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## When Crisis Strikes

Preparing to celebrate its 50th anniversary, the United Way of South Central Idaho supports nonprofits that help the young, the old and people in emergencies.

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**TWIN FALLS** • When a house burns down in Cassia County or seniors need food delivered to their bedsides in Hagerman or a battered wife needs a ride to a Twin Falls crisis center, United Way of South Central Idaho is there. The organization itself doesn't show up at Grandma's front door with dinner, but each year it contributes funding to agencies that provide life-improving services to residents of Magic Valley, its outskirts and Jackpot, Nev.

This summer, the local United Way chapter celebrates its 50th anniversary. Since 1962, everyday folks, mostly middle or lower-middle class, have donated more than \$9 million to the cause, said Bill Knopp, the chapter's executive director.

Operating out of a small office with one paid employee, the United Way said it has allocated 60 to 70 percent of that amount to organizations such as Valley House Homeless Shelter, American Red Cross of Greater Idaho and Girl Scouts of Silver Sage. United Way doesn't give to religious or animal organizations, focusing instead on emergency assistance, senior services, youth programs and crisis intervention.

"They are a big part of our financial support here," said Sharon Breshers, executive director of Valley House, which can house about 70 people and provides classes on parenting and budgeting to help the homeless get back on their feet. "We just appreciate that they are there for us. We wouldn't want to try to do it without them."

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### More Inside

Those United Way payroll deductions from Magic Valley's working folks affect the lives of individuals all around the region. Read how United Way funding helped a homeless father get back on his feet, today on People 1.

### Spring Forward



Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.

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### IF YOU DO ONE THING TODAY ...

**Shiny Sunday:** Magic Valley Gem Club Show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Twin Falls County Fairgrounds on U.S. Highway 30, Filer. Admission \$2; younger than 12 admitted free with adult.

### THE FORECAST

High 57°  
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Mostly cloudy. Details on page 34.

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### SPICE THREAT GROWS



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Twin Falls Police Officer Matt Triner walks through Canyon Ridge High School between Thursday classes in Twin Falls. School resource officers like Triner have become more vigilant of signs of synthetic marijuana use among Magic Valley teens, as use of the drug has become increasingly prevalent among youth, according to various local law enforcement sources.

## Idaho Gets Serious About



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY DREW NASH AND JESSA MOSER

Originally seen by some as a 2010 fad, the growing prevalence of synthetic marijuana use among Idaho's youth has led lawmakers to seek a broadened ban against a lightly researched drug that's blamed for startling and sometimes violent reactions in its users.

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**TWIN FALLS** • A few times a week, emergency room staff at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center see the same thing: law enforcement, emergency responders or a distraught parent with a teen or 20-something in tow.

The patient's heart rate might be elevated or it might be low. He or she could be shaking,

anxious and difficult to control – or entirely unconscious. The patients are often brought in because of unexplainable, bizarre or even psychotic behavior.

Though the symptoms vary widely, the underlying cause is often the same: The patient has smoked a synthetic version of marijuana known as spice.

When patients with these symptoms started coming in a few years ago, many local physicians hadn't even heard of spice, said St.

Luke's Director of Emergency Medicine Dr. Matthew Larsen.

For most drug overdoses there's an obvious course of action and medication to counteract the effects. For spice, it's different.

Without medication to reverse the effects, hospital staff must treat spice reactions symptomatically.

"Sometimes vital signs are not stable," Larsen said.

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### ALSO MAKING NEWS



## Santorum Wins Kansas

Rick Santorum won the Kansas caucuses in a rout on Saturday. "Things have an amazing way of working out," Santorum told supporters in Missouri, where he traced his campaign through a series of highs and lows. He called his showing in Kansas a "comfortable win" that would give him the vast majority of the 40 delegates at stake.

Read more on O4

## Abortion Bill Raises Ultrasound Cost Questions

A list of free ultrasound providers, as provided in the Senate bill, may actually lead pregnant women to receive procedures that don't meet the proposed law's requirements.

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**BOISE** • How many ultrasounds does it take to convince a woman not to go through with an abortion?

Boise Republican Sen. Chuck Winder hopes it takes just one. That's the intent of a bill he's sponsored to require physicians to give women an ultrasound before carrying out an abortion.

But while a section of the legislation would compile a list of facilities offering free ultrasounds, the procedures offered at such facilities may not comply with the law, requiring a woman to receive – and pay for – another ultrasound from the abortion provider.

The legislation, as written, states that a physician or an employee of the abortion provider must give the patient an ultrasound and record the fetal heartbeat. The woman and doctor must sign a form acknowledging the ultrasound took place.

And this is where the list of free ultrasounds falls

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### Breaking Down the Issue

**The bill:** Senate Bill 1349 would require abortion providers to perform an ultrasound on women before terminating a pregnancy. The provider would record the fetal heartbeat and fill out paperwork indicating the ultrasound took place.

**The argument for it:** Supporters say there are three reasons this is a good idea: to provide women with comprehensive information before they go through with an abortion; to provide doctors protection if there are questions about the gestational age of the fetus; and, ultimately, to convince women to carry the fetus to term.

**The argument against it:** Critics say this legislation requires a procedure based on politics, not medicine. In a state that rails against any kind of medical mandate, they say, this is a hypocritical and invasive move, and the decision to pursue an abortion should be left to the woman and her doctor.

**What's next:** The bill will have a Wednesday public hearing in the Senate State Affairs Committee.

# Time Bandits and the Mischief They Make

**E**arly this morning, the dang federal gunmit took away an hour of your life that you'll never get back. It was the start of Daylight Saving Time for 2012.

It's the law. The Uniform Time Act of 1966 mandated advanced time during the warmer months. There is an opt-out provision, but only Arizona has used it.

Even though DST does bad things to good people.

In 2001, Stanford University professor Jason Varughese and John Hopkins' researcher Richard Allen published a study showing that on the Monday after DST kicks in and on the Monday after it lapses, motorists run into each other a lot.

