of volunteer officers for its reserve program.

Garcia signed up. "On Saturday night, I would go home and change from my dirty potato clothes into my uniform," he said. "I volunteered Friday night, Saturday night and sometimes, when my wife allowed me, on Sunday."

A few years of that and Garcia was given a shot to be a full-time officer.

"The city of American Falls picked me up as a police officer," he said. "They sent me to the academy and I was able to fulfill my dream by (working) both jobs at the same time."

After a few years in



Nicolas Garcia, a former police officer, poses Wednesday by a Senor Garcia's Tex-Mex Grill, one of the collection that he operates in Pocatello, that includes two trucks, three carts, a concessions trailer and a shack at the Eastern Idaho State Fairgrounds in Blackfoot.

American Falls, he joined the Chubbuck Police Department, where he worked nearly five years. Garcia eventually moved on to the Fort Hall Police Department where he was working in September of 2007 when he was struck by another driver as he drove home in his police cruiser.

About six years earlier, Garcia had suffered a back injury that was repaired through a fusion procedure. But it didn't slow him down.

"I was able to get back on my feet," he said. "I went back into law enforcement. I was part of the SWAT team, gang task force, drug task force. I did quite a bit after that first injury?"

But after the accident in

2007, Garcia would need far more work. There was another fusion surgery in January of 2008, and earlier this year, the two prior fusions were repaired and a third fusion performed, putting a certain end to any return to police work.

"I have eight screws and a metal plate in my back," Garcia said. "My heart says yes but my body says no."

It's not all tragic, however. Garcia did win a significant judgment earlier this month from Granite State Insurance, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' provider of underinsured policy, which protects the tribes from incidents involving the fault of someone who doesn't carry enough insurance to fully pay the cost of dam-

ages.

He was awarded slightly less than \$717,000 for past lost wages, future lost wages and non-economic damages. Garcia told the Journal last week that he was appreciative of the judgment but wishes it didn't come at such a high price — a job he loved.

After 15 years of being a police officer, Garcia said he still woke up every day excited about what he did.

But after that 2007 accident, realizing that it was a long-shot that he could return to police work, he looked for something else.

"I have always liked cooking," he said. "I was the oldest of six and my mom taught me how to cook, and my grandmother,

and great-grandmother. I learned quite a bit from my wife."

The first step was the purchase of a concession trailer from the now closed Pilot House.

"We did all the local fairs," he said. "Then I bought a little trailer that started us out at the bars."

It was the size of a hot dog trailer. The money made from that helped him purchase his first truck and it's continued to snowball from there.

This past summer, Garcia bought one of the food venues at the Eastern Idaho State Fairgrounds.

It went particularly well for his first year. Especially considering he purchased the operation just two weeks before the fair opened, he said.

Based on his performance at the fair, Garcia says one of his top dishes is the Chapos Nachos, which he said took No. 1 in the fair's food contest this past year.

The long-time customer favorite has been his enchiladas.

"It's got a homemade enchilada sauce that I make," he said. "It was passed down from my mother."

Monday through Friday, thanks to Phil Meador, he says, you can find Garcia serving up what he calls his unique Mexican food in the parking lot of the former Mitsubishi dealership next door to Phil Meador's Toyota from about 11 a.m. to roughly 5 p.m.

"I am really thankful to Mr. Phil Meador for allowing me to park here," Garcia said. "It's really been nice for us."

Wednesday nights after 10 p.m. he is out at the Oasis Bar and on Friday and Saturday nights he is in the parking lot at Building 151. During the summer, he has both trucks and all the carts positioned throughout town.

Oh, and while building his business, Garcia has also attended the culinary arts program at Idaho State University's College of Technology where he has just one class to complete to earn his certificate.



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Non-resident visitors to the United States wait in line at immigration control after arriving at McCarran International Airport, Dec. 13, in Las Vegas. The U.S. Travel Association is pushing Congress to make it easier for foreigners to visit the United States.

U.S. Seals \$3.48 Billion Missiles, Technology Sale to UAE

BY WILL LESTER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON • The United States has reached a deal to sell \$3.48 billion worth of missiles and related technology to the United Arab Emirates, a close Mideast ally, as part of a massive buildup of defense technology among friendly Mideast nations near Iran.

Pentagon spokesman George Little announced the Christmas Day sale on Friday night.

He noted that the U.S. and U.A.E. have a strong defense relationship and are both interested in "a secure and stable" Persian Gulf region.

The deal includes 96 missiles, along with supporting technology and training support that Little says will bolster the nation's missile defense capacity.

The deal includes a contract with Lockheed Martin to produce the highly sophisticated Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, weapon system for the U.A.E.

Tom McGrath, vice president and program manager for Lockheed Martin's THAAD program, said in a statement released in Dallas that it was the first foreign military sale of the THAAD system.

THAAD interceptors are produced at Lockheed Martin's Pike County Facility in Troy, Ala. The launchers and fire control units are produced at the company's Camden, Ark., facility.

Wary of Iran, the U.S. has been building up missile defenses of its allies, including a \$1.7 billion deal to upgrade Saudi Arabia's Patriot missiles and the sale of 209 Patriot missiles to Kuwait, valued at about \$900 million.

On Thursday, the Obama administration announced the sale of \$30 billion worth of F-15SA fighter jets to Saudi Arabia.

Under the fighter jet agreement, the U.S. will send Saudi Arabia 84 new fighter jets and upgrades for 70 more. Production of the aircraft, which will be manufactured by

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Can Foreign Tourists Help U.S. Economy?

BY CRISTINA SILVA
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS • Agustina Ocampo is the kind of foreign traveler businesses salivate over.

The 22-year-old Argentine recently dropped more than \$5,000 on food, hotels and clothes in Las Vegas during a trip that also took her to Seattle's Space Needle, Disneyland and the San Diego Zoo. But she doubts she will return soon.

"It is a little bit of a headache," said Ocampo, a student who waited months to find out whether her tourist visa application would be approved.

More than a decade after the federal government strengthened travel requirements after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, foreign visitors say getting a temporary visa remains a daunting and sometimes insurmountable hurdle.

The tourism industry hopes to change that with a campaign to persuade Congress to over-

haul the State Department's tourist visa application process.

"After 9/11, we were all shaken and there was a real concern for security, and I still think that concern exists," said Jim Evans, a former hotel chain CEO heading a national effort to promote foreign travel to the U.S.

At the same time, he said, the U.S. needs "to be more cognizant of the importance of every single traveler."

Tourism leaders said the decline in foreign visitors over the past decade is costing American businesses and workers \$859 billion in untapped revenue and at least half a million potential jobs at a time when the slowly recovering economy needs both.

While the State Department has beefed up tourist services in recent years, reducing wait times significantly for would-be visitors will likely be a challenge as officials try to balance terrorist threats and illegal immigration with

tight budgets that limit hiring.

"Security is job one for us," said Edward Ramotowski, managing director of the department's visa services. "The reason we have a visa system is to enforce the immigration laws of the United States."

That said, the agency announced earlier this month that it would increase its staff in Brazil and China to speed up the process after seeing huge surges in visa applications from both countries during the 2011 fiscal year.

The State Department said in the Dec. 21 statement that while the agency "always puts security first, visitors to the United States make critical contributions to economic growth and job creation."

Anti-immigration proponents argue travel to the U.S. is already too accessible and that allowing more visitors would put the nation at greater risk.

Please see **TOURISTS, M2**

A Year of Too Much Work — or Too Little

BY CINDY KRISCHER GOODMAN
McClatchy Newspapers

For most Americans, 2011 was the year of overwork or underwork.

Almost universally, stress hit an all-time high as American workers tried to cope with the new reality that work now follows them wherever they go with their mobile devices. Attorney Fred Karlinsky described his resistance to putting down his BlackBerry — regardless of whether it's 10 a.m. or 10 p.m. "I owe it to clients to respond when they need an answer," he told me.

Add that to the do-more-with-less attitude and obsession with productivity adopted by today's bosses and that makes work/life balance even more difficult to achieve.

Earlier this year, I dared to put the question out there: Can you control after-hours work demands without getting fired or losing a customer?

My favorite response came from Wayne A. Hochwarter, a professor of management at Florida State University. It's all about communication, he said. Maybe you're answering emails at 10 p.m., but your manager doesn't

expect you to be on call at all hours. You may have inadvertently communicated the wrong message: that you don't mind the infringement on your personal time. It's possible to pull back — if you are clear about how you plan to handle their needs during the workday, he said.

Around mid-year, I saw the trend toward overwork intensifying and affecting relationships. People were making less time for spouses, and some were even feeling too exhausted for sex. How crazy is it that iPhone glare has replaced candlelight as the backdrop for bedroom romance?

"If you want to stay together and be connected, you have to make time for intimacy and set boundaries," expert Joel Block advised my readers. To communicate your needs as the spouse who wants attention, he said, don't nag. "Make a plan to spend time together. That's my better than the blame message."

He also advised taking on a new attitude: "When you are at work, work owns you. When you walk out, leave it behind."

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OBAMA HOPEFUL FOR MORE ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN 2012

BY JULIE PACE
Associated Press

HONOLULU • Reflecting on a challenging year, President Barack Obama says he's hoping for more economic progress following action by Congress to prevent tax increases at the start of 2012.

"It was good to see members of Congress do the right thing for millions of working Americans," said Obama, using his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday to deliver a New Year's message.

He said the public made itself heard on a Social Security payroll tax cut and that was one big reason that lawmakers agreed to extend it for two more months.

The American people, Obama said, "had the courage to believe your voices could make a difference."

The president said he expects Congress to finish the job when lawmakers return to Washington in January and extend the



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President Barack Obama, left, and Admiral Robert Willard, arrive to participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial, part of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Thursday in Pearl Honolulu, Hawaii.

tax cut through the end of the year.

Reflecting on 2011, Obama said it was a time of great challenge and progress, including the end of the war in Iraq, the

death of Osama bin Laden and signs of an economic recovery.

"There's no doubt that 2012 will bring even more change," Obama said. "And as we head

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Tourists

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“Everybody would like to find a way to admit as many people as possible to visit here providing that they visit and then go home,” said Jessica Vaughan, director of policy studies at the Center for Immigration Studies, an anti-immigration group based in Washington, D.C.

“A lot of consular officers underestimate how much people want to come and live here,” she said.

Nearly 7.6 million non-immigrant visas were issued in 2001, compared with fewer than 6.5 million in 2010. The number of visa applicants also dropped sharply after 2001. Those combined forces pushed the U.S. share of global travelers down to 12 percent last year, from 17 percent before 2001.

The proposed immigration overhaul has largely been driven by the U.S. Travel Association, the tourism industry's lobbying giant, and has been endorsed by business titans such as the National Retail Federation, Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts, and Walt Disney Parks and Resorts. Republicans and Democrats in Congress are backing the proposed changes through six bills in the House and Senate.

Geoff Freeman, the travel association's chief operating officer, said the State Department should be required to keep visa interview wait times at a maximum of 10 days.

“Every day a person is waiting for that interview is a day a person cannot be here supporting the American economy,” he said.

For most foreigners, taking a last-minute business or leisure trip to New York, Los Angeles, Miami or other U.S. travel hubs would be nearly impossible. The average wait time for a visa interview in Rio de Janeiro, for example, was 87 days, according to the State Department.

The Government Accountability Office, a non-partisan agency that audits federal programs, concluded that wait times are likely much longer than reported because some department employees artificially reduce the wait times by not scheduling interviews during high-demand periods.

The vast majority of visitors enter through the country's visa waiver program, which allows travelers from 36 nations with good relationships with the U.S. to temporarily visit without a visa. Travel proponents want to add nations whose residents are unlikely to illegally move to the U.S., including Argentina, Brazil, Poland and Taiwan.

Tourists from the rest of the world, including India, China, Mexico and other nations with affluent travelers looking to use their

passports, must obtain a nonimmigrant visa. The process can be expensive and time-consuming.

People living far from a visa processing center must arrange travel to the interview location, not knowing whether they will be approved. Roughly 78 percent of all tourist visas were approved so far in 2011.

Tourism proponents want the department to embrace videoconferencing as a way to interview more people quickly. The department has no plans to implement videoconferencing interviews because of safety and technological concerns, Ramotowski said.

In-person interviews weren't the norm before 9/11, when consular officials had the authority to approve travelers based on an application alone. Since then, however, screenings have become more strenuous, with fingerprint checks and facial recognition screening of photographs.

The State Department has made moves to boost its tourist services in recent years, transferring employees from underworked offices to bustling embassies and consular posts. Many visa processing centers are also operating under extended hours.

Other proposed changes include granting more multi-entry visas and charging premium fees to tourists who want a visa right away, similar to the premium passport fee charged to Americans with last-minute passport requests. The tourism industry also wants more visa processing officers and to allow travelers to submit applications in their native language.

“We can't afford to treat them in a way that gives them an impression that maybe they aren't welcome,” said Rolf Lundberg, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's top lobbyist.

To help make the U.S. appear more welcoming, Congress approved last year a \$200 million annual marketing campaign.

In Las Vegas, where travelers to the Strip have traditionally kept Nevada's economy afloat, tourism and government leaders are desperate to keep businesses open and create jobs in a state with the nation's highest unemployment rate.

“The industries affected by tourism are all behind it,” said Republican Rep. Joe Heck of southern Nevada, who has sponsored a bill in the House that would require shorter visa interview delays, among other measures. “We need the jobs!”

Ocampo, who spent her vacation shopping at upscale boutiques and visiting family in California, said she would be more eager to come back if she knew her business was wanted.

“Everyone wants to visit the Statue of Liberty and Disneyland,” she said.

The Georgia lawmaker said his party's No. 1 goal is to make it easier for small businesses to create jobs.

“We'll accomplish this by focusing on three things: fundamental tax reform, regulatory reform and energy security,” he said.

Isakson said that while some people may think Congress will be too consumed with the 2012 elections to accomplish anything significant, the public deserves better.

“Americans cannot wait until after the November election,” he said. “They need us to do our job and do it right now to create an economic climate that makes it easier to put people back to work.”

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Sen. Johnny Isakson, delivering the GOP address



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Twin Falls Public Library Director Susan Ash, Technical Services Department Head Mareda Wright, Magic Valley Arts Council Operations Director Pattie Lopshire, Arts Council Program Director Carolyn White, and Library Foundation Director Diane Van Engelen stand with the model sculpture of early Magic Valley photographer Clarence Bisbee.

T.F. Public Library Receives Bisbee Prototype for Idaho Room

The Twin Falls Public Library and Magic Valley Arts Council recently announced the library's acquisition of the model sculpture of early Magic Valley photographer Clarence Bisbee.

The clay maquette will be displayed along with the library's permanent collection of more than 2,000 glass plate negatives of Bisbee's photos.

The Maurice A. Bowers Trust granted the funds to the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation for the purchase of the sculpture.

The Idaho and Pacific Northwest History Room (the Idaho Room) is located on the library's main floor. Along with the Bisbee display, it various materials that tell the history of Twin Falls, the Magic Valley, Idaho, and the Pacific Northwest.



COURTESY PHOTO

Julie Gemar-Williams, right, a past Fair Person Award winner, presents this year's Fair Person of the Year Award to Bonnie Seaman, left, office manager for the Twin Falls County Fair and Magic Valley Stampede. In the middle is Seaman's husband, Shadow.

Bonnie Seaman Receives Friends of 4-H Award

Bonnie Seaman, office manager for the Twin Falls County Fair and Magic Valley Stampede, recently received the Friend of 4-H Award for her help and continued support of the Twin Falls 4-H program. She was also honored with the Fair Person of the Year Award at the 86th annual convention of the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs in Billings, Mont.

Seaman began her employment with the fair as the part-time premiums manager in 2000, then became the full-time office manager in 2004.

The Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs is a trade organization for state and county fairs and festivals in the Rocky Mountain region of the United States and Canada. It holds an annual convention in November, during which its members honor individuals who have shown outstanding teamwork with their fair and the RMAF.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Magic Valley Leads Group, a business networking group, donated toys and gift cards to East End Providers in Kimberly at its December meeting. The Leads Group meets at 7 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month at Hands-On Pottery in downtown Twin Falls. Anyone interested in joining the group, is encouraged to call Jill Skeem at 320-2768.



COURTESY PHOTO

D.L. Evans Bank employees and their Magic Valley customers donated food items to the Magic Valley Food Pantry for distribution during the Christmas season. Pictured, from left, are Vickie Peterson-Guerry and Joan Kernin from D.L. Evans' downtown Twin Falls branch.

Suter Joins D.L. Evans' Jerome Location

John V. Evans Sr., former Idaho governor and president of D.L. Evans Bank, recently announced the appointment of Randy Suter as commercial and agricultural loan officer at the banking company's Jerome office.

Suter received his Bachelors of Business Administration in Management & Organization from Idaho State University. He has been in the banking industry for 14 years and has 21 years of farming experience. His experience includes serving on grower advisory committees for Northwest Farm Credit and Busch Agricultural Resources, Inc. He also gives back to the community, having served on the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee.

Suter is excited to be a part of the D.L. Evans Bank and looks forward to building and expanding the personal and business banking relationships he has developed in the Magic Valley, according to a D.L. Evans release.



Suter



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From left, Tanya Chrystal, Amanda Severe, Mary Barlow and Wendy Peterson recently earned the International Board Certified Lactation Consultants credential. This IBCLC program offers the only credential in lactation consulting and is available globally.

Amanda Severe, Mary Barlow, Tanya Crystal and Wendy Peterson, all registered nurses with Cassia Regional Medical Center, recently earned the International Board Certified Lactation Consultants credential.

To qualify, they had to complete 45 hours of lactation education credits, 1,000 hours of lactation consulting with breastfeeding mothers and pass an examination.

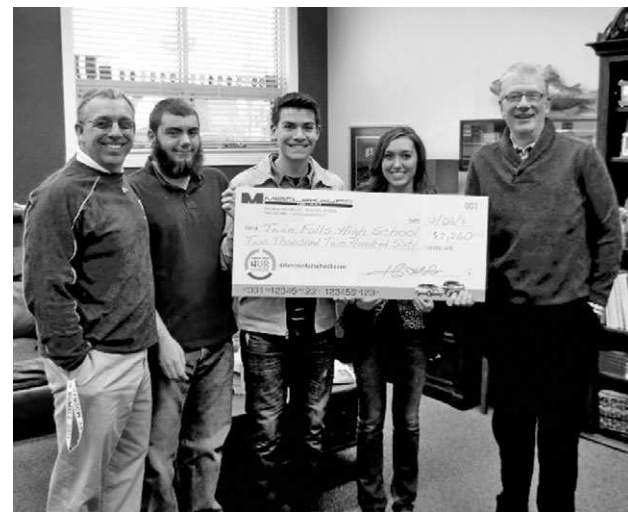
The International Board Certified Lactation Consultant credential identifies a knowledgeable and experienced member of the maternal-child health team who has specialized skills in breastfeeding management and care.

The Birth Center at Cassia Regional provides specialized breastfeeding education and assistance to each patient during her stay at the hospital. The center also plans to extend its services to the community on an outpatient basis.



COURTESY PHOTO

Students from Canyon Ridge High School accept a donation of \$2,220 from Gregg Middlekauff, owner of Middlekauff Ford, following October's Ford Motor Co. Drive One 4 UR School fundraising event.



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Gregg Middlekauff, owner of Middlekauff Ford, right, presents a donation check for \$2,260 to students from Twin Falls High School. Funds were generated through Ford Motor Co.'s Drive One 4 UR School fundraising event.

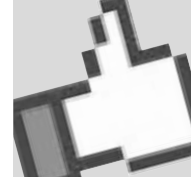
T.F. High Schools Receive Funds from Middlekauff

Middlekauff Ford and Twin Falls and Canyon Ridge high schools recently partnered to raise \$4,480 during the Ford Motor Co. Drive One 4 UR School fundraising event, which generated money for the schools' athletic departments; \$2,260 went to Twin Falls and \$2,220 went to Canyon Ridge.

More than 225 Twin Falls area residents test drove a Ford vehicle at Middlekauff Ford on Oct. 1. Middlekauff Ford and Ford Motor Co. donated \$20 per test drive.

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Work

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This year, I heard heart-breaking frustration in the voices of people in my community. While those of us lucky enough to have jobs or own businesses struggled with the workload, millions of American workers were hunting for work. Some began to accept the reality of underwork as they cobbled together part-time jobs as their only means of income — at least for now. In a column this fall, I described the new face of the part-time worker — it emerged from a conversation with Luis. Luis used to be a mortgage banker, but he has been out of work for more than 20 months. Like others, he had become exasperated by the job hunt.

One day, while Luis was mowing his lawn, a neighbor offered him a few bucks to do his yard. Word spread, plentiful rain caused Miami lawns to grow tall, and Luis cobbled together enough business to consider mowing lawns a part-time job. “At least it’s some income,” said the humbled executive.

This year, I heard from frustrated employers, too. The Internet has changed the rules of the workplace, blurring the lines between workers’ personal behavior and employer liability. There are no easy answers to the scenarios unfolding, and technology is ahead of the law, I learned.

A Starbucks employee’s rant on YouTube about rude customers and their annoying orders inspired a column on how employers are reacting when workers post job gripes online. Workers — on and off the clock — are taking to their Facebook, Twitter and YouTube accounts to complain about everything from jerky bosses to rude customers to slacking co-workers to crappy company policies. Some firings have led to lawsuits that employees have won.

“Both parties need to be careful with what they do online,” said Mark Neuberger, a management-side labor lawyer with Foley & Lardner in Miami. “There’s no direct easy answer to what’s allowable.”

In another column, I wondered how much privacy employees should expect when they use a company-issued cellphone. I shared this piece of advice from experts: Take a company phone and you get IT support and your bill paid. But know that your boss can track you with the GPS, read your text messages, ban you from talking or texting while driving and require you to respond immediately to client calls and emails.

“You are giving them a big keyhole to look through,” says William Amlong, a Fort Lauderdale labor attorney who represents employees. “Don’t have any expectation of privacy.”

This year, when I personally struggled with work/life balance concerns, I wrote about them to help others. I found inspiration from the stories of supermoms like Youri Mevs, who somehow raises four kids and is managing shareholder of WIN Group, a private family conglomerate.

I also found myself one of the many parents who want to use digital tools to monitor and communicate with my 21st century kids — even during the workday.



C.W. GRIFFIN • MIAMI HERALD • MCT

Youri Mevs, pictured in September 2011, is a Haitian-American businesswoman balancing four kids and a high-profile job managing shareholder of WIN Group. For most Americans, 2011 was the year of overwork or underwork.



TOM ERVIN • MIAMI HERALD • MCT

While at work, single mom Eden Rose, an office administrator at the law offices of Buckingham Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP, uses her iPhone to monitor her daughter, locating her through Google Latitude and communicating through texting in August 2011, in Boca Raton, Florida.



CARL JUSTE • MIAMI HERALD • MCT

Fred Karlinsky, 44, right, is a workaholic and constantly on his PDA, BlackBerry, or both. He is pictured in February 2011 with his wife Autumn, center, and children Spencer, 4, left, and Allie.

When the new school year began, I examined how technology can allow parents to know who their kids are with, what they’re saying about their school day and whether they are safe — even if Mom or Dad is away on a business trip, out on a sales call or stuck late at the office. Where we once used “nannycams,” parents of older kids are Skyping, video-chatting, texting and using document-sharing programs with them while at work.

“If you work all day, there’s the guilt thing. You feel, ‘What am I missing?’ Technology now allows you to bridge that gap and add quality to your communication,” said Monica Vila of TheOnlineMom.com. This year, with my two older kids in high school, I began to experience the pressure of helping a teen get into college. Today, the start of college preparation begins for high school freshmen — choosing classes, seeking volunteer opportunities and building a resume that

will impress admissions officers. I shared with readers how companies are offering college guidance as a perk — and it’s turning out to be one of the most popular benefits offered.

Personally, I confronted workplace change this year when my longtime editor left the paper and I adjusted completely to working from home. All around me, friends were dealing with change when their companies were sold or corporate strategy changed direction. It led to a column on how to step out of our comfort zone. Experts chimed in

with wise advice: “When change happens the only thing we have total control over is our attitude.”

So much of the workplace change we’ve seen in the past few years — particularly the move toward overwork — has created disengaged workers. Marcia Rhodes, a spokeswoman for WorldatWork, a nonprofit focused on global human resources, summed up 2011’s events with this statement: “Businesses need to think about re-recruiting the hearts and minds of their current employees.”

When Older Professionals Aren’t Ready to Hang It Up

BY ANA VECIANA-SUAREZ

McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI • When Clarita Perez de Alejo retired four years ago from the corporate world, she traveled extensively and spent time with her grandchildren. Then ...

“I kept thinking, ‘What else can I do?’” she said. “I felt I had a lot to contribute. I still wanted to help out.”

Last month Perez de Alejo, 66, found a place where she can use a lifetime’s worth of skills in the beauty industry. Through staffing organization ReServe, which pairs older executives and professionals with nonprofits, government agencies and public institutions, she began working at Braddock High School in West Kendall, Fla., helping college adviser Maria Mendoza with the task of preparing more than 750 seniors for the college application season.

Her duties are varied — from answering students’ questions to organizing the college fair — and she loves it. “I already feel like I belong here,” she said.

Mendoza, Braddock’s college adviser, said the feeling is mutual: “She’s been such an amazing help. Having her here frees me up to do what I need to do — provide services to the students.”

Perez de Alejo is one of 25 ReServists who have gone through three days of training in preparation for their post-retirement jobs. Sixteen of them are working as college mentors in Miami-Dade’s public schools and eight are slotted to work in adult education, teaching everything from literacy to computer skills and resume writing. One works at Catalyst Miami, the community organization that brought ReServe south from New York.

Though the ReServists are figuring their way around new jobs, both students and advisers say these veteran workers provide more than a second set of hands. Their presence gives students a perspective on the real, workaday world.

“A lot of kids want to go into business and now there’s someone here who had her own business,” said Nichole Rodriguez, an 18-year-old Braddock senior.

Added Estafania Chavez, also a senior: “She can give us a perspective about what

comes after college.”

This first batch of ReServists range in age from 55 — the minimum age — to 82. Their work experiences are varied. One was a business owner, another a college executive. All share a common denominator: They want to stay active.

“The majority are not satisfied with traditional volunteering,” said Dacia Steiner, ReServe Miami’s program director. “They don’t want to lick envelopes and make cold calls. But they miss the camaraderie of a workplace.”

By placing them in part-time jobs that can use their expertise, ReServe gives them “an opportunity to go out there again and get engaged,” Steiner added.

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce is launching a similar program in December with grant money from the Community Foundation of Broward. Called Chamber Connect, it will also match older professionals with agencies and companies that could use seasoned help.

Unlike other organizations that offer non-paying internships to retirees, ReServe jobs actually pay \$15 an hour — not a lot when compared to pre-retirement salaries, but ReServists aren’t in it for the money.

“I was bored silly,” said John Dubey, a retired corporate executive about why he works as a ReServist.

Dubey, 71, attended an information session sponsored by ReServe. “I thought it sounded terrific,” he added. “It was what I was looking for.”

Like Perez de Alejo, Dubey helps out a college adviser — Ana Ros at Jackson High School in Miami. He’s pitched in with the scholarship bulletin, organized the community hours requirement for students and registered seniors and juniors for the ACT college test.

“The way I look at it is that I’m here to assist the (college) adviser in whatever way she needs,” he said. “I’m not a manager but an appendage.”

To which Ros, the adviser, added: “He’s more than an appendage. He’s such a big help to us.”

ReServe was founded in New York in 2005. Since then the group has placed more than 1,900 people into part-time jobs.

Deal

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Boeing Co., will support 50,000 jobs and have a \$3.5 billion annual economic impact in the U.S.

All the sales are part of a larger U.S. effort to realign its defense policies in the Persian Gulf to keep Iran in check.

The announcement came as U.S. officials weighed a fresh threat from Tehran, which warned this week it

could disrupt traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, a vital Persian Gulf oil transport route, if Washington levies new sanctions targeting Iran’s crude exports.

Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Wendy Sherman, the third-ranking U.S. diplomat, will travel to Saudi Arabia and the U.A.E. next week to discuss “ongoing developments” in the region with senior officials of the two nations, the State Department said Friday.

