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Showing the Way

Khrista Buschhorn, director of the Twin Falls School District Newcomer Center, goes over a language worksheet with, from left, Ganga Biswa, 16, Bimala Gurung, 15, and Danait Gebremedhin, 15, Wednesday at Robert Stuart Middle School.

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CERTIFIED TEACHERS MAY SEE NEW BONUSES

While a \$10,000 stipend for Gem State teachers who earn national certification has ended, a new incentive for the program could come under Idaho public schools' new merit-pay system.

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TWIN FALLS • When Twin Falls teacher Khrista Buschhorn earned an advanced teaching credential more than 10 years ago, it wasn't an easy process.

One of the most useful — yet painful — requirements was watching videos of herself teaching.

"I just kind of cringed," she said. But they helped her figure out how to improve and what topics students weren't grasping.

Buschhorn, who teaches English to refugee students at the Newcomer Center at Robert Stuart Middle School, made weekly trips to Pocatello for classes. After the yearlong program, she earned a 10-year certification from the

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in 2001.

The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation covered the cost of the program, which Buschhorn described as a "pretty rigorous and arduous process." Last year, she went through the steps of renewing the certification.

She's one of 11 teachers in the Twin Falls School District who have received National Board Certification, which in the past also came with a \$10,000 stipend from the state over a five-year period.

But that's not the case anymore. In 2010, state legislators decided to eliminate that incentive for educators.

"They left the program on the books but didn't provide funding," said Melissa McGrath,



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Khrista Buschhorn teaches Wednesday at Robert Stuart Middle School in Twin Falls. Buschhorn is one of 372 National Board Certified teachers, a rigorous program for which Idaho has ended a \$10,000 stipend for completion.

spokeswoman for the Idaho State Department of Education.

During last year's legislative session, "it didn't look like the program would be funded that

year or in future years," she said. Teachers who earned the certification by July 1 will still receive the full stipend.

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School Districts Wrap Up Changes to Merit-pay Plans

Local school district plans sent back for revision include those for Twin Falls, Castleford, Hansen, Murtaugh and Shoshone.

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CASTLEFORD • A few months ago, the Castleford School District thought its plan for awarding merit bonuses was ready to go.

The Idaho State Department of Education, though, had a different opinion.

Castleford is among a handful of Magic Valley school districts and charter schools that were asked to make changes to their pay-for-performance plans. The rubrics on

awarding merit pay to teachers and administrators are brand new, created by last year's statewide public education reforms.

Castleford Superintendent Andy Wiseman said the state didn't like one portion of his district's plan — awarding 25 percent of bonuses based on teacher evaluations.

"We were told to come up with another measure," he said.

So, the district instead based the bonus on student grades. In order for school employees to receive the largest bonus, no more than 10

percent of students can receive "F"s during the second school trimester.

Wiseman said he hasn't heard back from the state about whether the changes were approved.

Besides Castleford, other local plans sent back for revision include the Twin Falls School District, Wings Charter Middle School, Hansen School District, Murtaugh School District, North Valley Academy Charter School in Gooding, and Shoshone School District.

Plans were initially due to the state in September. Those that needed revision are due again in February.

School districts had nearly 20 options to choose from as ways to award bonuses. But the Murtaugh School District sought to try something different — a "teaching with technology" measure.

Murtaugh submitted a waiver to the state, then made requested revisions to make its plan more measurable. The

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ALSO MAKING NEWS



Clash Over Idaho Health Exchange

Ideological objections to federal health care reform clashed Thursday with the more pragmatic interests of business as Gov. Otter joined lawmakers, industry and the state's top insurance regulator in the debate over whether Idaho should establish its own insurance exchange.

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Odd Lawsuit Filed over Courtroom Outburst

Milton G. Esquibel asks for permanent injunction against the defendants, compensation for injuries and clearing of his court records.

BY LAURIE WELCH
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BURLEY • A Boise man who was found guilty of threatening a Fifth Judicial District Judge in 2010 has filed a federal lawsuit claiming he was maliciously prosecuted.

Milton G. Esquibel, formerly of Burley, filed the civil complaint Dec. 8, 2011. The lawsuit names just

about everyone: the state; Fifth Judicial District and several judges; all Idaho Supreme Court judges and clerks; sheriffs, prosecutors and certain staff from Cassia and Ada counties; and unidentified defendants.

In his filing, Esquibel claims that the state and counties are private, for-profit entities that don't have jurisdiction over him.

His argument stems from a 1943 Supreme Court case that concerns how the federal government pays its bills — not matters of criminal prosecution.

Esquibel asks for an immediate permanent injunction against the defendants, compensation for various injuries and clearing of his court records. The defendants point to errors in Esquibel's lawsuit and complaints that lack inadequate facts to prove.

A Cassia County motion to dismiss the case states

Esquibel has filed suit against numerous defendants making claims that are "unclear and unspecified."

The case was assigned Thursday by the court to a U.S. magistrate judge. No dates have been scheduled. Esquibel was found guilty in March 2010 of making threats against state elected officials, resisting or obstructing officers, disturbing the peace and contempt of court for an outburst he made in court during a civil hearing involving his parents.

Learn About High School Changes in Twin Falls

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TWIN FALLS • High school juniors and their parents in the Twin Falls School District are invited to an information night later this month.

The event — organized by high school counselors — is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 16 at Twin Falls High School's Roper Auditorium. Information presented

will include new high school graduation requirements for the class of 2013 — the number of credits needed to graduate, college entrance exams, senior projects and dual-credit class options.

For more information, call Canyon Ridge High School at 732-7555, Magic Valley High School at 733-8823, or Twin Falls High School at 733-6551.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

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Declo Woman Sues Cassia County, Alleging Wrongful Imprisonment

BY LAURIE WELCH
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BURLEY • A Declo woman who claims she was wrongfully arrested and imprisoned in Cassia County's jail for two days has filed a federal civil lawsuit against the county and other defendants.

Cassia County and unspecified parties are listed as defendants in the lawsuit filed Nov. 23 in U.S. District Court by Lorena Agustin. She alleges that an erroneous warrant was issued for her arrest and she was held in the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center for two days after she received a citation for driving a motor vehicle without a driver's license in 2009. Agustin claims she paid the citation the same day and believed the matter was resolved.

Agustin claims a second case was opened concerning the matter and a warrant issued for her arrest. Online court records back her up, stating that the court accepted her guilty plea to driving without a license on

Jan. 16, 2009, the same day a similar charge with a different case number was filed against her. The violation dates and charging officer are the same in each case, though online records don't specify if the charges stem from the same incident. The second charge, along with a related failure to appear charge filed Jan. 16, 2009, was dismissed last January.

Agustin has asked the court for a jury trial on the matter and damages in excess of \$10,000, with the exact amount to be determined during trial. She has also requested the plaintiffs pay attorney's fees and court costs if she wins.

Among the claims of Agustin's filing — some of which provide no explanation — are that her constitutional rights were violated and she suffered psychological and emotional damages brought on by the plaintiffs.

The court has set a telephone scheduling conference at 9:30 a.m. March 7 on the matter.



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Twin Falls School District Newcomer Center Director Khrista Buschhorn goes over a language worksheet with students Wednesday at Robert Stuart Middle School in Twin Falls.

Teachers

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According to the Associated Press, Idaho has 372 nationally certified teachers. There's worry among some Idaho educators that the loss of the stipend will result in fewer teachers like Buschhorn completing the rigorous program.

For some school districts, it's a non-issue. In Kimberly, none of the teachers are National Board-certified.

Superintendent Kathleen Noh said her district's last teacher with the certification moved to a different state a few years ago.

"We haven't had a lot of teachers who do that certification," she said. However, she says it's still a good avenue for teachers who want to advance their skills.

That's the main reason Buschhorn decided to pursue the certification, as she said the stipend was

just "icing on the cake."

"At the time it really wasn't the stipend that was the draw for me," she said.

The Twin Falls School District continues to award \$1,000 per year to teachers with the certification.

School districts will also soon decide whether they want to include the certification as a way for school employees to earn merit-pay bonuses that are part of last year's public education reform package.

Districts already came up with plans to decide how to award about 70 percent of the bonuses. The next step in the process will come in the fall, when districts will decide how to award bonuses for teachers who take on a leadership role or work in a hard-to-fill position.

"Certainly, the stipend for National Board Certification would be considered," said Patti O'Dell, associate superintendent of the Twin Falls School District.

New Map

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"I'm not saying anything about our plan except that it demonstrates that it was not necessary to cut 11 counties 14 times," Loebis said.

He didn't accuse the commission of any ulterior motives, saying simply that they should follow the constitutional hierarchy.

Brian Kane, assistant chief deputy attorney at the state Attorney General's Office, maintained that the county splits aren't excessive or unconstitutional, and that the commission took public input into account for a thoughtful solution to a complex task.

Kane pointed out that the contested plan has less than a 10 percent population deviation between districts, which fulfills federal constitutional requirements.

"When you're under 10 percent, the burden is on the petitioners to make that showing (that it's unconstitutional)," Kane said.

The justices pressed Kane on his assertion that no one had accused the commission of motives such as discrimination or preserving districts for political gain. The argument, they said, was about constitutionality.

Justice Warren E. Jones acknowledged the commission's difficulty in balancing all factors. For example, he said, they could adopt a plan

At a Glance

Every 10 years, a bipartisan committee redraws Idaho's legislative district boundaries with updated federal census data. The legislative districts must have roughly equal populations, with less than 10 percent deviation, to fulfill the U.S. Constitution's requirement of one person, one vote. After considering dozens of proposals, last year's first redistricting commission disbanded without adopting a new map. The second redistricting commission adopted a plan in October that split 11 counties, including Twin Falls County.

Two challenges have been filed to the plan: One by Twin Falls County that says it's unconstitutional, and one by Benewah County that says it splits too many communities of interest. If the court upholds the map, the new districts would apply to this year's elections.

that split 15 counties, but had zero population deviation — a map that would divide communities, "but it gives everybody an absolute equal vote," he said.

Chief Justice Roger S. Burdick closed the hearing by saying he hoped the court would reach a decision soon.

Schools

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plan received approval in November, said Superintendent Michele Capps.

Fourth- through 12th-grade school employees will receive bonuses for completing technology-related items. Those include planning a lesson that incorporates the Idaho Education Network and teaching five interactive lessons.

The Twin Falls School District amended its plan to add a way to award bonuses for school administrators.

Elementary Programs Director Ted Popplewell said the state approved the revised plan in December. He doesn't anticipate having to make any more changes.

And, he said, the state's review committee identified the Twin Falls School District's plan as one of the 12 best in the state.

CORRECTION

Due to incorrect information on the company's website, Magic Valley Recycling's hours of operation were incorrect in a Thursday story. The facility at 114 Market Ave. is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays (closed from noon to 1 p.m.) and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

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Firefighter Hopefuls Apply for 2012 Season

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TWIN FALLS • For most people, the thought of wildfire sparks fear. But for others, a wildfire means job security, even if only for a few months.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management Twin Falls District Fire and Aviation Program is currently accepting job applications for seasonal firefighting positions. The jobs are physically demanding but pay well. Entry-level positions begin at \$11 an hour and quickly rise with additional training.

However, with the high pay comes stiff competition. The district is only hiring 20 temporary employees for the summer but will receive more than 1,000 applications, said Steve Loucks, fire operation supervisor for the district.

"These are good-paying jobs," he said. "And the work is rewarding, so you can see why people would want to apply."

Submissions come from across the country, but the majority of the applications



U.S. Bureau of Land Management Engine Captain Mitch Silvester speaks with Paul Castronova about applying for a BLM seasonal firefighting position Wednesday in Twin Falls. BLM is currently recruiting job applicants for the 2012 fire season.

How to Apply For a Job

Applications will be accepted until Jan. 31, but early consideration ends Jan. 17. Interested applicants can apply online at www.idahofireinfo.blm.gov/south. Information: 732-7299.

come from Idaho, Loucks

Applicant hopeful Paul Castronova, 18, said he

wants the job because he's looking for something a little better than flipping burgers in the summer.

"I want a job that's meaningful over the summer," said the recent high school graduate. "This looked like the best option for that."

Obama Administration Officials to Meet with Gateway West Stakeholders

Cassia County officials hope to learn more about the federal government's plans to fast-track electrical transmission projects.

BY KIMBERLEE KRUESI
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TWIN FALLS • When the Obama administration first announced plans to speed up the Gateway West electrical transmission project, the only question it forgot to answer was "how?"

A taskforce was eventually appointed, though questions remained as to how an added layer of bureaucracy could assist the already government-laden process of stretching two power companies' proposed high-voltage transmission line across southern Wyoming and Idaho.

Those questions — and easily a few more — will be addressed next week. The taskforce, called the Rapid Response Transmission Team, is meeting with project stakeholders Jan. 13 in Boise.

The team consists of nine interagency representatives. In the coming weeks they will travel across the West to visit with key locations along the Gateway West route.

"This will help us better understand each project at the ground-level as we move quickly to transform the nation's electric system into a safer, more secure, and more reliable grid that offers consumers more en-

ergy choices," said Adam Fetcher, spokesman for the Department of Interior, in a written statement.

The team will meet with federal, state and local representatives to review permitting processes. The goal is to pinpoint future challenges that could potentially delay the project's progress.

The Gateway West transmission project has been proposed by Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power, and would add 1,100 miles of high-voltage transmission line across southern Wyoming and southern Idaho.

Twin Falls County commissioners have declined to meet with the team. However, representatives from Cassia County are anxious to submit their concerns.

The project has received critical attention in Cassia County because the primary proposed route is designed to go through private property.

"Cassia County has a lot more at stake than we do," said Twin Falls County Commissioner Terry Kramer. "It's not really a

huge issue around here."

Brent Stoker, chairman of the Cassia County Gateway West Task Force, said maintaining local input will be one of the main points he hopes to convey to the team.

"We don't want to lose local control. We think this is a good thing to have local input," he said. "Everyone has a version of what 'fast' ought to be at this time, and I hope to learn more of what 'fast track' really means."

T.F. Woman Sentenced in Hailey Drug Bust

Drugs seized during the investigation included 6.6 ounces of cocaine and 2.6 ounces of methamphetamine, valued at \$26,000.

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HAILEY • A Twin Falls woman was sentenced in Blaine County 5th District Court Wednesday on charges stemming from a March 2011 drug bust that nabbed five suspects on multiple drug charges.

Lisa Christine Justice, 42, was originally charged with two counts of trafficking methamphetamine and one count of delivering a controlled substance.

Under an agreement with prosecutors, she pleaded guilty to two counts of delivering methamphetamine. An enhanced penalty for being a persistent violator was also dropped.

Justice was sentenced to serve six to 15 years in prison for each count, to run concurrently. The sentence will also run concurrent with a Twin Falls conviction, and she must also pay \$265.50 in court costs for each count.

The Blaine County Narcotics Enforcement Team led an investigation in-

volving undercover drug purchases in the Wood River Valley and surrounding areas. Drugs seized during the investigation included 6.6 ounces of cocaine and 2.6 ounces of methamphetamine, which police valued at \$26,000.

Jose Manuel Hurtado-Delatorre 27, of Hailey, is charged with two felony counts of aiding and abetting the delivery of methamphetamine.

Ricardo M. Vargas-Hurtado, 22, of Ketchum, is charged with two felony counts of aiding and abetting the delivery of methamphetamine. Both Hurtado-Delatorre and Vargas-Hurtado pleaded not guilty and face a Jan. 31 jury trial.