"Public health educators should probably consider issuing warnings both about the effects of sleep loss in the spring shift and possible behaviors such as staying out later," they wrote, "particularly when consuming alcohol in the fall shift."

Messin' with the clock leads to gettin'-into-trouble time.

Besides, tomorrow morning 30,000 Idaho kids are gonna be standing at the bus stop in the dark shivering their bejebers off.

I used to be one of them. Living at the end of the longest bus route in Arbon Valley was a guarantee I'd spend a lot of quality time standing in two feet of snow and dodging the truck driven by our neighbor, Mr. Larkin, who was 86, had cataracts and often ran off the road.

Back then, DST commenced on the first Sunday in April. By that time of year, most of the snow had turned to slush and every passing vehicle treated kids



standing at the bus stop to an icy shower.

One Monday morning after the start of DST, I arrived at school literally frozen into my coat. Mrs. Albreton, the teacher, made me stand next to the pot-bellied wood stove to thaw, and my homework caught on fire.

That was the first and only occasion I got away with that excuse for not turning in my times-tables.

Predawn darkness hasn't changed much in 50 years, so come Monday morning my wife and I will be sitting comatose in our recliners and waiting for the coffee to perk.

Victoria has to be at work by 8 a.m., which after today will be — for all practical purposes — 7 a.m. I'm not optimistic about her making it.

She's a night person, you see, so early mornings are undiscovered country. "What time is it?" she'll ask as she wakes with a start.

"Later than you think," I'll reply, "and earlier than you can possibly imagine."

Meanwhile back in Arbon Valley, some poor second-grader will be stumbling into a barbed-wire fence near the bus stop because he can't see his hand in front of his face.

Or worse, missing the fence and wandering into the bull that lives behind it.

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## Spice

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Often, patients who are believed to have smoked spice are given anti-anxiety medication and have to be calmed. Doctors also must tease out whether symptoms like paranoia are a result of underlying mental health issues or an acute drug reaction, Larsen said.

"We stabilize and wait to see," he said. "It's a matter of hoping that everything resolves itself."

That's an option Idaho lawmakers don't have. The state's easily skirted ban on synthetic marijuana has done little to keep the lightly researched drug out of circulation. And with increasing reports of severe reactions with its use, spice has evolved from what some saw as a 2010 fad to what some now call an "insidious" influence on Idaho youth.

## Spice, Hayze, K2

If you believe most products' packaging, spice is intended to be used as incense or pot-pourri and is generally labeled not for human consumption. But the plant matter is sprayed with a manmade version of THC, the naturally occurring chemical that gives marijuana smokers a high.

Locally, Twin Falls businessman Allen Nagel produces and sells a legal brand of the substance called Hayze, but nationally, similar substances — both legal and banned — are most widely known by the brand names Spice and K2.

Due to holes in an Idaho ban passed last year, legal versions of spice are sold in smoke shops and several other Gem State businesses. This hasn't stopped the sale of illegal spice, though.

Possession of legal versions of the product won't get an adult arrested, but driving after smoking it, selling or giving it to a minor or adulterating it with an illegal substance are all citable offenses.

Due to the patchwork of criminal charges that spice use can be charged under — inhalation of intoxicants is another option — it's difficult to definitively quantify the drug's impact on Idaho's court system. But charges out of Twin Falls County alone paint a picture of a drug that's been both a commercial success and a danger to its users' health.

On Feb. 7, Joey Trevino, 21, was charged with manufacturing a controlled substance and possession with intent to deliver. According to police, he was selling a version of synthetic marijuana that was mixed with "bath salts" — another relatively new synthetic drug that mirrors methamphetamine use.

Despite a readily available supply of legal versions of spice in Twin Falls, 47-year-old Robert Skinner was recently charged for selling a banned version. Police say Skinner carried several business cards that stated, "We spice up your life. A Hay Ride Delivery Service 24/7."

And on Jan. 5, 22-year-old Richard Gremler Jr. was charged with injury to a child for providing spice to a 17-year-old girl police say they found lying in a Twin Falls street, screaming.

Police say Gremler and the minor had smoked a type of spice labeled "Trainwreck Ultra." According to court records, it took four police officers and hospital staff members to physically control the girl.

"She was unconsciously straining, writhing and had body tremors," the records state. After resisting treatment for more than three



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**Boise Police Officer Jermaine Galloway speaks to people Friday about the signs of drug use and its culture at the Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs in Twin Falls.**

hours, she was eventually moved to the intensive care unit.

## Nothing Like Marijuana

Spice use has perhaps been most visible in Idaho's treatment diversion courts and probation and parole programs, where participants have found it to be one option to skirt the system.

"It's an ongoing battle for us at this point," said Marsha Stallones, director of Twin Falls County juvenile drug court.

Recently, eight juvenile offenders in one of the treatment court's most highly monitored groups were tested for spice. Five had chemicals used in spice in their system, Stallones said.

"Word on the street is it's everywhere and 'everyone' is doing it," she said.

While Stallones said she doesn't believe that spice use has become a teen pandemic, she thinks there's a perception that it's a legal, safe alternative to marijuana. That's something she disputes.

"The high is not anything like natural THC," she said. "It's nothing like marijuana at all."

The youth in her programs often report an increased heart rate, along with feeling breathless, sweaty and jittery, Stallones said.

"Most of them will tell you it's not great," she said. "Lots of kids say you'll never know if it will be a good trip or bad."

Among drug court participants, Stallones estimates spice is more popular to use than marijuana because it's easier to get, cheaper, and there's a perception that it's undetectable. While police currently lack a field test for spice, there is a lab test for the banned substances.

Until recently, a lack of on-site testing meant an eight-day wait before the drug court received the results of a test. Now Stallones said, she has ordered tests that can be done in-house to detect three common chemicals used in spice. But at \$35 each, it won't be cheap to test kids once a week, she said, and the results will still need to be sent to a lab for verification.

The drug diversion program is for first-time offenders, and kids are routinely testing positive for spice, she said.

"They give up marijuana, drugs, booze," she said, but they still smoke spice.