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Open Public Inspection: 1-4pm Sun Jan 8, 15 and 2 hours before auction.
Auctions: 12:30pm, Tue Jan 17

OTHER AREA AUCTIONS

KETCHUM, ID • 111 Loggers Lane
4BR 3BA 3,000+/- sf modern farmhouse with wrap-around porch, scenic views and Warm Springs Creek frontage.
Nominal Opening Bid: \$100,000
Open Public Inspection: 1-4pm Sun Jan 8, 15 and 2 hours before auction.
Auctions: 12:30pm, Tue Jan 17 at 22 Old Sage Trail, Hailey, ID

LEWISTON, ID • 522 Park Street
3BR 1BA 2,188+/- sf. Built in 1947. Approx .18ac lot.
Nominal Opening Bid: \$10,000
Open Public Inspection: 1-4pm Sun Jan 15 and 2 hours before auction.
Auctions: 12pm, Wed Jan 18

MERIDIAN, ID • 310 East Burney Glen Drive
4BR 2.5BA 2,740+/- sf. Built in 2005. Approx .119ac lot.
Nominal Opening Bid: \$25,000
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Auctions: 8am, Tue Jan 17

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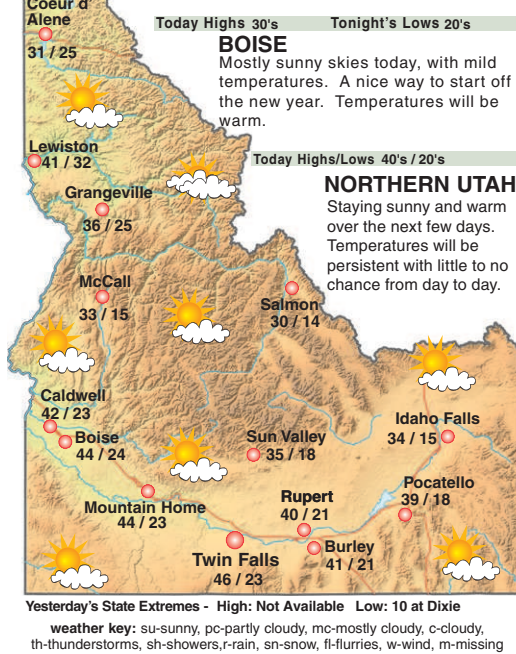
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Tomorrow: Well above average, sunny. High 46.

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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A mostly sunny start to the New Year with temperatures in the mid 30s. It will stay warm and above average over the next few days.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Forecast table for Twin Falls from Today to Thursday. Includes icons for sun, clouds, and moon, and temperature ranges.

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, and Sunrise and Sunset. Rows include Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 4 columns: City, Hi, Lo, Prcp. Lists weather for Boise, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Jerome, Lewiston, Lowell, Malad City, Malta, Pocatello, Rexburg, Salmon, Stanley, Sun Valley.

Moon Phases table showing First, Full, Last, and New moon phases with dates.

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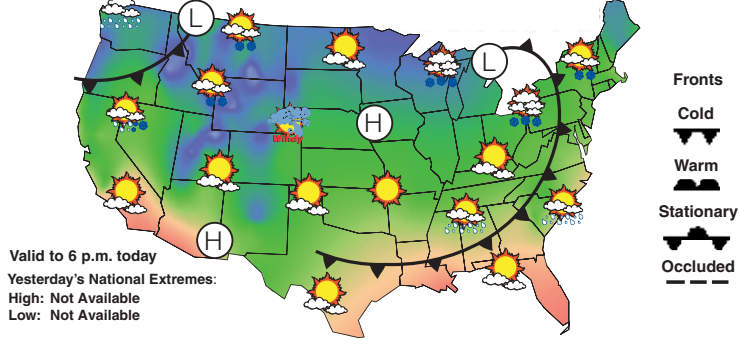
National Forecast table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists forecasts for various cities.

World Forecast table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists forecasts for various international cities.

Large table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists forecasts for a wide range of cities including Boise, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, etc.

Canadian Forecast table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists forecasts for various Canadian cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Advertisement for Middlekauff cars featuring a quote by Theodore Isaac Rubin: 'Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom.'



Los Angeles Fire Department firefighters assist a man out of his apartment along with a cage of birds as multiple cars burn in a carport in the Sun Valley neighborhood of Los Angeles on Saturday.

St. Petersburg Times to become the Tampa Bay Times

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) • Florida's largest newspaper, the St. Petersburg Times, is changing its name to the Tampa Bay Times. The newspaper announced the change in November and it will take effect Sunday.

Police: More Cars Set Afire in Los Angeles, Arson Suspected

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD Associated Press

LOS ANGELES • Several more cars burned in suspected arson attacks in the Los Angeles area early Saturday morning, and authorities investigated if they were connected to nearly two dozen deliberately set blazes a day earlier, police said.

sure," he said. Fire officials said the first report came in shortly after midnight, and the most recent about three hours later. Early Friday morning, fires were reported in nearly two dozen locations in Hollywood and the neighboring city of West Hollywood during a four-hour period before dawn.

Police up a command post in the North Hollywood area and have called a tactical alert, allowing them to call in more officers. No arrests have been made and no injuries reported. Another car fire was reported around 7 p.m. Friday in an underground garage in Hollywood that fire officials were investigating for possible links to the series of arson blazes.

patrols and urged the public to remain vigilant overnight. Officials announced at least \$35,000 in rewards for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible. All of the Friday's fires were in a 2-square mile area and most were in densely populated residential neighborhoods where residents would likely be asleep.

the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives. Fire officials couldn't say whether the rash of fires was the work of a copycat. There was a series of other arson fires early Thursday, also in Hollywood. Two people have been arrested and remain in custody for those blazes, officials said.

POLICE BREAK UP MOSCOW PROTEST

MOSCOW (AP) • Police have detained opposition activists to prevent them from protesting in central Moscow against the Kremlin's stifling of democratic freedoms. An Associated Press reporter saw 10 to 15 demonstrators hustled onto police buses. Organizers had not received permission to hold the protest, the latest in a series held at the end of every month with 31 days. The number corresponds with Article 31 of the Russian Constitution, which guarantees freedom of assembly.



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Fireworks burst over the Sydney Opera House as New Year's celebrations begin in Sydney, Saturday.

WORLD RINGS IN 2012 AND BIDS ADIEU TO TOUGH YEAR

BY GREG KELLER

Associated Press

PARIS • With glittering fireworks and celebrations from New Zealand to Times Square, the world eagerly welcomed a new year and hope for a better future Saturday, saying goodbye to a year of hurricanes, tsunamis and economic turmoil that many would rather forget.

Revelers in Australia, Asia and the South Pacific island nation of Samoa, which jumped across the international dateline to be first to celebrate, welcomed 2012 with booming fireworks displays. Up to a million

revelers were expected to jam New York's Times Square for the famed crystal-paneled ball drop, and big crowds gathered under twinkling lights on Paris' Champs-Elysees boulevard to pop Champagne corks at midnight.

But across the world, people battered by weather disasters, joblessness and economic uncertainty hoped the stroke of midnight would change their fortunes.

"What I see is that prices are going up, and all I hope for is to keep working and for my family to enjoy good health," said Joaquin Cabina, 53, a car mechanic in Madrid.

In Times Square, Fred Franke looked forward to saying goodbye to 2011.

"2012 is going to be a better year. It has to be," said Franke, 53, who was visiting New York with his family even after losing his job in military logistics this month in Jacksonville, Fla.

World leaders evoked 2011's events in their New Year's messages. German Chancellor Angela Merkel said dealing with Europe's debt crisis would bring its countries closer. Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin wished well being and prosperity to all Russians "regardless of

their political persuasion" after large-scale protests against him.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who polls suggest will be defeated by his Socialist challenger in spring elections, warned Europe's crisis is not finished and "that 2012 will be the year full of risks, but also of possibilities."

That ambivalence echoed at the Vatican, where a gold-robed Pope Benedict XVI marked the end of 2011 with prayers of thanks and said humanity awaits the new year with apprehension but also with hope for a better future.

"With the spirit filled with grati-

tude, we prepare to cross the threshold of 2012, remembering that the Lord watches over us and takes care of us," Benedict said. "In him this evening we want to entrust the entire world. We put into his hands the tragedies of this world of ours and we also offer him the hopes for a better future."

The first major fireworks celebrations started in Auckland, New Zealand and in Sydney, where more than 1.5 million people watched the shimmering pyrotechnic display designed around the theme "Time to Dream"

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President Barack Obama speaks in the White House briefing room in December 2011 in Washington. Leaving behind a year of bruising legislative battles, President Barack Obama enters his fourth year in office having calculated that he no longer needs Congress to promote his agenda, and could even benefit in his re-election campaign if lawmakers take little action in 2012.

In 2012, Obama to Press Ahead Without Congress

BY JULIE PACE

Associated Press

HONOLULU • Leaving behind a year of bruising legislative battles, President Barack Obama enters his fourth year in office having calculated that he no longer needs Congress to promote his agenda and may even benefit in his re-election campaign if lawmakers accomplish little in 2012.

Absent any major policy pushes, much of the year will focus on winning a second term. The president will keep up a robust domestic travel schedule and aggressive campaign fundraising and use executive action to try to boost the economy.

Partisan, down-to-the-wire fights over allowing the nation to take on

more debt and sharply reducing government spending defined 2011. In the new year, there are almost no must-do pieces of legislation facing the president and Congress.

The one exception is the looming debate on a full-year extension of a cut in the Social Security payroll tax rate from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent. Democrats and Republicans are divided over how to put in place that extension.

The White House believes GOP lawmakers boxed themselves in during the pre-Christmas debate on the tax break and will be hard-pressed to back off their own assertions that it should continue through the end of 2012.

Once that debate is over, the White

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Hope Reigns as American's Prepare to Ring in 2012

BY DAVID B. CARUSO

Associated Press

NEW YORK • Times Square was awash in hopeful sentiments as it prepared to welcome hordes of New Year's Eve revelers looking to cast off a rough year and cheer their way to something better in 2012.

For all of the holiday's bittersweet potential, New York City always treats it like a big party — albeit one that, for a decade now, has taken place under the watchful eye of a massive security force.

Pessimism has no place on Broadway. Not this week, anyway. The masses of tourists who began streaming through the square Friday for a glimpse of the crystal-paneled ball that drops at midnight Saturday were there to kiss, pose for silly snapshots and gawk at the stages being prepared for performers like Lady Gaga and Justin Bieber. Glum wasn't on the agenda, even for those whose 2011 ended on a sour note.

"2012 is going to be a better year. It has to be," said Fred Franke, 53, who was visiting the city with his family even after losing his job in military logistics this month at a Honeywell International division in Jacksonville, Fla.

And here at the "Crossroads of the World," reminders of a trying 2011 around the globe could be seen in the multi-national faces of awe-struck visitors.

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In a First, Gas and Other Fuels Top U.S. Export

BY CHRIS KAHN

Associated Press

NEW YORK • For the first time, the top export of the United States, the world's biggest gas guzzler, is — wait for it — fuel.

Measured in dollars, the nation is on pace this year to ship more gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel than any other single export, according to U.S. Census data going back to 1990. It will also be the first year in more than 60 that America has been a net exporter of these fuels.

Just how big of a shift is this? A decade ago, fuel wasn't even among the top 25 exports. And for the last five years, America's top export was aircraft.

The trend is significant because for decades the U.S. has relied on huge

imports of fuel from Europe in order to meet demand. It only reinforced the image of America as an energy hog. And up until a few years ago, whenever gasoline prices climbed, there were complaints in Congress that U.S. refiners were not growing quickly enough to satisfy domestic demand; that controversy would appear to be over.

Still, the U.S. is nowhere close to energy independence. America is still the world's largest importer of crude oil. From January to October, the country imported 2.7 billion barrels of oil worth roughly \$280 billion.

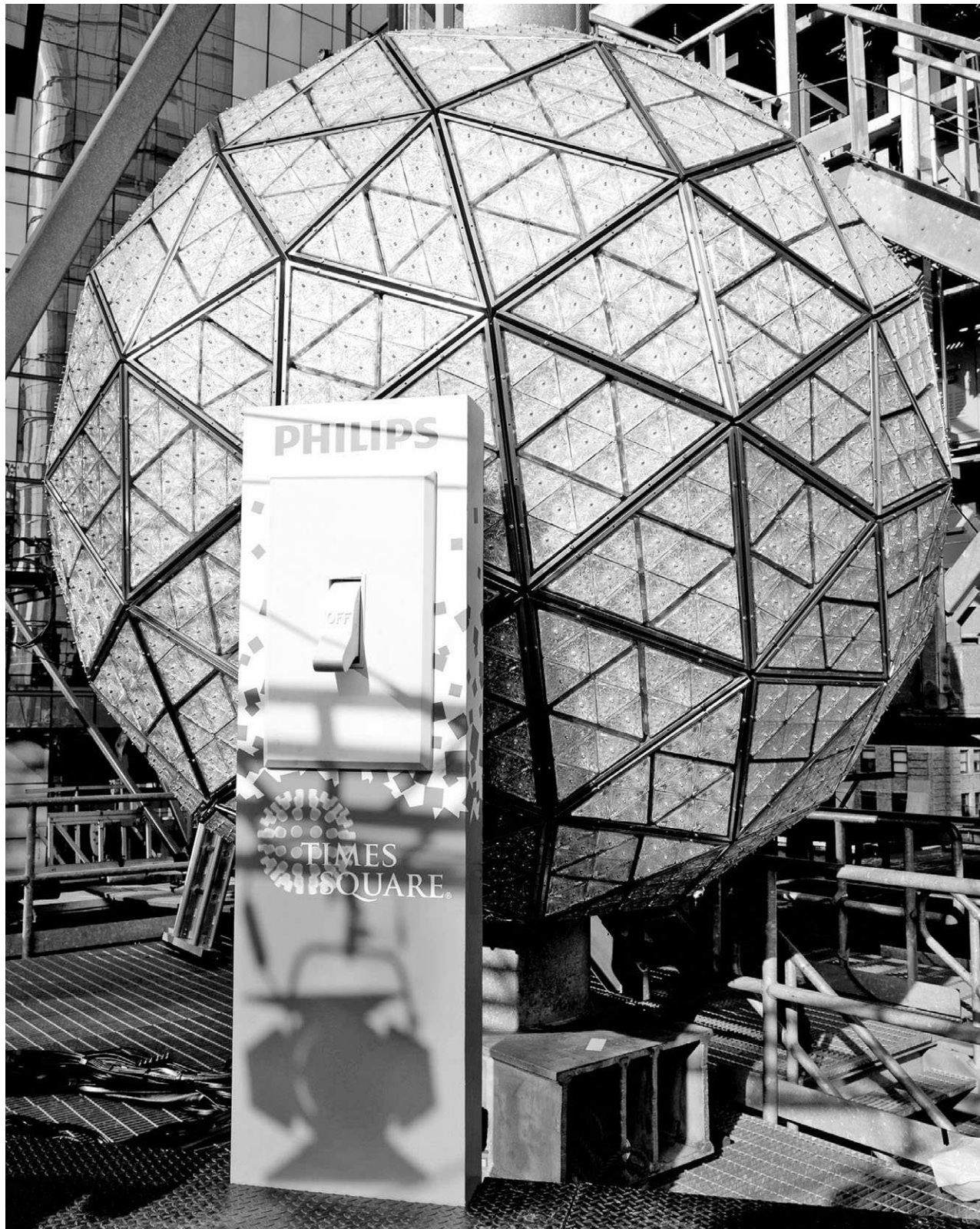
Fuel exports, worth an estimated \$88 billion in 2011, have surged for two reasons:

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Oil refineries are shown in November 2010 in this aerial view, in Deer Park, Texas. For the first time, the top export of the United States, the world's biggest gas guzzler, is — wait for it — fuel.



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The Times Square New Year's Eve Ball rests behind the switch that sends the nearly six-ton crystal sphere 135 feet in the air, Friday in New York. A crowd cheered as the ball dropped in a dress rehearsal around noon Friday as preparations continued for New York's big welcome party for 2012.

Hope

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Asked how his 2011 went, a Japanese tourist who gave his name as Nari didn't know enough English to put it into words, so he whipped open his phone and displayed pictures he had taken of damage wrought by the earthquake and tsunami that ravaged the island nation and his home city of Sendai.

"Not a good year," he said. Then he smiled and added that things are now much better.

Moments after he spoke, the crowd oohed and cheered as workers lit the ball and put it through a test run, 400 feet above the street. The sphere, now decorated with 3,000 Waterford crystal triangles, has been dropping to mark the new year since 1907, long before television made it a national tradition.

"Not to be corny, but I think the American ideal is to be optimistic. It's in our character," said Sajari Hume, 22, of New York, whose own 2011 wasn't all that bad. He joined the

Army National Guard, found a sense of purpose he hadn't had before, and is now planning on going to school and feeling pretty good about the future.

"I think we're at a turning point. People want something to look forward to. And what better place to celebrate that possibility than right here," he said, pausing to accept the well wishes of a group of visiting tourists from London, who stopped to shake his hand after seeing his fatigues.

Other tourists posed with police officers, of which there were many. Port Authority police officers beefed up security checkpoints at the city's bridges and tunnels in anticipation of the celebration. The New York Police Department's plans for protecting the city from any terror attack included sending 1,500 rookie officers to Times Square, where hundreds of thousands of revelers pack into closely-watched pens, ringed by barricades, stretched over 17 blocks. Officers, some heavily armed, others wearing radiation detectors and some

blending into the crowd in street clothes, will also watch from rooftops and helicopters.

Cautious hope was the watchword elsewhere, too.

In New Orleans, crowds in the French Quarter were starting to build Friday, with New Year's visitors rubbing elbows with college football fans flocking here for Tuesday's Sugar Bowl matchup between Michigan and Virginia Tech.

"People are tired of being stressed and poor," said David Kittrell, a glass gallery owner from Dallas visiting the Crescent City for its New Year's celebrations with his wife, Barbara. The couple has endured a rough few years, as the recession cut into their sales. But they said business had been getting better.

Several people preparing to celebrate the holiday told the AP that they would usher in the New Year hoping the U.S. Congress would become a more cooperative place. Some talked about their hopes for the presidential election. Others said they hoped to hold on to their job, or find a new one to replace one they'd lost.

An Associated Press-GfK poll conducted Dec. 8-12 found that 62 percent of Americans are optimistic that the nation's fortunes would improve in 2012, and 78 percent hopeful that their own family would have a better year. Most wrote off 2011 as a dud.

Gina Aragon, of suburban Chicago, says she has a simple reason for being optimistic about 2012: It can't be any worse. In 2011, complications from gallbladder surgery kept her from working. That led to her being laid off from her job as a clerk. The cascade chased her from her Chicago home to less expensive accommodations more than an hour northwest of the city.

"I'm excited to do away with 2011, I'll tell you that," Aragon said as she readied to spend New Year's Eve at home with her husband and two children, ages 13 and 9, dining on a seafood feast.

"I could cry every day," she said. "But I don't think that's going to help my children, help the mood in the home every day. I try to stay positive."

New Year

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Authorities in Berlin expected a million revelers to gather around the city's landmark Brandenburg Gate for a massive party complete with live performances from the Scorpions and other bands, as well as a 10-minute long fireworks display.

In New York, the crowd cheered as workers lit the crystal-paneled ball that drops at midnight Saturday and put it through a test run, 400 feet (122 meters) above the street. The sphere, now decorated with 3,000 Waterford crystal triangles, has been dropping to mark the new year since 1907, long before television made it a U.S. tradition.

Some revelers, wearing party hats and "2012" glasses, began camping out Saturday morning, even as workers readied bags stuffed with hundreds of balloons and technicians put colored filters on klieg lights.

As the country prepared for the celebration, glum wasn't on the agenda for many, even those that had a sour year.

"We're hoping the next year will be better," said Becky

Martin, a former elementary school teacher who drove from Rockford, Ill., with her family to attend the Times Square celebration after spending a fruitless year trying to find a job. "We're starting off optimistic and hoping it lasts."

Security checkpoints at the city's bridges and tunnels were beefed up in anticipation of the celebration, and the New York Police Department planned to deploy 1,500 rookie officers to blend into the crowd at Times Square.

Cities prepared for celebrations both traditional and unusual. Atlanta was expecting to welcome thousands to its downtown, where a giant peach is dropped every New Year's Eve at midnight. Las Vegas prepared to host hundreds of thousands of partiers on the Strip with rooftop fireworks and celebrity-studded parties at nightclubs. Miami has its own fruit, The Big Orange, a neon citrus with a new animated face that will rise up the side of a downtown hotel as fireworks go off nearby.

In Europe, thousands of people marched through Edinburgh, some carrying torches or wearing period costumes, on Friday night ahead of the world-famous

Hogmanay street party, where around 80,000 partygoers are welcoming 2012 at the stroke of midnight before erupting into a mass rendition of Auld Lang Syne.

In London, some 250,000 people are expected to gather to listen to Big Ben chime at the stroke of midnight during London's scaled-back New Year's celebrations. Fireworks are set off from the London Eye, the giant wheel on the south bank of the river.

Revelers in Spain will greet 2012 by eating 12 grapes in time with Madrid's central Puerta del Sol clock, a national tradition observed by millions who stop parties to follow the chimes on television.

Tens of thousands of young people in the Spanish capital were expected to gather at six indoor "macro-parties" the city council had authorized in big venues such as the city's main sports hall.

Milena Quiroga was to be among the many there happy to move on. "I am glad to see 2011 go because it was a tough year; my restaurant laid off almost half of the staff," said the 25-year-old waitress.

The mood was festive in the South Pacific island nation of Samoa, where, for once, revelers were the first in the world to welcome the new

year, rather than the last.

Samoa and neighboring Tokelau hopped across the international date line at midnight on Thursday, skipping Friday and moving instantly to Saturday. The time-jump revelry that began at 12:01 a.m. on Dec. 31 spilled into the night.

Samoa and Tokelau lie near the dateline that zigzags vertically through the Pacific Ocean; both sets of islands decided to realign themselves this year from the Americas side of the line to the Asia side to be more in tune with key trading partners.

In Europe, which suffered an unprecedented economic crisis that has put the euro's existence in question, officials promised no reprieve for 2012.

"A very difficult year is coming," said Greece Prime Minister Lucas Papademos, whose government has imposed especially harsh austerity measures. "We must continue our effort decisively. So that our sacrifices will not have been in vain."

In light of the warning, Nicholas Adamopoulos, who works as a manager at a pharmaceuticals company, couldn't muster a sunny outlook for the new year.

"You want optimistic people, you go to Brazil," he said.

Obama

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House says, Obama's political fate will no longer be tied to Washington.

"Now that he's sort of free from having to put out these fires, the president will have a larger playing field. If that includes Congress, all the better," said Josh Earnest, White House deputy press secretary. But, he added, "that's no longer a requirement."

Aides say the president will not turn his back on Congress completely in the new year. He is expected to once again push lawmakers to pass elements of his jobs bill that were blocked by Republicans last fall.

If those efforts fail, the White House says, Obama's re-election year will focus almost exclusively on executive action.

Earnest said Obama will come out with at least two or three directives per week, continuing the "We Can't Wait" campaign the administration began this fall, and try to define Republicans in Congress as gridlocked and dysfunctional.

Obama's election year retreat from legislative fights means this term will end without significant progress on two of his 2008 campaign promises, an immigration overhaul and closing the military prison for terrorist suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Presidential directives probably won't make a big dent in the nation's 8.6 percent unemployment rate or lead to significant improvements in the economy. That's the chief concern for many voters and the issue on which Republican candidates are most likely to criticize Obama.

In focusing on executive actions rather than ambitious legislation, the president risks appearing to be putting election-year strategy ahead of economic action at a time when millions of Americans are still out of work.

"Americans expect their elected leaders to work together to boost job creation, even in an election year," said Brendan Buck, a spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio.

Export

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- Crude oil, the raw material from which gasoline and other refined products are made, is a lot more expensive. Oil prices averaged \$95 a barrel in 2011, while gasoline averaged \$3.52 a gallon — a record. A decade ago oil averaged \$26 a barrel, while gasoline averaged \$1.44 a gallon.

— The volume of fuel exports is rising. The U.S. is using less fuel because of a weak economy and more efficient cars and trucks. That allows refiners to sell more fuel to rapidly growing economies in Latin America, for example. In 2011, U.S. refiners exported 117 million gallons per day of gasoline, diesel, jet fuel and other petroleum products, up from 40 million gallons per day a decade earlier.

There's at least one domestic downside to America's growing role as a fuel exporter. Experts say the trend helps explain why U.S. motorists are paying more for gasoline. The more fuel that's sent overseas, the less of a supply cushion there is at home.

Gasoline supplies are being exported to the highest bidder, says Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at Oil Price Information Service. "It's a world market," he says.

Refining companies won't say how much they make by selling fuel overseas. But analysts say those sales are likely generating higher profits per gallon than the fuel sold in the U.S. Otherwise, they wouldn't occur.

The value of U.S. fuel exports has grown steadily over the past decade, coinciding with rising oil prices and increased demand around the globe.

Developing countries in Latin America and Asia have been burning more gasoline and diesel as their people buy more cars and build more roads and factories. Europe also has been buying more U.S. fuel to make up for its lack of refineries.

And there's a simple reason why America's refiners have been eager to export to these markets: gasoline demand in the U.S. has been falling every year since 2007. It dropped by another 2.5 percent in 2011. With the economy struggling, motorists cut back. Also, cars and trucks have become more fuel-efficient and the government mandates the use of more corn-based ethanol fuel.

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PUTIN SENDS NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS, WITH A WINK

BY LYNN BERRY
Associated Press

MOSCOW • Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has sent New Year's greetings to all Russians, though with some sarcasm toward those protesting his 12 years in power and his plans to return to the presidency for at least six more years.

Putin on Saturday wished well-being and prosperity "to all our citizens regardless of their political persuasion, including those who sympathize with leftist forces and those situated on the right, below, above, however you like." In Russian, the sexual innuendo was clear.

Putin often uses crude language, especially when speaking derisively of his critics. His tough talk and the street slang that peppers his speeches have helped build his image as a man of the people.

His sarcasm toward the protesters backfired recently when he said the white ribbons they wear as an emblem looked like condoms. The protesters took their revenge at the next mass demonstration, where they held up a poster of Putin with his head wrapped in a scarf-like condom and another showing Putin and a condom with the words: "Attention! Not for re-use?"

Putin, who was first elected president in 2000 and remained in charge after moving into the prime minister's seat in 2008, intends to reclaim the presidency in a March election.

Many Russians, especially young professionals in Moscow and other cities, have grown weary of Putin, who has squeezed out all political competition in centralizing his control and has allowed corruption to flourish.

Blatant vote manipulation in a Dec. 4 parliamentary election that helped Putin's party hang onto its majority caused widespread outrage and set off a wave of protests. Two demonstrations in De-

cember drew tens of thousands in the largest show of discontent since the Soviet Union fell in 1991. A third demonstration has been set for Feb. 4.

Putin's return to the Kremlin still seems certain, but he is under pressure to show he can win an election that is free and fair.

Putin portrays himself as the guarantor of Russia's stability, a theme he hit again in Saturday's address. He warned of the threat posed by the global economic crisis and noted that under his leadership Russia remains an "islet of stability."

President Dmitry Medvedev later gave the formal New Year's address and was more conciliatory toward the Kremlin's opponents.

"Yes, we are all different, but this is precisely where our strength lies, as well as in our ability to listen to, understand and respect one another, to overcome any difficulties and achieve success," he said in a prerecorded address broadcast at midnight across Russia's nine time zones.

Throughout his presidency, Medvedev has been the more liberal voice within Russia's leadership, but he has remained subordinate to Putin.

Putin has so far shown little interest in talking to the protesters, something he is now being urged to do by his former finance minister, Alexei Kudrin, who has offered to serve as an intermediary. Kudrin, who is close to Putin, said on Twitter that he met Saturday with two of the protest leaders.

Medvedev noted that 20 years ago, less than a week after the Soviet Union's collapse, Russians were proud to celebrate the New Year in a country called Russia.

"Our duty is to preserve it and build a progressive state, where all of us can live comfortably and do stimulating work," he said.



Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, right, greets some of the kitchen help during a campaign stop at Old Salt Restaurant in Hampton, N.H., Saturday.

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Iowa Leaders Romney, Paul Leave Stage to Rivals

BY STEVE PEOPLES
and KASIE HUNT
Associated Press

HAMPTON, N.H. • A confident Mitt Romney called President Barack Obama "a footnote in history" Saturday morning, ignoring his Republican rivals altogether during a campaign stop in New Hampshire three days before the Iowa caucuses.