Jessy T. Tellez, 20, of Hailey, is charged with felony cocaine trafficking and three felony counts of delivery of methamphetamine. Tellez is scheduled for a Feb. 29 jury trial.

Alvaro Hurtado-Gomez, 40, of Hailey, is also charged with felony cocaine trafficking and three felony counts of delivery of methamphetamine. He reached an agreement to plead guilty that dropped one delivery charge and the trafficking charge; sentencing is set for Jan. 30.

Blauer-Keys

Wayne and Nancy Blauer of Burley are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Diana Lynne, to Cary Shane Keys, of Childress, Texas, on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2011, in the Salt Lake City, Utah LDS Temple.

Diana is a 2008 graduate of Burley High School and is attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She is graduating in Elementary Education this coming April. Diana is the granddaughter of Harold and Phyllis Blauer.

Cary is a 2005 graduate of Childress High School and is attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He is graduating this April in



Diana Lynne Blauer and Cary Shane Keys

Exercise Science. He served a mission for the LDS church Spanish speaking in Riverside, California.

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Straw Poll May Not Live Up to Its Hype

If you've got time and a spare \$30, you still have time to drive to the Riverside Hotel in Boise and have your voice heard in the state's first — and we hope only — Republican presidential straw poll. Voting starts sometime after 8 p.m., but participants should get there early so they don't miss out on the band and the "no-host" bar, each of which starts an hour earlier. (If you're driving back home later Friday night, skip the bar.)

"For the first time in many, many years Idaho will get some attention on the national political scene which is very exciting," according to Jonathan Parker, executive director of the Idaho Republican Party. We'll just have to see about that.

At 7:30 a.m. Wednesday morning — just hours after nearly defeating Mitt Romney in the Iowa Caucus — Rick Santorum was all set up to address the Queen City Rotary in Manchester, N.H.

Romney himself was also in Manchester early Wednesday morning, taking tough questions from a younger crowd at a town hall meeting and gaining the endorsement of Arizona Sen. John McCain.

Newt Gingrich, who finished a rather distant fourth in Iowa, was in Concord, N.H. on Wednesday morning talking with potential voters about federal drug policy and assuring them that "Jefferson or George Washington would have rather strongly discouraged you from growing marijuana."

Ron Paul took a few extra days to get back to New Hampshire, but he's there today starting with a rally at the Nashua airport moments after his plane arrives.

Rick Perry is back in Texas "reassessing" things and Michelle Bachmann threw in the towel on her attempt to win the Republican Party's nomination.

Notice where these candidates weren't and which state they weren't talking about? That's right; they weren't in Idaho nor were they even thinking of today's straw poll. Nor were their campaign managers or strategists.

So why go through the charade of pretending that the straw poll matters? Why exactly did the state Republican Party add this to the ever-lengthening selection process?

"First and foremost it's a fundraiser," Parker said. Ahh, finally an honest and pragmatic answer. Tonight's "straw poll" is really just a cheap way to make Idaho's Republican "everyman" donate money while conning participants into believing that they have a say in who will be running against Barack Obama in November. Don't believe it.

Straw poll results will be reported in the *Times-News* tomorrow, and in every other paper throughout the state. The "winner" may even post the results on their national campaign website — if they're even paying attention. But the national media will remain focused on New Hampshire through Tuesday and on South Carolina immediately thereafter.

Why? Because sadly, tradition and perception are way more important in choosing a candidate than reality. Candidates and campaigns realize that Iowa and New Hampshire matter because they always have. Candidates and party strategists realize that Idaho doesn't matter because it never has. The state Republican Party failed to realize the perception/reality dichotomy and thought that the logical introduction of a straw poll would lure both candidates and interest. They were wrong.

If perception wasn't important, why would one candidate drop out and another "re-evaluate" their campaign because of what only 122,255 Iowans thought last Tuesday?

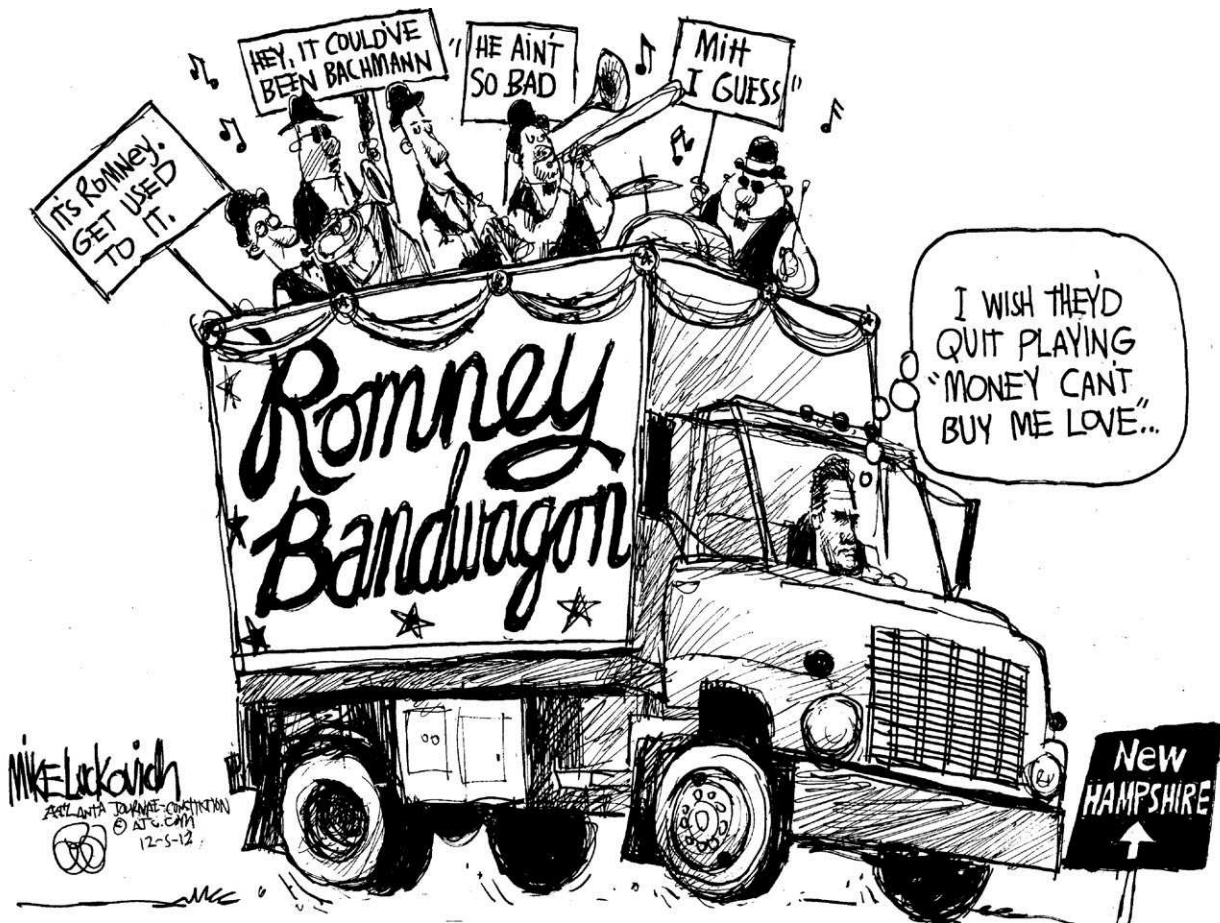
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John Pfeifer, Publisher

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"Ronald Reagan got 29 percent of the votes here and ultimately he was able to become our nominee."

— Mitt Romney referring to the 1980 campaign that put Republicans in the White House. The GOP presidential hopeful brushed aside suggestions Wednesday that his share of the vote in Iowa, less than 25 percent, was a sign of weakness.



My Brother's Valuable Life

How does one measure whether a life was a success, or a failure?

Some would measure it by recognition, that is, how many knew the person's name. For others, the measure of a successful life would be the amount of wealth accumulated, or possessions held. Still others would say a life was successful if the person made a major contribution to society — in medicine, sports, politics, or the arts.

By that standard my brother, Marshall Stephen Thomas, who died January 5, was a failure. If, however, your standard for a successful life is how that life positively touched others, then my brother's life was a resounding success.

Shortly after he was born in 1950, Marshall was diagnosed with Down syndrome. Some in the medical community referred to the intellectually disabled as "retarded" back then, long before the word became a common schoolyard epithet. His doctors told our parents he would never amount to anything and ad-

Cal Thomas

Tribune Media Services

vised them to place him in an institution. Back then, this was advice too often taken by parents who were so embarrassed about having a disabled child that they often refused to take them out in public.

Our parents wanted none of that. In the '50s, many institutions were snake pits where inhumanities were often tolerated and people were warehoused until they died, often in deplorable conditions. While they weren't wealthy, they were committed to seeing that Marshall had the best possible care, no matter how long he lived. Because of their dedication and thanks to the Kennedy family and their commitment to the rights, causes and issues related to the mentally and physically challenged, Marshall had a longer and better quality of life than might have been expected. He outlived his life expectancy

by nearly 40 years. He lived his life dancing and singing and listening to music he loved.

Yes, it cost our parents a lot of money to give him the care they believed he deserved. They might have taken more vacations, owned a fancier house and driven a luxurious car, but before we valued things more than people, they valued Marshall more than any tangible thing. And that care rubbed off on me and other family members.

The stereotype about people who call themselves conservatives is that we don't care for the less fortunate. Even if that were true (which it isn't), Marshall deepened my sensitivity and understanding for the mentally and physically challenged and for those who, like our parents, committed themselves to caring for others who were touched by a malady that could easily have been ours.

I was seven years old when Marshall was born. A year or two later when the diagnosis was made, I bought a popular book written by Dale Evans and gave it to our parents. It was called "Angel Unaware." The title was taken from a verse in the New Testament which says, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels un-

aware?" (Hebrews 13:2) Evans' book was about the Down syndrome child she had with her husband, Roy Rogers.

Roy and Dale named their daughter Robin Elizabeth and their commitment to her (she died at the age of 2) strongly influenced our parents' decision to take care of Marshall, rather than institutionalize him. While it was sometimes difficult for them and later after their death, for me, we never regretted that decision because of the joy Marshall brought to our lives.

In an age when we discard the inconvenient and unwanted in order to pursue pleasure and a life free of burdens, this may seem strange to some. I recall a line from the long-running Broadway musical, "The Fantasticks": "Deep in December, it's nice to remember, without a hurt the heart is hollow."

Marshall Thomas' "hurts" filled a number of hollow hearts.

At the end of the Christmas classic "It's a Wonderful Life" George Bailey reads an inscription in a book given to him by Clarence, his guardian angel: "Remember, no man is a failure who has friends."

No life is a failure when it causes so many to care for others. At that my brother succeeded magnificently.

THEIR VIEW

Iowa Didn't Settle Anything

Don't be fooled by the swagger in Mitt Romney's walk at the conclusion of Iowa's caucuses to choose a Republican presidential nominee.

His eight-vote victory over Rick Santorum may have winnowed the field, but it hardly clears up who will be the eventual nominee to face President Obama. In fact, the outcome may be murkier.

Three-quarters of caucus participants Tuesday night chose someone other than Romney, and his 24 percent tally was almost identical to

what he received four years ago, when he finished second to caucus winner Mike Huckabee.

Romney is very unlikely to mirror Huckabee and lose the next scheduled contest, Tuesday's New Hampshire primary. Recent polling shows Romney has a big lead in the Granite State, which sits next door to Massachusetts, where he was the governor.

But Santorum's unexpected surge in Iowa should help him cut Romney's advantage in New Hampshire, even if he doesn't win there. And he will be helped by the

third- and fourth-place Iowa finishers, Ron Paul and Newt Gingrich, respectively, who will also be campaigning hard.

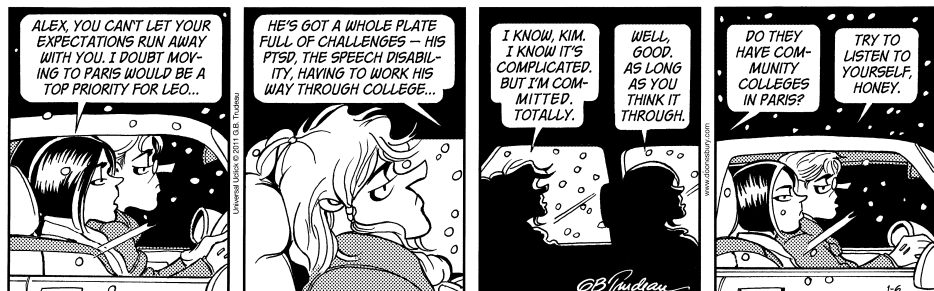
If Romney wins New Hampshire, but by a significantly smaller margin than anticipated, the South Carolina primary on Jan. 28 could pose significant danger for him. Social conservatives in the Southern state may match their peers in Iowa in supporting abortion opponent Santorum.

Michele Bachmann's sixth-place finish in Iowa, where only five months ago she won the GOP straw poll, led her to drop out of the race

Wednesday. She joins another former front-runner, Herman Cain. A discouraged Rick Perry, who finished fifth Tuesday night, canceled campaign appearances and headed home to Texas to reassess the situation.

The Iowa caucuses typically force candidates from the field, but rarely decide the eventual party nominees. Largely, the caucuses have become a contrivance that brings unwarranted media attention and huge sums of money into a state whose fairly homogeneous population is hardly a microcosm of the nation's electorate.

Doonesbury by Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



Ideology, Pragmatism Clash in Row over Health Exchange

BY JOHN MILLER
Associated Press

BOISE • Ideological objections to federal health care reform clashed Thursday with the more pragmatic interests of business as Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter joined lawmakers, industry and the state's top insurance regulator in the debate over whether Idaho should establish its own insurance exchange.

Otter told more than three dozen reporters at The Associated Press' 2012 Legislative Preview that he would do his best to explain to lawmakers the consequences of spurning a \$20.3 million federal grant to set up the exchange.

The component in Congress' 2010 health care overhaul was envisioned to be a transparent, online marketplace for consumers to compare and buy insurance.

Though Idaho has been promised the federal money, state legislators must approve spending it.

And with many conservatives, particularly in the Idaho House, disdainful of reforms they dub "Obamacare," the discussion figures to be a chief issue of the 2012 Legislature, which begins Monday.

Otter told reporters he fears a federally designed exchange alternative — a consequence of lawmakers blocking efforts to establish an Idaho-specific exchange — would put domestic insurers at a disadvantage. He said he also feared it would leave Idaho customers at the mercy of federal bureaucrats rather than more-responsive local regulators.

"This is a big deal," Otter said. "I'm obligated to explain to everybody exactly what happens if we do nothing?"

Idaho isn't alone in this discussion.

Missouri declined to spend federal money on computer systems for a state-run exchange after Republicans objected. New York's Democra-



Idaho Gov. C.L. 'Butch' Otter talks with more than three dozen reporters at the Capitol building Thursday in Boise. Gov. Otter shared his thoughts on the 2012 legislative session, which starts Monday.

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tic Gov. Andrew Cuomo called Thursday for establishing a health insurance exchange to help 2.7 million uninsured people in his state.

And Oregon, Idaho's neighbor to the west, set up its own exchange last year and is now developing a business plan.

Rep. Vito Barbieri, R-Dalton Gardens, who last year championed unsuccessful efforts by conservatives to nullify Congress' 2010 health care overhaul, is helping lead Idaho's anti-exchange fight, saying it's destined to become another bloated government bureaucracy.