"It's just out there. It's pretty insidious. It's being promoted as a kind of safe alternative and it's not safe," she said. "Anything you buy in ounces and grams speaks for itself."

## A Profound Effect

At Filer High School, students witnessed first-hand two of their peers' troubling reactions to spice — once at an early fall football game and again at the beginning of a school day last November. In both instances, students were hospitalized after losing balance and shaking uncontrollably.

"It had a profound effect, but it hasn't stopped it," Filer High School Principal Leon Madsen said of spice use among Filer's student body.

Madsen has worked with Filer police, school staff and parents to raise awareness about the drug's possible effects.

Filer Police Sgt. Bill Deetz gave the community a nuts-and-bolts presentation about what spice is made of, what it looks like and the effects of smoking it, Madsen said.

"It was good information for not only the kids but a lot of our parents," he said. "They had no real deep understanding."

Information about spice use was also added to the school's advisory period curriculum for four weeks.

Before Deetz's presentation and the informational classes, two or three kids a month were showing up at the school's office under the influence of spice, Madsen said. Since the classes there have been none.

Twin Falls Schools are also working to dispel myths about spice for parents and students.

Superintendent Wiley Dobbs sent information out to principals, teachers and parents about a workshop that happened Friday which included information about how to identify spice and its symptoms.

Dobbs said he worries about students losing control of themselves and ending up in situations where they must rely on others to take care of them.

"We're taking it very seriously and we're very concerned about it," he said. "The health of our students is involved here. We'll do anything to put ourselves between this product and our students."

At Twin Falls High School, administrators still see more instances of students using marijuana than spice, Principal Ben Allen said.

"I'm sure there's some here," he said. "We just haven't caught a lot of kids under the influence."

In general, Allen said it's difficult to keep up with the constantly changing substances that students choose to try or abuse.

"It goes in spurts," he said. "Once they find out it's dangerous, then it dies down."

## Skirting the Law

The Magic Valley has bigger drug concerns than spice, even among youth.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebes said that marijuana and prescription drug abuse are more common among area youth. But Idaho has clearly defined laws to make illegal the use or possession of marijuana, and abuse of prescription drugs. Not so with spice — at least not yet.

"The big problem with it in general is the people who manufacture it change the compounds from time to time," he said. "They kind of skirt the law and the intent of the law."

# DRUGS OR SOMETHING ELSE?

**TWIN FALLS** • With reports of spice smokers having unpredictable and sometimes violent reactions, related emergencies can be hard to differentiate from underlying health issues.

Mental health issues like depression, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia often come to light in the teenage years, said Dr. Matthew Larsen, director of emergency medicine at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

For Larsen and other hospital staff, it can be difficult to tell the difference between some mental health issues and effects of synthetic marijuana without an on-site drug test.

When a parent notices periodic paranoia and anxiety in their child, it could be an indicator of spice use while consistent paranoia could be an indicator of an underlying mental health issue, Larsen said.

Use of drugs can also be a trigger for mental health problems, he said. Sometimes with drug use in teens mental health issues are unmasked or can be made worse.

— Alison Gene Smith

Last year, the Idaho Legislature passed a bill to add several chemicals commonly used in spice formulas to the state's controlled substances list. But by altering the chemical compounds, spice producers were able to evade the law and keep their products — only slightly altered — on the shelves.

That's led legislators to pitch a more inclusive spice ban this year.

On Feb. 29, the House unanimously passed House Bill 502 to add additional compounds to the state's list of controlled substances. The bill was presented to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee March 1.

The new bill states "any compound" derived from synthetic cannabis formulas will be banned.

At the end of February, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration extended control of five common chemicals used in spice for six more months while the group determines whether the compounds should be permanently added as a controlled substance.

Of course, a state ban won't rid Idaho of spice — it would only drive it underground. A patchwork of state laws means the products will still be legally produced, shipped and sold in other states. But the hope is that the drug will lose some of its luster with teens if it's only available on a black market that's more difficult for them to navigate.

Right now, educators and law enforcement agree that education about the product is essential to parents and youth alike.

Fifth District Judge Mark Ingram, who serves as the juvenile judge for five Magic Valley counties, hopes to create a film to raise awareness about the prevalence and health effects of synthetic marijuana. The purpose of the film wouldn't be to scare viewers into submission, but rather to educate them.

In his court, Ingram often hears of how a juvenile offender thought spice was legal or because it is legal it must be harmless, he said.

"I am very convinced it's way worse than the general public thinks it is," Ingram said.

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# House Panel Hearing in Elko on US Lands in West

**ELKO, Nev. (AP)** • County commissioners from Nevada and Utah are among the witnesses scheduled to testify at a congressional field hearing in Elko on Monday about federal regulation of public lands in the West.

Republican Congressman Rob Bishop of Utah is the chairman of the House Resources subcommittee on national parks, forests and public lands that is conducting the hearing beginning at 1 p.m. at the Elko Convention Center.

The hearing title is "Ex-

plosion of Federal Regulations Threatening Jobs and Economic Survival in the West." Nevada Republican Rep. Mark Amodei requested it based primarily on opposition to the U.S. Forest Service's travel management plans.

Witnesses will include Forest Service regional forester Harv Forsgren, Elko County Commissioner Charlie Myers, Utah's Unitah County Commissioner Mike McKee and J.J. Goicoechea, president of the Nevada Cattlemen's Association.

# Lawmakers Consider Plan for Capitol Parking Garage

**BOISE (AP)** • House lawmakers are hatching another plan to alleviate the parking squeeze near the Idaho Capitol.

Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke said Friday he wants to give the state Department of Administration the green light to pursue building a parking garage near the Capitol.

The House State Affairs passed the measure on to the full chamber.

The House passed a bill in February to make parking meters near the statehouse free during the legislative session. That's now under Senate scrutiny.

Bedke's measure would be

a permanent fix, creating around 700 new spots in a multi-story structure likely to be located just north of the Capitol.