"This president has been a failure," Romney told hundreds of supporters packed into the Old Salt Restaurant half a continent away from where Iowa Republicans will formally launch the GOP nomination contest Tuesday.

Both Romney and Ron Paul, the leading Republican presidential candidates in Iowa, left that stage to their rivals Saturday. Paul was taking time off in his home state of Texas. Newt Gingrich, Michele Bachmann, Rick Santorum and Rick Perry all remained in Iowa, touring the state as they worked to win over the many still-undecided conservative voters.

Not a single vote has been cast in the GOP contest, but Romney has suggested in recent days that he's increasingly likely to capture his party's presidential nomination whether he prevails in Iowa or not. And while his Republican competitors go after each other, he's largely fine tuning a general election message aimed at Obama.

The country has "major challenges and he hasn't dealt with them," Romney said, adding that Obama would be judged as "a footnote in history."

Romney and Paul are poised to do well in Iowa. Both are leading in polls and have the money and organization to turn supporters

"I think it's a tribute to Mitt that he'll be on the news in both Iowa and New Hampshire tonight and tomorrow. Mitt Romney is a national candidate. That means he's going to compete everywhere."

Eric Fehrstrom, Mitt Romney adviser

out to caucus Tuesday night.

But with just days until voters begin to select the GOP nominee, the other candidates are still fighting in a volatile race that's seen candidate after candidate rise only to quickly fall. The same polls suggest large numbers of Iowa Republicans could change their minds before the first test of the 2012 campaign.

Romney's brief trip to New Hampshire, which included two stops Friday night and Saturday morning, was intended to show that he can compete in multiple states while his rivals are focused solely on Iowa.

"I think it's a tribute to Mitt that he'll be on the news in both Iowa and New Hampshire tonight and tomorrow," Romney adviser Eric Fehrstrom said Friday night. "Mitt Romney is a national candidate. That means he's going to compete everywhere."

Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman has campaigned almost exclusively in New Hampshire, pinning all his hopes on the Jan. 10 primary. He's attending six house parties Saturday across the nation's first primary state.

In Iowa, Santorum is the latest to draw intense interest. He has been rising in polls and drawing larger and larger crowds in recent days. The once resurgent Gingrich has fallen behind as negative ads have bat-

tered him on the airwaves and in mailboxes.

Bachmann's campaign has struggled since she won an informal Iowa poll in August. She's lost key staffers and some activists have urged her to drop out of the race. Perry, meanwhile, has spent millions on TV ads and is continuing a bus tour that consumed much of December.

Romney will return to Iowa later Saturday and will hold events in the western part of the state in areas he won when he first ran for president four years ago.

On Friday, he focused on Paul — Romney's closest rival in recent polling — calling the Texas congressman out of step with most Republicans.

"I don't think Ron Paul represents the mainstream of Republican thought with regards to issues, particularly in foreign policy," Romney told Fox News.

The libertarian-leaning Paul planned to spend the weekend out of Iowa. Campaigning Friday, he said he would have trouble voting for any of his Republican rivals if they won the nomination.

"They all are part of the status quo," he said.

Gingrich, now struggling, has said he wouldn't vote for Paul.

The usually combative former House speaker made headlines Friday when he broke down and wept as he talked about his mother's

end-of-life illnesses.

"I do policy much easier than I do personal," Gingrich told an audience of women as he tried to regain his composure. The tears flowed as he responded to questions about his mother from a pollster and long-time political ally.

"My whole emphasis on brain science comes in directly from dealing with the real problems of real people," he said, his face distorting as he began to cry. "And so it's not a theory. It's, in fact, my mother!"

Kathleen "Kit" Gingrich died in 2003. She was 77. Whatever the impact of Gingrich's tears on the race for the White House, the video clip seemed destined to play repeatedly on television and the Internet.

Meanwhile, Romney's campaign said that despite an increasingly optimistic tone, he is not overconfident.

"We're realistic enough to know that Mitt Romney will win some contests and we're going to do less well in other contests," Fehrstrom said. "He is confident in his message. And he's confident that he's the right person for the job. And I think that comes through."



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Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin wishes Russians a happy New Year during an interview in his residence of Novo-Ogaryovo, outside Moscow, in Russia, Saturday. Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has sent New Year's greetings to all Russians, even those protesting his 12-year rule and his plans to return to the presidency for at least six more years. Putin said he wished well-being and prosperity 'to all our citizens regardless of their political persuasion, including those who sympathize with leftist forces and those situated on the right, below, above, however you like.'

IRAN PROPOSES NEW NUCLEAR TALKS WITH WORLD POWERS

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran • Iran has proposed a new round of talks about its controversial nuclear program with the six world powers, the country's top nuclear negotiator said Saturday.

Saeed Jalili said he has formally called on the six powers — the United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany — to return to the negotiating table with Iran.

The invitation comes in the wake of new sanctions recently imposed by the West over Tehran's uranium enrichment program, which is a potential pathway to making nuclear arms.

The last round of negotia-

tions between Iran and the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council plus Germany in January in Istanbul, Turkey, ended in failure.

The U.S. and some of its allies accuse Iran of using its civilian nuclear program as a cover to develop atomic weapons. Iran has denied the charge, saying the program is for peaceful purposes only and is geared toward generating electricity and producing medical radioisotopes to treat cancer patients.

"We formally declared to them (the intent) to return to the path of dialogue for cooperation," Jalili told Iranian diplomats in Tehran, according to the official IRNA news agency. Jalili did not say when or through what channel he

issued the invitation.

However, Iran's ambassador to Germany, Ali Reza Sheikh Attar, said earlier Saturday that Jalili was to send a letter soon to EU's foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton to arrange a new round of talks.

There was no immediate comment from Brussels on Jalili's reported offer.

But it is the latest signal from Tehran that the country appears to be feeling the toll of international sanctions.

The U.N. has imposed four rounds of sanctions on Tehran over the nuclear enrichment, and separately, the U.S. and the European Union have imposed their own tough economic and financial sanctions.

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BROKEN BUDGETS

State Revenue Rises, but Not Enough to Offset Cuts

BY MELINDA DESLATTE

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. • College students clash with administrators over steeply rising tuition. Public employees shut down statehouses amid cuts to pay and retirement benefits. Teachers and social welfare advocates protest budget cuts. Lawmakers struggle to cope with sharp declines in tax revenue.

If government budgets were once an eye-glazing topic, they moved to the top of the public agenda in 2011 as state and local governments faced some of their most difficult decisions since the national recession began in late 2007.

A fourth year of declining tax revenue meant deep spending cuts and, in many states, a rethinking of the role of government and the scope of the services it should provide.

Budget experts expect last year's tumult to give way to somewhat steadier times in 2012, as tax revenue continues a slow rebound. But few budget planners are celebrating, as cautious optimism about an uneven economic recovery is leading to subdued expectations.

"There will be no restorations," said Eileen Klein, chief of staff for Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer. "I hope we can eliminate that word from the budget vernacular."

The end of a three-year state sales tax increase in 2013 and concerns about Medicaid expansion in 2014 driven by the federal health care overhaul has led the state's Republican governor and GOP lawmakers, who have a majority in the Legislature, to say they must hold the line against new spending.

The cautiousness in Arizona is an illustration of the continued budget turmoil expected in 2012 throughout much of the nation, even after four years of deep spending cuts.

States have closed budget gaps totaling more than \$500 billion since late 2007, with 48 states cutting programs and services. Louisiana, for example, recently trimmed subsidies that are provided to grandparents and other relatives taking care of children who are not their own, ended a program in 10 local jurisdictions to help people find jobs and sliced money for counseling services for at-risk children.

Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal cut public college funding another \$50 million this month to help close the latest budget shortfall. Rising tuition has led to rallies on campuses across the country, including some protests that turned violent in California.

Adam Thongsavat, 22, expects the year ahead to be even more active on campuses. The student body president at the University of California, Davis, where campus police pepper-sprayed peaceful demonstrators last fall, said students are angry over rising tuition and a lack of job prospects once they graduate.

In his time as a student, he saw tuition and campus fees at the public university rise by nearly 68 percent, from about \$8,000 in 2007 to \$13,400

this year.

"I think 2012 will make even optimists pessimistic," said Thongsavat, who recently graduated with a double major in history and political science. "I think what you're going to see is a lot more unrest unless leaders in Sacramento, our regents and community leaders take active stances on improving student lives. We're going to see a lot more of the same, and it's going to get a lot worse."

Federal stimulus money approved by Congress when the Democrats were in control helped during the heart of the recession, delaying layoffs of teachers and police officers while moderating cuts to Medicaid and other public health programs. Some states raised taxes and fees and tapped their rainy-day funds.

But even with a trickle of good economic news recently, state officials say no one should expect robust government spending anytime soon. Commitments still exceed incoming tax revenue in many states.

"It's at a slow pace. But any improvement, no matter how small, is positive news," said Todd Haggerty, a research analyst at the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Arkansas is among those states expecting to see a slight bump in tax revenue for the fiscal year that begins July 1, but it will not be enough to significantly restore funding to slashed programs and services. Worries about the strength of the economic recovery linger, making state officials hesitant to spend, said Richard Weiss, head of the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration.

"There are a lot of clouds out there, and there's a lot of headwind out there that we're very concerned about," he said.

Twenty-nine states are spending less from their general funds today than they did before the recession, according to a recent joint survey from the National Governors Association and the National Association of State Budget Officers.

More than 30 states have raised taxes since the recession began, but some of those increases were temporary and are expiring soon, as in Arizona. With the economy slowly reviving and unemployment rates dipping, many governors and lawmakers say they don't want to jeopardize the recovery by raising taxes again.

But tax revenue is not expected to grow enough to make up for the impact of four years of dismal economic times. Rainy-day funds, internal transfers and other one-time sources have largely been tapped, so governors and lawmakers must look for new places to cut spending.

"They've done the easy cuts and only a few have budget reserves left," said Elizabeth McNichol of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank. "There aren't really things that are sacrosanct any longer."

Changes to public employee retirement benefits and sweeping reforms to health care programs such as Medic-

aid are among the most likely targets.

At least 17 states project budget gaps for the next fiscal year, while a handful need to balance budgets in the remaining six months of the current budget year. The revenue of all 50 states combined remains \$21 billion below 2008 levels, according to the National Governors Association-NASBO report.

Budget gaps in states projecting shortfalls in the 2012-13 fiscal year are estimated to total \$40 billion. By comparison, California alone closed a deficit of \$42 billion in 2009, during the worst of recession.

The nation's most populous state is again facing budget troubles, but the problem appears more manageable than during the past few years.

Even so, Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown and state lawmakers have fewer options to close the \$13 billion shortfall that is projected over the next 18 months.

In December, Brown ordered \$1 billion in midyear spending reductions to public schools, universities and social services because tax revenue did not meet projections. The state has given school districts the option of slicing another seven days from the current school year, now 175 days long. That already is five days shorter than before the recession.

Low-income seniors and the disabled will get less in-home care when the reductions start in January. School advocates warn that an estimated 1 million students will have trouble getting to class with a drop in home-to-school transportation funding.

"The cut to transportation is absolutely devastating," said Steve Henderson, a lobbyist for the California School Employees Association. "What that means is a lot of low-income and rural kids will not have the ability to get to school."

Brown has proposed a 2012 ballot initiative to raise \$7 billion annually through 2016 by boosting income taxes on individuals making \$250,000 or more a year and increasing the state sales tax by a half-cent. He also has submitted a plan to the Legislature to revamp public employee pensions.

Washington state is considering similar cuts to cope with its shortfall, including shortening its school year, eliminating medical programs for 55,000 low-income residents and letting some low- and moderate-risk offenders out of prison early.

Missouri is reducing funding for elementary and secondary education to close a mid-year budget deficit tied to tornado recovery. North Carolina Gov. Beverly Perdue, a Democrat, is warning of thousands of teacher layoffs next fall because federal aid to local school districts is running out.

In Colorado, Gov. John Hickenlooper has proposed deep cuts to K-12 funding and higher education, largely because of a spike in Medicaid enrollment.

"This doesn't make us happy," said Hickenlooper, a Democrat. "I don't see a way to get around it."



Residents walk outside of the Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors without Borders) compound in Mogadishu, Somalia Thursday. A disgruntled former employee shot at least two international workers from the aid group Doctors Without Borders at the group's office in the Somali capital.

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AID GROUP WORRIED ABOUT 2 WORKERS HELD IN SOMALIA

BY JASON STRAZIUSO

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya • The director of Belgium's chapter of Doctors Without Borders said Saturday he is increasingly concerned about two kidnapped workers being held in Somalia following the shooting deaths of two other workers by a disgruntled employee in Mogadishu.

Christopher Stokes said Doctors Without Borders is evaluating whether to maintain its operations in Somalia after the shooting deaths of a Belgian and Indonesian worker at the group's compound in Mogadishu on Thursday.

"At the moment our intent is to try to maintain operations, including with international staff, but we are reviewing our ability to do that given this latest attack and the kidnapping," Stokes told The Associated Press in a phone interview.

"We have to understand how someone was able to enter with a gun into our hospital. That's one thing that's missing in our understanding. How did someone enter with a gun and open fire?" he said.

The employee who car-

ried out Thursday's shooting was a logistics officer who had recently learned — though had not been officially told by Doctors Without Borders — that his contract would not be renewed, Stokes said. He said the employee had been stealing medical supplies and apparently was getting kickbacks from employment contracts.

The AP reported on Friday that an internal U.N. security report said the clan of the employee in question was making "significant profits" from the re-sale of stolen medicine, and that further violence was possible, sparking the need for security protection for the Indonesian victim of the attack, who died of his wounds several hours after the shooting.

But Stokes said that security report was not correct, and that Doctors Without Borders does not believe it faces further violence from this incident. Stokes said his group had the support of the community and other staff members in its decision not to renew the employee's contract. Stokes said the group will probably never be able to accurately tally the value of what the employee

had stolen.

The deaths of Philippe Havet, 53, from Belgium; and Andrias Karel Keiluhu, 44, from Indonesia, on Thursday underscore the risks that volunteers for the group encounter in Somalia. Havet was country director for MSF, as the group is known by its initials in French. Keiluhu was a doctor.

In October, gunmen entered the world's largest refugee camp — Dadaab, in Kenya but near the Somali border — and snatched two Spanish women working for Doctors Without Borders.

Stokes said the two are believed to be in Somalia, but that "there's been no significant progress" in their case. Stokes called on Somali authorities to help win the release of the two women.

Even though the kidnapping and the gunfire attack were not related, Stokes said the two events together has "increased the concern and the pressure on our organization" and the decisions that need to be made about its Somalia operations. Stokes said he has no reason to believe that Thursday's shooting has increased the danger that the two kidnapped Spanish women face.

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BOMB BLAST AT COLOMBIA POLICE STATION KILLS TWO

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) • A bomb exploded at a police station in southern Colombia, killing the wife and son of a police officer and injuring at least six other people, the authorities said Saturday.

The blast on Friday night killed the wife and 8-month-old son of the police captain in charge of the outpost in the town of Orito, about 540 kilometers (330 miles) southwest of Bogota, said Gen. Rodolfo Palomino of the National Police.

Palomino said four police officers and two other people were injured. "One of them is the captain's other son, who is just 2 years old," Palomino told the Colombian radio station RCN.

He said some of the injured were hospitalized in Bogota. Initial news reports had estimated the injured toll could be higher.

It was unclear whether an armed group in Colombia's long-running conflict was behind the attack. The town is located in a region where

both leftist rebels and drug traffickers operate.

Mayor Argenis Velasquez said he heard the blast from his home.

"It was an explosive that they put in the police station, which ended up totally destroyed," Velasquez said in a telephone interview.

Other nearby buildings were also damaged, he said.

Velasquez said the police captain in charge of the station was new to the job. The mayor said he had met him just a few days ago.

Turkey Airstrike: Mourners Pummel Local Official

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
Associated Press

ISTANBUL • Angry Kurds on Saturday assaulted a local official who sought to offer condolences in a village in southeastern Turkey where 35 civilians were mistakenly killed in a military airstrike meant to target Kurdish rebels.

The televised spectacle of men throwing punches and stones at Naif Yavuz, a district governor, was the latest eruption of fury over Wednesday's airstrikes, and it highlighted the deep gulf of trust between the Turkish state and large segments of its ethnic Kurd minority.

The strikes by F-16 jets, guided by intelligence from drones, hit a group of Kurdish smugglers and resulted in one of the highest single-day civilian death tolls in Turkey's decades-old war with Kurdish rebels, setting off several days of violent demonstrations in mostly Kurdish cities.

The rebel Kurdistan Workers' Party, labeled a terrorist group by Turkey and the West, threatened retaliation and urged protesters to mobilize. The group, however, is considerably weakened since the peak of its military powers in the 1990s and its influence is largely confined to the poor southeast of the country, where calls for autonomy and an end to discrimination resonate most strongly.

"No one should have any doubt that their blood will be avenged. The Kurdistan freedom movement will make sure that this massacre is accounted for," Firat, a pro-Kurdish news agency, quoted rebel commander Murat Karayilan as saying.

"If the Kurdish people do not want their children to die, they must now say 'enough' and they must rise up everywhere and go out in the streets," said Karayilan, who is based in the mountains of northern Iraq. Kurdish rebels



People carry the coffins of victims as thousands of mourners gathered in Gulyazi village at the border with Iraq, southeast Turkey, Friday for the funerals of 35 Kurdish civilians who were killed in a botched raid by Turkish military jets that mistook the group for Kurdish rebels based in Iraq. Turkish television footage showed people, many weeping and lamenting the dead, as they gathered after the air strikes Wednesday that killed a group of smugglers along the border, one of the deadliest episodes in the conflict between the Turkish state and Kurdish rebels who took up arms in 1984.

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have routinely used the border region to launch attacks on Turkish targets, slipping into Turkey on some of the same rugged paths used by fuel and cigarette smugglers for years.

Turkish officials have promised a full investigation into the botched airstrike, and said those responsible will be held to account. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan telephoned the families of the victims in the village of Gulyazi in Sirtak province to express condolences, and his voice was broadcast through a loudspeaker.

"We share your grief, your pain is our pain," the state-

run Anadolu agency quoted Erdogan as saying. "Everyone must rest assured that all kind of work is under way in relation to the issue."

There was no report on how the families reacted. However, footage from the Dogan news agency of the visit of Yavuz, the district governor, revealed the bitter feeling toward figures representing the state in a province where the conflict has long disrupted life.

The images show men booning, lunging forward and pummeling Yavuz as his aides try to hustle him down a road lined with parked cars and

bleak, snow-covered slopes. At one point, dazed and disheveled, he runs down an embankment to get away from the crowd. Yavuz was taken to a hospital for a checkup, according to reports.

Opposition leader Kemal Kilicdaroglu, who plans to visit the region on Sunday, said the government has yet to explain how the intelligence that led to the airstrike was compiled, and who exactly was involved.

"It seems that the incident was caused by incorrect intelligence," he said. "Who provided this intelligence to the

military headquarters? They say no country would bomb its own people, but it has. Who will account for this?"

Turkey's National Intelligence Organization, known by its Turkish acronym MIT, has denied reports it provided the information that led to the airstrike.

The United States recently deployed four Predator drones to Turkey from Iraq to aid Ankara in its fight against the rebels.

Also Saturday, Turkish media reported that two suspected Kurdish rebels were killed in a police raid in Diyarbakir, the main city in

southeastern Turkey. The Anadolu agency said the rebels ignored calls to surrender and threw hand grenades at police surrounding their hideout. A firefight ensued, and the suspects died after jumping out of the building.

The Turkish government has sought to reconcile with disaffected Kurds, allowing Kurdish-language institutes and private Kurdish courses as well as Kurdish television broadcasts. But Kurdish activists cite police roundups of Kurdish politicians, journalists and others suspected of rebel links as a sign of intolerance toward the minority.

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Yemeni President's Son Purges Rebellious Officers

BY AHMED AL-HAJ
Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen • The son of Yemen's outgoing president is leading a crackdown to purge the Republican Guard, which he commands, of any rebellious officers found to be siding with anti-government protesters, a military official said Saturday.

The Republican Guard is a pillar of the regime of President Ali Abdullah Saleh, and the attempts to ensure it remains loyal point to an effort to keep the regime from unraveling in the wake of a deal for Saleh to transfer power after 33 years as president.

His son, Ahmed, has had dozens of members of the powerful military force arrested so far, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

The Republican Guard has helped Saleh maintain power despite 10 months of protests, intense international pressure and an assassination attempt in June that forced him to leave the country for medical treatment in neighboring Saudi Arabia.

The Guard, one of the best trained elements of Yemen's military, has not suffered a high number of defections like some other



An armed Yemeni tribesman loyal to Sheik Sadeq al-Ahmar, head of the Hashid tribe stands as a bulldozer carries the sandbags set up by armed tribesmen loyal to al-Ahmar during months of deadly protests in Sanaa, Yemen, Wednesday.

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military units whose soldiers and commanders left to join the protest movement.

But with more frequent and serious acts of rebellion breaking out in other parts of the security services, the Guard's commanders are moving to prevent their ranks from doing the same.

The official said Ahmed

warned at a Guard meeting over the past week against "copying" the actions of others. They are searching units, barracks, and have banned the use of cell phones inside the camp, the official said.

"We will not permit copying here. Force will be the way to deal with any protest," the official quoted

Saleh's son as saying.

Some renegade units in other parts of the military have even locked their commanders out of military installations and demanded the removal of officers accused of corruption or involvement in the deadly crackdown on protesters.

In a significant concession, the defense minister

ordered the removal of a longtime Saleh confidant within the armed forces, Ali al-Shater, known as one of the regime's strongmen. Protests by subordinates accused al-Shater of corruption and using his connections with the president to illegally amass wealth.

Another sweep in search of rebellious soldiers took

place within the ranks of the Central Security forces, led by Saleh's nephew, Yahia, according to a Central Security official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity because of the secretive nature of the security measures.

Hundreds of men in military uniform marched on Saturday through the southern city of Taiz, a center of the uprising, calling for trials of top commanders over the killings of unarmed protesters in the regime's crackdown.

Labor protests have also swept Yemen since Saleh signed the power transfer deal last month. The deal, brokered by Yemen's neighbors on the Arabian Peninsula, grants him immunity from prosecution in return for stepping down.

He transferred power to his vice president and said he will leave the country and travel to the United States, though Washington has yet to say if he would be granted a visa.

The pact has failed to end street protests, however, because many still want to see Saleh stand trial.

On Saturday, hundreds of thousands of protesters held demonstrations in the capital city of Sanaa and in several other cities and vowed to stop Saleh from leaving the country.

AFGHAN PRESIDENT WELCOMES U.S. REMARKS ON TALIBAN

BY SLOBODAN LEKIC
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan • Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Saturday welcomed remarks from the Obama administration saying that Taliban insurgents were not America's enemies.

Earlier this month, Vice President Joe Biden said in an interview with Newsweek magazine that the Islamist militants did not represent a threat to U.S. interests unless they continued to shelter al-Qaida.

Biden's comments came amid reports that the Obama administration and other governments are trying to establish a peace process with the Taliban to help end the 10-year war.

"I am very happy that the American government has announced that the Taliban are not their enemies," Karzai said in a speech to the Afghan Academy of Sciences. "We hope that this message will help the Afghans reach peace and stability."

A senior U.S. official has told The Associated Press that Washington plans to continue a series of secret meetings with Taliban representatives in Europe and the Persian Gulf region next year.

The U.S. outreach this year had progressed to the point that there was active discussion of two steps the Taliban seeks as precursors to negotiations, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the issue.

Trust-building measures under discussion involve setting up a Taliban headquarters office and the re-



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President Barack Obama meets with Afghan President Hamid Karzai in September 2011 in New York. The Obama administration hopes to restore momentum in the spring to U.S. talks with the Taliban insurgency that had reached a critical point before falling apart this month because of objections from Afghan President Hamid Karzai, U.S. and Afghan officials said.

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lease from the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, of about five Afghan prisoners believed affiliated with the Taliban.

On Tuesday, Karzai said his government would accept the Taliban establishing a liaison office in Turkey, Qatar or Saudi Arabia for the purpose of holding peace talks.

Meanwhile, NATO troops on Saturday handed over responsibility for security in three districts of the embattled southern Helmand province to Afghan forces.

Helmand governor's office said these included Marjah district — the site of

a major offensive by coalition forces last year. Coalition operations to rout the Taliban in February 2010 yielded slower than expected returns, but a troop buildup later in the year pushed insurgents out of the main center of the district.

Nad Ali, which had been run by British troops, also transitioned from NATO to Afghan security control, a statement said.

The handovers in Helmand are part of the second phase in a transition NATO and Karzai hope will leave Afghan forces in control of the entire country by the

end of 2014, when the U.S.-led coalition's combat mission is scheduled to end.

Meanwhile, in London the Ministry of Defense announced that one of the two NATO service members killed in Afghanistan on Friday was a British soldier. The death brought to 394 the number of British troops who have died since the start of operations in Afghanistan in 2001.

A total of 27 NATO troops have died so far in December, while the year's toll is 543. The yearly total is considerably lower than for 2010, when more than 700 troops died.

Egypt Arrests Christian over Anti-prophet Posting

BY MAGGIE MICHAEL
Associated Press

CAIRO • Egyptian authorities have detained a Coptic Christian student accused of posting a drawing of Islam's prophet on Facebook that triggered two days of violence in southern Egypt.

Gamal Massoud has been accused by fellow students of ridiculing the Prophet Muhammad.

According to a security official, the 17-year-old student denies that and says friends posted the picture on his Facebook page.

The official spoke Saturday on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

Since Wednesday, villagers have attacked Masoud's house while chanting "Allahu akbar" or "God is Great."

They have set fire to other Christians' houses.

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OBITUARIES**(Lora) Jean Smith**

Sept. 26, 1926-Dec. 22, 2011

RUPERT • (Lora) Jean Smith, 85, of Rupert, passed away at Valley Vista Care of natural causes, Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011.

She was born Sept. 26, 1926, in Williston, N.D., to George and Mary Fowler. Jean had two younger sisters when their mother died in October 1932. George married Velleda Ryerson in July 1934. The Fowler family moved to the Rupert area in 1939. Jean attended school at Acequia and Rupert. On Dec. 31, 1947, she married Cornelious (Neal) Smith. Neal and Jean bought the Phillips 66 distributorship (Smith Oil Company) in Rupert, which they operated from 1948 until 1968. Jean was a talented seamstress and artist and she loved to bowl.

Jean is survived by her children, Jeneal (Hal) Chapman and Glenn (Derry) Smith; grandchildren, Russell Kochehans and Kelle Adams, Jason (Michelle) Kochehans, all of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Stacey (Jereud) Uscola of Rupert; great-grandchildren, Tea-



gan, Brogan and Kaybree Uscola; and her sisters, Coleen Allen of Albion, Eileen (Phil) West of Twin Falls, Carole (Dennis) Burks of Meridian and Bette (John) Wodskow of Eugene, Ore. She was preceded in death by her parents, her step-mother and a brother-in-law, Randall Allen.

The family would like to thank Valley Vista Care, Minidoka Home Health and Hospice, Kwik-Meds and Dr. Hansen for the wonderful care.

A memorial service was held Monday, Dec. 26, 2011, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

James Neal Twitchell

Feb. 22, 1931-Dec. 28, 2011

BURLEY • James Neal Twitchell, an 80-year-old Burley resident and former Idaho Falls resident, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011, at the home of his daughter, Linda Buckway, in Burley, Idaho.

James was born Feb. 22, 1931, in Albion, Idaho. He was born to Eursal and Esther Twitchell as the middle of seven sons. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in both the Navy and Air Force. He attended Eastern Oregon College of Education and graduated in 1959. He received a bachelor's degree in geology, mathematics and science. He also earned an associate's degree in history.

He was married to Mary Elizabeth Barlow and they had five children. He was a man of many trades, including carpenter, school teacher, mill worker, cook and geologist. He was a master at them all. He finished his career as a



geologist in Africa. The last several years he was devoted to the care of his oldest daughter.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; daughter, Kathy Vossler; and his brothers, George, Leo and Charles.

He is survived by his children, Dan Schweigert, Linda (Mark) Buckway, Maryann (Phil) Robinson and Teri (Antonio) Raya; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Orvin, Jean and Ellis; and a number of nieces and nephews. Everyone who knew Neal would attest his unique personality and he will be greatly missed by all.