"This health care mandate is not good for the nation," Barbieri said. "It's socialism. A socialist America is a broken America."

Barbieri said at a minimum, Idaho should hold its fire until the U.S. Supreme Court has weighed in on a lawsuit filed by Idaho and 26 other states seeking to overturn President Obama's Pa-

tient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Justices will dedicate three days of arguments starting March 26 over whether the law — and its individual mandate requiring people to buy insurance or face fines — is constitutional. A ruling is expected by July.

If Idaho doesn't create an exchange that meets federal guidelines, both Otter and Department of Insurance Director Bill Deal said, it puts the state at risk of losing as much as \$300 million annually in federal money for the Medicaid insurance program for the poor, elderly and disabled.

Deal said states must update their Medicaid eligibility systems to reflect new income rules in a way that meshes with the insurance exchanges. To put the heat on states to comply, the federal government has warned it could cut Medicaid funding for those that fail, Deal said.

"We're kind of held hostage here," Deal said.

"There certainly is great incentive...to become certified, to match the requirements?"

And even if Supreme Court justices dump the overhaul, Deal contends an Idaho-designed exchange would benefit consumers by helping individuals and small businesses without the expertise or buying power of

large employers to compare and buy coverage.

Alex LaBeau, president of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, is pushing for Idaho to use the \$20.3 million federal grant for its exchange.

LaBeau told reporters he understands ideological arguments like Barbieri's, but

contends businesses don't have the luxury of taking philosophical stands. Instead, he said, they want the certainty that would accompany Idaho taking control and creating an exchange, regardless of how the broader health care overhaul withstands constitutional scrutiny.

Businesses in Idaho want an exchange regulated locally, La Beau added, comparing experiences of his member companies in navigating regulators like the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

"It's a lot easier to deal with the state's DEQ than it is the EPA," LaBeau said. "The same principle applies here. I'd rather deal with Director Deal than deal with" the federal government.

House Minority Leader John Rusche, a Lewiston Democrat and retired health insurance industry executive, called it a "no brainer" to use federal money for an exchange tailored to Idaho needs, rather than leaving the work to federal officials.

Doing that would rob Idaho of its ability to set up a "minimum essential benefit package," which are services insurers must cover to participate, Rusche said.

"That will be to the detriment of our domestic insurance carriers," he said.

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Idaho Cold Case Reopened for DNA Testing

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LEWISTON (AP) • Authorities in northern Idaho are reopening the cold case of a slain man found nearly 30 years ago in the Snake River and will have the body disinterred for DNA testing, the Nez Perce County sheriff's office said Wednesday.

Investigators believe the man was killed but they were never able to identify him, so they've never had a real starting place to determine what happened, said Nez Perce County Chief Deputy Alan Johnson.

"That long ago, DNA wasn't even on the radar," Johnson said.

The man's body was discovered by a fisherman on June 26, 1982, about 25 miles upstream from Lewiston. The water was high then, and law enforcement officials speculated the body could have gone into the water many miles up the Snake or Salmon rivers two or three weeks earlier.

The man was wearing designer jeans over blue swimming trunks and was described as between 18 and 22 years old with straight brown or black hair. He had bullet wounds in his neck and left shoulder from a Smith & Wesson .38-caliber revolver manufactured before 1967.

"We're very hopeful that we can resolve this 29-year-old mystery," Sheriff Dale Buttrey told the *Lewiston Tribune*.

"Every victim has a family and we owe it to that family to do everything we can to identify him. If that was my relative, even 29 years later, I would want to know that law enforcement never gave up," Buttrey said.

The man was buried in an unmarked grave in Normal Hill Cemetery and information about the finding of his body was posted on law enforcement databases nationwide, though authorities were never able to obtain an identity.

Authorities now plan to send bone samples to the University of North Texas at Denton for DNA analysis. The university will submit the DNA profile to all available law enforcement databases and notify the sheriff's office of any possible matches.

The DNA results are not expected for another month or two, the sheriff's office said.

The agency announced Wednesday authorities were reopening the case with \$2,000 in grant money from the Rocky Mountain Information Network, which is part of the Regional Information Sharing Systems program created by Congress in 1983.

Police: Woman Scammed Idaho Couple at Pa. Shelter

BY JOE MANDAK
Associated Press



Slanina

PITTSBURGH • A woman charged with staying at a shelter for battered women under false pretenses used a cellphone and computer to try to scam an Idaho couple into traveling to a western Pennsylvania hospital to adopt her baby — even though she wasn't pregnant, police said.

The *Leader-Times* of Kittanning first reported Thursday that 32-year-old Amy Slanina has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and with theft of services and theft by decep-

tion for living at the shelter for nearly a month after falsely claiming to have been abused.

But police tell The Associated Press that Slanina will also be charged next week with contacting the Idaho couple from the HAVIN, or Helping All Victims in Need Shelter, in Kittanning so they'd meet her at Butler Memorial Hospital. Authorities say they were led to believe they'd pay to adopt Slanina's baby once she delivered it there.

The hospital is about 30 miles north of Pittsburgh and some 20 miles west of the women's shelter, where Kittanning police Chief Ed Cassese told the AP, "In 24 years, I've never had a case like this come through the borough. When you get down to it, it's a computer scam —

but this one's playing on a lot of emotions."

Cassese wouldn't identify the Idaho couple or say what city they're from, but he said police have taken statements from them. The couple arrived to meet Slanina at the hospital on Dec. 30, but she had been arrested that same day, Cassese said.

"She had contacted the people from Idaho with the purpose of telling them she is pregnant, she wants to give up the baby for adoption. They were to meet at the Butler Memorial Hospital and, obviously, she didn't show up," Cassese said.

Asked what would have happened at the meeting, Cassese said, "They probably would have exchanged money and she would have been gone."

And that's why Jo Ellen

Bowman, the shelter's executive director, said she contacted police last week when she learned about Slanina's history.

Bowman told the AP that Slanina arrived at the shelter Dec. 4 and said she was married to a Pittsburgh police officer who was abusing her. Because Slanina, who used the alias Amy Ost, was accusing a police officer of wrongdoing, Bowman checked out Slanina's story in some detail and eventually discovered it was bogus.

Among other things, Bowman learned that Slanina's police officer husband didn't exist and that Slanina was in prison for an unrelated Ohio scam during some of the time she claimed to have been abused in Pittsburgh — and was wanted for a parole violation in that case.

But Bowman also found blog posts from adoptive parents warning of Slanina and Internet video from a July 2006 episode of NBC's "Dateline" in which reporters caught her scamming several couples into believing she was pregnant so they could adopt her child. The news magazine segment Bowman found included information on couples in Pennsylvania, Alabama and South Carolina — that couple paid Slanina more than \$2,000.

Slanina, who was confronted on camera, told a reporter, "I'm a terrible person" and, in a second sound bite, "I can't be a mother. I don't know how to be one, I guess."

Bowman gave what she found to Kittanning police, who have since confirmed Slanina used the shelter's computer and a cellphone to set up the hospital adoption rendezvous with the Idaho couple.

Cassese said police will file two felony counts of criminal use of a communication device — the computer and cellphone — once the investigation wraps up next week.

Schools Plan for Technology Funding

BOISE (AP) • School districts are facing a deadline to submit plans for spending \$13 million Idaho set aside for technology upgrades in classrooms under a plan that was crafted by public schools chief Tom Luna and signed into law last year.

A portion of the money, about \$4 million, has already been distributed to public schools, according to the state Department of Education. Districts have until Friday to submit plans on how they'll spend the remaining \$9 million.

The money was set aside during the 2011 Idaho Legislature to help schools pay for things such as Internet access, technology hardware and training.

Luna's changes will eventually phase in laptops for every high school teacher and student while making online courses a graduation requirement.

Some school superintendents in southeastern Idaho say they're concerned they don't have enough staffing or funding to carry out the changes under the new laws, including training teachers on how to integrate the technology into the classroom.

Administrators have already cut back on staffing and class offerings to help balance budgets amid the economic downturn, said District 25 Superintendent Mary Wagner, who oversees schools in Pocatello and Chubbuck.

The training requirement places an additional burden on districts, Wagner told the *Blackfoot Journal*.

A statewide task force last month approved dozens of recommendations for how Idaho should implement education changes, including

the plan to provide teachers professional development along with the technology upgrades.

"The recommendations clearly have a price tag that goes with them," Wagner said. "Success is tied to funding."

Luna's office counters that districts are being provided with funding for teacher training. A portion of the \$13 million in funding set aside for the current school year — about \$3 million — was dedicated to professional development, said state Department of Education spokeswoman Melissa McGrath.

"The state has provided funding for staff training and the districts will not have to pay for that," McGrath said.

The agency is working on the plan to offer teachers professional development as part of Luna's Students Come First changes.

"So until that plan is in place, they'll still get money for professional development in the current year," McGrath said.

The new education mandates backed by Luna and the governor were the source of fierce debate in the 2011 session. In addition to the classroom technology, they include provisions to limit teacher collective bargaining to salaries and benefits; dump seniority as a factor in layoffs; and require union negotiations to be held in public while introducing teacher merit pay and shifting money from salaries to help pay for the changes.

The changes are being carried out even as critics behind a referendum campaign seeking to overturn the laws gear up for a November 2012 vote on the measures.

HOMEOWNERS URGED TO TEST FOR RADON

BOISE (AP) • The state's public health agency says more than half the homes in northern Idaho's Kootenai County have tested high for levels of radon, an odorless and invisible gas

linked to lung cancer.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare also released results Thursday for Ada County in southwestern Idaho and Bonneville County to the

east, urging residents across the state to test their homes for radon.

The agency is issuing the warning as January marks National Radon Action Month.

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Obama Launches Reshaping, Shrinking of U.S. military

BY ROBERT BURNS
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) • Looking beyond the wars he inherited, President Barack Obama on Thursday launched a reshaping and shrinking of the military. He vowed to preserve U.S. pre-eminence even as the Army and Marine Corps shed troops and the administration considers reducing its arsenal of nuclear weapons.

The changes won't come without risk, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said. But he called it acceptable and, because of budget restraints, inevitable.

In a presentation at the Pentagon, Obama said the U.S. is "turning a page" after having killed Osama bin Laden, withdrawn troops from Iraq and begun

to wind down the war in Afghanistan. He outlined a vision for the future that some Republican lawmakers quickly dubbed wrong-headed.

"Our military will be leaner, but the world must know the United States is going to maintain our military superiority," Obama said with Panetta and the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, Gen. Martin Dempsey, at his side.

In a presidential election year the strategy gives Obama a rhetorical tool to defend his Pentagon budget-cutting choices. Republican contenders for the White House already have attacked him on national security issues including missile defense, Iran and planned reductions in ground forces.

Obama unveiled the results of an eight-month defense strategy review that is intended to guide decisions on



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President Barack Obama speaks during a news briefing on defense Thursday at the Pentagon.

cutting hundreds of billions from planned Pentagon spending over the coming decade. The eight-page document contained no details about how broad concepts for reshaping the military — such as focusing more on Asia and less on Europe — will translate into troop or weapons cuts.

Those details will be included in the 2013 defense budget to be submitted to Congress next month.

In about every major war or defense speech Obama hits themes intended to

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Rivals Go Hard after Romney, Who Goes after Obama

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) • Mitt Romney's Republican presidential rivals repeatedly attacked him as a candidate of the status quo and a timid, less-than-reliable conservative Thursday as they simultaneously sought to slow his campaign momentum and personally audition for the role of conservative rival-in-chief.



Santorum

"Don't settle for less than America needs," said Rick Santorum, eager to capitalize on his second-place finish behind the former Massachusetts governor in this week's Iowa caucus, a scant eight votes off the pace.

A heavy favorite to win New Hampshire's primary next Tuesday, Romney all but ignored his Republican rivals as he campaigned in two states. Instead, he criticized President Barack Obama as a "crony capitalist. He's a job killer."

Without saying so, the rest of the field appeared to share a common campaign objective — hold down Romney's vote totals in New Hampshire, then knock him off stride 11 days later in South Carolina, the first Southern primary of the year.

Romney benefited handsomely from having several rivals split the vote in Iowa, where his winner's share was roughly 25 percent.

"Gradually you are going to see we have a difference of opinion about which will be the last conservative standing," former House Speaker Newt Gingrich told reporters as he campaigned in New Hampshire. "But I think you'll eventually come down to one conservative and Gov. Romney and he'll continue to get 25 percent."



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Michael Stewart holds a photo of his son Matthew David Stewart, who is accused of shooting six police officers, killing one, Thursday in Ogden, Utah.

FATHER: SUSPECT IN DEADLY UTAH SHOOTOUT SUFFERED FROM PTSD

BY PAUL FOY
Associated Press

OGDEN, Utah • Search warrant in hand, a team of bulletproof vest-wearing officers rapped on the door of a small, red-brick Utah house, identifying themselves as police. When no one responded, authorities say, the officers burst inside.

That's when the gunfire erupted.

When it was over Wednesday night, a 7-year veteran officer was dead and five of his colleagues were wounded, some critically. The suspect, an Army veteran whose estranged father said suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder and may have been



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self-medicating with marijuana, was injured.

Now, as the city tries to grapple with the outburst of violence and the loss of one of its officers, investigators are trying to determine how the raid as part of a drug investigation could have gone so terribly wrong.

"It's a very, very sad day," an emotional Ogden Police Chief Wayne Tarwater said Thursday.

A candlelight vigil for the fallen officers is planned for Thursday night at an Ogden amphitheater.

Police declined to reveal details of the shooting besides a general timeline, citing the ongoing investigation.

They would not say, for instance, whether the shootout took place entirely inside the home or spilled out into the yard, how many shots were fired and how many guns were

recovered.

There will be several investigations, including one by Ogden police and another outside probe by prosecutors.

Among the questions that authorities will try to answer was whether the officers, in the chaotic moments upon entering the house, may have inadvertently fired on each other.

Police said the warrant was based on information about possible drug activity, but would not say what officers were specifically looking for inside Matthew David Stewart's home, which sits across the street from a Mormon church meeting house.

Stewart, 37, was in the hospital with non-life threatening injuries, authorities said. He does not have an attorney yet.

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Matthew Badger, left, and Madonna Badger, the parents of three children who were killed in a Christmas morning fire, react as their children's caskets are carried into church during the funeral in New York, Thursday.

Mother of 3 Girls Killed in Conn. Fire Speaks

NEW YORK (AP) • The mother of the three young girls who died during a Christmas morning fire delivered a heartbreaking eulogy to her "girl tribe" at their somber funeral in New York City on Thursday.

"My girls are in my heart," Madonna Badger told more than 500 mourners at St. Thomas Church in Manhattan. "They're right here. And that's where they live now."

Badger broke down several times as

she described each girl in turn — Lily, 9, and 7-year-old twins Sarah and Grace — then wailed as she followed their coffins out of the cavernous Gothic church. She was accompanied by her estranged husband, Matthew Badger, and a friend, Michael Borcina.

Borcina was with Madonna Badger and her family when the lethal fire tore through her Connecticut home.

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Scores Killed in Iraq Bombings Targeting Shiites

BAGHDAD (AP) • An apparently coordinated wave of bombings targeting Shiite Muslims killed at least 78 people in Iraq on Thursday, the second large-scale assault by militants since U.S. forces pulled out last month.

The attacks, which bore the hallmarks of Sunni insurgents, come ahead of a Shiite holy day that draws hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from across Iraq, raising fears of a deepening of sectarian bloodshed. Rifts along the country's Sunni-Shiite faultline just a few years ago pushed Iraq to the brink of civil war.