The bill includes refinancing bonds at a lower interest rate and using the savings to make annual payments on debt associated with the new parking garage.

# United

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In 2011, United Way gave \$6,500 to the Twin Falls shelter to help pay rising utility costs. Valley House was one of 23 nonprofits that shared United Way's \$93,000 gift last year.

Another recipient was Idaho's Red Cross, which got \$4,500 for emergency assistance in 2011. When a Lincoln County home burned down last year, a family of five was left in crisis. They received money for food, clothing, shoes, infant supplies and a four-night stay in a Jerome hotel, said Barbara Fawcett of the Red Cross.

"Without this United Way funding, it would be very tough for us to meet the needs of people in Magic Valley," Fawcett said. "If we were not able to get that money, we'd have to take monies from other parts of the state to help out."

Fisher said.

"United Way is really a great way to give because we do your due diligence for you," Fisher said. "We check (agencies') financial records. We make sure they're legitimate 501(c)(3)'s (nonprofit organizations)"

The United Way raises the lion's share of its funds from donors' payroll contributions. Seventy local companies give their employees the chance to donate directly from their paychecks, perhaps \$2 or \$5 a check — whatever people can afford. Many companies match contributions, Fisher said.

"What you don't see, you don't miss, and you don't spend, and yet you're making a huge difference," Fisher said. "Give up your Snickers bar a week. That's a dollar right there. ... Give up one thing a week, multiply it by four weeks. And over a year, that adds up to a good contribution for an average person."

According to the United

Way, a \$2 weekly gift (\$104 a year) can provide groceries for a week for a family of three that has been displaced from its home because of fire; \$5 a week (\$260 a year) pays for 102 hot meals for frail and disabled homebound seniors.

"We're looking for more participation from the community because there's a shortage," Knopp said. "We're not meeting all the needs, all the requests."

Knopp and Fisher were unable to provide records showing how much of the \$9 million collected in the past 50 years was distributed to nonprofits. But since 2001, the United Way has raised \$2.8 million and given \$1.7 million to local nonprofits, Knopp said.

Find out this week how the United Way will disperse this year's allocation. A public celebration will be noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday at Farmers National Bank, 317 Pole Line Road in Twin Falls. RSVP at 733-4922.

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On Tuesday, the United Way is set to announce how this year's allocation, \$102,300, will be doled out to 31 local nonprofits. An 11-person allocation committee comprised of volunteers from the community decided which organizations get what.

Last week, each agency presented its request to the United Way committee, outlining how the money would be spent, who would benefit and how much was needed.

Testimonies can be very touching, said incoming United Way president Midge Fisher, a volunteer. Often, there are only a few dry eyes in the room.

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**5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS**

**TWIN FALLS COUNTY**

**FELONY SENTENCINGS**

**Gregory Scott Doush-gounian**, 28, San Jose, Calif.; grand theft, 6 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 4 indeterminate, 5 years probation, 60 days county jail, \$1,000 fine, \$125.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

**Jennifer Elizabeth Herrera-Cochran**, 35, Kimberly; possession of methamphetamine, 7 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 5 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$1,500 fine, \$265.50 costs.

**Jason Lee Walker**, 36, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, 7 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 5 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$2,000 fine, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

**Jody Rae Zollo**, 47, Twin Falls; delivery of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), 6 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 4 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$2,500 fine, \$265.50 costs, \$250 public defender fee.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS**

**Winton Christopher Mahnke**, 55, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$700 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 2 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 180

days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.  
**Mathew Lee Bunch**, 38, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (excessive), \$1,000 fine, \$600 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 365 days jail, 305 suspended, 30 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 24 months probation, no alcohol.

**CHILD SUPPORT CASES**

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services has filed claims against the following:

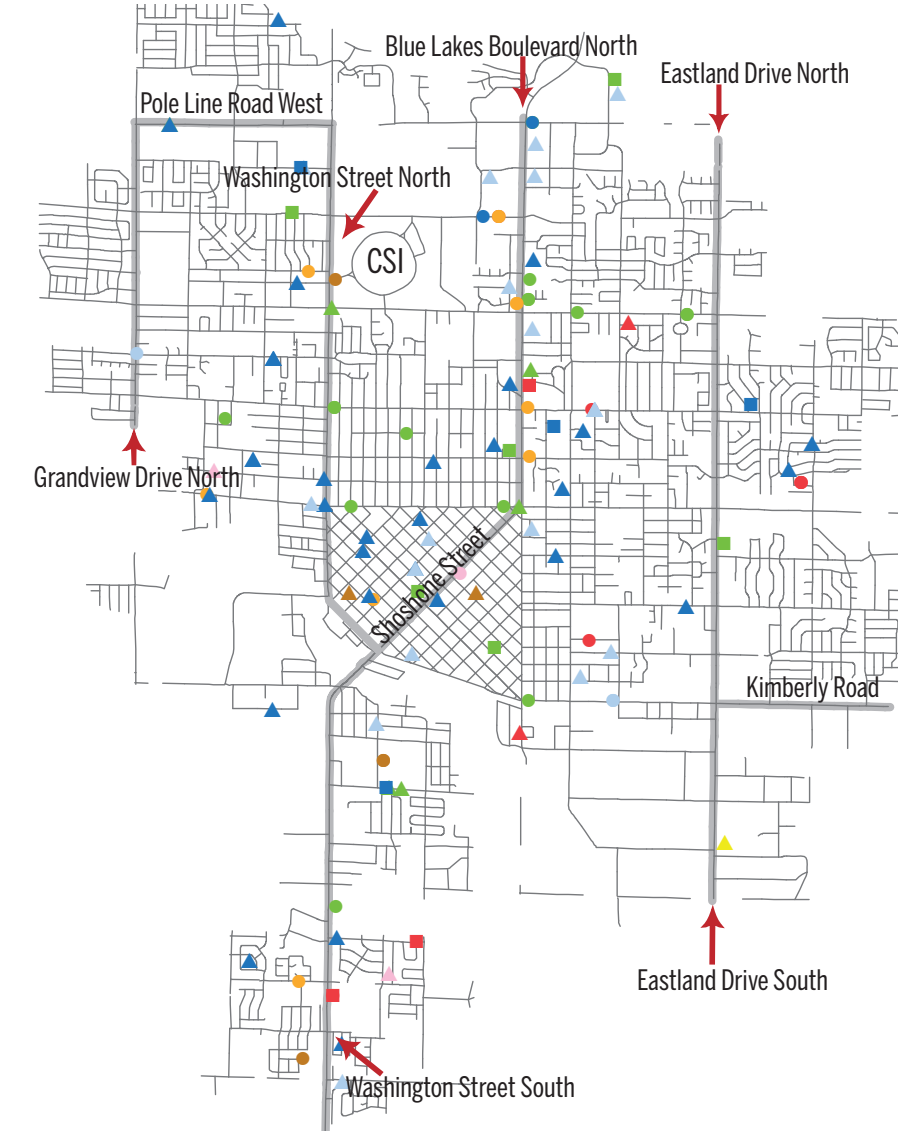
**Shaimon Ira Williams**, seeking establishment of paternity, child support and Medicaid reimbursement: \$159 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses and \$4,754.69 in Medicaid reimbursement for birth costs.