The family would like to give thanks to the Intermountain Home Health and Hospice, Kathy, Carrie, Mario, Misty and also the George E. Wahlen Veterans Hospital and the Life Care Center of Idaho Falls.

The family of Leanne Doolittle Spengler wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our friends, neighbors and relatives for the cards, flowers, food, visits and all other acts of kindness that were so graciously extended to us during our recent loss. They were deeply appreciated. A



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Nov. 5, 1921-Dec. 27, 2011

GOODING • Dell Elwin Taylor, 90, a resident of Gooding, Idaho, died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011, at the Lincoln County Care Center in Shoshone.

Dell was born Nov. 5, 1921, in Henefer, Utah, the son of James A. and Violet Brewer Taylor. He was raised and educated in Henefer, Utah, through high school. He obtained his bachelor's degree in 1949 and his master's in 1951 from Utah State University. Dell was in the Marine Corps for 10 1/2 years.

Dell married Ora Gayle McGarry on May 19, 1950, in Spanish Fork, Utah.

Dell is survived by his wife of 61 years, Gayle Taylor of Gooding; two sons, Scott (Mel) Taylor of Jerome, Idaho, and Larry (Tami) Taylor of Meridian, Idaho; one daughter, Rhosan (Rick) Ames of Boise, Idaho; his sis-



ter, Nila Hamblin of Roy, Utah; four grandchildren, Courtney Harrison, James Taylor, Kelsea Taylor and Chris Ames; and two great-grandchildren, Taylor Harrison and Payton Harrison.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James A. and Violet; five brothers, Oneida, Garold, Alton, Lynn and Don; and one sister, Roene Baton.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel. Services will conclude at the chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Dell's name to the Lincoln County Care Center in Shoshone.

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting the obituary link at www.demarayfuneralservice.com.

Jessie Rae Lipe

Sept. 30, 1922-Dec. 29, 2011

GOODING • Jessie Rae Lipe returned to her Heavenly Father on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011, at the North Canyon Medical Center in Gooding.

Jessie Rae Sands Lipe was born Sept. 30, 1922, to Jesse Ogden Sands and Ann LaPreal Penfold in the rock house that her grandparents, Al and Rachel Penfold, built south of Bliss on the old highway. She was raised on the Sands Ranch and attended schools in Hagerman.

In 1940, she married Junior Bauges and had four boys, Jerry, Jack, Don and Jesse. They were later divorced. In 1955, she married David "Dick" Lipe and they moved to Gooding. One daughter, Ann, was born to this union.

Jessie worked at various jobs; helping her husband, Dick, haul milk; she worked at the nursing home; the grade school kitchen; selling Avon; and finally Gooding County Memorial Hospital, retiring in 1984.

She was a member of the LDS Church and held many positions. She especially enjoyed being the secretary for the children's Sunday school and she honored her calling as a visiting teacher. Jessie loved working in her yard and flowers; raising a garden; canning and quilting. She enjoyed the outdoors, camping and fishing, even packing into the wilderness with pack horses. She was very proud of



the 18-pound catfish she caught at CJ Strike.

She is survived by her sons, Jerry (Bev) Bauges of Bend, Ore., and Jack Bauges of San Diego, Calif.; her daughter, Ann Lipe of Gooding; a daughter-in-law, Carmen (Bill) Korsen of Gooding; two sisters, Corrine Lewis of Green River, Wyo., and Chloe Stoddard of Soda Springs, Idaho; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Jack; her husband, Dick; and sons, Don and Jesse.

Jessie's family would like to thank Jessie's friends, her doctors and staff at North Canyon Medical Center and especially the staff at Bennett Hills Care and Rehab for their care, compassion and kindness. You treated our Mother and Grandmother with the dignity she deserved.

The funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, at the Gooding LDS Church. Friends may visit with the family an hour prior to the service. Interment will follow the service in the Hagerman Cemetery.

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

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting the obituary link at www.demarayfuneralservice.com.

Nancy Lee Westmoreland Hyde

Sept. 17, 1954-Dec. 29, 2011

PAUL • Nancy Hyde died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011, at McKay Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah.

Nancy was born Sept. 17, 1954, at Mather Air Force Base in California to Robert and Marilyn J. (Turner) Westmoreland. Nancy married Ron Hyde on May 3, 1990.

She enjoyed animals, hunting, camping, boating and crossword puzzles.

Nancy is survived by her husband; her mother; her children, Lisa Fowers Priore, Jason Fowers and Jeremy Hyde; stepchildren, Gerald Hyde, Melissa Liggett and



Linda Williams; 12 grandchildren; two brothers, David and Michael Westmoreland; and honorary brother, Brad Berry.

She was preceded in death by her father and sister, Susan.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, at Myers Ogden Mortuary, 845 Washington Blvd. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2, and noon to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary. Interment will be at Ben Lomond Cemetery in North Ogden, Utah.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.myers-mortuary.com.

Find Death Notices on Nation & World 8 of today's paper.

**SERVICES**

Ira Christine (Groda) Jensen of Vancouver, Wash., and formerly of Buhl, funeral at 10 a.m. Monday at the Holy Redeemer Parish, 17010 NE Ninth St. in Vancouver, Wash.

Victor James Graybeal of Crystal Bay, Nev., memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Margaret Lola Sonner of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Buhl United Methodist Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Michael Kenneth Blair of Burley, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Mountain View Christian Center in Burley.

Dimas Linhares Fagundes of Jerome, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; vigil service with rosary at 7 p.m. Monday at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Ray W. Goff Jr., of Paul, burial at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, 10101 N. Horse-

shoe Bend Road in Boise (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Jerry Berrier of Burley, graveside service at noon Tuesday at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Betty Anne Ellis of Buhl, memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Jerry P. Burt of Rupert, graveside service at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Albion Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

SENIOR

Q. My wife and I just returned home from a Christmas visit to my parents. Although they live over 1000 miles away, I can see that I need to become more actively involved in their lives. Do you have any ideas about getting started?

A. Many adult children are coming home after a holiday visit to Mom and Dad facing this same important family challenge. Throughout the month of January we will focus on tips for caring for parents from a distance. For example, experts suggest that a first step is to determine both the strengths and the weaknesses in your parents' current situation. This might include the suitability of their house or apartment, their physical, mental and emotional health, their financial resources, their local family and other social relationships, and so on. You will probably want to identify and help address immediate needs they have, as well as issues you see on the horizon. You will also want to become familiar with resources that are available in your parents' community. A great way to get started with this exploration is to collect specific information that you can use to help your parents. We will talk about this next week.

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U.S. Ups Extremist Fight in Pakistan

BY SEBASTIAN ABBOT
Associated Press

OKARA, Pakistan • Sultan Mehmood Gujar was a solid supporter of Islamist militants fighting in Pakistan, Afghanistan and India and even donated money to them, until he attended an innovative 40-day lecture series by a moderate cleric aimed at countering violent extremism.

The course, given to the public at an Islamic school in a hotbed of militancy in Pakistan, had a profound effect on the 46-year-old property dealer, convincing him the militants were wrong to claim they were waging holy war, or jihad, justified by the Quran, the religion's holy book.

"I was shocked to discover that what the militants were doing was against Islam," said Gujar, sitting on the floor at the madrasa in Okara city where the lectures were delivered. "Now I call them terrorists, not jihadis."

Fazal ur Rehman, the cleric who runs the 400-student madrasa, recorded each of the 2-hour lectures he and others gave this past summer and would like to distribute the DVDs to reach a wider audience. But he lacks the money.

The U.S. has created a new unit in Pakistan that aims to leverage such grassroots efforts by working with local moderates to counter violent extremism — the first of its kind set up by an American embassy anywhere in the world, according to U.S. officials here. The existence of the unit has never before been reported.

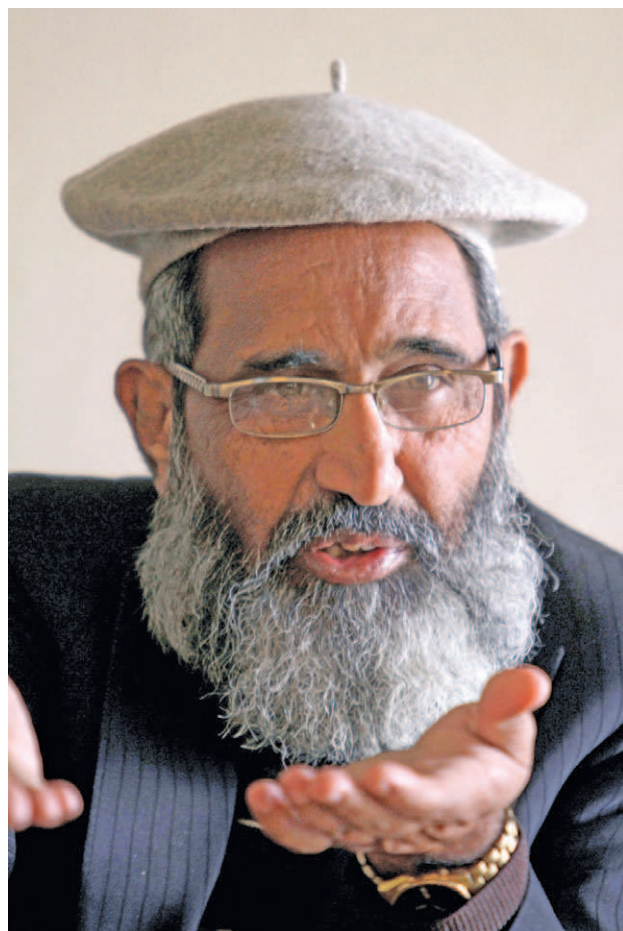
Rehman and other clerics attempting to challenge extremism in Pakistan recently met with U.S. Ambassador Cameron Munter in Islamabad, though the 50-year-old Rehman says he has not yet received support from the Americans.

Okara has special significance because it is near the village of Ajmal Kasab, home of the only surviving gunman from the 2008 attacks in the Indian city of Mumbai that killed over 160 people.

The U.S. chose Pakistan as the site for its new venture because it is home to a vast network of Islamist militants who have been fighting U.S.-led troops in neighboring Afghanistan for over a decade and have even organized attacks on American soil.

The three-person unit in the U.S. Embassy public affairs section was established in July. It plans to work with local partners, including moderate religious leaders, to project their counter-extremist messages and push back against the militants' extensive propaganda machine, said U.S. officials.

It will use TV shows, doc-



Pakistani cleric Fazal ur Rehman speaks in December 2011 to The Associated Press during an interview at an Islamic seminary in Okara, Pakistan.

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umentaries, radio programs and posters. It also intends to ramp up exchange programs for religious leaders and public outreach to conservative Muslims who previously had little contact with American officials.

"There are a lot of courageous voices speaking out against extremism here in Pakistan," said Tom Miller, head of public affairs at the U.S. Embassy. "Our job is to find out how we can amplify those narratives."

The unit is just now ramping up operations, said officials. It was funded with an initial budget of \$5 million that officials hope will grow. Officials declined to provide details on specific programs they are funding or plan to fund, for fear that publicly acknowledging U.S. involvement would discredit their partners.

That's a major worry in this country where anti-American sentiment is rampant. Any cleric known to be taking U.S. help is likely to be shunned by many. There are other challenges as well. Many among clerics and the public who are considered moderates have mixed views — they often oppose the killing of innocent civilians in Pakistan, but support jihad against U.S. forces in Afghanistan or against neighboring India. Further complicating the situation is alleged Pakistani government support for some militant groups.

Also, the militants are likely to strike back, as indicated by a recent trip the U.S. ambassador made to a madrasa in Faisalabad city to attend a

meeting of moderate religious leaders who denounced suicide bombings and other forms of violence.

Militants responded the next day by calling the Muslim cleric who hosted the event, Yasin Zafar, and warning he could be killed. The call was from a member of Jamaat-ud-Dawa, widely believed to be a front group for Lashkar-e-Taiba, an anti-India militant organization, said Zafar.

"I was taunted for becoming a U.S. supporter," said Zafar. "I was told that I should be cautious because I may have provoked the Taliban."

The ambassador's visit to the 900-student Jaamia Salafia was unusual because the madrasa teaches a puritanical strain of Islam followed by some Pakistani militant organizations, including Lashkar-e-Taiba, although Zafar said he does not support the group.

The meeting's participants railed against American drone strikes, which are very unpopular in Pakistan, said Zafar.

The anger illustrated one of the difficulties for the U.S. in working with Muslim leaders who have the local networks to counter extremists.

"They might disagree with how the U.S. is conducting some aspects of its foreign policy, but there is a huge opportunity to partner with these groups because of the mutual goal of stopping the Taliban," said Mehreen Farooq, who recently studied grassroots counter-extremism efforts in Pakistan for the U.S.-based World Organization for Resource Develop-

ment and Education.

The most intensive component of the new U.S. initiative will be a media campaign focused on raising awareness about civilians harmed by militant attacks, said Miller, the embassy public affairs chief.

"We are trying to discredit these acts and take away the narrative that the militants are some kind of ideological heroes," said Miller.

Surveys have shown that despite varying levels of support for militant groups within Pakistan, a majority of citizens oppose attacks that target civilians. Militants in Pakistan often deny responsibility for civilian casualties.

The militants have an extensive propaganda network of newspapers, magazines and Internet videos — an effort that in some cases has been enabled by decades of support from the Pakistani government.

The government spent millions of dollars on a media campaign in 2009 trying to dent some of the support for militancy it had built up over the years. The successful initiative aimed to foster public backing for military operations against the Pakistani Taliban, a homegrown insurgent group seeking to topple the government and responsible for killing thousands in suicide attacks.

But the campaign was careful not to single out groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba or the Afghan Taliban, which have received support from the government in the past and many believe still do, said a former government official who worked on counter-extremism programs. The program has since fizzled out, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

Islamic clerics who have met with the U.S. ambassador recently expressed hope they could steer Pakistanis away from militancy by explaining when holy war is justified. But they also disagreed on when that's the case.

Zafar, the cleric who hosted the ambassador, said the insurgencies inside Pakistan and in the Indian-ruled part of Kashmir were unjustified. But he backs the Taliban's fight against U.S.-led forces in Afghanistan, a common sentiment inside Pakistan.

"Afghanistan was invaded, and the Taliban are waging jihad to protect their homeland, their freedom and their rights, so I recognize that as jihad," said Zafar.

Rehman, the cleric who conducted the 40 days of lectures, opposes the Afghan Taliban's fight but said he was powerless to compete with the extremists.

"The militants have arms, are trained and have the re-

sources to distribute their literature in bulk quantities," said Rehman. "We are very

limited in our ability to distribute material to counter it."

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OBITUARIES

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Dora Young

BURLEY • Dora Dean Young, 93, of Burley, died Friday, Dec. 30, 2011, at her home.

The funeral will be held at noon Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Church, 2200 Oakley Ave. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

DeEsta Naylor

TWIN FALLS • DeEsta Hobbs Naylor, 86, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at the Logan 19th Ward Chapel, 1250 N. 600 E. in Logan, Utah; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, at the

Allen-Hall Mortuary, 34 E. Center St. in Logan, and 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Wynona Glauner

HAGERMAN • Wynona F. Glauner, 67, of Hagerman, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011, at her home.

No service is planned at this time; a memorial service will be held in the summer (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Jerry Fowler

KIMBERLY • Jerry Fowler, 63, of Kimberly, died Friday, Dec. 30, 2011, at his home.

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SPORTS

Kentucky Edges Louisville in Bluegrass Showdown • S2

Full bowl game results are not in today's edition of the *Times-News* due to deadline restrictions concerning New Years. A full account of Saturday's bowl game action will be included in Monday's edition of the *Times-News*.

UTAH COMES BACK, BEATS GATECH 30-27 IN OT SUN BOWL

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EL PASO, Texas • John White plowed into the end zone from 8 yards out to give Utah a 30-27 overtime victory against Georgia Tech in the Sun Bowl on Saturday.

Justin Moore kicked a 34-yard field goal in Georgia Tech's overtime possession to take a three-point lead, but White finished a 115-yard rushing day with the game-winning score on his 26th carry.

The Utes (8-5) tied it in regula-

tion when Jon Hays hit DeVonte Christopher with a 28-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-14 with 1:32 left in the fourth quarter.

The Yellow Jackets drove to the Utah 31 with 2 seconds left, but David Scully missed a 48-yard field-goal attempt as time expired.

Hays went 15 for 31 for 193 yards.

Georgia Tech's Preston Lyons, who came in with only 39 carries, rushed for a career-best 140 yards on 18 carries and Tevin Washington passed for 137 yards and ran for 97.



Utah tight end Kendrick Moeai (81) dives for a pass in the end zone in front of Georgia Tech defensive back Rod Sweeting during the Sun Bowl on Saturday in El Paso, Texas.

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Boise State's Ryan Watkins (23), Westly Perryman (30) and Jeff Elorriaga (11) celebrate after defeating Idaho 76-73 in their rivalry game Saturday in Nampa.

Neutral-site Game a Win For Everyone

NAMPA • Idaho head men's basketball coach Don Verlin stood on the Idaho Center court moments after his team's loss to Boise State on Saturday, offering no hesitation when asked about the decision to



David Bashore
Sports Reporter

play a rivalry game on a neutral floor.

"Normally when you lose you don't want to play this game again. But they can name the date and we'll be here next year, whether it's here or at Century Link (Arena in Boise)," Verlin said. "It's a great thing for basketball in the state of Idaho to have this game."

When Verlin reached out to Boise State head coach Leon Rice about having the game staged on New Year's Eve in Nampa, the hope was a lot of fans for both sides would come out.

The 7,540 fans - about half clad in black and gold, the other half in orange and blue - were testament to a well-run production. From the mini-games during the media timeouts to both bands and an even split of fans, this was what both men hoped would happen.

"It's a great rivalry between Idaho and Boise State," Bronco freshman Anthony Drmic said. "Today was crazy, to look up in the stands and see so many fans, half for Boise, half for Idaho."

In previous seasons, the two schools operated as members of the

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Broncos Buck Vandals in Thriller

Boise State and Idaho didn't play each other on the football field this season, so the rivalry took to the hardwood on Saturday.

BY DAVID BASHORE
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NAMPA • In the throes of another classic, to-the-wire rivalry game, Boise State's youth leaned heavily on what little experience it had.

Junior Drew Wiley sank both ends of a 1-and-1, his only points of the game, with 3 seconds left, after senior point guard Wes Perryman made a heady play to cap a strong individual effort as Boise State edged Idaho 76-73 on Saturday in front of an almost evenly divided 7,540 fans at the Idaho Center.

Freshman swingman Anthony Drmic shook

off a nagging ankle injury to score a game-high 26 points, the most by any player in the rivalry since 2002.

"It was hurting but I just tried to play as hard as I could. When you hit four or five of your first shots then you really start to get the confidence going," the 6-6 Australian said.

Drmic had hardly practiced since the injury and wasn't doing much walking even a couple days before the game. But he hit four of his first five 3-point attempts to dispel any doubt about his ability and fitness.

"For him to do some of the things he did out there, it was crazy," Perryman said.

Deremy Geiger led Idaho with 17 points, while Stephen Madison had 16. Geiger scored nine straight points himself at one point, hitting a deep buzzer-beating 3-pointer to cut the lead to 39-33 at halftime and the next six points out of the break

to tie the game. Idaho got the lead a short time later but the Broncos hit a 15-3 run to stretch the lead back to 10 and held on from there.

With a 74-71 lead in the dying seconds, Perryman fouled Landon Tatum with 3.8 left to put the Vandals at the line for two shots. Tatum hit both but it kept Boise State in the lead and the Broncos were able to work the final sequence to their advantage.

It wasn't a designed foul, just a heads-up play from Perryman, who also had nine assists and four steals without committing a turnover.

"That was a heady play from a guy who's starting to be more of a field general and figure it out as he goes," Boise State head coach Leon Rice said of Perryman. "He always had his hand on the throttle of the game ... played like a real good point guard."

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The back judge moves an overhead video camera after it fell on the field during the second half of the Insight Bowl game between Oklahoma and Iowa, Saturday in Tempe, Ariz.



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No One Hurt After Camera Falls at Insight Bowl

BY JOHN MARSHALL
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. • Flying cameras have been providing unique perspectives on everything from golf to college and professional football for more than a decade, becoming so commonplace that fans rarely notice the whizzing remote-controlled devices.

At the Insight Bowl on

Friday night, no one could miss the overhead camera when it came crashing down to the field late in the fourth quarter, nearly taking out one of the players.

The ESPN camera narrowly missed Iowa receiver Martin McNutt Jr., who became entangled in the guide wire but wasn't hurt.

"First, I looked: What is it that fell from the sky?" McNutt said after Iowa's

31-14 loss to No. 19 Oklahoma. "The next thing I know, the camera kind of scratched me a little bit. It was just pulling me and I knew I didn't want to keep going with it."

ESPN has consistently used the cameras for football coverage, making it a staple of "Monday Night Football." The cameras also have been used occasionally in the NBA, NHL,

NASCAR, NCAA basketball, baseball and at the island-green 17th hole at the TPC Sawgrass during The Players Championship.

The cameras, despite flying over the playing field, have rarely interfered with the action.

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Bynum Returns, Leads Lakers over Nuggets

LOS ANGELES (AP) • Andrew Bynum had 29 points and 13 rebounds in his season debut following a four-game suspension that carried over from the playoffs, and the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Denver Nuggets 92-89 Saturday.

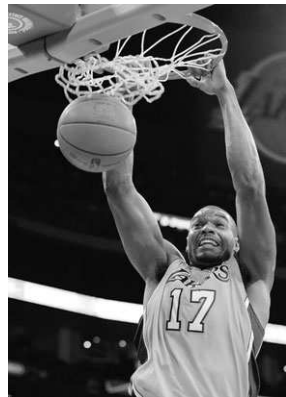
Bynum shot 13 for 18, helping the Lakers win their third straight following the team's first 0-2 start since 2002-03.

The 7-foot center was suspended without pay for the first four games of the season because of a flagrant foul against Dallas' J.J. Barea in Game 4 of the Western Conference semifinals. The original ban was five games, but was reduced on Dec. 23 as a result of a shortened schedule caused by the NBA lockout.

Bynum totaled 41 points and 23 rebounds in two preseason games against the Clippers.

Kobe Bryant, bogged down by foul trouble, had 17 points along with nine assists and 10 rebounds. The Lakers overcame 2-for-24 shooting from 3-point range.

Reserve forward Al Har-



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Los Angeles Lakers center Andrew Bynum (17) dunks the ball during the first half of their NBA basketball game against the Denver Nuggets, Saturday in Los Angeles.

ington had 21 points for the Nuggets, who have lost 25 of their last 29 road games against the Lakers.

The Lakers missed their first 12 shots from 3-point range — all of them in the first half — before Matt Barnes connected with 11:11 left in the third to put Los Angeles ahead 49-47. The Nuggets weren't much better from behind the arc, missing nine of their first 10 before finishing up 7 for 26.

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Continued from Sports 1

Boise State (10-4) won despite getting beat in the major statistical categories. Idaho outshot the Broncos from the floor, from 3-point land and from the foul line, in addition to winning the rebounding battle 38-23. But the Vandals committed 18 turnovers, to seven for Boise State.

Idaho (7-7) got one final look with half a second left, but center Kyle Barone's three-point bid from the left baseline was too strong and the team headed back to Moscow with its fourth loss of three or fewer points.

"It wasn't the shot we wanted, but they did a good job taking away our final play," said Idaho coach Don Verlin. "There's a lot of frustration when you're so close ... we just have to keep fighting. I think we're closer to 11 wins than we are to five, but the bottom line is we've just got to find a way to get it done."

BOISE ST. 76, IDAHO 73
BOISE ST. (10-4) Drmic 9-14 2-4 26, Watkins 4-9 3-4 11, Elorriaga 2-8 0-0 6, Wiley 0-4 2-2 2, Perryman 25 1-3 6, Marks 3-3 3-4 9, Nichols 0-0 0-0 0, Bropleh 3-8 1-2 8, Buckner 4-7 0-0 8, Totals 27-58 12-19 76.
IDAHO (7-7) Bandoemel 1-4 1-2 3, Barone 3-5 5-8 11, Tatum 1-5 7-8 9, Madison 5-9 5-5 16, Geiger 6-11 1-1 17, Starke 1-2 2-4 4, Hill 1-3 0-0 3, McChristian 3-4 0-0 6, Borton 1-1 3-4 4, Totals 22-44 22-31 73.
 Halftime—Boise St. 39-33, 3-Point Goals—Boise St. 10-26 (Drmic 6-9, Elorriaga 2-8, Perryman 1-2, Bropleh 1-4, Wiley 0-3), Idaho 7-17 (Geiger 4-8, Borton 1-1, Madison 1-3, Hill 1-3, McChristian 0-1, Tatum 0-1), Fouled Out—Marks, Rebounds—Boise St. 23 (Watkins 7), Idaho 38 (Madison 8), Assists—Boise St. 16 (Perryman 9), Idaho 11 (Bandoemel, Barone, Geiger, Madison, Tatum 2), Total Fouls—Boise St. 20, Idaho 18, Technicals—Marks, Starke, A-7540.

game it deserved. Moving to Century Link could result in lower turnout, though the production team would no doubt put forth a similar effort.

Verlin was outspoken about the need for this game to continue. Rice was a little more subtle but left little doubt there'll be a game next season.

"We've got one more time of playing them once before we go back to twice. Once the emotions are worn off, we'll talk about this and see how we can do it even better," Rice said. "Don and I both understand the history of this rivalry. It's bigger than us, and we're just the caretakers, and I think we both view it that way."

They might not be the faces of their respective schools' athletic departments, but assuming Verlin and Rice (and the respective powers that be) can work something out, it'll be yet another win for Broncos and Vandals alike.

when the camera fell when the wire appeared to snap with 2:22 left.

McNutt dodged the camera as it fell behind him, but became entangled in the guide wire after it thudded to the ground. McNutt suffered only a minor scratch, but the game was delayed for about five minutes as crews dragged the camera off the field and made sure the wire was out of the way.

McNutt was able to joke about the incident. "I fell like somebody was trying to kill me on their (Oklahoma's) staff," he said. "If you are looking, I'm looking for you. No. It was lucky it didn't hit me."



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Texas A&M players celebrate after winning the Meineke Car Care Bowl against Northwestern Saturday in Houston.

AGGIES GET 33-22 WIN OVER NORTHWESTERN

HOUSTON (AP) • Ryan Tannehill threw for 329 yards and a touchdown and Ben Malena ran for two more scores to lead Texas A&M to a 33-22 win over Northwestern on Saturday in the Meineke Car Care Bowl.

Northwestern led 7-3 early in the second quarter before A&M reeled off 27 straight points to take a decisive lead and then fight off a late rally to capture its first bowl victory since 2001.

Texas A&M broke a five-game bowl losing streak in a win the team dedicated to fired coach Mike Sherman and offensive lineman Joseph Villaviscencio, who was killed in a car accident last week.

Malena ran for 77 yards, filling in ably for Cyrus Gray, who missed his second

straight game with a stress fracture in his left shoulder.

Northwestern hasn't won a bowl game since the 1949 Rose Bowl, a span of nine losses.

A&M won a bowl for the first time since a 28-9 victory over TCU after the 2001 season. That also came in Houston, when this game was called the Galleryfurniture.com bowl and played next door at the Astrodome.

The Aggies were up 30-7 before Brian Peters intercepted Tannehill early in the fourth quarter and the Wildcats took advantage of that mistake when Kain Colter scored on a 1-yard run for Northwestern's first points since early in the second quarter. The 2-point conversion left A&M ahead 30-15.

Colter found Tim Riley in

the corner of the end zone for on a 2-yard touchdown pass to get Northwestern within 30-22 with less than six minutes remaining.

A&M responded with a clock-eating drive capped by a 31-yard field goal to secure the win. Senior Jeff Fuller, who has had a disappointing and injury-plagued year, had a key third down catch for 29 yards on that drive and finished with a season-high 119 yards receiving.

The Aggies were led by interim coach Tim DeRuyter in his last game at Texas A&M before leaving to become Fresno State's coach. The Aggies hired former Houston coach Kevin Sumlin earlier this month to replace Sherman, but he wasn't involved in bowl preparations.

Texas A&M wore helmet decals honoring Villaviscencio, who died Dec. 22. The black and white decal, which says 'Joey V,' had his No. 67 and the Texas A&M logo. There was a moment of silence for Villaviscencio before the game and fellow offensive lineman Danny Baker wore his number and greeted his father before the game.