The bombings in Baghdad and outside the southern city of Nasiriyah appeared to be the deadliest in Iraq in more than a year.

Thursday's blasts occurred at a particularly unstable time for Iraq's fledgling democracy. A broad-based unity government designed to include the country's main factions is mired in a political crisis pitting politicians from the Shiite majority now in power against the Sunni minority, which reigned supreme under the dictatorship of Saddam Hussein.

Some Iraqis blame that political discord for the lethal strikes.

"We hold the government responsible for these attacks. They (the politicians) are bickering over their seats and these poor people are killed in these blasts," said Baghdad resident Ali Qassim

not long after the first bomb went off.

The attacks began during Baghdad's morning rush hour when explosions struck the capital's largest Shiite neighborhood of Sadr City and another district that contains a Shiite shrine, killing at least 30 people, according to police.

Several hours later, a suicide attack hit pilgrims heading to the Shiite holy city of Karbala, killing 48, police said. The explosions took place near Nasiriyah, about 200 miles (320 kilometers) southeast of Baghdad.

Hospital officials confirmed the casualties. Authorities spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to release figures of the dead and wounded, who numbered more than 100.

The blasts occurred in the run-up to Arbabeen, a holy day that marks the end of 40 days of mourning following the anniversary of the death of Imam Hussein, a revered Shiite figure. During this time, Shiite pilgrims — many on foot — make their way across Iraq to Karbala, south of Baghdad.

Baghdad military spokesman Maj. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi said the aim of the attacks is "to create turmoil among the Iraqi people." He said it was too early to say who was behind the bombings.

Coordinated attacks aimed at Shiites are a tactic frequently used by Sunni insurgents.

PROSECUTORS SEEK DEATH PENALTY FOR MUBARAK

CAIRO (AP) • Prosecutors on Thursday called for Hosni Mubarak to be hanged, saying he bore full responsibility for the killing of protesters during the uprising against him, in a courtroom moment unthinkable barely a year ago when the longtime leader held unquestioned power.

The demand for the death penalty at the 83-year-old former president's trial played to the widespread resentment of Mubarak among Egyptians.

Police: Woman Attacks Painting at Museum

DENVER (AP) • Investigators are trying to determine why a woman caused \$10,000 worth of damage to a large expressionist painting at the Clyfford Still Museum by punching and scratching it, then removing her pants and sliding down the artwork.

Carmen Tisch, 36, faces charges of criminal mischief in the Dec. 29 attack on the painting, said district attorney spokeswoman Lynn Kimbrough.

The painting, referred to as 1957-J-No. 2, is valued at more than \$30 million. The large montage of black, white and burnt orange swaths with a sliver of yellow is from Still's middle period.

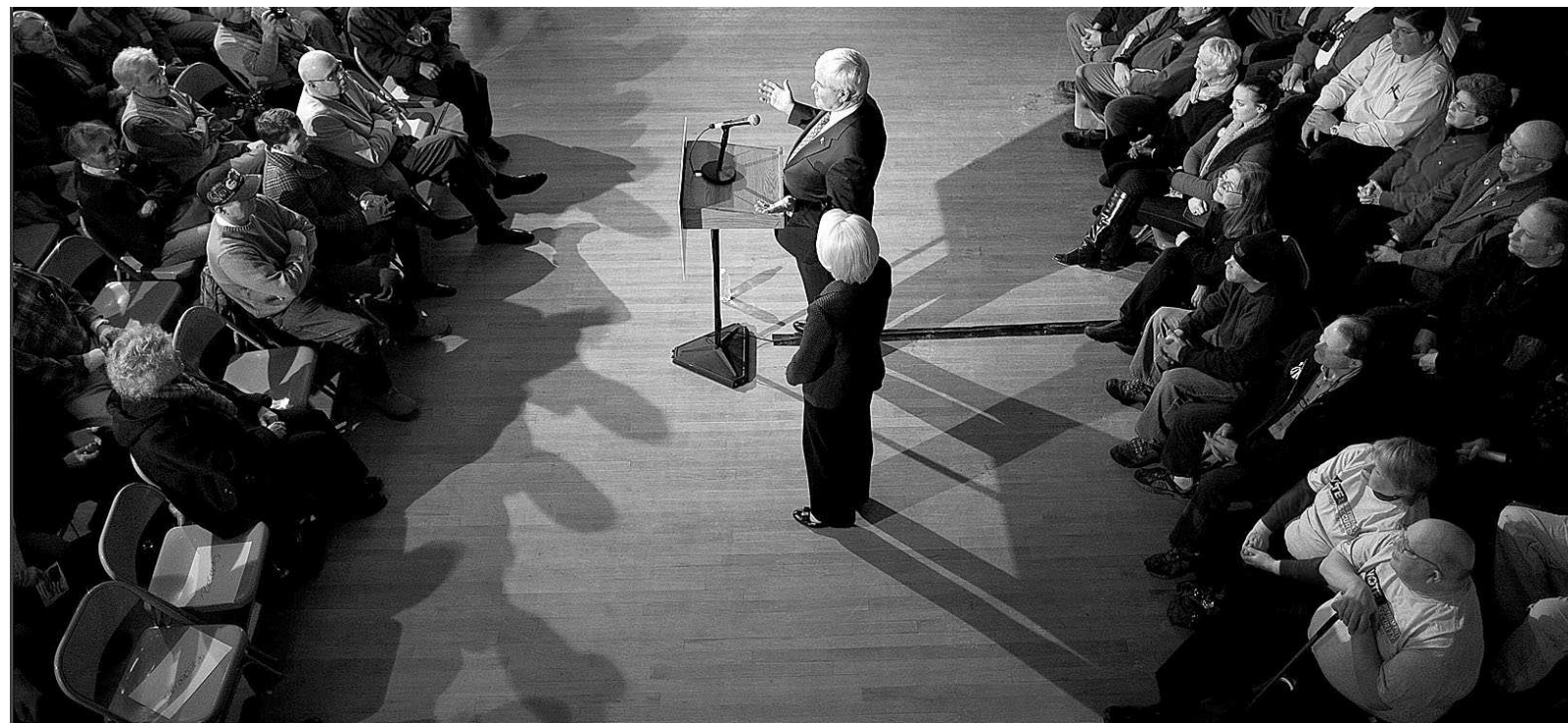


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This undated booking photo shows Carmen Tisch, 36, who is accused of damaging a painting at the Clyfford Still Museum. Prosecutors say restoring the painting, valued at about \$30 million, will cost an estimated \$10,000. Tisch was in jail with bond set at \$20,000.

CADAVER DOG IN SEARCH FOR MISSING SC BOY

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) • Cadaver dogs looking for a South Carolina boy searched his mother's car and home as she sat in jail on charges of lying to police about what she did with her son, though authorities were not saying whether they found any evidence the toddler was dead.

The boy's mother has told police conflicting stories about her son, saying he was with friends and family in the Carolinas and also Georgia, authorities said.



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Republican presidential candidate, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, accompanied by his wife, Callista, gestures during a town hall meeting in Littleton, N.H., Thursday.

Time to Rally Around a Not-Romney

BY LAURIE KELLMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON • Prominent conservative leaders want their rank and file to quickly get behind a single presidential candidate — Rick Santorum now seems the likeliest — fearful that persistent splits will help Mitt Romney win the Republican nomination.

"While no political candidate, or human being for that matter, is perfect, Rick Santorum's baggage contains his clothes," CatholicVote.org president Brian Burch said Thursday, after Santorum's virtual tie with Romney in Iowa won the support of the 600,000-member online organization.

"Republicans hoping to win back the White House in November must unite behind the candidate most dedicated to the foundational issues of faith, family and freedom."

Romney narrowly won the Iowa caucuses when conservative voters split their support among several challengers, and the worry is that the same thing will happen in South Carolina, Florida and beyond if Rick Santorum, Newt Gingrich and Rick Perry all stay in the race.

"Conservatives are still divided among a number of different candidates, but the field is winnowing," said former Republican presidential candidate Gary Bauer. And, he said: "I certainly think that Senator Santorum is in a good position to inherit a lot of that support."

In the aftermath of Santorum's unexpectedly narrow loss to Romney in Iowa, leaders on the right who have been scarcely engaged in the rollicking Republican contest began buzzing about the prospect of endorsing the former Pennsylvania senator with the solid conservative credentials — or someone else such as Gingrich who has deep conservative roots.

To discuss how to proceed, some of those leaders have set up meetings from Washington to Texas before the Jan. 21 South Carolina primary. That vote could prove pivotal, given that the Republicans who have won the state for decades have eventually become the party's nominees.

"There is movement, even members of Congress who are weighing this now who

are looking to make a move," said Family Research Council President Tony Perkins, who said he's spoken with more than eight leaders with conservative constituencies, including lawmakers. He declined to name them but added: "I do think you'll see growing momentum toward Rick Santorum."

Indeed, interviews with a number of leaders, many of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity to be candid, indicated that Santorum was emerging as the preferred alternative to Romney, though a few still are watching Gingrich. Not one mentioned Perry, who announced he would reassess his campaign in light of a fifth-place showing in Iowa only to say a day later he would press on in South Carolina.

Michele Bachmann, the Minnesota congresswoman who is a favorite of evangelicals and the tea party, took the opposite route, abandoning her bid after coming in last in Iowa. That's left her backers up for grabs and looking for someone to rally behind.

It's unlikely to be Romney. Many conservatives have long viewed him skeptically.

These voters complain that he's reversed himself on a series of social issues. They also don't like his record of support for government health care and exceptions to abortion restrictions. And, with conservatives making up the base of the party, the skepticism has kept his support under 25 percent in most national surveys and in some early primary states despite his front-runner status, strong organization and big bank account.

"You'll eventually come down to one conservative and Governor Romney," Gingrich, the former speaker of the House, predicted Thursday in New Hampshire. "And he'll continue to get 25 percent. By definition at some point in that game somebody is going to start getting a lot more votes than Governor Romney."

The hand-wringing on the right over Romney as the nominee has produced a deeply unsettled nomination fight.

Conservative voters have spent much of the year flitting from Bachmann to Perry to Gingrich in search of someone to back.

In Iowa, they finally ended up rallying behind Santorum, making him the latest candidate to emerge as the more conservative alternative to Romney.

"We're the folks that people are getting excited about," Santorum said after an appearance Thursday in Manchester.

His near victory in Iowa — Romney by eight votes — is prompting new calls to reach a consensus.

"It's time for the conservatives to get off the sidelines and get into the arena, and make our choice known," said Richard Viguerie, a longtime GOP fundraiser, who after much searching said he has picked a candidate. "There was Rick Santorum, in plain sight, all along."

And Burch, the president of CatholicVote.org, also is suggesting that supporters take a second look at Santorum.

"Until the last two weeks, it wasn't clear whether Santorum would get the traction he needed to compete," Burch wrote to backers after Santorum's Iowa finish, saying: "He put these doubts firmly to rest."

Both Santorum and Gingrich are Catholic. Romney is a Mormon.

Francom

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Utah court records show Stewart's criminal history includes only a 2005 conviction for a class B misdemeanor traffic violation — operating a vehicle without insurance. A judge found him guilty after a bench trial and ordered him to pay a \$350 fine.

State officials also placed a pair of tax liens on Stewart last August.

Stewart served in the Army from July 1994 to December 1998, spending a year based in Fort Bragg, N.C., and nearly three years stationed in Germany, Army records show.

He held a post as a communications equipment specialist, earning an Army Achievement Medal and a National Defense Service Medal. Both are given for completing active service, although they don't indicate

exceptional acts of valor.

Stewart's father, Michael Stewart, said his son works a night shift at a local Walmart and may have been sleeping when police arrived.

"When they kicked in the door, he probably felt threatened," said Michael Stewart, who has been estranged from his son for more than a year, but keeps track of him through his two other sons.

The elder Stewart said his son suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and depression and may have been treating it with small amounts of pot. He said he believes his son may have been growing the weed himself.

He said he didn't believe his son owned any automatic weapons and that the family is upset by what happened. "This is my son's problem and we're grieving for him and all of the officers," Michael Stewart said. "I'm dead sick about it."

Weber County Attorney

Dee Smith said it wasn't yet clear what charges Stewart might face once the shooting investigation concludes.

"But it appears right now, with the information we have, that we have an aggravated murder as well as a number of other attempted aggravated murders," Smith said, choking back tears.

Aggravated murder is a capital crime and, if convicted, Stewart could face the death penalty.

The officer killed, Jared Francom, was with the Ogden police. He leaves behind two daughters, aged 3 and 5, and his wife of seven years, Erin.

"She's upset, but she's hanging in there," Frisby said of his daughter. "I can only describe her as a rock."

Joining the narcotics strike force had long been Francom's dream job, according to his father-in-law, John Frisby. Francom, 30, had worked as a part-time patrol officer and took security jobs

on the side until he was finally chosen for the select group.

It was a "big honor," Frisby said when reached by telephone at his home in Henderson, Nev. "He was good at it."

By mid-day Thursday, more than 1,000 friends and strangers had expressed their support and gratitude for Francom and his family on a memorial Facebook page with prayers, poems and other messages. Some posters swapped out their profile pictures for a black logo with a blue stripe representing fallen officers.

Authorities said the conditions of the officers ranged from serious to critical. They are Ogden officers Shawn Grogan, Kasey Burrell and Michael Rouff's Sgt. Nate Hutchinson and Roy officer Jason VanderWarf.

Kevin Burrell, Kasey Burrell's father, said his son was shot in the head. A seven-

year veteran of the police force, the younger Burrell was sedated, but appears to be improving, his father said.

On Wednesday, witnesses said they heard three quick pops followed by a two- to three-minute pause, then lots of gunfire and officers yelling at someone to "put your hands up" in the backyard.

Outside Stewart's house on Thursday armed SWAT officers clothed in camouflage remained on guard as police continued their search of the property. The yard was taped off and dotted with numbered evidence markers.

Residents said they were shocked to hear there was any drug activity in the area or a shootout on their street.

"This has always been a quiet neighborhood. We've been here for 11 years," said Andrew Mair, who said his wife hid in the couple's basement in fear when the gunfire rang out. "I've never heard anything crazy going on."

Fire

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He walked behind the grieving parents as the coffins were brought out of the church.

Badger's parents, Lomer and Pauline Johnson, also died in the fire.

Badger told mourners, "In all the incomprehensible loss and chaos, all I can hang onto is that love is everything."

The pallbearers were 18 firefighters from Stamford, Conn., who responded to the fire. Among the more than 500 people attending the service in New York City were fashion designers Calvin Klein and Vera Wang, rocker Lou Reed and actor Philip Seymour Hoffman.

Madonna Badger is a fashion advertising executive who worked on Calvin Klein campaigns.

Stamford Mayor Michael Pavia also attended the service at a century-old Episcopal church.

Three blonde girls wearing pretty dresses laughed delightedly in a photo that adorned the program for the service.

Badger said Lily was "my angel and my life and she was my first-born." Sarah was "my little whippersnapper, loved and lovable and full of love." Grace was "fearless" but often asked her mother "if she was going to die before me."

"I said no, that's never going to happen," she said. "But it did, and I wonder why. Why my children? Why my parents?"

Singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright performed a haunting a cappella version of "Over the Rainbow" during the service, which also featured hymns sung by St. Thomas' all-male choir.

A private service was held later at Woodlawn Cemetery for the girls and their grandparents.