**Angel Gutierrez**, seeking establishment of child support: \$382 monthly support plus 62 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance and 62 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

**James L. Hamilton**, seeking establishment of child support: \$165 monthly support plus 57 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance and 57 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

**Chad Lester Scovel**, seeking establishment of child support: \$226 monthly support plus 63 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance and 63 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

**Andrew Clabe Land**, seeking establishment of child support and Medicaid reimbursement: \$159 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not



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covered by insurance, 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses and \$8,666.71 in Medicaid reimbursement for birth costs.

**DIVORCES FILED**

Faustine Bailey vs. Virgil Bailey.  
Veronica Guerrero vs. Juan De Dios Saldivar.  
Jeff Lynn Smith vs. Toni Marie Smith.  
Christine Yorsky vs. Robert Yorsky.  
Joylene Kay Lynn vs. Will Roger Lynn.  
Amanda Scruggs vs. Keith Scruggs.  
Krystal Kennedy vs. Aaron

Kennedy.  
Denis Spensley vs. Sirichat Spensley.  
Xochitl Salvatierra vs. Guadalupe Salvatierra.  
Marianna Ramirez vs. Joel Evans.  
Susan Lucio vs. Gilbert Lucio.

**CITY OF TWIN FALLS**

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCING**  
**Thomas James Uhl**, 25, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (excessive), \$800 fine, \$500 suspended,

\$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 120 days jail, 110 suspended, 2 days time credited,

driving privileges suspended 365 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

**Times-News to Host Pre-election Open House**

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TIMES-NEWS

**TWIN FALLS** • Running for public office in this year's election cycle?

The *Times-News* invites all south-central Idaho candidates seeking election this year to a political open house at 4 p.m. Friday. The event will allow candidates to learn more about pre-election coverage plans of the *Times-News* and Magic Valley, and to find out how to get their message out through a variety of advertising options.

The event will begin with an informal drop-in gath-

ering at 4 p.m., followed by a 4:30 p.m. presentation by City Editor Eric Larsen and Advertising Representative Mike Christensen.

Candidates running in all south-central Idaho legislative and county races are encouraged to attend and share their contact information with the *Times-News*.

Those unable to attend are encouraged to contact Larsen — 735-3246 or elarsen@magicvalley.com — to share news items, or Christensen — 735-3261 or mchristensen@magicvalley.com — for advertising information.

**Political Open House**

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**Where:** *Times-News* annex, 311 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls

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**Information:** Susan Nickell, 735-3227

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Fairbanks

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**More Local Foods**

A Buhl dairy is preparing to expand into yogurt and cottage cheese; Natalie Dicou reports.

Wednesday in Food

**Fishing for Cash**

One Magic Valley man's goal is to win a cash prize by reeling in a jaw-tagged rainbow trout; Andrew Weeks reports.

Thursday in Outdoors

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# MORNING CRASH KILLS A T.F. MAN

TIMES-NEWS

**MOUNTAIN HOME** • One person is dead and another seriously injured after an early-morning crash Saturday in Elmore County.

At around 3:23 a.m., Antonio Vaquera, 28, of Twin Falls and passenger Diana Guerrero, 29, of Burley were traveling eastbound on Interstate 84 in a 2003 Chevy Impala when, at mile post 105.8, Vaquera failed to negotiate a left-hand curve, causing the car to go off the highway, according to a news release by the Elmore County Sheriff's Office.

The vehicle traveled more than 500 feet, rolling several times, before stopping.

Neither Vaquera or Guerrero were wearing seat belts, and both were ejected from the vehicle, according to the release.

Vaquera, who suffered severe head trauma, was pronounced dead at the scene. Guerrero was transported to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise with serious injuries.

Alcohol is believed to have been a factor in the crash, the release said. The incident is still under investigation.



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS

Jesus Alvarez, left, and Anthony Beau Lockwood with the Twin Falls County Work Detail clean up the grounds while YMCA maintenance employee Lisa Small rakes in the background at the Canyon Rim YMCA on Saturday in Twin Falls.

# Wolf Numbers Hold Steady in Yellowstone

**BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)** • Yellowstone National Park officials say the park's wolf population has stabilized at about 100 wolves over the last two years.

Officials tell the *Billings Gazette* that represents about a 60 percent reduction from 2007 wolf numbers as elk populations have also declined.

The largest pack last year was the 19-member Molly Pack that usually stays in

the Pelican Valley in the park's interior.

But officials say a lack of snowfall made it harder to kill bison so the pack migrated to the Lamar Valley.

That forced competition with wolf packs already in the area, and officials say six wolves with radio collars have been killed in pack rivalries.

Officials estimate about 25,000 visitors to the park last year saw wolves.