Texas A&M erased a 7-3 second quarter deficit thanks to touchdowns by Malena and Fuller and a field goal by Randy Bullock to lead 20-7 at halftime.

Malena's second touchdown came on a 19-yard run early in the third quarter that made it 27-7. Another field goal by Bullock, this one from 47 yards, pushed A&M's advantage to 30-7.

Smith's 30 Not Enough for No. 4 Louisville

LEXINGTON, Ky. • Russ Smith and No. 4 Louisville were in a big hole for the second straight game. The sharpshooting sophomore nearly helped the Cardinals battle back in a big way.

Smith had a career-high 30 points and the Cardinals gave No. 3 Kentucky all it could handle after rallying from an early 15-point deficit before falling 69-62 on Saturday.

It was Louisville's second straight loss.

"Nobody on the team, and especially me; I didn't want to lose by 20," Smith said. "That's the way it was heading. The guys huddled together and we made a comeback. We got the game within a stretch that we could potentially win."

Instead, freshmen Michael Kidd-Gilchrist had season-highs with 24 points and 19 rebounds and Anthony Davis added 18 points, all in the second half, for the Wildcats (13-1) in their annual in-state rivalry game that at times looked more like a free throw shooting contest with 52 fouls called.

NO. 9 CONNECTICUT 83, ST. JOHN'S 69

HARTFORD, Conn. • St. John's cut a 23-point second-half deficit to 11 points late, but couldn't rally to beat defending national champion Connecticut.

D'Angelo Harrison had 17 points and fellow freshman Moe Harkless and junior God'sgift Achiuwa each added 16 for St. John's (7-6, 1-1), which lost 83-69 to the Huskies (12-1, 2-0 Big East) on Saturday, ending a three-game winning streak.

NO. 10 FLORIDA 90, YALE 70

GAINESVILLE, Fla. • Kenny Boynton's 26 points led No. 10 Florida to a 90-70 victory over Yale on Saturday less than 40 hours after the Gators were upset at Rutgers.

Patrick Young added 19 points and Erik Murphy had 18 for Florida (11-3), while Bradley Beal had 11.

IOWA 72, NO.

11 WISCONSIN 65
 Freshman Aaron White scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half and fellow reserve Bryce Cartwright added 17 as the Hawkeyes



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Kentucky's Anthony Davis (23) and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist (14) celebrate a basket by Kidd-Gilchrist in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game against Louisville, in Louisville, Ky.

stunned No. 11 Wisconsin 72-65.

Sophomore Melsahn Basabe added 14 points as the Hawkeyes (9-6, 1-1 Big Ten) snapped Wisconsin's 23-game home winning streak against unranked opponents — the last unranked team to beat the Badgers at the Kohl Center was Illinois, a 63-56 winner on Feb. 9, 2010.

NO. 12 GEORGETOWN 49, PROVIDENCE 40

WASHINGTON • Henry Sims scored five of his 11 points in the final 7 minutes, and No. 12 Georgetown blew a 14-point lead and shot a season-low 30 percent in a 49-40 win over Providence on Saturday.

NO. 15 MISSISSIPPI STATE 66, UTAH STATE 64

STARKVILLE, Miss. • Rodney Hood scored 16 points, Arnett Moultrie added 15 points and No. 15 Mississippi State escaped with a 66-64 victory over Utah State on Saturday.

Mississippi State (13-2) needed a defensive stop on its final possession to seal the win. Utah State's Danny Berger missed a 3-pointer as time expired that would have won the game.

NO. 16 MICHIGAN ST. 68, NEBRASKA 55

LINCOLN, Neb. • Draymond Green scored 19 points and Keith Appling had eight of his 14 in the last 7 minutes to help No. 16 Michigan State hold off

struggling Nebraska 68-55 on Saturday, the Spartans' 13th straight victory.

The Spartans (13-2, 2-0 Big Ten) are on their longest winning streak since the 1998-99 team won 22 straight. Eleven of the 13 have been by double digits.

NO. 25 KANSAS ST. 82, HOWARD 46

MANHATTAN, Kan. • Rodney McGruder scored 14 points and Kansas State emptied its bench in an 82-46 victory over Howard on Saturday, wrapping up its non-conference schedule with an easy tuneup before facing rival Kansas in its Big 12 opener next week.

— The Associated Press

Camera

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New Orleans Saints and the Seattle Seahawks from what was called human error.

At the 2009 Las Vegas bowl between BYU and Oregon State, the overhead camera reportedly had to be taken down due to wind gusts of around 40 mph.

The incident at the Insight Bowl occurred with Iowa trying to rally from a 10-point deficit in the closing minutes.

While lining up for a play near the 20-yard line at the south end of Sun Devil Stadium, two Hawkeyes had to jump out of the way



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Take Flight

Tom Hilde of Norway soars through the air at the first stage of the four hills ski jumping tournament in Oberstdorf, southern Germany, on Friday.

Odds

NCAA Football
Tomorrow
TicketCity Bowl
At Dallas

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Houston	7	7	(57)	Penn St.
Outback Bowl At Tampa, Fla.				
Georgia	3	3	(50½)	Michigan St.
Capital One Bowl At Orlando, Fla.				
South Carolina	1	2½	(46)	Nebraska
Cator Bowl At Jacksonville, Fla.				
Florida	1	2	(44)	Ohio St.
Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif.				
Oregon	4½	6	(71½)	Wisconsin
Fiesta Bowl At Glendale, Ariz.				
Oklahoma St.	3	3½	(74)	Stanford
Tuesday Sugar Bowl At New Orleans				
Michigan	1	2½	(51)	Virginia Tech
Wednesday Orange Bowl At Miami				
Clemson	Pk	3	(61)	West Virginia
Friday Cotton Bowl At Arlington, Texas				
Kansas	7½	7½	(62½)	Kansas St.
Saturday Bbva Compass Bowl At Birmingham, Ala.				
Pittsburgh	5½	3½	(47)	SMU
Godaddy.com Bowl At Mobile, Ala.				
Arkansas St.	1	1½	(63)	N. Illinois
Bcs National Championship At New Orleans				
Alabama	+1	1	(40)	LSU

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
atPhiladelphia	9	8½	(45½)	Washington
atAtlanta	10½	10½	(45½)	Tampa Bay
San Francisco	10½	10½	(35½)	at St. Louis
atMinnesota	+1	1½	(41)	Chicago
Detroit	+3	4	(43)	at Green Bay
atN.Y.Giants	3	3	(47)	Dallas
atNew Orleans	9	8	(54½)	Carolina
Tennessee	1½	2	(39½)	at Houston
Baltimore	3	2	(38½)	at Cincinnati
Pittsburgh	6½	6½	(34½)	at Cleveland
atJacksonville	5	3½	(37)	Indianapolis
atMiami	2	3	(39½)	N.Y. Jets
atNew England	13	10½	(50)	Buffalo
atOakland	1	2	(33)	San Diego
atDenver	3	3	(37)	Kansas City
atArizona	3	3	(41)	Seattle

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
atSouthFlorida	3	Rutgers
atMarquette	11	Villanova
Illinois St.	1	at S. Illinois
atMarshall	9	Akron
atMichigan	6	Minnesota
Syracuse	1	at DePaul
atDuke	22	Penn
atPittsburgh	6	Cincinnati
atNorthwestern	7½	Penn St.
atN.Iowa	13½	Evansville
atFairfield	17½	Canisius
atNorthCarolina	41	Monmouth (N.J.)

NBA
EASTERN

ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	1	2	.333	—
Atlanta	1	2	.333	—
Philadelphia	1	2	.333	—
New Jersey	1	3	.250	½
Boston	1	3	.250	½

NBA
WESTERN

SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	2	1	.667	—
New Orleans	2	1	.667	—
Memphis	1	2	.333	1
Houston	1	2	.333	1
Dallas	1	3	.250	1½

Utah at San Antonio, late Philadelphia at Golden State, late **Sunday's Games**
New Jersey at Cleveland, 4 p.m.
Charlotte at Miami, 4 p.m.
Toronto at Orlando, 4 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Chicago, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.
Monday's Games
Golden State at Phoenix, 1:30 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
Indiana at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 5:30 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 5:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Denver, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Utah, 7 p.m.

Lakers 92, Nuggets 89

Denver (89)
Gallinari 3-12 1-2 7, Melo 5-10 3-5 13, Mozgov 4-7 0-0 8, Lawson 2-4 9-9, Afflalo 4-10 3-5 13, Miller 5-9 3-4 13, Harrington 8-17 2-21, Fernandez 1-6 0-0 3, Andersen 1-0-0 2, Totals 34-80 14-22 89.
L.A. LAKERS (92)
Barnes 3-7 0-0 7, Gasol 7-10 3-4 17, Bynum 13-18 3-3 29, Fisher 3-7 0-0 6, Bryant 6-18 5-6 17, Murphy 0-0 0-0 0, World Peace 0-8 0-0 0, Blake 2-9 1-2 5, Kapono 2-6 0-0 5, McRoberts 3-9 0-0 6, Totals 39-86 12-15 92.
Southwest
22 22 26 18 — 89
L.A. Lakers 22 24 23 23 — 92
3-Point Goals—Denver 7-26 (Harrington 3-8, Afflalo 2-5, Lawson 1-3, Fernandez 1-5, Miller 0-1, Gallinari 0-1), L.A. Lakers 2-24 (Barnes 1-3, Kapono 1-4, Gasol 0-1, Fisher 0-2, World Peace 0-3, Bryant 0-5, Blake 0-0).
Fouled Out—Fishes: Rebounds—Denver 44 (Mozgov 10), L.A. Lakers 60 (Bynum 13), Assists—Denver 22 (Lawson 8), L.A. Lakers 24 (Bryant 9), Total Fouls—Denver 17, L.A. Lakers 20. Technicals—Bryant, A—18,997 (18,997).

College Basketball
MEN'S COLLEGE SCORES
Far West
Idaho 76, Boise St. 73
New Mexico St. 81, Ark.-Pine Bluff 65
Weber St. 73, Sacramento St. 63
Southwest
Lamar 102, Lyon 58
Oklahoma 83, Northwestern St. 63
SMU 73, Louisiana Tech 65
Texas 73, Rice 59
Tulane 53, Texas-Pan American 42
Virginia Tech 67, Oklahoma St. 61
Midwest
Ball St. 86, Chicago St. 58
Butler 54, Milwaukee 50
Carroll (Wis.) 77, Wis.-Oshkosh 71
Detroit 65, Loyola of Chicago 54
Edgewood 72, North Park 71, OT
Indiana St. 77, Bradley 66
Indiana Tech 63, Wilberforce 39
Iowa 72, Wisconsin 65
Iowa St. 67, MVSU 65
Kansas St. 82, Howard 46
Michigan St. 68, Nebraska 55
Missouri St. 72, Drake 61
Wright St. 74, Ill.-Chicago 70, OT
Youngstown St. 73, Cleveland St. 67
South
Charleston Southern 81, Liberty 76
E. Kentucky 73, Tennessee St. 68
East Carolina 91, Virginia-Wise 56
Emory 96, Guilford 84
Emory & Henry 70, Maryland Bible 58
FIU 81, W. Kentucky 63
Ferrum 72, Covenant 57
Florida 90, Yale 70
Gardner-Webb 61, Radford 55
Georgetown (Ky.) 81, Miami (Ohio)-Hamilton 51
Kentucky 69, Louisville 62
Maryland 75, Samford 63
Middle Tennessee 68, South Alabama 52
Mississippi St. 66, Utah St. 64
Morehead St. 68, Austin Peay 64
N.C. State 82, W. Carolina 55
Pfeiffer 72, Livingstone 62
Shaw 67, Georgia College 63
South Carolina 72, SC Upstate 66
Southern Miss. 65, McKeesee St. 56
UAB 92, Alabama A&M 58
VMU 78, Presbyterian 70, OT
East
Army 79, St. Francis (NY) 70
Bucknell 63, Cornell 60
Drexel 63, St. Francis (Pa.) 42
Felician 69, NY Tech 60
George Washington 77, Delaware St. 59
Georgetown 49, Providence 40
Harvard 74, Saint Joseph's 69
Holy Cross 65, Dartmouth 61
La Salle 73, Hartford 55
Lehigh 72, Bryant 55
New Hampshire 71, Colgate 64
Quinnipiac 59, Boston U. 53
UConn 83, St. John's 69

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SCORES
Far West
Arizona 21, 60, Arizona 45
Bowling Green 70, Colorado St. 57
Sacramento St. 78, Weber St. 60
Southern Cal 74, California 54
UALR 53, Denver 51
Midwest
DePaul 65, N. Illinois 46
Detroit 68, Valparaiso 52
Drake 47, Creighton 60
Marquette 69, Toledo 60
Murray St. 80, Se. Missouri 75
N. Iowa 62, Missouri 54
S. Dakota St. 81, IPFW 58
SIU-Edwardsville 79, Jacksonville St. 39
UMKC 92, Oral Roberts 79
W. Illinois 65, IUPUI 60
Wichita St. 71, Bradley 58
Youngstown St. 70, Cleveland St. 48
South
Appalachian St. 64, Longwood 54
Charleston Southern 76, Presbyterian 67
Central Carolina 58, Winthrop 54
FAU 66, Louisiana-Lafayette 52

SCHEDULE: TONIGHT'S BIG GAMES

ON TV
MOTORSPORTS
11:30 p.m.
VERSUS — Dakar Rally, Mar del Plata to Santa Rosa de la Pampa, Argentina (delayed tape)

NFL
11 a.m.
CBS — N.Y. Jets at Miami
FOX — San Francisco at St. Louis
2:15 p.m.
CBS — Kansas City at Denver
FOX — Tampa Bay at Atlanta
6 p.m.
NBC — Dallas at New York Giants

Louisiana-Monroe 83, Arkansas St. 57
Middle Tennessee 60, South Alabama 39
Morehead St. 74, Austin Peay 67
UT-Martin 83, Tennessee Tech 61
Wake Forest 68, Davidson 66
Southwest
North Texas 57, Troy 36
TCU 66, Texas Southern 38
Texas-Arlington 78, Houston Baptist 61
East
Duke 66, Robert Morris 63
Mount St. Mary's 58, Bucknell 66
Pittsburgh 74, Lafayette 69, OT
Princeton 63, Drexel 51
Providence 63, Hartford 46
St. John's 75, Boston U. 38
Syracuse 83, Colgate 32
West Virginia 84, Elon 36

NFL AMERICAN

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	12	3	0	.800	464	321
N.Y. Jets	8	7	0	.533	360	344
Buffalo	6	9	0	.400	351	385
Miami	5	10	0	.333	310	296
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Houston	10	5	0	.667	359	255
Tennessee	8	7	0	.533	302	295
Jacksonville	4	11	0	.267	234	216
Indianapolis	2	13	0	.133	230	411
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Baltimore	11	4	0	.733	354	250
x-Pittsburgh	11	4	0	.733	312	218
Cincinnati	9	6	0	.600	328	299
Cleveland	4	11	0	.267	209	294
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	8	7	0	.533	306	383
Oakland	8	7	0	.533	333	395
San Diego	7	8	0	.467	368	351
Kansas City	6	9	0	.400	205	335
NATIONAL	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y.Giants	8	7	0	.533	363	386
Dallas	7	8	0	.467	355	316
Philadelphia	7	8	0	.467	362	318
Washington	5	10	0	.333	278	333
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New Orleans	12	3	0	.800	502	322
x-Atlanta	9	6	0	.600	357	326
Carolina	6	9	0	.400	389	384
Tampa Bay	4	11	0	.267	263	449
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	14	1	0	.933	515	318
x-Detroit	10	5	0	.667	433	242
Chicago	7	8	0	.467	336	328
Minnesota	3	12	0	.200	327	432
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-San Francisco	12	3	0	.800	346	202
Seattle	7	8	0	.467	301	292
Arizona	7	8	0	.467	289	328
Tampa Bay	4	11	0	.267	263	449
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Baltimore	11	4	0	.733	354	250
x-Pittsburgh	11	4	0	.733	312	218
Cincinnati	9	6	0	.600	328	299
Cleveland	4	11	0	.267	209	294

College Football FBS Bowl Glance

Saturday, Dec. 17
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Temple 37, Wyoming 15

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Ohio 24, Utah State 23
New Orleans Bowl
Louisiana-Lafayette 32, San Diego State 30
Tuesday, Dec. 20
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Marshall 20, FIU 10
Wednesday, Dec. 21
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
TCU 31, Louisiana Tech 24
Thursday, Dec. 22
MAACO Bowl
At Las Vegas
Boise State 56, Arizona State 24
Saturday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
Southern Mississippi 24, Nevada 17
Monday, Dec. 26
Independence Bowl
At Siouxport, La.
Missouri 41, North Carolina 24
Tuesday, Dec. 27
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Purdue 37, Western Michigan 32
Holiday Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
North Carolina State 31, Louisville 24
Wednesday, Dec. 28
Military Bowl
At Washington
Toledo 42, Air Force 41
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Texas 21, California 10
Thursday, Dec. 29
Champs Sports Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Florida State 18, Notre Dame 14
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
 Baylor 67, Washington 56
Friday, Dec. 30
Armed Forces Bowl
At Dallas
BYU 24, Tulsa 21
Pinstripe Bowl
At New York
Rutgers 27, Iowa State 13
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Mississippi State 23, Wake Forest 17
Inspire Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Oklahoma St. 10, Iowa 14
Saturday, Dec. 31
Meineke Car Care Bowl
At Houston
Texas A&M 33, Northwestern 22
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Utah 30, Georgia Tech 27, OT
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Vanderbilt (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 1:30 p.m.(ESPN)
Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
UCI (6-7) vs. Illinois (6-6), 1:30 p.m.(ESPN)
Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
Michigan (8-4) vs. Auburn (7-5), 5:30 p.m.(ESPN)
Sunday, Jan. 8
TicketCity Bowl
At Dallas
Oregon (11-2) vs. Houston (12-1), 10 a.m.(ESPN)
Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Nebraska (9-3) vs. South Carolina (10-2), 11 a.m.(ESPN)
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Georgia (10-3) vs. Michigan State (10-3), 11 a.m.(ABC)
Sunday, Jan. 8
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Florida (6-6) vs. Ohio State (6-6), 11 a.m.(ESPN2)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan (8-4) vs. Wisconsin (11-2), 3 p.m.(ESPN)
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Stanford (11-1) vs. Oklahoma State (11-1), 6:30 p.m.(ESPN)
Tuesday, Jan. 9
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Michigan (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (11-2), 6 p.m.(ESPN)
Wednesday, Jan. 4
Orange Bowl
At Miami
West Virginia (9-3) vs. Clemson (10-3), 6 p.m.(ESPN)
Friday, Jan. 6
Cotton Bowl
At Arlington, Texas
Kansas State (10-2) vs. Arkansas (10-2), 6 p.m.(FOX)
Saturday, Jan. 7
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. SMU (7-5), 10 a.m.(ESPN)
Sunday, Jan. 8
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Arkansas State (10-2) vs. Northern Illinois (10-3), 7 p.m.(ESPN)
Monday, Jan. 9
National Championship
At New Orleans
LSU (13-0) vs. Alabama (11-1), 6:30 p.m.(ESPN)
Saturday, Jan. 21
East-West Shrine Classic
East vs. West, 2 p.m., (NFLN)
Sunday, Jan. 28
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 2 p.m.(NFLN)
Saturday, Feb. 5
Texas vs. Nation
At San Antonio
Texas vs. Nation, Noon(CBS5N)

NHL EASTERN

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
N.Y.Rangers	36	23	9	4	50	107	77
Philadelphia	36	22	10	4	48	123	106
Pittsburgh	38	21	13	4	46	121	100
New Jersey	37	21	15	1	43	103	105
N.Y.Islanders	36	13	17	6	32	84	113
NORTHEAST	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Boston	34	24	9	1	49	121	64
Toronto	37	18	14	5	41	116	122
Ottawa	38	18	15	5	41	101	105
Buffalo	37	17	17	3	37	98	109
Montreal	38	14	17	7	35	97	107
SOUTHEAST	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Florida	38	19	12	7	45	100	105
Winnipeg	37	18	14	5	41	101	105
Washington	36	19	15	2	40	107	107
Tampa Bay	36	16	17	3	35	99	120
Carolina	39	13	20	6	32	101	130
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Chicago	38	24	10	4	52	125	107
Detroit	37	23	13	1	47	120	

ORTON, OTHER PLAYERS SUE OVER FINANCIAL ADVICE

CHICAGO (AP) • Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Kyle Orton and some 20 other NFL players are suing a Chicago law firm for more than \$10 million, claiming they received bad financial advice on investing in energy concerns.

The 14-page lawsuit filed this week in Cook County Circuit Court claims that the alleged negligence of Chuhak & Tecson cost Orton and the other players millions of dollars related to energy investments. The firm did not return several messages left Friday seeking comment.

The lawsuit only lists two individuals by name as plaintiffs — Orton, now 29, a former quarterback for the Chicago Bears and Denver Broncos, and Atlanta lawyer Edward Rappaport. Plaintiffs' attorney Daniel Konicek told The Associated Press the others he represents in the suit are all NFL players he declined to identify.

"I think this says a lot about the vulnerabilities of NFL players — that they rely on the expertise of others," he said. "They relied on people who were supposed to have their best interests in mind."

In 2005, the law firm encouraged then-rookie Orton and others to set up partnerships that, in turn, would invest in producers and sellers of gas generated at landfills, the lawsuit says. The plaintiffs didn't find out until 2010 that they didn't qualify for tax breaks that Chuhak & Tecson allegedly assured them they would benefit from.

Instead, the investors "suffered millions of dollars in damages, including loss of investment, adverse tax consequences, penalties, expenses and professional fees," the lawsuit claims.

The suit itself doesn't provide an exact figure for how much the parties are seeking in damages, but Konicek said that, combined, it will be more than \$10 million.

"This is a lesson to make sure you're dealing with the right people," said Konicek. "These guys thought they were"



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Ron Schulz secures a safety net on an ice rink in preparation for NHL hockey's Winter Classic at Citizens Bank Park, Friday in Philadelphia. The New York Rangers and the Philadelphia Flyers are scheduled to play on Monday.

Winter Classic Time! NHL Ready for its Big Chill

BY DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA • After his final shift is over in the NHL's version of Old Timers' Day, former Flyers great Eric Lindros wants to stick around and catch the Winter Classic.

Can't blame him. The outdoor extravaganza has blossomed into a coveted score, with the price of admission rivaling a Super Bowl seat or Final Four trip.

Now can anyone find some tickets for Lindros to watch the Jan. 2 game between his former teams, the Philadelphia Flyers and New York Rangers?

"I've got a group of buddies and we're all going to head down and enjoy the weekend," he said. "We hope to get some tickets to the Classic game. It's a hot ticket in town."

There's not a hotter pair for any marquee event in Philadelphia.

Of course, it's never too late to buy a ticket on the secondary market.

Just be prepared to spend. Lindros can still snag one on what will be the baseline in Citizens Park Bank for \$5,000 as of this week on StubHub.com

And critics say the NHL isn't as popular as the other Big Three sports.

It is when it's time for the NHL to leave the indoor, climate-controlled arenas and take it outside for its annual

New Year's season showcase, an event that has morphed from a one-day game into a weeklong winter carnival, going on a yearly tour from classic ballparks to super-sized NFL stadiums.

Only the Phillies' bats in October are supposed to go cold at Citizens Bank Park.

That all changes Monday when the Rangers and Flyers add a chilly chapter to their heated rivalry in one of baseball's most popular stadiums.

"We look for teams, we look for matchups, we look for facilities that we think when we put them all together, people will get excited about it," NHL Commissioner Garry Bettman said.

This will be the fifth Classic, third in a baseball stadium, and second straight with HBO's "24/7" cameras rolling.

The Flyers lost to the Boston Bruins two years ago at Fenway Park where the imposing Green Monster served as an imposing backdrop.

"It was one of my best hockey moments," Flyers forward Scott Hartnell said. "You hear the skate marks going off the glass. You hear the puck going off the glass when you miss the net. All the hockey sounds you don't get in a big-time building when the fans are right on you."

The only change this season is the date. The Winter Classic was

bumped from its traditional Jan. 1 slot to Jan. 2 so the game wouldn't conflict with a full slate of NFL games. The Eagles' stadium across the street from CBP was ruled out because of the season finale against Washington.

The Phillies were happy to host the grudge match on the site of the 2009 World Series between the Phillies and the New York Yankees.

"We probably didn't anticipate just how comprehensive the whole thing is," Phillies president David Montgomery said. "I give the NHL credit. It's quite an undertaking."

The ballpark will be bustling with sticks and pucks over the next week from legends, to current greats to college kids and families. There is a free, three-day festival outside the CBP gates, Penn State plays Neumann University on Jan. 4 and Villanova plays Drexel the following day. The Flyers' AHL affiliate, the Adirondack Phantoms, plays the Hershey Bears on Jan. 6.

There's also a high school game, and open public skating — for \$60 an hour.

That means about 175,000 fans are expected for the open-air events.

"It's a confirmation that Philadelphia is not just a Flyers town, but a bona fide hockey market," team President Peter Luukko said.

The stadium is configured to a bit more than 44,000

seats: 20,000 tickets went to the Flyers, 10,000 for the Rangers, 4,000 for the Phillies and the rest to the NHL and corporate sponsors. The Flyers also allocated 1,300 tickets to youth hockey groups at discounted prices.

No wonder cities have turned up the heat on the league office to host the next Classic.

"Going back to the first game, we didn't know how quickly we could sell 73,000 seats in Buffalo, and it turned out we were sold out in 20 minutes," NHL Chief Operating Officer John Collins said.

The NHL stumbled onto a huge hit with the alumni game, a lace-up-the-skates exhibition that started last year in Pittsburgh and has generated huge hype this year in Philadelphia because of Lindros' long-awaited return after a decade of estrangement from the franchise he led to the 1997 Stanley Cup finals.

What the NHL thought would be a fleeting feel-good game when it made its debut last year in Pittsburgh, has turned into a feature attraction.

"We weren't planning on selling a whole lot of tickets, we allocated something like 5,000 tickets," Collins said. "Then Mario Lemieux decided to play."

"Suddenly, the sense was, we could have sold out Heinz

Field again for the alumni game and we weren't prepared. We were in the middle of a lot of operational detail, so I think we sold only about 10,500 tickets. We won't do that again. That's a great opportunity."

Luukko said the alumni game is sold out. Former Flyers stars such as Lindros, Bobby Clarke and Bernie Parent play ex-Rangers greats such as Mark Messier, Brian Leetch and Adam Graves on Saturday.

Not everyone was happy. Season-ticket holders did not have the Winter Classic in their package and were forced to buy tickets to the alumni and AHL games if they wanted to attend.

"We did have some limited complaints," Luukko said.

Also, the official announcement from the league came in late September, well after the schedule was released, and after the news had leaked out in various forums since the spring. Montgomery said the first call from the Flyers came last January.

The NHL needed to work out a new TV deal with NBC and the Phillies had some ticket issues that needed to be addressed before the date was set.

"I'm sure the NHL would like to add more suites but, because of our contracts with our suite customers, we couldn't do that," Montgomery said.

Baldwin Set to Lead Seahawks in Receiving

RENTON, Wash. (AP) • Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Doug Baldwin could become the first undrafted player since the merger to lead his team in yards receiving as a rookie.

To Baldwin, it's not good enough. Not, with the Seahawks out of playoff contention.

"It's kind of a disappointing year for me just because of the fact that we're not in the playoffs when we had an opportunity to be in the playoffs," Baldwin said.

The former Stanford player signed with Seattle before training camp and quickly began to show that teams made a mistake in not taking him in the draft.

Baldwin had a 55-yard touchdown catch in the season opener against the San Francisco 49ers and former Stanford coach Jim Harbaugh and a major contributor for the Seahawks.

"From the first couple days he was on the practice field to the preseason to now going into Game 16, he's a rock solid part of this team and we're counting on him," coach Pete Carroll said.

Baldwin has 48 catches for 748 yards and four touch-



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Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Doug Baldwin (15) flies through the air for a first down during NFL actions last Saturday in Seattle. Baldwin, an undrafted free agent, leads the Seahawks in receiving.

downs. He has excelled working as a slot receiver with his knack for finding holes in zones and getting first downs.

His best game came in a 30-13 victory over the St. Louis Rams on Dec. 12. Baldwin had a 37-yard kickoff return, downed a punt inside

the 5 and caught seven passes for 93 yards and a touchdown.

Even with the season he's had, he continues to focus on

the catches he didn't make — the games he didn't play as well in.