Authorities have told The Associated Press that embers in a bag of discarded ashes started the blaze. They had been taken out of a fireplace so the children wouldn't worry about Santa coming down the chimney.

Madonna Badger and Borcina were treated at a hospital.

Fire officials have said Borcina is believed to have placed the ashes in or outside an entryway, near the trash.

The victims died of smoke inhalation. Grandfather Lomer Johnson also suffered a blunt head and neck trauma, which resulted from a fall or being hit by an object.

One of the girls, found dead just inside a window, had been placed on a pile of books, apparently so Johnson could reach in and grab her after he jumped out. Instead, authorities say, he fell through the roof.

Stamford police are helping fire officials investigate the blaze. Police said Monday officials want to know whether there were smoke alarms, the status of renovation work on the house and whether the contractor had permits.

Beth Smith Hedrick

Sept. 28, 1917-Jan. 4, 2012

BOISE • Beth Smith Hedrick passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family and friends Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012, at the age of 94. True to her lifelong perspective, she remained forward-looking and positive during her illness, continuing to be concerned about and interested in those around her and their lives.



west, Alaska and Canada, Europe and Mexico to visit family. Beth and Clarence enjoyed many close friendships over the years, especially with their friends in the Magic Valley area. She treasured these individuals and maintained a weekly contact with them.

She was born Sept. 28, 1917, at Cache Junction, Utah, the youngest of Edward and Phebe Weaver Smith's seven children. While still a young child, her family moved to Malad, Idaho, to accommodate her father's job as a brakeman for the Union Pacific Railroad. Beth loved school and studied music, playing the saxophone, flute and piano and directing community singing. She was the drum major for her high school's 87-piece marching band. She later taught and trained several bands and color guards, which she enjoyed immensely.

Beth entered Albion State Normal School in 1934, working for her room and board by helping in the music department. The two years she spent at Albion were among the happiest times of her life. She attended many reunions, including her 75th college reunion this past June with her college friend, Adelaide Gerard. While at Albion, she made lifelong friends, served as student body president, acquired teaching skills that benefited countless students during her career and met the love of her life, Clarence Hedrick of Rupert, Idaho. Beth and Clarence married in August 1936 and celebrated almost 60 years of marriage before his death in 1995.

Beth taught in numerous rural settings in Idaho during her early career, including Pleasant View, Carey and Elmwood. She and Clarence also taught together in a two-room school house in Stone, Idaho. Though the conditions were rough and isolated, Beth fondly reminisced about this experience and the students who attended this school, often by horseback. Beth continued her teaching while her husband was in the Army during World War II and, shortly thereafter, started their family. In the summers of 1946 to 1947, Beth and Clarence lived at Redfish Lake while he worked for the U.S. Forest Service. They had no more than 10 visitors each summer but loved their time at Redfish, which fostered their love of the Sawtooths and the family cabin they would later build together during the '50s and '60s.

Beth and Clarence eventually settled in Twin Falls after living in Vale, Ore., and St. Anthony and Rexburg, Idaho. Beth's time was filled with caring for her family and working at her husband's side building their cabin. She was a Camp Fire Girls and 4-H leader and served as the DeMolay and Job's Daughters "mother." She took education classes through Idaho State University for her bachelor's degree, which she received in 1963. She taught seventh grade reading in Twin Falls at O'Leary and Robert Stuart Junior High, where she positively impacted many students. Her subject specialty was reading but encouraging and motivating a student to learn was her gift.

A lifelong learner and advocate of education, Beth joined the Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK) International Honorary Teachers Sorority and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in which she remained active and served as an officer until her death. Besides her work, hobbies and professional activities, Beth adored her seven grandchildren and enjoyed attending their activities and sporting events over the years. Some of her travels included the Pacific North-

After moving to Boise in 1993 and her husband's death in 1995, Beth returned to the familiar setting of the classroom, obtaining her master's in education with a specialty in reading at the young age of 80. She continued with coursework at BSU as well as volunteering at the Learning Lab weekly, tutoring adults in English. At the time of her death, she had completed coursework toward her Ph.D. with the assistance of her loyal caregiver and friend, Genevieve Gregor. Genevieve became her eyes and ears in the classroom and introduced Beth to using the computer. Beth established an agriculture scholarship at CSI in memory of her husband and later, an education scholarship at CSI in her name, both to which she donated generously. Beth's passion for education and dedication to making her community a better place to live was a cornerstone of everyday life for her. She and Clarence were strong supporters and friends with Gov. Cecil Andrus, who fought tirelessly and continually for Idaho's school children. Beth was thrilled when Gov. Andrus presented her with her master's diploma during graduation ceremonies.

Beth, while active in her church in later years, had a strong lifelong faith and always looked for the good in every person and situation. Her home, which was filled with books, photographs and mementos, was a welcoming place to family and friends alike. Besides quilting and reading, she routinely watched the news, kept current on the local and national events and never missed voting. One of Beth's favorite activities was keeping in touch with friends and family by sending greeting cards. It is quite possible she kept Hallmark afloat for many years because of her thoughtful communications through cards.

Surviving and who will miss this remarkable and admired woman are her four children and their spouses, Nanette (Jim) Songer, Wally (Jerrie) Hedrick, Howard (Antonia) Hedrick and Suzanne (Tom) Gillespie, all of Boise. She will also be missed immensely by her seven grandchildren, Ann, Ryan, Hallie, Tim and Clare Hedrick, and Anne-Marie and Cara Gillespie; numerous nephews and nieces; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence; her parents; sister, Verrill Stone of Rigby, Idaho; brothers, Franklin Smith of Idaho Falls, Nathan Smith of Logan, Utah, and David Smith of Rupert, Idaho.

Beth and her family wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to Drs. Stan Eisele and Delray Maughan for their years of expert care; Dr. Stan Steiner for his continued support and guidance at BSU; St. Luke's Hospice; Brent Archibald and Gary Buckley; countless friends who have provided support and encouragement; and especially Genevieve Gregor and Jeanne Simons for their tireless devotion to and loving care of Beth.

The funeral will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, with private interment at Morris Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Beth S. Hedrick Education Scholarship, College of Southern Idaho Foundation, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1238.

Bon voyage, Mom, and godspeed.

Jeremiah Paul Hilden

Nov. 2, 1983-Jan. 1, 2012

BURLEY • Jeremiah Paul Hilden, my beloved son, passed away Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012, in Boise. He had such zest for life and the things he wanted to accomplish in life, ever trying.



He was born Nov. 2, 1983, in Burley to Robert James Hilden of California and Rayola Anne Morrison Hilden of Idaho. His dad always said he was a fine boy. Jeremiah attended many schools in Idaho — kindergarten at Springdale, elementary schools in Burley, Meridian and Nampa. He attended South Middle School and Skyview High, where he graduated May 30, 2002. Continuing on the next fall in Moscow, Idaho, at the University of Idaho, earning an A in Russian language, which is no small feat. Ever studious after a brief stint in the Army, back to college to get his commercial driver's license, then to CWI to study computer tech. Always on-

ward and upward, he was accepted into college for nursing and was to attend this spring.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Hilden in 1984. He is survived by (mom) Rayola Anne Morrison Hilden; stepdad, Robert Copley; sister, Heather L. Hilden Termini of Nampa; brother, David F.A. Copley of Payette; and numerous grandparents, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins from coast to coast.

We love him dearly and will miss him for ever — until we meet again my son.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Morrison-Payne Funeral Home, 321 E. Main St. in Burley. He will be laid to rest in the Rupert Cemetery next to his father. A viewing for Jeremiah will take place one hour prior to the service Saturday at the Morrison-Payne Funeral Home in Burley.

Dorothy Arlene Humphrey Porter

Jan. 27, 1929-Jan. 2, 2012

JEROME • Dorothy Arlene Humphrey Porter was born Jan. 27, 1929, at Lusk, Wyo., to Charles Humphrey and Verba Baars Humphrey. She attended school for 10 years at Node, Wyo., and graduated from high school at Lusk, Wyo., in 1942.



Dorothy was very active in 4-H for seven years and, in 1947, won a free trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Ill. On April 3, 1949, she was united in marriage to Carl Hardman Porter at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lusk. There were four children born to this union. Dorothy and Carl divorced after 23 years of marriage.

Music was a very important part of Dorothy and her children's lives and they sang in the various churches they attended. Dorothy worked mostly in an office having worked for an attorney, for Mountain States Telephone Co. and in Kimberly as the site manager of the Ageless Senior Citizens Center for 18 years.

Dorothy was a "born again" Christian and attended the Airport Road Free Will Baptist Church in Twin Falls, where she was the organist for many years. She later moved to Jerome in 2003 and attended the Jerome Free Will Baptist Church until shortly before her death.

She is survived by her children, Duane (Nancy) Porter, Mike Porter, Anne (Gerald) Chojnacky and Carol Porter; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

There will be a celebration of her life at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the Heritage Alliance Church, 401 Sixth Ave. N. (corner of Eden Street North and Sixth Avenue North) in Twin Falls.



Cholise (Coco) Wray

Aug. 13, 1992-Jan. 1, 2012

BUHL • Cholise (Coco) Wray, 19, of Buhl, was unexpectedly called home to be with Jesus on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012.



Coco was born Aug. 13, 1992, in Twin Falls, to Vince and Marilyn Wray.

She is survived by her brothers, Quincy (Kristin) Shell of Filer and John (Destiny) Wray of Buhl; niece, Syndal; and her nephew, Ezra; grandparents, John and Rita Wray of Buhl, Russell and Karilyn Nice of Twin Falls, and Esther

Martin of Twin Falls; 14 cousins; and 12 aunts and uncles. She was preceded in her home-going by her grandfather, Merle Martin of Twin Falls.

Please come and join us for Coco's celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Calvary Assembly of God Church in Buhl (corner of Fruitland Avenue and Poplar Street). Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Gordon Hirabayashi, Dies at 93

LOS ANGELES (MCT) • Gordon Hirabayashi, who was convicted for defying the evacuation and internment of Japanese Americans on the West Coast during World War II and, four decades later, not only cleared his name but helped prove that the government had falsified the reasons for the mass incarceration, has died. He was 93.

Hirabayashi, who had Alzheimer's disease and other ailments, died Monday in Edmonton, Alberta, where he had lived for many years, said his son, Jay.

The elder Hirabayashi was one of only three Japanese Americans who refused to comply with Executive Order 9066, signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in February 1942. The order gave military authorities the power to restrict the freedom of thousands of people of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast in the wake of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor two months earlier.

SERVICES

Wilber Lee "Sonny" Floyd of Gooding, funeral at noon today at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Francisco Leal Ruiz of Hazelton, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Donna Fay Johnson of Buhl, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Buhl First Christian Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Scott L. Bolton of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Dietrich and Kimberly, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Oasis Park Ward Chapel, 1550 Buchanan in Boulder City, Nev.; visitation at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church (Palm Northwest Mortuary in Las Vegas, Nev.).

Patrick W. Rasmuson of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Burley, memorial at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Canyon Ridge Christian Church, 6200 W. Lone Mountain Road in Las Vegas, Nev.

Jerry Frank Stultz of Boise, graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Filer Cemetery in Filer; luncheon follows at the Filer Senior Center (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Dora Dean Young of Burley, funeral at noon Saturday at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Wards Church, 2200 Oakley Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Helen Moss Shaner of Orem, Utah, and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Stake Center, 2085 South Temple Drive; visitation from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Arlene Marva Fairchild of Jerome, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Home Church, 900 N. Lincoln in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Raymond D. "Ray" Zagata of Buhl, service of remembrance at 1 p.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Jennifer Ann Dodds of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Dell Elwin Taylor of Gooding, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Stacy Keener of Twin Falls, memorial service at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Carma Ann Griffith Duncan of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Star LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 200 S. 100 W. of Burley; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church; graveside service at 3 p.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Clarence Glover

BURLEY • Clarence Eugene Glover, 93, of Burley, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Golden Heritage Senior Citizen Center, 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley (Rasmussen Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Burley).

Paul Hurless

BOISE • Paul M. Hurless, 84, of Boise, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012.

The funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4848 N. Five Mile Road in Boise; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, at the Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale Road in Boise.

Kenneth Johnson

BUHL • Kenneth L. Johnson, 79, of Buhl, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012, at his home.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the Buhl LDS Church, 1001 Fair St.; visitation from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church (Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Fred Slippey

RUPERT • Fred Arthur Slippey, 60, of Rupert, died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012, at Countryside Care and Rehabilitation.

Arrangements will be announced by 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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ENTERTAINMENT

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Young Country Musician Signs On for Twin Falls Fair

TIMES-NEWS

FILER • Country music artist Jake Owen will perform at the 2012 Twin Falls County Fair, the fair office announced this week.

Owen's performance, at 8 p.m. Sept. 2 at the county fairgrounds in Filer, will cost \$15 for general admission and \$20 for reserved seats. Tickets go on sale June 1.

Owen, 30, released his debut album, "Startin' with Me," in 2005. The album produced three singles which reached

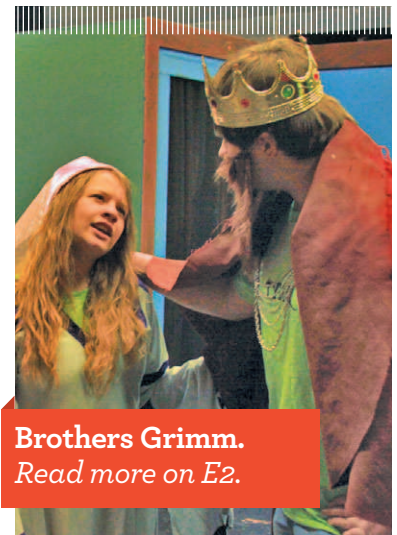


Top 20 on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart: "Yee Haw," "Something About a Woman" and the title track. The 2009 album "Easy Does It" included hit singles "Don't Think I Can't Love You," "Eight Second Ride," and "Tell Me." In September

2011, the title track to "Barefoot Blue Jean Night" became Owen's first No. 1 single on the country chart.

He also has toured as an opening act for Kenny Chesney, Brad Paisley, Little Big Town, Sugarland and Keith Urban.

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Brothers Grimm. Read more on E2.

BREAK THE FEVER

Get out of the house with Cabin Fever Day, as venues all over Twin Falls offer free fun on Saturday.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN
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TWIN FALLS • Going stir crazy? You're not alone.

There's a cure for cabin fever in Twin Falls. Throughout Saturday, businesses participating in Cabin Fever Day will open their doors and offer free activities for people of all ages.

It's good for families and good for businesses, said Dennis Bowyer, director of Twin Falls' Parks and Recreation Department. People get out of the house and try something new at facilities they might not visit otherwise.

"There's a lot of things that are open free to the public," Bowyer said.

And the activities are varied. Kids can play at Hop 2 It! or at the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, while anyone can visit YMCA for an open swim or Bowladrome for a game of bowling.

Eric Snow, fitness director at YMCA in Twin Falls, said the facility has seen a great turnout every year it has participated. "It's always been really, really good."



Evan Gage, 6, aims his bow and arrow with Tony Harbaugh's supervision during the 2011 Cabin Fever Day at Magic Valley Bowhunters' indoor range in Twin Falls.

TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO

The Schedule

All activities are free, Jan. 7 in Twin Falls.