# Micron CEO Appleton Honored Following Plane Crash

**BOISE (AP)** • Former Micron Technology CEO Steve Appleton's life ended in a February plane crash, but the Senate honored his legacy as one of Idaho's technology pioneers.

Senators on Friday passed a resolution honoring Appleton's professional and personal contributions.

Appleton was killed Feb. 3 when his plane crashed at the Boise Airport.

Appleton's energy and drive helped to cement Idaho's place on the world stage, as Micron rivaled giants like Samsung in memory-chip production.

Sen. Russ Fulcher, who once worked at Micron, told lawmakers that Appleton had a philosophy that the world's cup was half full, not half empty — and there was no such thing as an insurmountable obstacle.

# Abortion

Continued from the front page

short: most providers are pregnancy crisis centers aimed at convincing pregnant women not to go through with abortions — not facilities that actually perform abortions.

"This is saying the physician who performs the abortion or their agent" must perform the ultrasound, not a third-party crisis center, said Hannah Brass, legislative director for Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest. She also pointed out that while free clinics provide ultrasounds, the procedures may not be diagnostic ultrasounds capable of providing information like the presence of a fetal heartbeat.

"Would a place that's listed as free have to be capable of giving this sort of information?" Brass asked.

Winder acknowledged that the free ultrasounds might not count, and said he hoped to hear more about it during Wednesday's public hearing in the Senate State Affairs Committee.

But would such testimony convince him to alter the bill's language?

"I don't know that I would or not," Winder said. The ultimate goal of the bill, he said, is to convince a woman not to go through with abortions.

"I believe that life begins at conception," he said, adding he wants to give a voice to the unborn.

Besides, he said, "the cost of abortion can be fairly significant if it's a non-chemical abortion." The price of an ultrasound didn't factor into the discussion, he said.

Brass said at Planned Parenthood, transvaginal and abdominal ultrasounds cost about \$186 — a significant additional cost for a procedure that isn't necessary in all cases. While physicians perform ultrasounds on many women seeking an abortion, that's a decision that should be left between the woman and her doctor, she said.

Jason Herring of Right To Life Idaho said that even if a woman goes to a free ultrasound clinic, abortion providers would want to do their own ultrasounds for liability reasons.

"He's not going to care that she got an ultrasound at some pregnancy crisis center somewhere," Herring



said. Information given during an ultrasound at a pregnancy crisis center is different than at an abortion provider, he added.

Even if language to allow third-party ultrasounds to meet its requirements is fixed, Brass would still oppose the bill.

"When we're talking about a bill like this, it's state mandated, not based on the individual patient and their medical needs," she said.

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# Why Are My Electric Rates Going Up?

Wind power and a new natural gas power plant will add to the cost of Idaho Power electricity, although state regulators have the final say.

BY ROCKY BARKER  
Idaho Statesman

**BOISE** • Idaho Power Co. customers can expect to see the cost of their electricity rise this summer, depending on how the Idaho Public Utilities Commission rules on a half-dozen cases before it.

The investor-owned utility that serves nearly 500,000 customers in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon has asked the three-member commission to approve six adjustments that together would increase rates for the average residential customers about \$3 a month.

The company also is expected to file its annual power-cost adjustment request soon, which usually would mean a rate decrease after a good water year that benefits the utility's hydroelectric system. But Idaho Power officials have been telling anyone who will listen that their customers are going to pay more this year because of the dramatic increase in wind power they have been forced to purchase under federal law. Exactly how much won't be known until the company files this spring.

No matter what happens, "at the end of the day we pay some of the lowest prices in the country for electric service," notes Greg Said, Idaho Power vice president of regulatory affairs.

**So what's behind the new rate proposals?**

Idaho Power is asking the commission to let it put the company's \$391 million investment in the Langley Gulch gas-fired power plant on its "rate base" — meaning it can charge the cost of building the new 300-megawatt plant to its customers. The natural gas-fueled plant near New Plymouth is expected to come on line in July. Idaho Power is

asking state regulators to pay for it by collecting \$60 million annually from its Idaho customers — an increase of 7.1 percent. The Idaho PUC tentatively approved that plan in 2009, when the company argued it would need the plant to meet its baseload needs — especially at peak demand in summer months. That's still true, said Mark Stokes, Idaho Power's power supply manager.

**Is he right about that demand?**

Some question the need for more power, in light of the recession and the surplus of power available most of the year.

But Stokes argues the gas plant is even more important now. Idaho Power needs plants ready to go when demand rises. Wind energy comes and goes, but a gas plant can smooth out the supply from intermittent wind turbines, Stokes said.

Peter Richardson, an attorney who represents large industrial electric customers and developers of renewable energy, has argued that the Langley Gulch plant is not needed and will cost more over the long haul than the renewable projects Idaho Power has been forced to buy. He will argue that the PUC should not make Idaho customers pay for Idaho Power's new plant.

**Has Idaho Power really been forced to buy wind power? How much? What's it cost?**

Yes. Idaho Power has been forced to purchase more than 500 megawatts of wind and other renewable energy under a federal law that gives developers of green energy access to markets that are controlled by monopoly utilities like Idaho Power.

Idaho customers will pay \$85 million a year for that wind power, Idaho Power

officials say. And that expense will be reflected in the "power cost-adjustment" application that the company has not yet filed.

**If they don't want it, why do utilities have to buy this power?**

It's required by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. Passed by Congress in 1978, PURPA was written to provide a market and pay a set rate for small producers of what is, usually, renewable energy.

Public utilities like Idaho Power generate the power and controlling the lines that transmit power to customers. The law was designed to guarantee that small competitors aren't excluded from the market.

**What does the public get out of it?**

The law allows some competition around the edges in a market where there is none by design.

Proponents say contracted power from small hydro projects approved in the 1980s is cheaper than today's market rates, and they predict renewable power will be cheaper than alternatives before the end of the contracts. And the law encourages development of green energy sources — wind, solar, geothermal, biomass and the like.