"For me, my focus is going to be looking at those games,

particularly the Cleveland game where I didn't have a catch, and finding ways to get better. Finding ways of why I didn't have a catch," Baldwin said. "This last game I had seven targets and only two catches and I know there's things I can do to improve."

After two years under Carroll, the Seahawks' roster has finally started to take shape.

The front office has shuffled the roster constantly over Carroll's first two seasons and the team has finally found a group of core young players that are signed and will be back with the team next season.

After a 2-6 start to the 2011 season, the Seahawks have won five of their past seven games. In its two losses against Washington and San Francisco, Seattle held fourth-quarter leads, but was unable to hold on.

Seattle has found value in players such as Baldwin, fifth-round pick Richard Sherman and former CFL castoff Brandon Browner. It's something Baldwin and the Seahawks can build on for next season.

"It's a good feeling knowing that most of these guys in this locker room are going to be returning and us having an opportunity to push for a playoff run next year," Baldwin said.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
The annual meeting of East End Mutual Electric will be held January 24, 2012 at 2:00 PM at the Rupert Elk's Lodge. Members attendance at this meeting is needed so important business may be conducted. A Director At Large will be elected. Jim McBride is currently the director. Refreshments will be served.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the North Side Canal Company, Ltd., will be held at Sawtooth Best Western Inn, 2-miles south of Jerome, Thursday, January 12, 2012, at 10:00 A.M. for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting in accordance with the By-laws of the Company.
The following Directors are to be elected for a three year term.
One Director from District No. 1
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One Director at Large

The Stock books will close ten days prior to January 12, 2012, and all proxies must be filed with the Secretary at least five days prior to January 12, 2012, in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of the Company.
Dated this 16th day of December, 2011 at Jerome, Idaho.
NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, LTD.
BY: Terry Walters, Assist-Sec'y
PUBLISH: January 1 and 8, 2012

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the North Side Pumping Company, will be held at the office of the North Side Canal Company, Ltd., 921 North Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho, Monday, January 16, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting in accordance with the By-laws of the Company.
The following Directors are to be elected for a three year term:
One Director from District No. 2
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The Stock books will close ten days prior to January 16, 2012 and all proxies must be filed with the Secretary at least five days prior to January 16, 2012, in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of said Company.
Dated this 16th day of December, 2011 at Jerome, Idaho.
NORTH SIDE PUMPING COMPANY
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PUBLISH: January 1 and 8, 2012

TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY
NOTICE OF REGULAR ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on **Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 2012.** The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at **9:00 AM** in the **Rick Allen Room at the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho** in Twin Falls.
Director from **District 1 (Hansen, Kimberly & Murtaugh)** will be elected for a three-year term.
Director from **District 5 (Castleford)** will be elected for a three-year term.
Petitions of Candidacy for Director must be filed by December 1, 2011.
Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports concerning operation and maintenance efforts, 2012 water supplies, water call and other matters of interest.
The corporate books will close for the transfer of stock on December 30, 2011.
The polls shall be open at the office of the Company at 357 Sixth Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 PM on January 10, 2012, if necessary.
Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company office on or before January 6, 2012.
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Kay Puschel, Assistant Secretary
PUBLISH: December 21, 25 and 28, 2011, Jan 1 and 8, 2012

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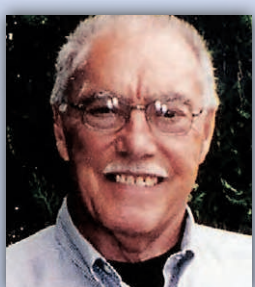
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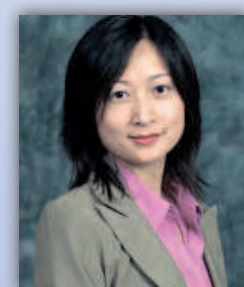
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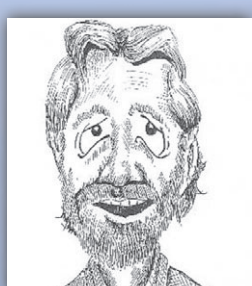
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Bird Bequest

Eventually, someone will find Walter the handicapped pigeon in a Twin Falls woman's will.



MCKAYLA HAACK • FOR THE TIMES-NEWS

Walter the pigeon, unable to fly, lives in a pen outside the Twin Falls home of Karen Garofoli-Brown.

BY MCKAYLA HAACK
For the Times-News

Wild Birds

TWIN FALLS • When approaching the home of Karen Garofoli-Brown, you'll be greeted by Walter and his pleasant cooing. Walter, you'll find, is Garofoli-Brown's pet pigeon.

If you find a wounded wild bird, call the local office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at 324-4359.

It's the same realization that arborist Casey Barker had last month when arriving at the Twin Falls house to trim a tree. Barker was startled and intrigued.

Welcome to Walter's world. This bird is a neighborhood spectacle — and an unusual bequest.

Karen's late husband, David, found Walter with a broken wing eight years ago, took the bird to a veterinarian and brought it home with its wing in a bright blue bandage. The wing healed, but Walter will never be able to fly again.

"I don't know how old he was when we got him, but he's in my will. The person receiving him will be very surprised."

Karen Garofoli-Brown, owner of Walter the pigeon

"David wanted to keep him. At first I said, 'No, he's like a rat with wings,' but he grew on me. And when my husband passed away four years ago, I inherited him," Karen said.

Walter lives in a pigeon coop made of wood and chicken wire that sits right outside the door under the carport awning; the pen is about 7 feet tall by 4 feet wide and 4 feet long. He has a number of planks to walk on and various toys — his favorite is a bell. For winter, he gets a cover and a heated water dish.

Although Walter is not friendly, he has acquired a few roommates — it's easy for mice to come and go through the chicken wire.

"A few mice moved in with him. I think they're mostly after his food," Karen said. "He'll peck at them when they run by, but sometimes he'll just talk to them. I've had to rescue a few sparrows out of his cage, and once a cat got in."

The cat was there for the mice and mostly ignored Walter, but Karen had to make a few repairs to the cage.

After some research, Karen learned that pigeons can live up to 30 years, she said. "I don't know how old he was when we got him, but he's in my will. The person receiving him will be very surprised."

Twin Falls veterinarian Michelle Lewis said that when people come to her with wild birds, she sends them to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Rob Lonsinger, a wildlife biologist for Fish and Game's Jerome office, handled about 60 birds this year. "Most people call in raptors and sometimes waterfowl, but we rarely see pigeons," he said. He even rescued an owl trapped in a chimney.

Fish and Game has licensed rehabilitators in the area that will nurse a bird and, hopefully, release it back into the wild. A number of vets also help out; if a bird cannot be rehabilitated, it is euthanized.

And Walter? He entertains the neighborhood kids and cats who like to watch him. Said Karen: "He's a part of my life."

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Evin Fox and her husband, Jeff Fox, show photos of their godchildren at their Twin Falls home Tuesday afternoon.

'We Need Each Other'

Whether their love comes in the form of spiritual guidance or birthday cards, godparents still play active roles in godchildren's lives.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN
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TWIN FALLS • Jeff and Evin Fox have godchildren in Washington, California and Idaho.

Though the Foxes are hundreds of miles away from some of them, the Twin Falls couple strives to stay active in the children's lives. That might mean sending loving notes on the anniversaries of baptisms, or praying for them, or sending gifts on birthdays. And the goddaughter who lives in town can stop by for sleepovers.

"They're like one of your kids," Jeff Fox said.

As far as most churches are concerned, a godparent's role — to serve as a spiritual mentor — isn't any different than in past centuries. But modern godparents, some of whom live states away, also show they care with emails, Facebook posts and care packages.

Catholics and Episcopalians must designate godparents for their children upon baptism, said Pastor Deb Seles of the Church of the Ascension in Twin Falls.

"What we would like to see them do is to take an active part in the child's life including their faith development," Seles said. That might include teaching

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The Foxes display a godchild ornament on their Christmas tree. The Twin Falls husband and wife have four godchildren between them.

THE OLD-FASHIONED LIGHT BULB'S PHASEOUT: A PRIMER

BY JESSICA MINTZ
For The Associated Press

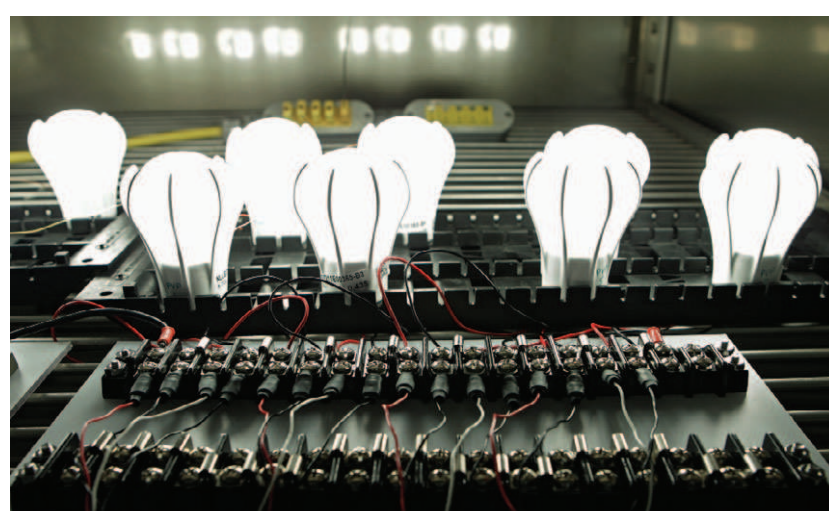
These are confusing days to be shopping for a light bulb.

New federal standards were to kick in after the New Year requiring 100-watt bulbs to be more energy efficient. Then Congress, in a bill passed last month to keep the government running, blocked enforcement of the new law until October 2012.

So, in January the beginning of the end for the warm incandescent glow as we know it?

Here's what you need to know about the phase-out of today's standard light bulb: **First of all, what federal standards are we talking about?**

The Energy Independence and Security Act became law in December 2007. It is wide-ranging, tackling topics from vehicle fuel economy and alternative automobile technologies to industrial energy efficiency, solar power and more. The law has a section that amends or tries to set new efficiency standards for appliances including furnaces, air conditioners, battery chargers, clothes washers, dishwashers and refrigerators. It also sets energy-efficiency standards for "general service



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General Electric's 9-watt Energy Smart LED light bulbs are tested in an oven at the lighting group's headquarters in Ohio.

incandescent lamps." **What's that?**

It's code for everyday-use incandescent light bulbs — the kind you screw in to the lamp in the living room. The law doesn't cover specialty bulbs such as black lights, bug lamps or plant lights; it also doesn't affect the 40-watt-or-less light bulbs you'd find in the refrigerator or oven.

What do the new rules demand?

Four of today's commonly purchased incandescent bulbs are targeted: 100-watt, 75-watt, 60-watt and 40-watt. Those numbers refer to the amount of power the light bulbs draw; they're in the crosshairs because much of the power they consume is released as heat, not light.

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STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Jerome

Belinda Marie Meraz, daughter of Sarah Gonzalez and Ricardo Meraz of Jerome, was born Dec. 20, 2011.

Xavier Allen Ray, son of Creola Mayfield and Nathan Ray of Jerome, was born Dec. 21, 2011.

Izzabella Brynley Anderson, daughter of Kyley Scarrow and Donald Anderson of Jerome, was born Dec. 24, 2011.

Julian Jesus Murillo Arellano, son of Maria Isabel Arellano Fuentes and Fernando Murillo Lopez of Jerome, was born Dec. 25, 2011.

St. Luke's Magic Valley

Michaela Rose Dalton, daughter of Desiree Dawn Rogers and Michael Ray Dalton of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 14, 2011.

Kennith Zachary-Don Kessler, son of Tiffany Jo and Vincent Lee Kessler of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 19, 2011.

Kimberly Lopez Lopez, daughter of Maria Isabel Lopez Martinez and Miguel Lopez Lopez of Jerome, was born Dec. 20, 2011.

Braylynn Michelle Jeroue, daughter of Kelsie Michelle Bryant and Kasey James Jeroue of Filer, was born Dec. 20, 2011.

Zyler Cole Smith, son of Kelsey Anne Irish and Brandon Dee Smith of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 20, 2011.

Isaac Malikai Martinez, son of Shantel Leann and Cody Allen Martinez of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 20, 2011.

McKinlay Riquel Klundt, daughter of Meggan McCall and Travis Shane Klundt of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 21, 2011.

Hannah Elizabeth Powers, daughter of Rachael Anne Stewart and Ryan Tyrone Powers of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 21, 2011.

Kaitlynn Paige Funk-Shupert, daughter of Teri Kathleen Funk of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 21, 2011.

Kingson Zeus Salinas, son of Shira Marguerite and Alberto Garza Salinas of Jerome, was born Dec. 22, 2011.

Tiffanie Wanyz Liang, daughter of Qui Qiong Chen and Brian Liang of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 23, 2011.

Jerum Lee Dolph Gardner, son of Jamie Lee and Larry Dennis Gardner Jr. of Wendell, was born Dec. 23, 2011.

Brently Capri Howard, daughter of Kristin Dawn and Tyler James Howard of Jerome, was born Dec. 23, 2011.

Alora Violet Whitehawk, daughter of Faleasha A. Whitehawk and Steve Trenton Shamy of Jerome, was born Dec. 23, 2011.

Carson Floyd Lockwood, son of Jamie Rae and Dustin Floyd Lockwood of Gooding, was born Dec. 24, 2011.

Dallas Michael McCombs, son of Kayla Marie and Corey James McCombs of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 24, 2011.

Dekkin Korey Huse, son of Dakotah Saraya Romans and William Robert Huse of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 26, 2011.

NEXT WEEK



The Old Ways

A Shoshone rancher reflects

on his life; Melissa Davlin reports.

Next Sunday in People

Websites Make Weight-loss Wagering Easy

BY LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

Neil Ylanan eats for a living and travels constantly as a food expert for a company that supplies in-flight meals to airlines. Toss in those sleepless, sluggish early years of fatherhood — he's got three young kids — and he was dealing with significant weight gain.

Looking around his office in Irving, Texas, the 37-year-old Ylanan realized he wasn't alone, so he rallied four of his fellow foodies at LSG Sky Chefs for a weight-loss competition online.

They named their team "All About the Benjamins," in homage to the \$10,000 top prize offered by Healthywage.com, one of at least a dozen diet betting sites to emerge after "The Biggest Loser" went on the air and the nation's obesity epidemic grew worse.

Each of the Benjamins anted up \$60 to lose more — up to a safe weekly maximum — than 30 or so teams from the same company and around the map. They had three months. Victory was theirs in October.

"At first we really were all about the Benjamins, but the impetus kind of changed. You didn't want to let your teammates down," said Ylanan, who at 5-foot-7 began the competition at 245 pounds and ended it at 196.

"I joined a gym. We've all picked up racquetball," he said. "I haven't played racquetball in 15 years."

Research on whether financial incentives lead to weight loss is inconclusive, but that hasn't kept thousands of people off diet betting sites since they began sprouting in 2004. Many of the sites experience dramatic hikes in traffic during the danger stretch between Thanksgiving and January.

"We think of New Year's as our Black Friday," said Victoria Fener, director of operations for Stickk.com.

Each site has its own



The LSG Sky Chefs Healthy Wage winners, from left, Neil Ylanan, Andy Davis, Ben Levine, Michael Sutter and Andrew Trabosh at LSG's North American headquarters in Irving, Texas.

PHOTO COURTESY KAREN HILL

rules and tools, like line graphs to track progress, regular emails with tips and support, and rankings to keep an eye on the competition. Stickk allows users to set their own stakes, including an "anti-charity" donation to a hated cause. The George W. Bush Presidential Library and Americans United for Life are top recipients.

Most of the sites are free or require a small fee. Many make money betting optional to tackle weight loss and other health goals.

Regular weigh-ins are usually required, either through the honor system or a third-party source like a doctor or a health club. Privacy settings keep sensitive details hidden if desired but Facebook-esque walls provide that sought-after share factor popular with players.

Seth Brown, 28, in Morgan Hill, Calif., got a jump in August on his New Year's resolution to lose 62 pounds.

He had fallen into a routine of burritos, fast food and video games when he

lost his job and moved back in with his parents. He put up \$30 to compete against 14 strangers in a public individual challenge at Weightlosswars.com, where Dell, Google and Groupon have sponsored employees.

"I first set out to find a website that acted as sort of a social network for fat people," Brown said. "I thrive in competitive situations and I loved the idea of competing with a group of people who are in the same boat I am."

Not all sites that provide tracking and social tools to achieve health goals use money as a motivator.

Alex Rainert is head of product for the location-based check-in service Foursquare. He tried to organize a get-healthier office contest himself using a simple spreadsheet and small money antes. He found he couldn't keep up with record keeping and the money didn't seem to work to rally his colleagues.

So he turned to Health-month.com, which doesn't use money bets. Winners

receive virtual fruit to give in solidarity to others over a month's time. At the beginning, participants fill out detailed questionnaires that are later used by the site to craft daily emails offering help with self-selected goals like limiting alcohol or soda and eating more greens or whole grains.

At Weightlosswars, where the motto is "Lose together or gain alone," marketing director Pete Maughan expects 10,000 to 15,000 people to register from mid-December through January. The site already has nearly 130,000 users in private team weight loss competitions among friends, families and co-workers, along with individuals competing in public challenges like Seth Brown.

"We're kind of like an annual flower," Maughan said. "I don't view it as a solution to America's weight loss problem but it's an important spark and a fun and extremely motivational way to get started on a weight loss journey."

Monday: Swedish meatballs over noodles
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak
Wednesday: Barbecue ribs
Thursday: Porcupine meatballs
Friday: Roast beef

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Bunco, 12:45 p.m.
Tuesday: Energy assistance, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Let's Dance, 4:30 p.m.
Snack bar, 5 p.m.
Bingo, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.
Country Cowboys band SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Stitch 'n time, 1 p.m.
Women's pool, 1 p.m.
LCR, 1 p.m.
YogaStretch, 5:20 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Scones and coffee, 9 to 10 a.m.
YogaStretch, 10:30 a.m.
Freewill Baptist Lunch Pinochle, 1 p.m.
SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m.
Women's pool, 7 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Fiddlers Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Essential oil, 6:30 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
130 S. Main, Richfield.
Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

Monday: Tuna noodle casserole
Thursday: Chicken patty sandwich

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone.
Lunch at noon. Suggested

Today: Closed
Monday: Ham and potato casserole
Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwich
Wednesday: Memphis-style barbecue Joe
Thursday: Pot roast

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m., with Hot Ball special
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: \$5. 326-4608.

Tuesday: Meatloaf
Wednesday: Ham and beans
Thursday: Pork loin

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: No meal
Tuesday: Fish with lemon rice
Wednesday: Meatloaf
Thursday: Sweet and sour pork over rice

Monday: No activities listed
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, 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.
Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10 a.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: Closed
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
Friday: Pork chops

Tuesday: Bingo, 6:45 p.m., early bird, cash prizes
Wednesday: Blood draws

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.

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. Mondays through Thursdays. For lunch take-out, 11 a.m. to noon daily: 734-5084.

Tuesday: Chicken a la king
Wednesday: Beef and broccoli over rice
Thursday: Hamburger and hot dog
Friday: Tuna casserole

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.
Blood pressure checks, 11:30 a.m.
Painting class, 6 p.m.
Pinochle, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
50/50 raffle, noon
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
Pinochle, 7 p.m.

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. Tuesday and Thursday.

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: 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: Closed
Tuesday: Pig in a blanket
Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Sweet and sour chicken

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.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. 825-5662.

Tuesday: Fish sandwich
Wednesday: Men's Bible study, breakfast, 7 a.m.
Bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday: Chicken fried steak

WHAT'S NORMAL FOR BLOODWORK?

BY JULIE DEARDORFF
Chicago Tribune

Your doctor just wants to run a few tests. But when your bloodwork comes back, you're told the results are "out of the normal range."

Should you be alarmed?

Laboratory testing is a critical and often mysterious aspect of health care. An estimated 60 to 70 percent of the decisions related to diagnosis, treatment and hospital admission are based on samples of blood and urine, according to the College of American Pathologists website.

But very few medical questions can be answered by a single test. The process is also highly variable: Results can depend on factors such as the lab, the instruments used, your age and gender.

Moreover, the phrase "normal results" isn't commonly used because it can be misleading. Instead, for some tests, such as the blood glucose test, labs use what's called a "normal reference interval" or "reference range." These numbers — the set of values that 95 percent of the normal population falls within — help guide a doctor's interpretation of the results.

Here are five things you need to know about reference ranges:

Q: How are reference ranges established?

A: Ranges are set by testing healthy people — those who don't have symptoms of the disease the test is intended to diagnose. The people whose results are used to determine the reference range will vary based on factors that may include age, gender, ethnicity, geography, season and other variables, said Dr. Harvey Kaufman, senior medical director for Quest Diagnostics. Guidelines from medical associations and peer-reviewed research also can provide the basis for establishing ranges, Kaufman said.

Q: Do all labs use the same ranges?

A: No. "Labs use different sample populations, testing procedures and equipment," said Kandice Kottke-Marchant, chair of the Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Institute at Cleveland Clinic. "More than 20 glucose assays (tests) are available commercially, and they may all give slightly different re-

sults," said Marchant. In addition, "there isn't a one-size-fits-all reference range," Marchant said. Still, if the test is for pregnant women, for example, then pregnant women are used to establish the reference range, and labs are likely to arrive at comparable reference ranges.

Q: What does it mean if I fall outside the reference range?

A: It doesn't necessarily confirm that you have a medical condition. Instead, the doctor should interpret the result in the context of your overall medical evaluation to determine if there is reason for concern, Kaufman said. In some cases, the doctor may repeat the test. Abnormal test results can occur for a variety of reasons: The specimen was misidentified or mishandled, it was collected in the wrong tube, it sat around too long or the results were mixed up. Or perhaps you didn't fast before your glucose tolerance test or are taking certain medications.

Your individual tests over time — your individual reference range — "will often be a better barometer of disease risk than a score on a reference range established by testing others," Kaufman said.

Q: Do reference ranges reflect optimal health?

A: Some groups claim ranges are misleading because they reflect average levels rather than optimal levels. But "environmental factors do not influence the normal value for most tests, so the optimal and normal ranges are one and the same," said Arthur McTighe, Laboratory Director and Chief of Pathology at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore. Cholesterol is an exception — a standard optimal range is used for LDL cholesterol. If new evidence emerged to the contrary, the ranges would be re-evaluated.

Q: How often do labs recalculate reference ranges?

A: In rare cases, a lab might reassess whether more research is needed if new technology emerges or the range for a specific test is slightly different than other labs, said Kaufman. Though uncommon, groups such as the National Institutes of Health and the National Kidney Foundation can also request adjustments based on current research.

When Granny Is Nanny: Making Shared Childcare Work

BY ELLEN GIBSON
For The Associated Press

Rosa Feddersen and her husband bought their dream retirement home on a lake in Oklahoma City five years ago. He, a pilot for U.S. Airways, was nearing the end of his career, and the area had everything the couple wanted.

But when they learned their first grandchild was on the way in 2009, their agenda changed.

After pleas from their daughter, they moved back to Pennsylvania to help with the baby. Their daughter and son-in-law are both surgeons, and Feddersen sometimes watches her granddaughter, Nora, 70 hours a week. While it's a lot of work, she says the arrangement seems to be working for everyone.

One reason: When it comes to taking care of baby, parents and grandparents try to stay out of each other's way.

"When I'm watching her, they pretty much understand that what I say goes," Feddersen says. "But when they're home, I totally back off."

That kind of mutual trust is essential to a successful childcare arrangement with grandparents, says Lawrence Balter, a child psychologist and parenting expert who is also a professor emeritus at New York University.

Sharing childrearing duties is almost never simple.

"Both generations are going to have their ideal way of doing things," he says. "You have to be able to navigate and find a happy medium."

More and more families are finding themselves in these murky waters. According to the most recent Census data, 30 percent of pre-school children with employed mothers are cared for by a grandparent, while 21 percent attend a day-care center. And the economic woes of the past few years have led parents to seek more help from relatives, says Donna Butts, executive director of Generations United, a nonprofit based in Washington, D.C.

In addition to being a money-saving option — the average cost of center-based day-care is approaching \$12,000 a year — letting grandparents take care of the kids has other benefits, Butts says. Children



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Rosa Feddersen watches as her 15-month-old granddaughter Nora Thiel plays dress-up in her home near Middletown, Pa.

learn about their family history and are cared for by adults who love them, while parents can have more flexible schedules. As for the grandparents, a 2007 study by Linda Waite, a professor of sociology at the University of Chicago, found that grandmothers who babysit 200 to 500 hours per year exercise more and get depressed less often.

But these arrangements can also be tricky because there isn't the same clearly defined code of conduct that would apply with a professional day-care provider. Balter shares these tips for ensuring that everyone remains healthy and happy.

Set clear expectations. Determine how many hours each week the grandparent will care for the child, during what times and at whose house, and do your best to stick to the plan. Also, if there's compensation involved, decide on the amount in advance. Is the grandparent expected to do any chores during the day? Make sure everyone agrees.

Establish routines. Work together to create a rough

schedule for the children's day, including naptimes and meals. This is a good opportunity for mom or dad to fold in more detailed requests — for instance, if there are certain foods they do or do not want the child to eat.

Don't be critical. Remember you're on the same team. Instead of a parent saying, "My daughter doesn't go to bed because you're getting her overexcited after dinner?" try phrasing it without accusation: "Let's run through the schedule and see what we can do so she'll be calmer at night?" This advice applies to grandparents, too. If you notice the parents doing something ineffective, instead of correcting them, try offering gentle suggestions, such as, "When you were a kid, we did it this way and it seemed to work?"

Don't obsess over consistency. While it's important for an individual caregiver to be consistent, it's fine if mom and grandma don't have exactly the same rules. Kids learn that different things are expected of them in different contexts. (Even with mom and dad,

they've already figured out what they can get away with when each parent is in charge.) Learning how to behave in diverse environments will help them when they start school.

Relinquish some control. This goes for both parents and grandparents. As a grandparent, it's natural to feel defensive when your own offspring second-guess your childrearing skills. Just remember that scientific research is always evolving and today's parents have access to knowledge you might not have had. That said, for many parents, it's tempting to micromanage, but don't expect grandparents to report everything that happens during the day. Trust that as long as kids are loved and kept safe, they will be OK.

Schedule regular check-ins. Plan to sit down once every few months to discuss how things are going. In the chaos of drop-off and pick-up, there won't be much time to compare notes or share concerns. During these check-in sessions, be honest about what's working for you and make any necessary adjustments.

FOR MANY, WEATHER ARMOR INCLUDES WICKING FABRICS

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
Associated Press

Doing battle with the winter elements? After all, going from the warm house out into the cold air to the hot office and then dashing back outside can be tough — not to mention a temperature-fluctuating airplane or subway car.

Maybe you're one of the many adding a wicking shirt to your armor.

The functional under layer that over the last few years has become a favorite of skiers, hikers, runners and other athletes is finding new fans in urbanites, who find a fabric that draws out perspiration, serves as insulation from wind and keeps body temperature stable has purposes beyond the outdoors. It complements smooth, fitted silhouettes that fit nicely under other things, from a man's button-down shirt to a ladies' cashmere turtleneck.

"Lifestyle" is one of the hottest categories across the board in apparel because it delivers style in a package that people really can get use out of, says Will Manzer, CEO of Eastern Mountain Sports, which recently opened its second Manhattan location. Wicking garments — and shirts, in particular — are leading the way, he says.

"Research today shows

that consumers will make apparel purchases based upon look, need and performance," says Tom Julian, a New York-based trend and retail analyst. "I believe that 'products that perform' has been a marketing mantra ever since we saw smart-care clothes come to life as a result of casualization. I think the economy has made it inevitable that apparel has to do more than look nice, be on-trend?"

It helps, though, that the tightly woven fabrics lend itself to the minimalist Prada-like aesthetic, a hit with hipsters, Manzer says. The lightweight polyesters often additionally offer odor-resistant coatings and less irritating flat-lock seams.

"The relationship of form, function and fashion has always been given lip service but now it's a dramatic trend. Design is driving the aesthetic, but function is a part of the aesthetic, too. Things that are waterproof, slim and streamlined all look very cool," Manzer says.

The pipeline from the runway to outdoor market largely had been one way until now, but Greg Thomsen, managing director of Adidas Outdoor USA, expects things to change as yesterday's teenager becomes the coveted 18-49 consumer demographic. They won't want to give up the performance they've gotten from their ath-

letic-heavy wardrobe just because they're graduating to a different lifestyle, he says.