- **Open swim**, 1-5 p.m., YMCA/City Pool, 756 Locust St. N. All participants must know how to swim, and those younger than 16 must be able to pass a swim test.
- **All-ages art**, 4-5 p.m., Twin Falls Creative Arts Center, 249 Main Ave. W. Make an art project to take home.
- **Potting flowers**. Session one: 8-9 a.m.; session two:

9:30-10:30 a.m.; session three: 11 a.m. to noon; session four: 1-2 p.m.; and session five: 2:30-3:30 p.m. All are at the College of Southern Idaho horticulture department's greenhouse, 315 Falls Ave. (on the CSI campus between the Quality Assurance Lab and the tennis courts). Limit 30 people per session. Each participant takes home a flower pot she creates.

- **Martial arts**. All-ages martial arts, 9-10 a.m.; self defense for moms and

teens, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; all-ages martial arts, 1-2 p.m. at Success Martial Arts, 1300 Kimberly Road.

- **Workout for women**, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Curves for Women, 690 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Each participant will receive a two-week pass.
- **Rock climbing, pool games, bounce house and mini golf**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., NazzKart, 302 Third Ave. S.
- **Archery**, 9 a.m. to noon, Magic Valley Bowhunters, 205 Shoshone St. N. Test your archery skills at the

indoor range.

- **Golf**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Twin Falls Golf Club, 545 Grandview. The driving range and putting green are open for all ages and skill levels.
- **Workout**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Body IQ, 259 Shoshone St. S. Check out group fitness classes and workout equipment.
- **Activities for kids**. Basketball camp: 3:30-4:30 p.m. for ages 5-10; 4:30-5:30 p.m. for ages 11 and older. Arts and crafts: 3:30-5:30 p.m. Knetic:

- 3:30-4:30 p.m. All at Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, 999 Frontier Road.
- **Art projects**, 9 a.m. to noon, Hands On, 147 Shoshone St. N. Create a spin art postcard or paint a ceramic magnet. All ages.
- **Bowling**, 1-3 p.m., Bowladrome, 220 Eastland Drive. Enjoy one free game. Includes shoe rental.
- **Bounce houses**, 8-9 a.m., Hop 2 It!, 2042 Fourth Ave. E. (Half-off admission after 9 a.m.)
- **Dance**. Ballet and tum-

- bling for ages 2-6, 9-9:30 a.m.; tumbling for ages 7-10, 9:30-10 a.m.; jazz and hip-hop for ages 6-12, 10-10:30 a.m. All at Impulse Dance, in the Harmon Recreation Building.
- **Planetarium shows**, 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science, 315 Falls Ave.
- **Kids' workout**, 9-10:30 a.m., Canyon Rim YMCA, 1881 Pole Line Road. Any child can participate in the YMCA's FIT Games program.

EMBARRASSED BY YOUR FAMILY?

The relatives in 'Arsenic and Old Lace' might be even stranger than yours. Decide for yourself as the Random Acts of Theatre production opens next week.

BY BLAIR KOCH
For the Times-News

TWIN FALLS • Anybody who has brought home a date knows: Adding a person into the folds of your family can be gut-wrenching.

In Joseph Kesselring's classic "Arsenic and Old Lace," the Random Acts of Theatre Players bring to life the hilarious troubles of Mortimer Brewster, played by 19-year-old College of Southern Idaho drama major Thomas Crozier of Jerome. Mortimer discovers his closet contains not a few embarrassing skeletons but a growing graveyard after he proposes to Elaine, played

The Show

What: Random Acts of Theatre presents Joseph Kesselring's "Arsenic and Old Lace"
When: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 12-14, and 2 p.m. Jan. 15
Where: College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Theater
Tickets: \$10, available at the CSI Box Office or 732-6288, or from Tamara Harmon at 420-3979
Information: 420-3979

by Megan Choate.

The show will be on stage Jan. 12-15 in CSI's Fine Arts Theater.

Director Jud Harmon, the theater's manager, was delighted by the play as a child.

"It was time for a comedy," Harmon said. "It's silly humor without being completely silly"

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Troupe Holds Auditions for March Musical Page E3.

Audition for OutCast Drama Set for Jan. 12 Page E3.

3 Best Bets

Test Drive a New Hobby

With such mild winter weather, it's been hard to work up a respectable case of cabin fever. But that shouldn't deter you from the free stuff that the city of Twin Falls has arranged for Saturday's Cabin Fever Day. Take your pick from a long and varied list, such as archery practice, art projects, a putting green, rock climbing, mini golf, flower planting or solar viewing. Sure, most of the activities are at businesses that hope you'll become a paying customer later. But Saturday's fun is all free.

Your Big Chance

Magic Valley boasts a particularly lively community theater scene, so opportunities are plentiful for anyone who longs for a taste of the stage. That's you? With several troupes gearing up for the new season, it pays to keep an eye on the audition schedule: Saturday morning for Oakley Valley Arts' musical, "Dear Edwina"; Thursday evening for OutCast The-

Virginia Hutchins
Editor's Picks



ater's drama, "Tuesdays with Morrie"; and Jan. 15-16 for Dilettante Group's production of "Crazy for You, The New Gershwin Musical."

Local Boy Made Good

The Burdick name is a familiar one to southern Idaho, so Jerome High grad Benjamin Burdick will likely see some old friends in the "Red" audiences this weekend. Now a Hollywood actor with a list of TV and film credits, Burdick is returning to southern Idaho for two staged readings of John Logan's Tony-winning play about a founder of American abstract expressionism. Catch the free shows tonight or Saturday in Ketchum.

For details, see the calendar inside.

Brothers Grimm, Upside Down

Buhl High's dinner theater is zany fun, but with a serious purpose: funding the arts in a time of budget cuts.

BY BLAIR KOCH
For the Times-News

BUHL • If Narrator 2 had his way, "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon" would introduce audiences to "monster-slaying action as the three-headed pig battles the wolf-robot in a bone-crushing cage match of death."

There would also be a mud-wrestling death match between Snow White and Sleeping Beauty, complete with dwarf-tossing.

Those storylines may have been too extreme for Don Zolidis' "Spectaculathon" — which Buhl High School drama students will present for their 14th annual dinner theater Jan. 13-14 — but expect to see plenty of head turners as the cast attempts to combine all 209 Grimm stories. You'll spot classics like "Cinderella" and "Hansel and Gretel," as well as the more obscure, like "The Devil's Grandmother" and "The Girl Without Hands."

"It's fun and fast-paced and has plenty of audience participation," said director David Blaszkiewicz, Buhl High's drama teacher. "It's filled with characters and definitely entertaining."

In light of budget cuts, this year's dinner-theater fundraiser is more important than before.

"Anything extra, field trips and bus money for the drama festival at (Boise State University), has been cut so we wouldn't be able to go without raising money ourselves," Blaszkiewicz said.

Typically, earnings from the yearly dinner theater help produce the spring musical, but this year's show will likely be

The Show

What: Buhl High School presents its 14th annual dinner theater, "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon," by Don Zolidis

When: Dinner at 6 p.m., curtain at 7 p.m., Jan. 13-14

Where: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Hall, Buhl

Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors; reservations required. Available through any cast member or at 490-1992.

The Cast

DJ Lent, Alex Loman, Sean Regan, Brendan VanSickle, Tyler Cole, Devin Dias, Keegan Felton, Walter McCabe, Jacob Klimes, Ashley Pierce, Lexi Bybee, Kayla Spencer, Kristin Graffe, Breiann Rakes, Alison Brittsan, Cassie Christopherson, Maria Silva, Nikki Beith, Danielle Olinger and Rachel Arreguin.

Director: David Blaszkiewicz. Assistant directors: Paola Padilla, Rachel Arreguin. **Production assistants:** Becca Owens, Benjamin Elison, Amy Hellickson.

on a lower budget. "We can scale back the size of the production and find something a little cheaper to produce," he said.

Even "Spectaculathon" was made on a thin budget, said Rachel Arreguin, a Buhl High senior and assistant director. So far, about \$260 has been spent on props and T-shirts.

The menu's food was donated, including lasagna from



(ABOVE) Buhl High School drama students rehearse for their dinner theater production of "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon." From left: Devin Dias playing the Frog Prince, Cassie Christopherson as the Princess and Tyler Cole as the King. (BELOW) Sean Regan as the Elf Cobbler.

Twin Falls' Papa Murphy's Take and Bake Pizza, gift cards from Costco Wholesale and WinCo Foods, and veggies from Seneca Foods and Arctic Circle Restaurant, both of Buhl.

"What we took for granted just isn't there anymore," Arreguin said. "So we've had to use every resource available. Instead of making extravagant props, we're using a simple uniform with matching pants and lime-green shirt. We found cheap hats that could be thrown on easily, which is nice because the show runs quick and you don't have a lot of

time for costume changes." It's been a lesson in self-sufficiency.

"I think the experience makes the flush times ... you're more grateful when the resources are there," Arreguin said. "I understand more the effort it takes to put on a show, and when the show is good the drama department benefits."

The production's newbie actors include Walter McCabe, 17, and Breiann Rakes, 15.

McCabe, a senior, plays a talking fish, a frog and prince. "It's been a lot of fun."

Rakes, a freshman, said



she's found a second family in the drama department. "My grandma passed away and I get to play a grandma in the show, so it's been a healing experi-

ence," Rakes said.

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



Random Acts of Theatre Players' Thomas Crozier of Jerome, left, and Megan Choate of Castleford rehearse for the troupe's production of "Arsenic and Old Lace."

Arsenic

Continued from Entertainment 1

Harmon said audiences will relate to the Brewster family's disconnect from reality and to the worry Mortimer feels about his fiancée finding out they "all have a major screw loose." Mortimer worries about going insane himself and losing the love of his life.

"We all have bizarre behavior. Although we may not be poisoning old bachelors like Mortimer's aunts and burying them in the cellar, who are we to judge?" Harmon said.

After Mortimer discovers the aunts' secret, the two women (played by Kate Woods and Amy Chambers) explain that they have developed a very bad habit but feel they are doing the men a favor: ending their lonely suffering by serving elderberry wine spiked with arsenic, strychnine and a pinch of cyanide.

Mortimer's brother Teddy, who believes himself to be President Roosevelt, provides the perfect burying ground. When Teddy (played by Andrew Chojnacky) isn't imitating Roosevelt's stampede up San Juan Hill, he's helping his aunts bury their victims in the basement, believing instead to

be burying yellow fever victims in Panama.

"My character does seem to be naive and but believes herself to be merciful," said Woods of Buhl, a first-time cast member with RAT. "I think the show still resonates because people worry about their family, if it is too weird for their friends."

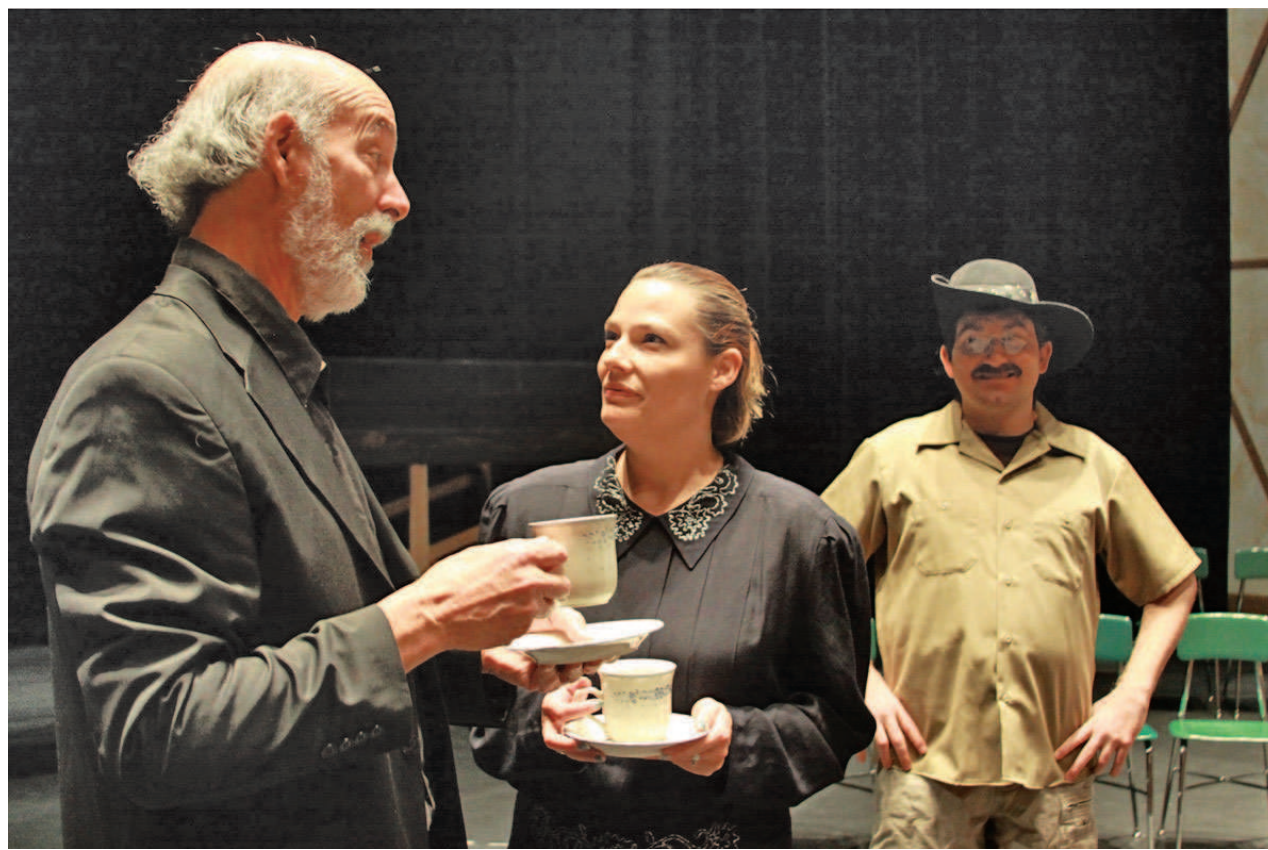
While Mortimer does his best to stay on top of the situation, he finds it difficult to keep Elaine in the dark, Crozier said.

"I'm not married, but I have one brother that is and another that is engaged, and each time the engagements were announced they were worried about certain things getting out or us talking about a taboo subject," said Crozier, who draws on those experiences for his character.

Choate, a recent CSI theater grad, gives an impressive performance as Elaine. One minute, she's turning on her steamy side when Mortimer's aunts aren't looking, and another making it clear she's going to keep her man.

Does Choate see Mortimer and Elaine's story ending well?

"I think it's a happy ending. We all have these strange family stories," she said.



In "Arsenic and Old Lace," Tony Mannen, left, is cast as the Rev. Dr. Harper, Amy Chambers, center, plays wacky aunt Abby Brewster and Andrew Chojnacky is the delightful but off-kilter Teddy Brewster.

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The Cast

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- Andrew Chojnacky as Teddy Brewster
- Mat Durand as Officer Brophy
- Daniel Gardner as Officer Klein
- Kate Woods as Martha Brewster

- Megan Choate as Elaine Harper
- Thomas Crozier as Mortimer Brewster
- Alix Van Noy as Mr. Gibbs
- Dale G. Laughlin as Jonathan Brewster
- Billy Perry as Dr. Einstein
- Mark VandenBosch as Officer O'Hara
- Troy Cooper as Lt. Rooney
- Mike Winterholler as Mr. Whitherspoon

EVENTS CALENDAR

DANCING/JEROME

Magic Valley Singles square dancing at American Legion Hall, 107 Seventh Ave. E. New dancers at 7 p.m. (continuing lessons for those who started dance lessons in November) and plus dancers at 8:30 p.m. Suggested donation. Info: Betty Rice, 404-4040.