**If it drives up electric rates, how does the law help?**

Well, there's disagreement over the actual effect on rates in Idaho. But in theory, it provides predictable, affordable power. Once an energy producer signs a contract for power, that is the known cost for that power for the life of the contract. If Idaho Power or other utilities were to build the same plant, they would have to pass the costs of fuel and the

costs of maintenance along to customers, as the company proposes to do with the Langley Gulch Plant.

**How is the price for that electricity set?**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission sets the price based on what it would cost the utility to build a new plant to generate electricity — in this case, a natural gas plant like Langley. That is called the "avoided cost" price.

**That makes sense. Why the argument?**

Idaho Power and the other utilities say the current PURPA rules in Idaho are not meeting federal law, because customers are not supposed to be harmed by the requirement for utilities to buy green power. Idaho Power argues it has had to buy so much of the wind power that it's hurting its customers. The utilities want the PUC to set dramatically lower avoided-cost prices that reflect the value the utilities put on the intermittent — and less reliable — wind and solar.

**Is that all the utilities want?**

No. They also want to reduce the length of contracts they have to sign. They want to commit to those rates for five years, not 20 years. And they want to apply the same rules to geothermal and biomass plants, too, even though they don't have the reliability issues of wind (weather changes) and solar (reliant on daylight and clear skies).

Ultimately, the Idaho utilities want to create a pricing method based on need for the energy.

**Would that work?**

Critics say it would violate the federal law. Richardson said if utilities don't like PURPA's mandate, they should push the Idaho Legislature to deregulate so renewable producers can sell directly to customers.

**What are some of the other filings that affect rates?**

Idaho Power filed for a rate increase of .11 percent, or \$1.4 million, to recover its fixed costs in cases when demand drops because of energy-efficiency programs.

This so-called "decoupling program" allows Idaho Power to recover its costs regardless of how much money the company makes selling its power.

**Is this controversial?**

Well, energy-efficiency advocates say such a decoupling approach helps encourage everyone to use less electricity, and eliminates pressure for Idaho Power to continually build new power plants. If the company can meet growing demand with conservation — and make money doing it — then everybody wins, including the environment.

In the long run, these advocates say, a rate increase can actually save customers money by helping them use less electricity and reduce their bills.

**Is there anything happening that reduces my bill?**

Idaho Power is sharing \$47 million with customers under a settlement in a rate case with the Idaho Public Utilities staff and other interested parties. Half of that will go into a fund to pay Idaho Power's expenses in future rate cases that customers would otherwise have to cover. The other \$27 million is proposed as a rate cut of about 3.21 percent for all residential, industrial and other customers. Idaho Power's stockholders get a more stable rate of return of about 10 percent as a part of the deal.

Plus, in February, the company made four filings that together cut rates by .65 percent — about 67 cents for the average residential customer.

**So how much more will the average residential cus-**

**tomers pay?**

As it stands today, Idaho Power's proposals would increase the average residential customers about \$3.

But that doesn't include the effects of the power-cost adjustment, which is still to come.

Plus, don't forget these are just proposals. The three-member Idaho PUC that oversees the utility will make its own determination and set the final rates.

**What else could affect my rates?**

Well, that's complicated — as are most questions related to regulating utilities in Idaho. But several issues could mix things up regarding prices, green energy and utilities in Idaho.

Legislators are considering what to do with a bill that would place a moratorium on wind energy. Some of Idaho Power's biggest Idaho customers are unhappy with the utility's pricing and energy-credit policies, arguing that Idaho Power looks for ways to build projects and spend money — in order to generate PUC-guaranteed returns — rather than save its customers money.

And Idaho Power has just asked the commission to consider time-of-day pricing that will allow its customers to save lots of money if they use electricity at periods of low demand.

**Whew! Anything else I should know?**

Idaho has always prided itself on its cheap hydroelectric power and notes that it will continue to be the cheapest source — short of simply using less.

But a long campaign to relicense Idaho Power's Hells Canyon dams is expected to end in the next few years. When it does, Idaho customers can be expected to see at least part of that \$500 million cost added to the rate base as Idaho Power pays for mitigation efforts and programs to protect fish and wildlife.

## First Edition Book of Mormon Put on Display

**REXBURG (AP)** • Brigham Young University-Idaho has put on display an 1830 first edition of the Book of Mormon.

Special collections manager Laurie Francis tells KIFI-TV that the book was donated to the school more than a year ago but had to undergo extensive restoration due to water damage.

Scholars say writing inside the book indicates it may have been carried by early Mormons across the Great Plains in the 1800s.

Officials say it's unclear how many of the 5,000 first edition copies of the Book of Mormon remain in existence.

## Calif. Lawmaker Drops Ouster Effort in Cougar Flap

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)** • A state lawmaker has dropped his resolution seeking the removal of California's Fish and Game Commission president over his killing of a mountain lion in Idaho.

Assemblyman Ben Hueso said in a letter Friday to Gov. Jerry Brown that he will instead work on creating legislation that would revise the conflict-of-interest code for wildlife commissioners and make other changes to the commission's standards and practices.

The San Diego Democrat requested that Brown, how-

ever, begin searching for a replacement who can take over for Fish and Game President Dan Richards when his term expires in January. Richards was appointed in 2008 by former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"After hearing from thousands of California residents disappointed with (Richards's) poor judgment, we urge you to select an in-

dividual who will truly respect the principles of our great state's wildlife laws," according to the letter, which also was signed by Speaker of the Assembly John Perez.

Richards has come under criticism from animal rights groups and Democratic lawmakers after a photo of him holding a slain, man-sized mountain lion he shot dur-

ing a trip in January appeared in a hunting publication. Mountain lion hunting is banned in California.

Richards also faces an ethics complaint alleging he illegally accepted a \$6,800 gift from a ranch during the Idaho trip. Officials can't accept gifts valued at more than \$420 a year under California law.


Richards has called his critics "enviro-terrorists," noting that mountain lion shooting is legal in Idaho and he ate what he shot, as good hunters do. He has refused calls for his resignation.