"There's a new generation who has grown up with performance-oriented fabrics," Thomsen says. "They know about fleece and they know about wicking. They know it's a step up in performance from cotton and wool."

Since its launch in 2003, Uniqlo expected its Heattech products to do well with city dwellers, says U.S. CEO Shin Otake, and they were part of the equation their development. Customers want streamlined style, he says in an email to The Associated Press.

Uniqlo says 200 million Heattech garments have been sold worldwide, ranging from the tops that fit under suits to leggings and tights worn on their own.

"Heattech allows people to stay warm in very cold weather without the hassle of bulky clothing which appeals to urbanites that are always on the move and cannot allow cold weather to slow them down," Otake says.

But it's not just the barrier against cold that appeals to Julian. He's a frequent traveler, and wearing these slim, thin wicking shirts as a base layer works indoors at conferences and trade shows, which can be unpredictably warm or cold.

"I have found that men like



PHOTO COURTESY ADIDAS

Adidas Outdoor Climalite top. The functional wicking layer is finding new fans in urbanites.

to use these shirts as layering for travel — perfect on the plane to keep one comfortable but warm and should the heat become an issue — they allow for perspiration. I am a fan of the Heattech because they have a hand like silk, and they layer well under cotton, wool or cashmere, shirts and sweaters," Julian says.

They have additional life because they go under weekend clothes or be worn as workout wear, he adds, and they're very malleable in a suitcase.

Thomsen isn't sure "wicking fabric" is a conscious choice for some wearers; it's just become routine to use these garments as the modern undershirt or sweatshirt. "If you have something that looks nice and feels good, why not wear it? There's really no disadvantage?"

How to Spot a Child's Sports Injury

BY ALISON JOHNSON
Daily Press (Newport News, Va.)

Kids aren't always forthcoming about pain, and symptoms can be subtle — much subtler than limping, swelling or bleeding. To catch problems early, "parents should pay more attention to any changes, not just obvious signs of injury," says Dr. David Geier, an orthopedic surgeon and director of sports medicine at Medical University of South Carolina.

Some red flags:

Change in technique. Young athletes might make minor changes to their motion or form to work around pain. You also might notice a drop in performance level.

Difficulty sitting. Kids with knee pain might have trouble keeping their leg bent continuously — sitting in a car or movie theater, for example — and often will feel better if they straighten it out or walk around. Going up and down stairs also may hurt.

Behavioral changes. Inability to sleep, mood swings and lack of appetite can be the first signs that a child is sore, which may keep a sport from being enjoyable and possibly contribute to mental burnout.

Headaches. If a headache develops after any blow to the head — even a seemingly insignificant blow — don't ignore it. Kids with pain that persists after a head injury should see a doctor before trying to play again. They also need medical attention for headaches that occur during or after exercise.

Unusual comments about a sport. "I don't like pitching anymore" might really mean, "My arm hurts when I pitch." Ask questions to find out why a child feels that way.

Low back pain. Activities that stress the back, including football, gymnastics and weight-lifting, can gradually damage bones in the spine. Stretching, strengthening exercises, rest and breaks from a sport can help.

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For DUI, You Must Be in Control

The bar is closing and your girlfriend is the bartender. You have had several drinks, you go outside, get in the passenger side of the car, reach over start the car so when she gets out there to drive you both home, can an officer give you a DUI?

— Andrew

Well, first things first, my girlfriend does not work at a bar — she works as a comedian. What I really mean is that she tells bad jokes too, like me having a girlfriend (happily married, thank you).

No, the officer could not charge you with driving under the influence if you were only sitting in the passenger's seat when you started the car. If you started the car from the driver's seat and were observed doing so, then you could be charged with DUI if your blood alcohol limit was over .08 (.04 if under 21).

What has to be proven to charge anybody with DUI is that the person was in actual physical control of the vehicle. This control is established by being in the driver's position of the motor vehicle with the motor running or with the motor vehicle moving. That means if you were coasting down the road with the engine off, you could still be charged with DUI.

I might mention that simply turning the car off and throwing the keys on the floor does not keep you from being charged with DUI (this has been attempted more than once). I would also add that changing seats quickly, even while moving, is not a smart move if the police have already seen you in the driver's seat.

Is it true that the police don't have to show anybody a warrant and just



Dan Bristol
Policeman Dan

have to say that they have one to arrest anybody?

— Urie

If the warrant is an arrest warrant, then the police are not required to show it to you before you can be arrested. They will usually show it to you at the jail, though — when you get there.

If the warrant is a search warrant, then you do have to be served with a copy if you are at the location to be searched. If you are not there, a copy of the search warrant must be left at the place searched.

If you are in jail after an arrest warrant and a search warrant is issued, you will be served the search warrant in jail.

The easiest way to avoid any of these warrants is to not break the law in the first place — then this whole question-answer issue here is unnecessary.

Officer Down

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

- Officer Arnulfo Crispin, Lakeland Police, Fla.
- Master Public Safety Officer Scotty Richardson, Aiken D.P.S., S.C.
- Deputy Matt Miller, Seminole County Sheriff, Fla.

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.

SCCAP Receives \$30K from Seagraves Foundation



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, South Central Community Action Partnership Executive Director Ken Robinette and SCCAP Community Services Director Leanne Trappen receive a grant from Seagraves Family Foundation representatives Judy Seagraves and Dari Ward.

TWIN FALLS • South Central Community Action Partnership recently received a \$30,000 grant from the Seagraves Family Foundation for its Back-to-School Program.

This grant will enable SCCAP to continue helping Magic Valley children with school fees and adults who hope to earn their high school diploma equivalency. The nonprofit SCCAP

provides a variety of services to low-income Magic Valley residents, which the Twin Falls-based Seagraves Family Foundation supports.

The Seagraves Family

Foundation was founded in 2001 by the late Janice Seagraves, who used her Powerball winnings to establish a grant program for south-central Idaho establishments.

Food for Fines



COURTESY PHOTOS

From left, DeMary Memorial Library Director Sharon Kimber and Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children volunteer Audrey Neiwerth sort donated canned goods from the library's Food for Fines program at the Rupert library.

AARP Holds Driver Safety Class in T.F.

TWIN FALLS • A driver safety course for senior drivers will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, at the South Central Public Health District Office, 1020 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.

The course, presented by SCPHD, AARP and Matt Stokes Insurance, is designed to help senior drivers compensate for physiological changes that may make driving more difficult. It does not include any tests. Cost is \$14 per person, with AARP members receiving a \$2 discount.

Pre-registration is required. Call Bernie Jansen, 733-1168.

BRIDGE NEWS

BJ Duplicate Bridge, Rupert

The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert recently announced the results of play for Dec. 27:

1. Riley Burton and Shirley Tschannen, 2. Steve and Nancy Sams, 3. Marlene Temple and Shirley Harris, 4. Lila Buman and Marian Snow, 5. Sheila Hubsmith and Mildred Wolf.
- Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge. For partners and more information: Steve Sams, 878-7691 or Vera Mai, 436-4163.

Twin Falls Duplicate Bridge

The Twin Falls Duplicate Bridge Club recently announced the results of Dec. 21 play. It also recently collected \$275 to donate to the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center.

Flight A

North/South: 1. Edna Pierson and Riley Burton, 2. Betty Sabo and Marilyn Botkin, 3. Peggy Hackley and Mary Kienlen, 4. Veeta Roberts and Doris Finney.

East/West: 1. Ruth Rahe and Wilma Driscoll, 2. Barbara and Gary Carney, 3. Pauline Mulliner and Kay Higer, 4. Elaine Bowen and Patti Cooper.

Flight B

North/South: 1. Sabo and Botkin, 2. Roberts and Finney.

East/West: 1. Carneys, 2. Mulliner and Higer.

Minidoka Scout Roundtable Held Thursday

RUPERT • The Minidoka District Scout Leaders' Roundtable will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at East Minico Middle School in Rupert.

A 7 p.m. meeting of district commissioners will precede the meeting. Scouts will complete Citizenship in the Nation and Environmental Science Merit Badges and start work on the Genealogy Merit Badge.

Risch Announces Academy Nominations

TWIN FALLS • Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho, recently announced his nominations to U.S. military academies for the 2012 school year.

Nominees were selected from applicants throughout the state. They will be considered by each of the four academies for final selection.

From the Magic Valley, Risch nominated Kaylee Kostka of Heyburn for the U.S. Air Force Academy, and Kevin Wilmot of Jerome for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Burley Firefighters Donate \$2K to CRMC Volunteers



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured from left are Cassia Regional mammography technologist Kelsey Dietz, Cassia Regional Volunteer Board Chairwoman Karla Cranney, Burley Firefighters Union President Justin Jensen, firefighter Casey Harman, firefighter and union secretary Ben Crawley, and firefighter and union vice president Shannon Tolman. Not pictured are firefighters Ryan Taylor and Jorge Gonzales.

BURLEY • Firefighters from Burley Fire Fighters Local 3303 recently donated \$2,000 to Cassia Regional Medical Center volunteers for their Cancer Resource Center.

Firefighters sold pink T-shirts and sweatshirts in their effort to raise funds for breast cancer research. Burley firefighters recognized the Burley hospital as a proper recipient of funds raised through the International Association of Fire Fighters nationwide fundraiser.

"We saw a need locally and we wanted to help out," Ben Crawley, Burley Fire Fighters Local 3308 secretary, said in a written release.

Locally, firefighters

needed to re-order shirts to keep up with demand for the shirts and sweatshirts, which they wore while on duty throughout October.

"We met the challenge given to us by the IAFF, and we felt we had great success," Crawley said.

CRMC volunteers will use the money to help supply the Cancer Resource Center with wigs, hats, scarves and gowns to help support area women battling cancer.

"This is our first year, but we plan to run the fundraiser annually to help women and their families who are battling cancer," Burley Firefighters Union President Justin Jensen said in a written release. "We are pleased that the money raised will stay in our community and support the work being done at the Cancer Resource Center."

For more on the CRMC Cancer Resource Center, call 677-6526.

Salvation Army Donation



COURTESY PHOTO

The Preceptor Alpha Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Service Committee recently donated \$300 to the Twin Falls Salvation Army. Pictured are Salvation Army Capt. Marcos Marquez, Betty White and Bertie Lee Marvel, service committee, and Janine Chapman, publicity chairman. Anyone interested in the local chapter is welcome to call 732-0360.

Students of the Month



COURTESY PHOTO

Hollister Elementary School October students of the month are, front: Nhelly Garcia, second grade; Kaila Bench, third grade; and Carson McDonald, kindergarten. Back: Edward Pastoor, fourth grade; Kodee Severe, fifth grade; and Meriha Dover, third grade.

CRMC Volunteers Award Scholarships



COURTESY PHOTO

Shown from left are, front, Cassia Regional Medical Center volunteer fall scholarship recipients Shellie Badger and Lyndsey Peterson and back, CRMC Volunteer Director Geri Alejandro and CRMC volunteer Mary Alice Telford.

BURLEY • Cassia Regional Medical Center volunteers recently selected two recipients for the organization's fall scholarships.

Shellie Badger, a radiological technology student at the College of Southern Idaho, and Lyndsey Peterson, a nursing student at Brigham Young University Idaho, each received \$500 scholarships to put toward their education.

The scholarships are awarded in the fall and spring, and are available to Mini-Cassia students who have completed their first semester of college while studying within the health care field.

Information: Geri Alejandro, 677-6526, or pick up an application form at the Cottage Cafe and Gift Shop in the Burley hospital's front lobby.

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GOODING SENIOR CENTER RECEIVES GRANT

GOODING • The Gooding Senior Center recently received a \$1,500 grant from the Idaho Community Foundation. The grant will allow the Gooding facility to replace its convection oven.

The center's previous oven had been in use for 30 years and had started to fail, according to center officials. The center serves county seniors noon meals each Monday through Thursday, and provides a wide variety of social offerings and other helpful programs.

"The grant will make it possible for us to cook more safely and be of more service to our friends who come to the center and those who have meals delivered to their homes by our volunteers," Manager Lynne Corbett said in a written release. "The Idaho Community Foundation is so appreciated for their generosity and we send special thanks to them for helping us with this project."

The ICF assists various Idaho nonprofits by providing grants and other services. In 2010, it awarded \$4.8 million across more than 800 grants.

To learn more about the senior center, call 934-5504 or visit it at 308 Senior Ave., Gooding.

AVID READERS



COURTESY PHOTO

The Book Marques recently held a Christmas gathering at Blue Lakes Country Club in Twin Falls. Pictured, standing from left, are Rebecca Smith, Ginny Riffle, Luree Welch, Carrie Edlund, Joanne Irwin, Nancy Ridgeway, Pat Harder, Linda Smoot and Diane Green. Sitting, from left, are Lori Ward, Clare Gibbs, Noni Brown, Diane Snodgrass, Jody Shotwell, Audrey Horton and Linda Trower-Shuss. Not pictured are Patti Cooper, Kathy Crow and Carol Lewis. The book club, formed in 1969, meets monthly to review books and also supports the Twin Falls Public Library.

LIBRARY NEWS

DeMary Memorial Library, Rupert

Here are the most recent book notes from Demary Memorial Library in Rupert:

- Fiction**
- "Dakota Born" by Debbie Macomber: Lindsay Snyder discovers love and purpose in the little old town of Buffalo Valley.
- "Bloodshed of Eagles" by William W. Johnstone: Book 14 in the Eagle series.
- "The Rocky Road to Romance" by Janet Evanovich: A guy who

owns the radio station; an overworked woman who does the traffic report; and a dog named Bob.

"Comanche Woman" by Joan Johnston: Here is the spellbinding tale of a woman captured by Comanches and of the proud warrior who vows to make her love him.

Nonfiction: "The Art of the Rifle" by Jeff Cooper, "The Book of Two Guns" by Tiger McKee, "Farmer's Cookbook" by Marie W. Lawrence.

DVDs: "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring."



COURTESY PHOTO

April Wilson of Cub Scout Unit 52, right, was honored during a Wood Badge beading ceremony held during the Minidoka Roundtable held Nov. 3.

Wilson Earns Cub Scout Wood Badge

RUPERT • April Wilson of Cub Scout Unit 52 was honored during a Nov. 3 Wood Badge beading ceremony during the Minidoka Roundtable.

The Wood Badge recognizes its recipients' leadership skills training and commitments to scouting.

Wilson helped with Cub Scout Day Camp, became a merit badge counselor and learned more about scouting.

The next Wood Badge course will be held June 11-16, 2012, at Camp Bradley in Stanley. Information: www.srcouncil.org.

Anniversaries



The Olivers

Kenneth and Fay (Miller) Oliver of Filer, Idaho will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on January 7, 2012 with dinner at the Snake River Grill in Hagerman with their daughter Marie.

They were married in Twin Falls by Douglas Brown at the Brown home on the 6th of January 1962.

Both were born in Twin Falls and graduated from the Twin Falls High School.

Ken worked at various variety and grocery stores in the northwestern states



and Alaska. Fay worked in floral business as a designer, ceramic stores and is presently working at the Filer Elementary Schools as librarian and playground duty aide. Ken is retired.

They owned and operated a ceramic shop on Main Street in Filer and offered lessons until they sold the building. They love traveling to the beautiful Oregon coast.

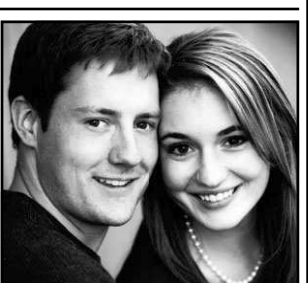
They have one daughter Marie (Eddie) Hyde of Twin Falls.

Weddings

Hegstrom-Nielson

Robert and Katie Hegstrom of Twin Falls, announce the marriage of their daughter, Deidre Lynn, to Matthew David Nielson, son of David and Jaci Nielson of Salt Lake City, Utah. Deidre and Matt were married on December 20, 2011 in the Salt Lake Temple.

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Deidre Lynn Hegstrom and Matthew David Nielson Baltics, speaking Russian. He is currently attending the University of Utah. The couple will be living in Salt Lake City. A reception to honor them will be held January 7, 2012 at the Twin Falls South Stake Center on South Harrison St. in Twin Falls.

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Crafting Books to Keep You Up at Night — Creating

BY JENNIFER FORKER
For The Associated Press

If your creative side requires an occasional boost — and whose doesn't? — turn to a book. It's a tactile thing: The heft in our hands feels good. Books, websites, blogs: They all provide inspiration for no-holds-barred creativity.

Here's a baker's dozen of recent sewing, knitting and crafting books that might help unleash the power of your creativity in the new year.

Sewing

Today's authors lift sewing out of its old-fashioned and practical past, transforming it into a hip creative outlet. Projects are clever; fabrics are trendy. Yet some of the basics remain:

In **"Sewing in a Straight Line"** (Potter Craft), author Brett Bara shows the new sewer how to make basic skirts, tops and home furnishings with boutique flair. Bara is emphatic that anyone can sew.

"You really don't need fancy techniques to stitch awesome things," Bara says in her introduction. "If you can sew a straight seam, you can make a world of projects."

Her book helps with that. More couture: **"The BurdaStyle Sewing Handbook"** (Potter Craft) by Nora Abousteit with Alison Kelly sits at the other end of the



PHOTO COURTESY JOHN POLAK

An image from *'The Fleece & Fiber Sourcebook'* (Storey Publishing, 2011) by Deborah Robson and Carol Ekarius. This book examines more than 200 animals and the fibers they produce.

sewing spectrum, providing inspiration for clothing designers and experienced sewers. BurdaStyle is a website for the fashion-oriented — both sewers and enthusiasts.

The book provides patterns for five projects — a coat, skirt, blouse, dress and purse — and images and instructions for how to make each in three different ways. It includes some elementary instructions for newcomers, such as how to use a pattern, and offers brief bios of its contributing, young-adult designers.

Two books filled with home-design projects: **"Sew Up a Home Makeover,"** by Lexie Barnes, boasts that its projects are so simple, no patterns are needed, while **"Fab-**

ric-by-Fabric One-Yard Wonders," by Rebecca Yaker and Patricia Hoskins, comes bulging with them. Both books are published by Storey Publishing.

The Barnes book contains basic sewing projects: table runners, lampshades, fringed pillows. "Fabric-by-Fabric" may best suit hardcore DIYers who think they've done it all. Have you made a flat-screen TV cover or a bean-bag toss game? All of the projects require just one yard of fabric.

Knitting

Some books are incredibly enticing for the hobbyists at whom they're aimed but also for the rest of us. **"The Fleece**



PHOTO COURTESY TARA DUNN

An image from *'Fabric-by-Fabric One-Yard Wonders,'* by Rebecca Yaker and Patricia Hoskins (Storey Publishing, 2011). It's a book packed with home-design projects.

& Fiber Sourcebook" (Storey Publishing), by Deborah Robson and Carol Ekarius, clearly serves the serious fiber artist with loads of information about 200 fiber-producing animals, from the usual suspects (sheep and alpaca) to the extraordinary (vicuna and musk oxen), and even dog, horse and rabbit.

It's a heavy 4-pounder, ideal for coffee tables as well as workrooms.

"You won't find patterns in this book," the authors say in their preface, "but we hope you will learn a great deal about the wool and hair fibers that have clothed and served us for generation upon generation."

Because some knitters cannot get enough sock patterns,

new all-about-socks books fill store shelves each year. **"The Knitter's Book of Socks"** (Potter Craft), by Clara Parkes, is a beauty, and promises to teach knitters how to create socks that endure years of punishing wear.

For lace fanatics, **"Wendy Knits Lace"** (Potter Craft), by Wendy D. Johnson, provides new designs for shawls, scarves and mittens. The first two chapters cover the basics.

"The Knitter's Life List" (Storey Publishing), by Gwen W. Steege, is a different beast altogether: It's an illustrated compendium of patterns, resources, tips and artist profiles. The author hopes to entice knitters to explore, so she suggests places to go and movies to watch and unusual tech-

niques. The book requires some sitting time to dig into its depths.

Crafting

"Microcrafts" (Quirk Books), by Margaret McGuire and friends, introduces the reader to tiny treasures, from books and charms to palm-size "monster babies" and tiny terrariums. It's for fun and giggles.

"Jewelry Upcycled!" (Potter Craft), by Sherri Haab and her daughter, Michelle Haab, turns ordinary objects made from metal, plastic, paper and glass into wearable art. The idea is to use what you already have on hand.

"Trash-to-Treasure Papermaking" (Storey Publishing), by Arnold E. Grummer, is a comprehensive look at papermaking, with lots of helpful photographs. The techniques range from easy to advanced. The book includes lots of project ideas that kids might enjoy.

Another kid pleaser is **"The Golden Book of Family Fun"** (Golden Books), by Peggy Brown, which extends beyond crafting into list making (funny words is one) and family games. There is a lot going on in this book, and some of it is crafting (bead making, bubbles for blowing). A personal aside: My 14-year-old daughter was enthralled.

Godparents

Continued from People 1

the Lord's prayer or taking the child to church.

Latino Catholics have a slightly different tradition for sponsors, said Father Ronald Wekerle of St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome. Parents choose compadres, or co-parents, for their children when they're baptized. Compadres — madrinas for godmothers and padrinos for godfathers — are heavily involved not just with their godchildren, but with the children's parents, Wekerle said.

America Ortiz of Jerome is close friends with both her godchildren's parents and her children's compadres. As a compadre, she stays actively involved with the godchildren's families, going to birthday parties and school plays.

"You do tend to be more of an example to them," Ortiz said — more so than if they were the children of other friends.

Bill Brulotte of Twin Falls chose the Foxes to be the godparents for his daugh-

Who Requires Godparents?

Both the Catholic and Episcopal churches require sponsors for everyone getting baptized. Godparents are sponsors for children, and the terms are used interchangeably, said Father Ronald Wekerle of St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome.

A Catholic child must have at least one godparent who is a Catholic in good standing with the church, although other Christians may serve as witnesses for the baptism, Wekerle said.

ter, Emma Brulotte, now 7. It wasn't just because they're good Christians, Brulotte said. They're good friends, and he knew they could take care of Emma if something ever happens to him.

"It's just another set of eyes and ears to be in her life," Brulotte said, adding the Foxes always attend Emma's plays.

For Jeff Fox, being a godfather is less about reviewing Scripture and more about teaching children how to be good people.

Some denominations, such as Methodists, allow godparents but don't require them. And some denominations don't have godparents at all. Pastor Mark Sjostrom of Grace Baptist Church said the Scriptures say nothing about godparents.

"You don't even find the term in the Bible," he said. "It just doesn't exist."

But for Catholics, it's a tradition that dates back to about 800 A.D., according to the Catholic Education Resource Center.

It's an important role. The world is becoming more materialistic, Wekerle said, and Christian principles are becoming less visible in society.

"So I think the role of godparents is more important now than ever," he said. "But it's a high calling."

Seles agreed that a godparent's role is important, as is everyone in the child's church community.

"There is no such thing as a standalone Christian," Seles said. "We need each other."



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Jeff Fox of Twin Falls shares memories about his godchildren.

Light bulbs

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On Jan. 1, 2012 — that's today! — a bulb that puts out the same amount of light as yesterday's 100-watt bulb will be required to draw only 72 watts of power. In January 2013 and January 2014, similar new standards will go into effect for the other three light wattages.

Without funding for the Department of Energy to enforce the law, won't it just be business as usual for the 100-watt incandescent bulb?

Terry McGowan, director of engineering for the American Lighting Association, an industry trade group, doesn't think the last-minute politicking will change what the consumer sees on shelves come January. Major light-bulb makers started planning for this transition after the law passed in 2007, and have already invested in upgraded or new factories and technologies to meet the more stringent specifications.

So, does that mean incandescent bulbs will suddenly disappear from store shelves?

Not quite. Retailers will be able to keep selling their supply of 100-watt incandescents until they're out of

Online

Smartphone app for choosing light bulb replacements: lightbulbfinder.net/
Lumen, an industry coalition: lumennow.org/
Department of Energy sites about light bulbs: lightingfacts.com/energysavers.gov/lighting
Environmental Protection Agency summary of the 2007 law: epa.gov/lawsregs/laws/eisa.html

stock. Manufacturers can't import or make more bulbs that draw the same amount of energy as the existing models, but they are continuing to make a new version of incandescent bulbs that meet the stricter standards. **What do I need to know when I go shopping to replace an existing 100-watt bulb?**

The most useful new vocabulary word is "lumens," a measure of the amount of light a bulb produces. An existing 100-watt bulb gives about 1,600 lumens. The Federal Trade Commission has started requiring light-bulb makers to adorn packages with a new "Lighting Facts" label that lists brightness in lumens, so you can compare.

The package label also specifies how "warm" or "cool" the bulb's light will be. Many consumers have only a vague idea what those really mean. The Department of Energy has a useful chart online that can help you figure out whether the

bulb you really like is warm or cool: <http://www.energysavers.gov/lighting>

Another phrase to watch for is "halogen incandescent." These are the light-bulb makers' answer to the new standards. Halogen bulbs, like regular incandescent bulbs, use a tungsten filament, so the light quality and color are intended to be similar. But in halogen bulbs, the filament is encased in a halogen gas-filled capsule that lets the filament burn hotter and more efficiently.

College kids gave halogen torchiere floor lamps a bad rap, but these newer bulbs look like regular incandescent bulbs, and they're safer and cooler because the inner halogen tube is tucked inside a second bulb.

Does this mean I can forget about compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and other new kinds of light bulbs?

You might not want to. The Department of Energy says the new halogen incan-

descent bulbs are about 25 percent more energy-efficient than today's bulbs. Compact fluorescent bulbs are 75 percent more efficient, last 10 times longer and, while they're more expensive, can pay for themselves in nine months.

And while some CFLs still take a while to reach full brightness after you turn them on, the technology is improving. It's possible to find instant-on and dimmable models that don't bathe your living room in a glow reminiscent of the office bathroom.

Light-emitting diodes, or LEDs, are about 75 percent to 80 percent more efficient and are meant to last 25 times longer than a regular incandescent light bulb. They're still much more expensive — \$25 for a single 60-watt-equivalent bulb recently on Home Depot's website, compared with about \$5 for a five-pack of CFLs — but prices are expected to drop as more people start using them.

Excuse me, did you say \$25 for a light bulb?

Yep. The upfront costs, even for certain compact fluorescent bulbs, can be hard to swallow if you're used to paying less than \$1 for incandescent bulbs, even if you know the investment will pay off down the road.

In the new era of energy-efficient lighting, we need to wrap our heads around the fact that shopping for a new light bulb is no longer akin to restocking the milk in the fridge — it's more like purchasing an appliance, says McGowan. He keeps track of

light bulb purchases, with receipts, in a file drawer right alongside repairs to his home furnace. He also recommends buying Energy Star-qualified bulbs, because they have a replacement program if the bulbs fail.

CLEANING

Question: Why do people use baking soda to freshen up carpets? This practice has been passed down through many generations in my family. My mom, my mom's mom, my grandmother's mom, and her mom all swear on their golden box of Arm and Hammer! Really Lori!! Do I have to pass this on to my daughters?

Answer: That is so funny! Actually baking soda causes problems in your carpet. Not only are the granules sharp, which break down and tear carpet fibers, but also when it becomes wet, it turns to paste! My suggestion... NILO FRESH. This is a great carpet freshener that has been approved by professionals. Start a new tradition in your family with Nilo Fresh.

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Will the Affordable Care Act Actually Make Health Care Affordable?



The Twin Falls Senior Center Needs Help

Not the financial sort of help that it's been soliciting and that we've been writing about for the past several months. The center needs something far more basic; it needs a staff and a functional board of directors that possesses a higher degree of financial acumen, that holds itself accountable, and that realizes that meeting the needs of area seniors is dependent upon the center becoming — and remaining — solvent.

The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center provides lunch and a place for social interaction for 40-50 seniors daily, as well as serving an additional 120 area seniors daily through its Meals on Wheels program. It costs money to do this. The problem is neither the board, the executive director nor the temporary bookkeeper knows how much.

The current executive director, Eric Samples, has been in his position for six months. He is the center's fourth executive director in less than two years. Samples, a former board member, was quoted in a July article as saying that his predecessor Diane Stevens "elected to resign." Stevens insisted that she neither resigned nor chose to leave, saying "I had no idea I was going to be terminated." She went on to say that "the board is not easy to work with."