12 THURSDAY

JAZZ/TWIN FALLS

Jazz at CSI Java, 3-5 p.m. at the Java coffee shop in the College of Southern Idaho's Student Union Building. Hosted by Brent Jensen. Free; open to the public. 420-7066.

MUSIC/TWIN FALLS

Live music for Ladies Night, 6 p.m. to closing, in the lounge at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

AUDITIONS/TWIN FALLS

OutCast Theater's auditions for its production of "Tuesdays with Morrie," a drama based on Mitch Albom's best-selling autobiographical book, 7-9 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. N. Penni Aufderheidi will direct the play, written by Albom and Jeffrey Hatcher. The play tells the story of Albom's weekly visits to a former college professor dying from Lou Gehrig's disease. Auditions consist of cold readings from the script. Casting for one man, age 25-40, to play Mitch and an older man to play the elderly Morrie. Performances tentatively set for FEB. 16-18. For those who can't make the scheduled audition times or for info: Aufderheidi, 731-1889.



THEATER/TWIN FALLS

Random Acts of Theatre Players present Joseph Ketterling's comedy "Arsenic and Old Lace," 7:30 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Theatre. (Pictured: Thomas Crozier as Mortimer Brewster.) Brewster loves Elaine Harper and proposes to her, but then he discovers his kind-hearted, elderly aunts Abby and Martha Brewster are escorting lonely old men to their deaths with arsenic-spiked elderberry wine. Add a brother who thinks he's Teddy Roosevelt and another brother who is a serial killer on the run from authorities, and Mortimer has second thoughts about marrying anyone. Tickets are \$10 each, at the CSI box office or from Tamara at 420-3979.

EXHIBITIONS

ART/TWIN FALLS

John Taye's "Peaceful Objects: Still Life Paintings" exhibit, with selections from 1967-2011, on display through JAN. 21 at Jean B. King Gallery at Herrett Center for Arts and Science. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays; 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; and 1-9 p.m. Saturdays. Free admission. 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.

ART/TWIN FALLS

Ben Lustig's photography exhibit opens JAN. 31 and continues through MARCH 24 at Jean B. King Gallery at Herrett Center for Arts and Science. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays; 9:30 a.m. to 4:30



COURTESY PHOTO

Chicago's legendary comedy theater company The Second City will return to Hailey — for its ninth consecutive year — on Jan. 12-14. A perennial sell-out act, the comedy troupe performs a diverse array of sketches and songs, as well as off-the-cuff improv. No topic is off-limits.

OPEN MIC/TWIN FALLS

Open Microphone Night, 9 p.m. at Applebee's, 1587 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

COMEDY/HAILEY

Company of Fools presents Chicago's comedy theater company **The Second City**, in its Laugh Out Loud Tour, 7 p.m. at Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St. Features the next generation of comic greats with a diverse array of sketches, songs and improvisations. From the battle of the sexes to the battles at the voting booth, the touring company provides hilarious insight into contemporary American culture. Tickets are \$35 (lower reserved seating) and \$25 (balcony reserved seating), at companyof-fools.org, 578-9122 or at Company of Fools' box office, 110 N. Main St.

MUSIC/JEROME

Live music, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Diamondz Bar and Grill, 220 W. Main St. No cover. 644-1111.



CLASSICAL/KETCHUM

Swedish guitar virtuoso **Mattias Jacobsson**, 7 p.m. at the Church of the Big Wood, 100 Saddle Road, as part of the Sun Valley Artist Series. Jacobsson performed during the series' inaugural season. Individual tickets are \$35 at Ketchum bookstores before each concert, or \$40 at the door. Svartistseries.org or 725-5807.

NEXT WEEK

COUNTRY/TWIN FALLS

Gary and Cindy Braun, 7-10 p.m. JAN. 13 at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive. The duo sings classic country to big-band-era love songs, with guitar, mandolin, harmonica and tight harmony. No cover.

PLANETARIUM/TWIN FALLS

Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents "How to Build a Planet" at 7 p.m. JAN. 13; and "Lynyrd Skynyrd: Fly On Free Bird," at 8:15 p.m. Tickets for 7 p.m. show are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. Tickets for 8:15 p.m. show are \$4.50 for all ages. 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.

JAZZ/TWIN FALLS

Brent Jensen Trio, 7-10 p.m. JAN. 13 at Cucina Gemelli, 233 Fifth Ave. S., in the city's historical warehouse district. Featuring saxophonist Jensen, guitarist Michael Frew, and alternating bass players. No cover. Info: Jensen, 420-7066.

ROCK/JEROME

RoughDraft, 9 p.m. JAN. 13 at Diamondz Bar and Grill, 220 W. Main St. No cover. 644-1111.

AUDITIONS/TWIN FALLS

Magic Valley's Got Talent auditions are open to Magic Valley residents. **Live auditions**, 5-7 p.m. JAN. 13 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. JAN. 14 at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 960 Eastland Drive. **Online auditions:** submit a five-minute video audition at magicvalleysgot-talent.com until 5 p.m. JAN. 14. **Hand-delivered auditions:** register online to drop off a five-minute audi-

tion DVD to Lighthouse Christian School by 5 p.m. JAN. 14. Details: magicvalleysgot-talent.com, 737-4667 or info@magicvalleysgot-talent.com.

ROCK/TWIN FALLS

Rockin' Horse, 9 p.m. JAN. 13-14 at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover.

THEATER/TWIN FALLS

Random Acts of Theatre Players present Joseph Ketterling's comedy "Arsenic and Old Lace," 7:30 p.m. JAN. 13-14 and 2 p.m. JAN. 15 at the College of Southern Idaho Fine

Calendar Deadlines



Don't miss your chance to tell southern Idaho about your event. The deadline for entries for the Entertainment calendar is 5 p.m. the Friday prior to publication. That means today, if you want your entry to appear next Friday. Send submissions to Ramona Jones at ramona@magicvalley.com.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THEATER/BUHL
Buhl High School drama department presents its 14th annual dinner theater production, "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon" *JAN. 13-14* at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Hall, 1631 Poplar St. Dinner served at 6 p.m. with the show at 7 p.m.; a rollicking spoof of favorite fairy tales. Tickets are \$30 per couple, \$15 per person or \$12 each for senior citizens and students. Reservations required: 490-1992, dblaszkiewicz@buhlschools.org or from any cast member. Proceeds go to the drama department.

COMEDY/HAILEY
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FIDDLING/TWIN FALLS
Fiddlers Inc. holds a potluck, jam session and dancing, 11:30 a.m. *JAN. 14* at Disabled American Veterans building, 459 Shoup Ave. Open for those playing a stringed instrument (guitar, fiddle or mandolin). Free admission.

PLANETARIUM/TWIN FALLS
Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents "Dark Matters" with live sky tour at 2 p.m. *JAN. 14*; "Oceans in Space" with live sky tour at 4 p.m.; "How to Build a Planet" at 7 p.m. and "Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume 1" at 8:15 p.m. Tickets for afternoon and 7 p.m. shows are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. Tickets for 8:15 p.m. show are \$4.50 for all ages. 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.

ASTRONOMY/TWIN FALLS
Star Party with telescope viewing, 6:30 p.m. to midnight, *JAN. 14* in the Centennial Observatory at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science. Free admission.

COUNTRY/TWIN FALLS
Copperhead, 9 p.m. *JAN. 14* in the lounge at Canyon Crest Dining and

Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

ROCK/JEROME
The Kung Fu Chimps three-piece band, 9 p.m. *JAN. 14* at Diamondz Bar and Grill, 220 W. Main St. No cover. 644-1111.

AUDITIONS/TWIN FALLS
Dilettante Group of Magic Valley's auditions for its production of "Crazy for You, The New Gershwin Musical," 2-7 p.m. *JAN. 15* and 7-9 p.m. *JAN. 16* at Encore Performance and Event Center, 681 Filer Ave. Come prepared to sing a song. No accompanist provided; CD, iPod and MP3 player available, or bring an accompanist. Casting will be posted on Facebook and on the door of the Encore center. Rehearsals will begin *JAN. 23*. Performances are set for *MARCH 15-18* at College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium. Dilettantemv@gmail.com.

ROCK/JEROME
 Guitarist and singer **Aaron Phillips**, 3-7 p.m. Sundays, *JAN. 15, 22* and 29 at Diamondz Bar and Grill, 220 W. Main St. No cover. 644-1111.

MUSIC/BUHL
Live music for Ladies Night, 6-9 p.m. *JAN. 16* at Mimi's Saddlehorn Events Center, 289 Clear Lakes

Road in Buhl. No cover. 543-2721.

PLANETARIUM/TWIN FALLS
Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents "Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile revue at 6 p.m. *JAN. 17*; and "How to Build a Planet" at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.

COMEDY WORKSHOP/KETCHUM
"Laugh And The World Laughs With You" improvisation workshop exploring the comedy of everyday life, 6:30-8:30 p.m. *JAN. 17, 24* and 31 and *FEB. 7, 13* and 21. For age 21 and older. Andrew Alburger instructs. Create scenes and stories using games, exercises, character studies, monologues and audience suggestions. Alburger, a company artist with Company of Fools, has been performing and teaching improvisation for more than 25 years. Cost is \$110 for the six-week workshop. Register: Denise Simone, 788.6520 or denise@companyoffools.org.

MUSIC/TWIN FALLS
Strive Roots with reggae, funk and rock music, 7-10 p.m. *JAN. 18* at Anchor Bistro and Bar, 334 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. No cover.

College Offers Guitar Intro Course

TWIN FALLS • Leah Cothern will teach the noncredit course "Get Going with Guitar" for the College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center, beginning Jan. 17. The course will teach how to tune a guitar, practice basic chords and strumming patterns, and learn

melodies using the tablature method. No guitar or music experience is required. Class will be 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 17 to Feb. 21, on the college's Twin Falls campus. Cost is \$50, plus a \$3 supply fee. Register: 732-6442 or communityed.csi.edu.

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS FOR FAMILIES, KIDS

TWIN FALLS • The College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center is offering two enrichment courses at the Twin Falls Creative Arts Center: • In "Make and Takes for Kids," children will create three fun art projects in one session, 5-7 p.m. Jan. 21. Cost is \$20. • In the "Winter Family

Art Fun" workshop, families can spend time making art together. Each family will create art projects to take home at the end of the class, which runs 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 28. Cost is \$12.50 per person up to four family members, and \$10 per person after that. Register: 732-6442 or communityed.csi.edu.

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BY DAVID BASHORE
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TWIN FALLS • For once, a team's defense fed on its offense.

Struggling for a half, Twin Falls used a couple 3-pointers to pop Canyon Ridge's stingy zone defense, and the Bruins clamped down in their defensive half to grind out a 41-27 win in Thursday's girls basketball rivalry game.

Josie Jordan, who scored just one point in the first half, hit two of the Bruins' three third-quarter 3s as Twin Falls went on a 10-0 run to turn a one-point deficit into a 29-20 lead early in the fourth period.

"I knew if I could get a shot to fall

then I could drive to the basket, and if we could hit a couple (outside shots) we'd break the zone and we could run some man offense," said Jordan, who led all scorers with 13 points.

Kaitlyn Merritt scored 11 for the Bruins, while Taryn Skahill had a solid all-around effort, adding 10 points, eight rebounds and four blocked shots.

The Bruins blocked eight shots in total and altered countless others, forcing the smaller Riverhawks to adjust their shot angles seemingly at every turn.

"We've just got to use our height advantage the best we can," said

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ED GLAZAR • FOR THE TIMES-NEWS

Twin Falls High School's Kaitlyn Merritt fires a pass across court to a teammate as Canyon Ridge's Brinley Miller defends in last night's game at Canyon Ridge.

CSI BASKETBALL

A NEW START ON PGA TOUR WITH PLENTY OF NEW FACES

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KAPALUA, Hawaii • Steve Stricker is back on Maui, a familiar place for a guy who has won on the PGA Tour in each of the last three years to qualify for the season-opening Tournament of Champions.

Not so familiar are some of the guys he'll be trying to beat.

Twelve players in the 28-man field are at Kapalua for the first time, more evidence of change on the PGA Tour. A year ago, Stricker didn't know who most of them were.

Keegan Bradley? He was known more as the nephew of LPGA great Pat Bradley until he won two times, including that unlikely comeback in Atlanta to capture the PGA Championship in his first try at a major.

Jhonattan Vegas was the first PGA Tour member from Venezuela. Scott Stallings? Brendan Steele?

"I know them now a little bit," Stricker said Thursday on the eve of the opening round.

The PGA Tour season gets under way Friday. It wants to get away from the NFL playoffs on Sunday, so the final round will end Monday just before the BCS Championship game starts.

The Tournament of Champions will be missing 11 players who didn't or couldn't make it to Hawaii. It's the biggest list of no-shows since this tournament moved to Kapalua in 1999, though it's a product of the changing world of golf.

Three of the players are recovering from injuries, five of them are based overseas and Luke Donald, the No. 1 player in the world, just finished a whirlwind trip around the world that took him deep into December. Like many other players, this is his offseason.

That's not the only change.

Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods are no longer part of the top 10 in the world ranking. There are no Americans among the top five in the world ranking for the first time in nearly

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ANDY ARENZ • FOR THE TIMES-NEWS

Fabyon Harris of CSI beats Salt Lake's Sean Carey to the hoop on a first half fast break.

ADVANTAGE, CSI MEN

Golden Eagles Get Early Jump in Scenic West Race By Beating Arch-rival Bruins.

BY STEPHEN MEYERS
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TWIN FALLS • On a night where it couldn't buy a free throw or a 3-point shot, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team was instead able to turn to a gritty defense effort to grind

its way to a Scenic West Conference win.

Fabyon Harris scored 26 points, Rafriel Guthrie had a double-double of 13 points and 14 rebounds and the No. 12 Golden Eagles beat No. 5 Salt Lake CC 76-68 for their 12th straight win.

CSI (14-1, 1-0 SWAC) plays Snow College Saturday at 5 p.m.

After making two straight turnovers while trying to break the Salt Lake CC press, Sebastien Michineau hit a 3-

pointer to make the score 71-65 with 1:15 left. The Bruins had pulled to within 68-65 with 1:30 left after Michineau threw two errant passes, leading to an easy Skyler Halford layup and two Louis Garrett free throws.

"I think we had some miscommunication there, trying to break the press," Michineau said. "We went down on offense and I saw the opening on the 3-point line and got the pass. That was a

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Mathieu, Claiborne Combine to Lead LSU — or 'DB U'

BY DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS • Morris Claiborne came to LSU to play wide receiver. Tyrann Mathieu just wanted a chance to play.

Together they form one of the best defensive backfields in college football.

Claiborne has flourished into a Thorpe Award winner and likely top-10 draft pick after finally moving to the other side of the ball, while the pint-sized Mathieu has emerged as one of the game's most dynamic playmakers, winning the Bednarik Award and earning an invitation to the Heisman Trophy ceremony.

They're also a big reason LSU is playing for another national title.

"Those guys can play football all the way around," said Alabama quarterback A.J. McCarron, whose job it will be to figure out a way of beating them in the BCS title game Monday night.

He didn't fare so well against "MoMo" and the "Honey Badger" the last time they met.

The pair combined for eight tackles and an interception last November, holding McCarron to 199 yards passing in No. 1 LSU's 9-6 overtime victory over second-ranked Alabama.

Claiborne and Mathieu provide the energy — the pulse, if you will — for an aggressive, pin-the-ears-back defense that created 30 turnovers and ranked in the top five nationally in scoring defense, rush defense, pass efficiency defense and total defense during the season.

Along the way, they became the first set of teammates to lock down both spots on the AP's All-America first team.

Nobody could have expected that when they arrived on LSU's picturesque campus.

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Eagle Women Show Urgency

BY STEPHEN MEYERS
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TWIN FALLS • On this night, the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team didn't look like a .500 club.

The Golden Eagles played inspired defense, shot the ball well from 3-point range and showed a sense of urgency in knocking off Salt Lake Community College 69-63 in the Scenic West Conference opener.

"We came out prepared and energized and ready to make a statement,

especially after the way we've played to start the season," said sophomore guard Mechela Barnes. "We went through those two-a-days this week to prepare and knew what to expect out of Salt Lake."

A close game throughout, the momentum swung in CSI's favor after a Kylee Schierman 3-pointer tied the game at 57 with just over four minutes remaining.

Chakala Carthen and Schierman each hit a pair of free throws to break a 58-all tie, pushing their lead to four with two minutes left.

At that point, the Bruins (9-5, 0-1 SWAC), with their towering frontcourt of 6-0 Nicole Newbold, 5-11 Marissa Robbins and 6-4 Asha McDonnell switched to a small-ball lineup, which was an advantage for the Golden Eagles who had the 6-2 Jessie Saint-Felix on the bench.

Chelsea Morgan hit a 3-pointer to pull Salt Lake within 66-63 with 43 seconds left, but the Golden Eagles hit their free throws in the closing seconds to seal the win.

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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy. High 42.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Low 28.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, flurries at best. High 37.

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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A calm, dry weather pattern is settling into the region now through Sunday... Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for Boise, Grangeville, McCall, Salmon, Caldwell, Boise, Mountain Home, Rupert, Twin Falls, and other locations.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today Partly cloudy High 42° Low 28°
Tonight Partly to mostly cloudy Low 28°
Saturday A bit cooler, flurries at best 38° / 22°
Sunday Scattered clouds 42° / 24°
Monday A few clouds 43° / 26°
Tuesday Clouding up, but looking dry 42° / 22°

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Moon Phases



Moonrise and Moonset

Today Moonrise: 3:13 PM Moonset: 5:52 AM
Saturday Moonrise: 4:08 PM Moonset: 6:43 AM
Sunday Moonrise: 5:10 PM Moonset: 7:29 AM

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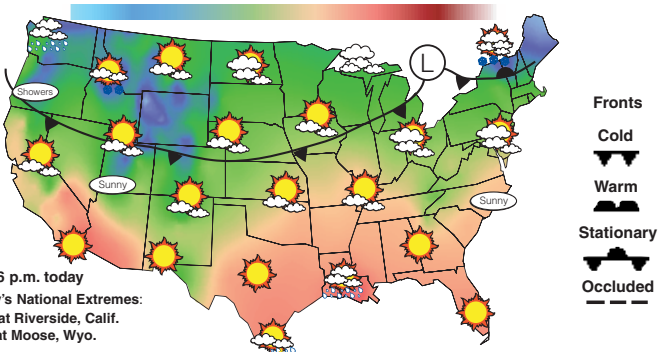
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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BCS

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Growing up in Shreveport, Claiborne always knew he'd play for the Tigers one day, but he always envisioned scoring touchdowns rather than preventing them.

Les Miles and the LSU coaching staff knew they'd get Claiborne on the field somewhere. That wasn't necessarily the case when they scouted Mathieu.

Despite being a standout at New Orleans' St. Augustine High School he was still just 5-foot-9 — conventional wisdom says that's too small to play every down in the rough-and-tumble SEC.

WILL NFL PLAYOFFS BE FILLED WITH YARDS, POINTS?

ASSOCIATED PRESS

From opening night until New Year's Day, Aaron Rodgers, Drew Brees and Tom Brady dared defenses to stop them. Nobody could. Yards and points were accumulated at record rates in the NFL this season...



The New York Giants' Eli Manning is just one of a host of quarterbacks who are helping their teams pile up points at a record rate this season.

On and on it went, all the way through Week 17, when even the resting Rodgers' backup, Matt Flynn, got in on the act, breaking franchise marks by passing for 480 yards and six TDs in a 45-41 victory over the Detroit Lions...

Champions

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two decades. And even without the likes of U.S. Open champion Rory McIlroy, Masters champion Charl Schwartzel or Martin Kaymer in Hawaii, the young guys are making a strong push.

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Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green

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DEAR READERS:

Yesterday I printed letters from adults in response to a letter from "Emotionally Abused in California" (Nov. 2), the 15-year-old who felt her mother was treating her unfairly. Today we'll hear from teenage readers:



DEAR ABBY

I'm a 14-year-old girl. My mom showed me the letter from "Emotionally Abused" and I almost died! Her mom sounds just like mine. I am not allowed to wear clothing that shows too much skin or get into a car with a teenage boy. I don't have cable TV. I have to do my own laundry, clean my room, cook dinner and hem my own jeans.

Every night our entire family sits down for dinner. My parents always know my plans when I'm out with my friends, and I go to church every Sunday - with the occasional groan. I'm not the perfect daughter, but I'm glad I'm being raised with integrity, responsibility and a whole lot of chores. - COOPERATING TEEN IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR ABBY: From one teen to another: I have heard your same story from friends a thousand times. You're not being treated like a criminal. Your mom is doing you a huge favor. She's preparing you for the real world by making you pay for your own things. She's got high expectations if she thinks you can get through college.

And about your friends, she just wants to know who they are. She's not telling you no, right? She's a single mom, and she's trying to protect you.

You need to be easier on her and try to see things through her eyes. Not everything she does is an attack on you - in fact, it's the opposite. - FELLOW CALIFORNIA TEEN

DEAR ABBY: I'm an 18-year-old girl and I have never been in trouble. I attend a private school where modesty is the dress code policy. To pay for tuition to this school, I work every afternoon during the school year and full-time during the summer. I'm expected to pay for my own clothes, cellphone bill and haircuts out of my allowance. If I can't afford something, I don't buy it.

As long as I live with my parents, I will abide by their rules. My parents love me very much and have my best interests at heart. "Emotionally Abused" should have respect for her mother and be thankful for the many things she has. - MONTANA TEEN

DEAR ABBY: After we read the letter from "Emotionally Abused," my brother and I were laughing to the point of tears! I would like to say the following to her: Our mom makes my brother (who's also 15) and me go to church every Sunday AND Wednesday. Mom home-schools us, thus making her teacher, principal and mother all in one. I'll be 17 in January and I still can't date.

Mom checks my computer regularly, and I'm not allowed to go to chat rooms. My brother and I have to set the table and eat with her every night. As for visiting Dad, I wish we could see ours every week. Unfortunately, he's deployed overseas.

In conclusion: DEAL WITH IT! Your mom isn't being unreasonable; she's looking out for you. Mothers like yours are few and far between. What hurts you, hurts her. If she didn't love you, she wouldn't act the way she does. Abby's right when she says one day you'll look back and thank her. My brother and I already thank ours. - LAUGHING SIBS IN NORTH CAROLINA

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ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, FILL THAT IN WITH SOME CONCRETE - YOU'LL MAKE A REALLY COOL FOSSIL.

FUMP

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

DON'T FORGET. ZOE IS TESTING FOR HER FIRST KARATE ACHIEVEMENT STRIPE TONIGHT.

WHAT'S THAT MEAN?

IT MEANS THAT SHE'S MASTERED SOME BASIC KARATE TECHNIQUES...

...AND THAT WE NEED TO SIGN HER UP FOR MORE LESSONS.

ANOTHER ROUNDHOUSE KICK TO THE WALLET!

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

I'M SORRY I FORGOT TO RETURN YOUR KEYS, SARGE

I JUST HAVE TOO MUCH ON MY MIND

YOU NEED TO CLEAR OUT THE COBBERS, ZERO

I DON'T THINK THIS IS GONNA FIT

GREGG MOGT WALKER

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

HO! HO! HO! HERE ARE SOME POST-HOLIDAY SHOPPING BILLS FOR YOU

DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO JOOLY WHEN YOU DELIVER THEM?

I DON'T HAVE TO, BUT I SURE ENJOY KEEPING THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT GOING AS LONG AS I CAN!

IT ISN'T YOUR JOB TO MONITOR HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

I ALSO ENJOY SETTING THE TONE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dilbert By Scott Adams

WHY ARE YOU PICKING THIS VENDOR?

I LISTED THE FOUR REASONS.

INDIVIDUALLY, EACH REASON WOULD NOT BE COMPELLING. BUT VIEWED AS A WHOLE, THIS IS THE BEST DECISION.

THIS FIRST REASON IS WEAK. AND HERE WE GO.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

You taught Lola how to count cards?!

Yeah... Ah was playin' solitaire an' she seemed to like it...

How on earth do you teach a dog to count?

It's a complex series of claps, whistles an' wind chimes.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

OUT!!

FIND I'M NOT COMING BACK TILL I'VE COOLED OFF!!

KNOCK! KNOCK!

I'VE COOLED OFF.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

I'VE NEVER HEARD CLASSICAL MUSIC PLAYED TO A HIP-HOP BEAT.

HE LIKES TO JIGGLE THE HANDEL!

Garfield By Jim Davis

SOMETIMES I WONDER...

I WONDER WHAT LIFE WOULD BE LIKE WITHOUT YOU

WOULD I BE HAPPIER?

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

I DON'T NEED A REMINDER, HELGA...

I KNOW IT'S GARBAGE PICK-UP DAY!

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

WE'RE PLAYING HIDE-AND-GO-SEEK WITH CHIP...

...AND WE CAN'T FIND HIM ANYWHERE

WHY DIDN'T WE THINK OF CALLING HIS CELL PHONE?

Luann By Greg Evans

QUILL THINKS I'M MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN TIFFANY FARRELL

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU ARE

YOU'RE MY MOM. TO YOU, I'M MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN MISS USA. BUT WHY DOES QUILL THINK THAT?

OBVIOUSLY HE SEES A BEAUTY IN YOU THAT TIFFANY LACKS

LACKS? SHE'S GOT THE BLEACHED HAIR, GIANT LASHES, FAT LIPS, PUSHED-UP BUST, FAKE TAN - SHE HAS IT ALL

EXACTLY. AND FOR SOME GUYS, ALL IS NOTHING. LESS IS MORE.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

HEY, RAT, I'M TRYING TO SET UP THAT POKER GAME YOU ASKED FOR. BUT I DON'T KNOW WHO TO INVITE.

WHO CARES? WE JUST NEED PLAYERS. ASK ANYONE WITH ARMS THAT CAN HOLD CARDS.

THAT HURTS.

TRY TO BE MORE SENSITIVE AROUND MR. BUFFALO HEAD.

Pickles By Brian Crane

WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING, EARL?

I DON'T KNOW. I THINK IT'S CALLED "WORLD'S BIGGEST LONER."

LOSER.

HEY, YOU DON'T NEED TO CALL ME NAMES. JUST ASK ME NICELY AND I'LL CHANGE THE CHANNEL.

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

ANOTHER BORING AFTERNOON AT MY SECLUDED SNOW FORTRESS...

NOTHING EXCITING EVER HAPPENS HERE... I CAN... BARELY KEEP MY EYES... OPEN...

Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey

THORNTON! YOU'VE DECIDED TO JOIN US ON THE ICEBERG.

YOU GUYS HAVE NEVER SEEN SNOW BEFORE, HAVE YOU?

NO. NOT REALLY.

IT'S TIME YOU TWO TROPICAL PANGLES LEARNED ABOUT SURVIVAL IN THIS HARSH, UNFORGIVING ENVIRONMENT.

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OOH! LET'S DO SNOW ANGELS NEXT!

Non Sequitur By Wiley

LOOK... ALL I'M ASKIN' IS THAT YOU GUYS SHOW SOME MANNERS AND TAKE OFF YOUR HATS IN HEAH

OH, I PUNNO 'BOUT THAT.

I THINK I'D DO BETTAH BUSINESS HEAH WITH A NO-HAT POLICY, SO I WANT YOU TO TAKE 'EM OFF NOW

OK...

I KEEP TELLIN' YA, FLO. BEWARE OF WHAT YA WISH FAA

OH, NEVAH MIND.

"BUT YOU TOLD ME TO BEHAVE... YOU DIDN'T SAY HOW!"

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

WHAT ARE YOU HOPING TO CATCH?

A SIZE 12

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

I DON'T GET IT, JEREMY... WHY DON'T YOU USE THE RESTROOM AT SCHOOL?

SERIOUSLY?

MOM, PEOPLE WOULDN'T USE SCHOOL RESTROOMS ANY MORE THAN THEY WOULD DRINK OUT OF THE DRINKING FOUNTAINS OR STUDY IN THE LIBRARY!

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HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Act on sound principles. You may be surrounded by people who know how to adroitly handle business matters or possess plenty of street smarts. This might be a good time to play follow the leader.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Intelligent ideas can act as a lifeboat. Cherish inspirations that give you a sneak preview of fascinating alternatives. Share your hopes and dreams with someone who will likely share your future.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Never cry over the cryptic. It is possible that whatever is kept secret or blocked from your view is for your own good. It is time for you to understand that sometimes it is better if you don't understand.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are not at a loss for words, but you know that in some situations, the less said, the better. It is a good time to voice your inner musings because you might become a muse for someone in need.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your word is as good as a contract. Optimism can pave the way for a better financial health. A promise that affects your income will be fulfilled or the repayment of a debt will occur in a timely manner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Ideas are like crackers; they can get stale over time. Situations that have come to your notice should be investigated while they are fresh in your mind. Discuss plans to achieve your long-term goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Only the shadow knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men. You don't need to play cloak and dagger with the people you deal with today. Your suspicions are very likely to be proved baseless.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A lot of twisting and turning solves a Rubik's Cube. A knack for handling intrigues and secrets can put you in the driver's seat. Break the code; unravel a mystery that has haunted you in the past.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get out the sour cream and chives. Your so-called half-baked ideas might actually be ready to serve. This could be good day to ask for feedback from experts and accomplished companions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Resourcefulness widens your reach. You can examine your financial situation and make key decisions that benefit your family. This is a good time to ask for advice or to make plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Adapt to philosophical principles. A sage adviser might give you an inspiring idea that you can put to good use. In the midst of striving for material things, an act of compassion will alter the results.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Concentrate on promoting positive thoughts. If you have faith in the future, the future will reward you by having faith in you. Someone may give you sterling advice today, but it is up to you to follow it.

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1 Disease-carrying rodent
 4 Can't keep a secret
 9 Wren or robin
 13 Thought
 15 __ Zellweger
 16 Consumer
 17 Political survey
 18 Day __ day; continuously
 19 Biting insect
 20 Treating with indifference
 22 Jewelry box lining, often
 23 Fighting force
 24 Lamb's mother
 26 Grad school student's paper
 29 Forming braids
 34 Bird in a Poe poem
 35 Enormous
 36 Unknown John
 37 Actor and folksinger Burl
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 39 Location
 40 __-gallon hat
 41 Had supper
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 45 Voting stalls
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 51 Saying again
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21 Big smile
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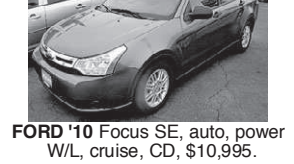


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