Regardless of who you choose to believe, six months later the senior center is apparently no closer to being a professionally run organization that uses any sort of financial oversight. In October the center began a ramped-

up fundraising effort that has generated an increased number of donations. Included in the fundraising efforts was a November spaghetti dinner that raised \$4,200. The trouble is, no one seems to know exactly how much the center actually needs.

The center's home meal delivery service is funded — but with contributions in which neither the donor nor the donated amount are tracked.

According to current board President Michael Johnson, the center not only lacks an operating budget today, it has been without one for three years. "This isn't a way to run a business," Johnson said. "We're not going to continue running things the way we used to."

We agree that the current "system" is no way to run a business, but hope that Johnson, Samples and temporary bookkeeper Debbie Brennan have a real plan to change things rather than simply uttering platitudes that trumpet the necessity of change.

The center is \$25,000 in debt, does not have an operating budget, has its fourth executive director in two years, and a bookkeeper who's a temp.

Seniors in Twin Falls deserve so much more — as does the city of Twin Falls that donated and designated the current facility as a senior center nearly ten years ago. Area seniors deserve a board that is financially astute, that does the hard work necessary to create a budget and hold staff accountable for operating within its guidelines, and that can then entrust the work of caring for area seniors to the staff it employs.

Health-care Law is a Hopeful Step Forward

The United States has a terribly dysfunctional health-care system, unique among the rich countries in the world in its waste and abuse of its citizens.

As a nation we spend about twice as much per person as other high-income countries, and yet we have 50 million people uninsured and have worse health outcomes.

This is not a result of Medicare or the nearly half of health-care spending that is funded by government, but rather the private insurance companies that dominate the system, as well as pharmaceutical companies.

The 2010 Affordable Care Act did not provide the needed reforms that would bring us to parity with the rest of the high-income world. However, it will bring significant and noticeable improvements in the health-care coverage of many Americans.

Some of this will be done by reducing or eliminating some of the worst abuses committed by private insurance companies. For example, by 2014 most insurance companies will not be allowed to discriminate against people who have a pre-existing health problem. This is now in effect for children up to age 19.

Most insurance companies are also prohibited from placing limits on the amount that they pay for a patient's illness over a lifetime; and the law raises and then eliminates such limits on annual spending. The law also makes it more difficult for insurance companies to cancel a customer's insurance after they get sick.

There are other benefits that expand coverage for those who have insurance. Parents will be allowed to keep their children on their insurance policies up to age 26. There is some reduction of prescription drug costs for Medicare patients. And in 2014, most insurance companies will also be required to cover treatment for mental health and substance abuse.

There are some loopholes and of course implementation can still be changed by future legislation. But most of these improvements can be expected to happen if the law survives.

The law will also expand health insurance coverage to an estimated 60 percent of the uninsured. This relies on a mandate for employers as well as uninsured individuals to purchase health insurance, with subsidies for low-income people. The mandate for individuals has become controversial and is also subject to legal challenges now pending at the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ironically, the reform is being attacked as having gone too far in expanding the government's role in the health insurance system. But the real problem is that it did not go far enough.

A simple expansion of Medicare to cover the non-elderly population would have achieved much more than the

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READER COMMENT

A Message from the Mayor of Twin Falls

As the holiday season and my time as the mayor for the great city of Twin Falls comes to a close, I reflect on the privilege I feel living in the Magic Valley. I was honored to be selected by my peers of the City Council as mayor two years ago and I say thank you to each of them for allowing me to serve in this capacity. We have faced many challenges over the last couple of years, but have always kept the community's best interests in focus as we've met and overcome these obstacles.

When I was elected to the council, we were already completely engrossed in working through compliance with the federally mandated arsenic issue. Through countless hours of research, planning, and construction, we implemented the best solution



Don Hall
Twin Falls Mayor

for this unfunded mandate. Not only have we reduced the arsenic level in our city drinking water, we have secured new and more senior water rights and built redundancy in our water delivery system to meet our water needs for many years to come.

In the past year, we honored the leadership of City Manager Tom Courtney who paved the way for our community over the past 30 years. Now, we are pleased to have new City Manager Travis Rothweiler at the helm as he serves our community with integrity and innovation (hopefully for the next 30 years!).

The difficult economic

Health Law is Already Sending Costs Through the Roof

There may never have been a law more misnamed than the Affordable Care Act.

President Obama's health overhaul law already is driving up health insurance costs for businesses and consumers and will inflict even higher costs on American taxpayers in the years ahead.

Obama repeatedly promised the American people he would cut a typical family's premium \$2,500 a year before the end of his first term. But costs are rising now even faster than before the law was enacted in March 2010.

A Kaiser Family Foundation survey found that premiums for a family policy topped \$15,000 a year in 2011, increasing an average of \$1,300 in the last year — three times faster than the year before.

The many more mandates to come from Washington will raise premiums even further. Health insurance is consuming a bigger share of employer budgets, preempting pay raises and pushing higher costs onto employees, the Kaiser survey found.

The \$500 billion in new taxes in the law will further fuel premiums increases. A number of factors contribute to rising health costs, but the mandates, taxes and regulations in the health law are accelerating the trend.

The premium increases reflect the law's early provisions, such as "free" preventive care and adding "children" up to age 26 to their parents' policies. Consumers may like these features, but they come at a cost, and because they now are in federal law, people can't opt out.

Analysts at the Congressional Budget Office estimate that the average policy for those who get health insurance through the workplace will cost \$20,000 a year for a family of four by the year 2016. Millions of Americans who buy insurance on their own will pay at least \$2,100 a year more for their policies than if the law had not passed, CBO says. And obtaining health insurance will not be optional since everyone will be required to have coverage or pay a fine.

Former CBO Director Douglas Holtz-Eakin estimates that as many as 35 million more people will flood to the subsidized exchanges for health insurance than Congress expected, adding \$1 trillion to the \$2.6 trillion cost to taxpayers.

One of the tools companies have found valuable in helping them offer affordable coverage — Health Savings Accounts — are at risk of being strangled by obscure and complex regulations issued by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The lower-cost HSAs would not be able to comply with strict new rules dictating how premium dollars must be allocated. The chief Medicare actuary has said health spending will actually increase thanks to the Affordable Care Act by at least \$311 billion over the decade.

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I have so often talked about the hope that this company brings and how

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Following the Money

Your tax dollars:

Do we really know where tax dollars are going?

How much of our tax money is going to out-of-office government officials and current government officials?

A recent article in the *Mountain Express* stated that Sen. John Peavey was receiving from Blaine County \$217,500 for an easement on his property. Sen. John Peavey will also be receiving \$3,402,450 from the federal government for a sage grouse restoration program. Yes, that is correct — \$3,402,450.

It's time we do some research and find out exactly where our money is going and how it is being spent.

Research some facts, vote responsibly in the next year; yes, we can make a change.

SHEILA GARNER
Ketchum

Reader Gives Thanks for 2011

The year 2011 has come to an end and high hopes are on 2012. I wish to end the year with a bit of thank yous.

No. 1 is the *Times-News*. I love the written word. Thanks for the chance to speak out. Thanks for my one-hour coffee time on Sunday reading every inch of the paper and clipping coupons. Thanks for the great holiday insert; it was a wonderful, informative booklet and thanks to all the advertisers. You helped give perspective to where to shop. Thanks also, *Times-News*, for the Light Parade.

Other thanks:

Thanks to the city for the new Washington Street North. Thanks to the people who shared their property fronts to enable it. Thanks to the hospital foundation for the Festival of Trees. Thanks to Southern Idaho Landscaping for providing the place.

Thanks to the city for the parking meters so I can park in front of the business of my choice.

Thanks for all the volunteers — city, county, government — who keep us going.

Thanks for our postal, United Parcel Service and Federal Express for package delivery.

Thanks for the gas stations for the drop in gas prices.

Gosh, Magic Valley, you all have a lot to be thankful for.

A footnote: Thanks planning and zoning for your support of the zip-line; hope you get a ride.

JEANNE MEYER
Twin Falls

Post Office Will Still Struggle

Much has already been said about the current financial crisis with the postal service. A temporary solution not to close any more mail processing centers or post offices until May 15 has been issued.

Until the real problem of the annual \$5.5 billion pre-funding of future retiree health benefits is solved, the postal service will continue to have financial challenges in the future.

The postal service receives no tax dollars. The solution is to recalculate the pre-funding formula and for the postal service to use its own massively over-funded retirement funds (\$50 to \$125 billion) to pay its debts. The closing of mail processing centers and post offices only delays the mail, which many Americans depend on for checks, medicine and other important correspondence. Many Americans also depend on six-day delivery of mail.

The postal service is a nonprofit organization which makes sure that all Americans receive mail service no matter where you live, which makes a difference especially if you live in rural areas such as Idaho.

The employees of the postal service want to continue to give you the best value with the best possible service that you deserve.

JOHN PAIGE
Pocatello

(Editor's note: John Paige is the president of the Idaho State Association of Letter Carriers.)

One Nation, under Gods

Nearly half a century ago *Time* magazine famously asked: Is God Dead? The verdict is in. God is definitely not dead — the United States remains a highly religious nation — but God has diversified, and in ways the cheeky headline writers of 1966 couldn't have imagined. We're a spiritually promiscuous nation, increasingly so, and while

Eric Weiner

Los Angeles Times

this is, on balance, a good thing, it also poses certain dangers. It's one thing to explore different faiths, and something else entirely to hop aimlessly from one to another, bolting for the door when the going gets tough. (And it always gets tough.)

It's commonly believed that this spiritual restlessness is a relatively recent phenomenon, born of the cultural tumult of the 1960s, but it's a lot older than that. The 19th century transcendentalists — Emerson, Thoreau and others — borrowed heavily from Eastern thought, and we've been borrowing, and God-hopping, ever since. Today, at least a third of us will change our religious affiliation over the course of our lifetimes, according to the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. Never before have so many people been free to choose their religion, and at so little risk. "Heresy" is based on the Greek root meaning "to choose for one's self." We are all heretics now.

It's easy to dismiss all this God-hopping as the spiritual equivalent of consumerism run amok — a sort of Black Friday of the soul. That may be true in some cases, but overall I think it is a healthy phenomenon. No longer are we shackled to the religion of our birth or our community. We are free to choose, and remarkably we tend not to choose the easiest path. The most popular religions are not faddish cults that preach an anything-goes hedonism but, rather, those that make great demands on their followers. Calvinism, for instance, is enjoying a resurgence. Buddhism is also hugely popular, and it can hardly be described as easy, as anyone who has tried to still their mind for five minutes can attest. When much is asked, much is given.

Another result of this "theodiversity" is that while we may live in political silos — apart and rarely mixing — we do not live in religious ones. Few Americans have religiously homogenous families, friends and neighbors, according to David Campbell of Notre Dame University. "If you add to your friends someone of another faith, you become warmer toward that faith," he says, and, crucially, warmer to people of all faiths. Tolerance breeds tolerance.

We also cross religious lines much more easily

The point is not that we've all gone Shirley MacLaine but, rather, that religions are constantly borrowing from one another, whether they acknowledge it or not. There is no such thing as a "pure" religion. All faiths are hybrids, to one degree or another, and we are better off for it. We recognize familiar themes in religions otherwise alien to us and are more likely to be accepting of the "other."

than political ones. More than a third of Americans in the Pew survey say they attend religious services at more than one place, and sometimes at a different faith from their own.

Not only are we a religiously fluid nation, we're also a porous one. Beliefs, for instance, once considered exclusive to the New Age movement have seeped into the mainstream. Twenty percent of Christians, and slightly more of the public overall, say they believe in reincarnation, according to Pew. An equal percentage believe in astrology and in yoga — not only as exercise but as a spiritual practice.

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Amid this landscape, many people are looking for a faith that fits, though not always finding it. The fastest-growing religious group is the "nones," those who refuse to claim any affiliation. The "nones" are not, for the most part, atheists. They are the religious equivalent of political undecideds. They have yet to hear a compelling argument for one faith or another but would love nothing more than to be swept off their feet.

For St. Augustine, it was the words of a child — "pick it up and read it" — that transformed his life from one of degradation to piety and bliss. Leo Tolstoy and John Bunyan are other examples of the sudden conversion, prompted by a personal crisis.

The more common type of conversion — and the one more likely to stick — is the gradual variety. In Katmandu, I met one such convert, James Hopkins. Born into a traditional Presbyterian family, he never felt like he fit in. His religion didn't speak to him. In Augustinian fashion, he stumbled across a

book about Buddhism, but it took years of study — and questioning — before he converted. Buddhism, he told me, has made him a better person. He's less angry, more compassionate. Consciously or not, he adheres to Pragmatism, a philosophy that skirts sticky ontological questions and concludes simply that, as William James put it, "Truth is what works."

With so many choices out there, though, it's easy to get "lost in the jungle of possibilities," as one Hindu holy man put it. And choosing a religion, of course, is not the same as choosing a new car or a calling plan. The stakes are higher. And so is the cost. Seekers must be willing to sacrifice. Otherwise, their seeking is reduced to just another form of narcissism. The worst kind, perhaps, because it is disguised as something noble.

Carl Jung, something of a God-hopper himself, saw the risks inherent in this excess of spiritual possibilities. "Modern man tries on a variety of religions and beliefs as if they were Sunday attire, only to lay them aside again like worn-out clothes." Or, to put it another way: We have commitment issues. When one path proves incompatible, we switch to another (and there is always another).

God-hoppers are, at their worst, spiritual dilettantes. At their best, they are experimenters, in the tradition of Gandhi. He took an almost scientific approach to his spiritual experimentation, carefully noting the effects of a certain practice, such as fasting or meditation, then making adjustments, then repeating. Gandhi also borrowed liberally from Christian theology, unapologetically plucking grains of wisdom wherever he found them.

In that sense, he was very American.

Eric Weiner is the author, most recently, of "Man Seeks God: My Flirtations with the Divine." He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

No Way to Pick a President

As the breathless, panting political class turns its eager eyes to Iowa, every sane American needs to step back and ask the obvious question: Is this any way to pick a president?

The entire country is essentially coming to a halt to watch what 120,000 idiosyncratic voters in an idiosyncratic state do.

This is like letting a single small city play a pivotal role in the selection of our next president.

If the people of Thornton, Colo., said that Newt Gingrich was their man, would anyone care?

If everyone in Allentown, Pa., stood up for Ron Paul, would the nation notice?

How about Lafayette, La.? Evansville, Ind.? Coral Springs, Fla.? Or Surprise, Ariz.? (So named when Flora Mae Statler, who founded the place in 1938 on one square mile of farmland 45 minutes from Phoenix, said she would be "surprised" if it ever amounted to much.)

All these cities have about as many people as will vote in the Iowa caucuses. The idea that any would play a special, out-size role in choosing the leader of the free world is absurd.

Yet an Iowa win on Tuesday will lead to national magazine covers, a full media swoon and huge "implications" drawn by all of us who stroke our political chins for a living.

It's not just that Iowa's caucus electorate is puny. The far-right tilt of this band of atypical Americans forces Republican candidates to disavow ideas that might make them attractive leaders to the rest of us.

Take Mitt Romney's infamous (and unconvincing) contortions regarding his path-breaking health reform in Massachusetts. This "conservative businessman" enacted universal health care, for Pete's sake! That's what's actually interesting about Mitt. Yet the imperatives of Iowa (and other small early states) have forced Romney to devote much of his time to convincing a few ideologues that his pragmatic, effective leadership on health care has no place at the national level.

It's bizarre.

As was Newt Gingrich's related "transgression" Tuesday — when old newsletters from his health-care institute were found to have hailed Romney when it passed. Gingrich called the measure a potential model for the nation. Newt was right — and that was a good thing. Gingrich added that "we agree entirely with Gov. Romney and Massachusetts legislators that our goal should be 100 percent insurance cover-

Matt Miller

Special to The Washington Post

age for all Americans."

In the broader world, those judgments would mark Gingrich as a common-sense problem-solver. But in surreal Iowa, it means he's "unreliable" and not conservative enough.

Then there's Rick Perry, who proclaimed Tuesday he had undergone a "transformation" on abortion and now believes (contrary to his long-standing position) that there should be no exceptions for rape, incest or saving the life of the mother. Now, I'm all for keeping an open mind and being willing to change your views as you learn and think more. That Perry's campaign is sinking, the vote is days away, and conservative, religious Iowans tend to show up disproportionately on caucus night are the kind of coincidences only a cynic would note. When revelation strikes, it strikes.

Another day, another Iowa-induced pander.

On one level, the groveling is amusing to watch. But on a deeper level, it's crazy when a handful of right-wing Iowans have the power to tilt the tenor of presidential debate.

You really can't blame the politicians. Ambitious pols are like mice in those Skinner boxes — just tell me what lever I have to pull to get the food pellets. If we're honest, most of the time, "political leadership" is a sophisticated and manipulative form of craven followership. That's democracy.

And that's why, if we want something better, it's up to us to change the system. The structure of the presidential selection process matters because the constituencies it empowers, and the incentives it thus creates, shape the debate.

This is why the Americans Elect process has so much potential power. The idea that we could be freed from having candidates chosen by a handful of zealots in either party, and instead have millions of Americans pick candidates directly via a secure online process, would be transformative. And this year is just the test run.

History shapes us. It doesn't determine us. Today we have Iowa. We also have employer-based health care. We also run education via 15,000 local school boards. These structures are relics. They don't serve us well. We can change them.

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this will — and in many respects already has — bring a new enthusiasm for our area. I have talked with so many folks who are excited about either working for this new company or what this company will mean to their own businesses. Whether they own a restaurant or are trying to sell their home, they can see the positive impact.

Economic development is a team sport and we have many individuals and organizations who have worked tirelessly to bring Chobani's investment to Twin Falls. Once again, I say "thank you" to the representatives of

the dairy industry; our elected leaders on the Twin Falls City Council; our economic development professionals at the City of Twin Falls, Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency, state of Idaho, SIEDO, and the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce; and our business and development community for their leadership and willingness to join in this wonderful opportunity.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as mayor of Twin Falls for the past two years. I look forward to continuing serving you as a member of the City Council and in sharing our collective optimism in the blessings we have for our community and our children's future.



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Sebelius' Masterful Muddle

When the history of the 2012 campaign is written, a special place may be reserved for Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of Health and Human Services and ex-governor of Kansas, who is doing her best to make the Affordable Care Act — aka, Obamacare — disappear as a political liability for the president.

The most compelling evidence of this is her decision to delegate to states the final decision on defining “essential health benefits” for minimum health insurance coverage. Some background: The ACA requires all Americans to have health insurance.

But what's acceptable insurance? Under Section 1302 of the ACA, the secretary of HHS is supposed to answer that question. It's a fateful decision. By 2016, an estimated 35 million uninsured Americans will receive subsidized health insurance under the ACA through Medicaid or from policies purchased on state “exchanges,” according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. The package of essential health benefits would apply directly to their coverage. It would also apply to unsubsidized beneficiaries receiving coverage in the individual and small group insurance markets (small group usually means firms of less than 100 workers).

All told, about 73 million Americans would be affected, estimates the Kaiser. Defining essential health benefits poses a basic conflict. On one hand, everyone wants broad coverage; on the other, the broader the coverage, the more expensive policies will be — pushing government spending up (because government pays for the subsidies) and wages down (because employers will shift compensation from wages to fringe benefits). Sebelius ducked this question by requiring each state to define essential health benefits based on existing policies in that state. Almost no one anticipated this.



Robert Samuelson
Washington Post

The ACA does not suggest it. Sebelius asked for advice from the nonpartisan Institute of Medicine (IOM). Its report talks of a national standard for essential health benefits, although it also notes that the ACA allows the secretary to provide state-by-state waivers beginning in 2017. Politically, Sebelius' decision is a masterstroke.

One Republican criticism of Obamacare is that it imposes a “one-size-fits-all” straightjacket on health care. Mitt Romney — the ex-governor of Massachusetts and author of that state's universal health insurance plan — has made this point repeatedly. President Obama can now retort: “No, we've left crucial decisions to the states.” He can also argue that Washington isn't dictating “how medicine should be practiced.” More generally, Sebelius has muddled the health care debate by splintering the argument over essential health benefits into 51 separate state-level debates immersed in highly technical issues.

Under her approach, states must base their essential health benefits package on any one of 10 existing insurance plans. The choices include, for example, “the largest plan by enrollment in any of the three largest small-group insurance products in the state's small group market.” Got it? This isn't likely to engage the masses. It's shrewd politics, but is it good policy? Administration officials make three arguments.

First, the president has emphasized that the ACA is a federal-state partnership; delegating these choices to states reflects that.

Second, basing a state's essential health benefits on their existing insurance plans would minimize disruption.

And finally, priorities vary

by states. “Coverage that works in Florida may not work in Nebraska,” said Sebelius.

To which, there are reasonable objections. Medicare — the government's largest health program — is national. The uniformity allows economies of scale. If Medicare, hypothetically, varied by state, its already huge costs would almost certainly be higher. The advantages of using existing plans may also be exaggerated, because the ACA mandates that some benefits not routinely included in most plans — eye care and dentistry for children, and mental health and substance abuse — be covered.

The larger problem is that Sebelius doesn't deal with exploding health care spending. She ignored the report from the Institute of Medicine, which recommended that she define the essential health benefits package in a way that puts a ceiling on its costs. Sebelius delegated that

unpopular choice to the states. They will face conflicting pressures. The more coverage they include, the greater the subsidies from the federal government for the poor and near-poor who qualify for aid. It will be tempting to exploit the open-ended nature of these subsidies.

The catch is that the millions of workers whose coverage isn't subsidized will see the squeeze on their wages intensify, while their employers may be put at a disadvantage with less generous states. The reality is that states can't cure uncontrolled health costs. It's a national problem that only the national government can solve. That's why Sebelius' approach is dubious.

If spending continues unchecked, the IOM warned, there will inevitably be future cutbacks in health insurance coverage as government costs and private premiums become increasingly oppressive and intolerable.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Newspaper Should Look into Sage Grouse

I would like to suggest to the *Times-News* to perhaps do a little investigative reporting on the sage grouse situation that is currently pending.

Your editorial recently identified fires, energy development and grazing as problems. However, your board forgot to mention the new threat, “barbed wire.” I have fixed a lot of fence in the past 50 years (not bragging or complaining) and have never found a sage grouse dead along a fence. We know all species of birds die of natural causes. You might find one that died of natural causes, not by flying blindly into the barbed wire or wind turbine. A wild, illusive bird such as a sage grouse is smarter than that. So let's go back to the standard answer for all range and wildlife

problems — grazing must be the problem.

So the proposed solution by the *Times-News* would be to get more federal dollars to help. You used all the right words and I got the warm, fuzzy feeling but saw no real solution to the problem.

Here is a novel idea. Let's stop shooting the threatened and endangered birds every fall. Fish and Game can tell you how many dead birds came through its check stations every fall. I would guess 75 percent of the birds harvested miss the few check stations and are never counted. Wildlife biologists tell me it is healthy to harvest some of the sage grouse every fall. Tell the dead birds how lucky they are that they got shot and (possibly) did not fly into barbed wire fence, a wind turbine or get stepped on by a cow.

Happy New Year to all.
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ACA in terms of eliminating abuses, covered all of the uninsured and avoided the controversy over forcing people to pay money to private insurance companies.

It would be affordable because it would eliminate the biggest source of waste — which comes from private insurers. The second biggest source of waste — the monopoly pricing pharmaceuticals — could also be drastically reduced to save hundreds of billions of dollars each year.

When Medicare and Medicaid were enacted it was widely believed that covering the elderly and the poor were just the first steps to providing the same sin-

gle-payer insurance to everyone.

That it has not happened yet is a result of the corruption of our political system by powerful corporations — especially pharmaceutical and insurance companies — and a lack of political leadership.

The major media have also played a supporting role in this process of keeping what Americans want and need off the political agenda. But Medicare for everyone is the future, and hopefully the ACA will end up being a step in that direction.

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But supporters of the law are pointing to figures released in December showing that per capita spending in Medicare increased only 2 percent in 2011, half the normal rise. The actuaries, however, attribute the slowing primarily to lower utilization of medical services by seniors, not to provisions in the new law.

With 10,000 Baby Boomers aging into Medicare every day, spending will soon bankrupt Medicare and the federal government unless the program is modernized.

One of the reasons the business community supported passage of the law was because of promises it would finally get health costs under control. The experience in Massachusetts, which passed legislation in 2006 similar to the national law,

shows that costs are continuing to soar, with Massachusetts still facing the highest health costs in the nation.

The rest of the country faces the same threat under the new law. We needed health reform, but the Affordable Care Act tried to do too much too fast and it is backfiring in its goals. It's time to head back to the negotiating table and get this right to save consumers, businesses and taxpayers costs.

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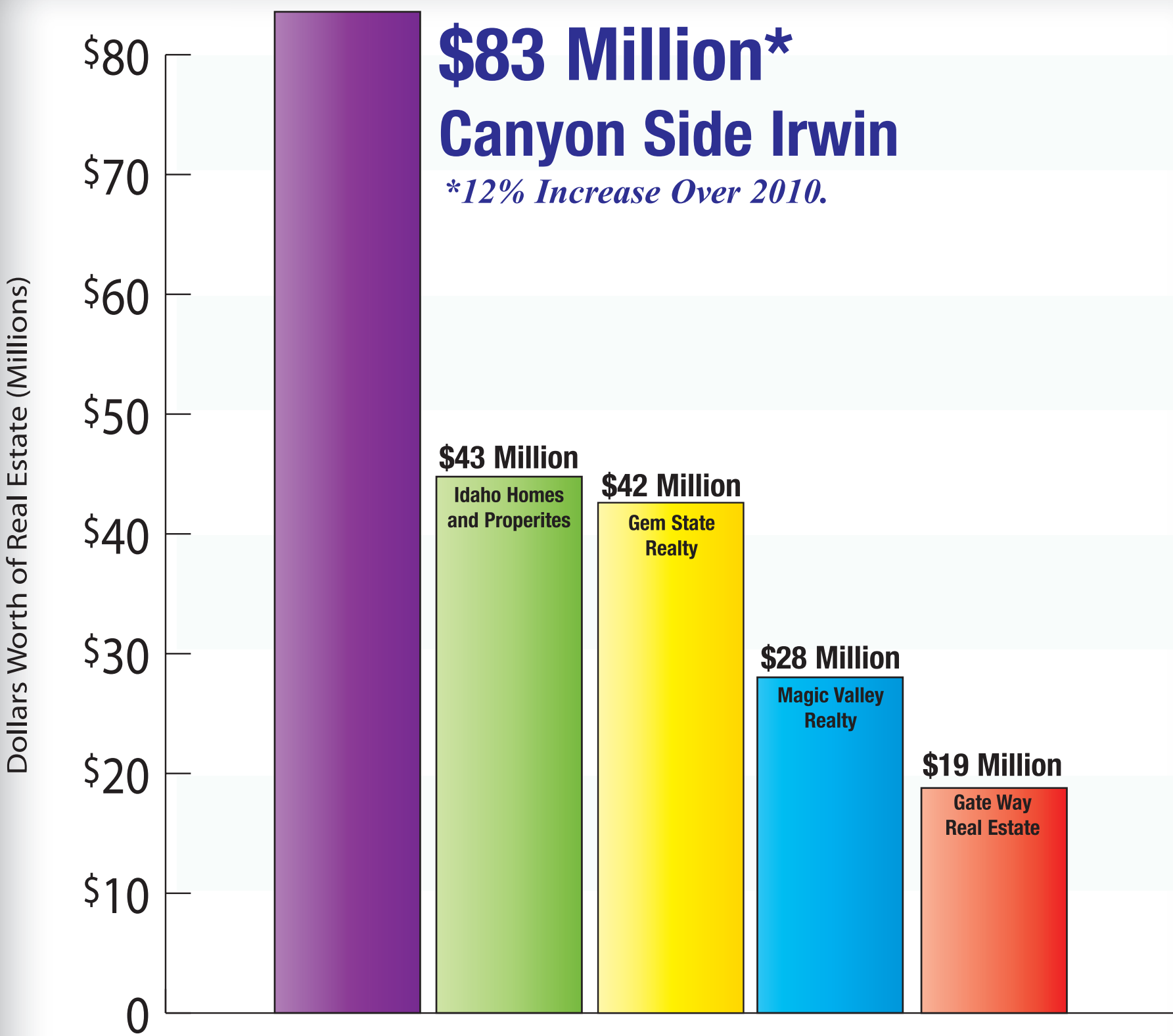


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