The fate of Hueso's resolution to oust him became

uncertain this week after the president pro tem of the state Senate, Democrat Darrell Steinberg, indicated he was not interested in taking it up. The resolution required majority support in both houses of the state legislature to pass.

The *San Jose Mercury News* reported this week that Richards may not be out of trouble yet. Fish and Game commissioners voted to place an item on the commission's agenda for May 23 that would allow the panel to remove Richards as president although he would still remain on the commission.


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# New Program Links Diabetes Patients with Resources

**KATHY HEDBERG**  
The Lewiston Tribune

**LEWISTON (AP)** • A group of high-risk young adults with diabetes has been learning to cope with their disease using a virtual reality program that connects them with health care providers and others with diabetes.

The Intrepid Healthy Lifestyle Hunter was created by faculty from the University of Idaho extension program, the school of family and consumer sciences, the college of art and architecture's virtual technology and design and the college of business and economics.

Its purpose, said SeAnne Safaii of the UI extension staff, is to reach people 18 to 28 years old who often fall through the cracks between pediatric and older adult health care related to diabetes.

"They tend to fall off the grid for medical providers

and health care," Safaii said.

People in that age group "are fairly headstrong (thinking) 'I can do it myself!' But they often don't have medical insurance or they're going off to college and get dropped off their parents' insurance. So there are just a multitude of risk factors."

The program started two years ago and was funded through an \$800,000 grant from the National Institute of Health. Safaii said the university is seeking an extension of the grant to further develop the program and eventually make it available to the general public.

Ninety-seven participants were divided into two groups — one that received diabetes and lifestyle instruction face-to-face and the second group that went through the program using an avatar in a virtual world.

"What we found is that they liked the concept of both education and discus-

sion groups," Safaii said. "The only thing we found that was an 'aha!' to us, the virtual group wanted to bond with each other face-to-face before going into that world."

Safaii said she was surprised by the finding because "I thought that sort of anonymity would have been a beneficial factor."

The program is being modified to allow participants to meet their health care providers and others in the group first through Facebook before venturing into the virtual world.

Although the program developers tried to replicate the virtual world as much as the real world, "it's difficult because there's more stimuli in the real world. In the virtual world everything has to be a power-point presentation. They wanted more interactive pieces. So we are developing a cafe where they can order food and play a game ordering food. We

also will have a virtual kitchen where they can take their avatars in and learn how to prepare virtual food and recipes, then they can do it in real life."

Safaii said the future of the program is not yet clear, but it is hoped it can eventually be opened to all age groups that want to play and learn about living with diabetes.

"It's a pretty fascinating world in there," she said, referring to the virtual program. Participants are "changing their lifestyle and being held accountable. So this age group (is) so busy that they forget to eat, they forget to check their blood sugar, they crash and burn all the time.

"And they go out socializing and drinking — that you really can't do when you have diabetes. So one of our classes teaches them skills on how to go out with your friends. If you drink alcohol, what do you do?"

## EASTERN ORE. WOLF PACK BLAMED FOR 3 INJURED CATTLE

**JOSEPH, Ore. (AP)** • A pack of wolves in Eastern Oregon that has drawn the ire of ranchers has been blamed for injuries to three cows, one of which was euthanized.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife says the cows found Thursday suffered hundreds of bite wounds that the department attributes to wolf bites.

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The most famous member of the pack, OR-7, achieved celebrity status by wandering hundreds of miles from Eastern Oregon and into Northern California looking for a mate.

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# Forward Thought

Two Main Avenue business owners in Twin Falls have a new idea to attract shoppers to the area.

BY ALISON SMITH  
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**TWIN FALLS** • After years of talking about downtown business revitalization, two Main Avenue businesses are taking action to combat the economic slump. Robert Speer, area manager of the Idaho Youth Ranch Store, and Aaron Adams, owner of the Bakehouse, hope to make downtown shopping a little more attractive to Twin Falls residents.

The two are working on a plan to get downtown stores together to help attract shoppers, then save them some money while they visit.

The project is called Save it Forward Downtown. The idea is that once a shopper buys something at a participating

store, they can take that receipt to another shop on the same day and get 10 percent off. That receipt would be good at another participating store for 10 percent off and so on.

"It's to encourage people to explore some places downtown," Speer said.

On Friday morning, Speer and others were working to get some more businesses on board, he said.

Speer estimated he had reached out to about 75 percent of Main Avenue businesses and the response was overwhelmingly positive.

"It's just a way to generate interest. People are going to Blue Lakes and Lynwood Plaza," Speer said. "It makes sense. There's traffic there and we want to get some here."

Speer said he understands why many people have waited to start up projects during the recession, but argued now is a great time to drum up more interest.

"We started around December and January, we're watching all of these 'for rent' signs going up and businesses closing downtown," Speer said. "We don't have any plans of going anywhere and we said, 'What can we do to get any interest and get people going downtown?'"

The Save it Forward Downtown promotion will start April 1 and run through the entire month. Participating businesses will have signs indicating they are part of the promotion.

At the end of April, Speer said he'll follow up on the results to see if the deal will continue.

Plans are also in the works for a focus group of downtown business owners for new ideas, he said.



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Cheryl Friedman and her husband, Jim, pose for a portrait Tuesday at their home in St. Louis. After taking a hit to their savings in 2008 and 2009, the retired couple pulled most of their money from stocks after the meltdown and have not put it back into the market since then.

## Analyst: Hay Market to Stabilize This Year

BY CINDY SNYDER  
For the Times-News

**BURLEY** • Both hay growers and buyers should see a more stable market in 2012, which is after the extremes recorded in recent years.

Hay growers saw the largest year-to-year price decline ever in 2009, followed by the largest such increase in 2011.

"In a three-year period we saw more of a significant change in the hay market than we've ever seen before," said Seth Hoyt, a hay market analyst and author of the *Hoyt Report*, during the Idaho Hay and Forage Conference held earlier this month.

Not only did hay prices plummet in 2009, but low milk prices made it increasingly difficult for dairies to pay for contracted hay. While hay prices were anemic, prices for competing crops were strong.

Many hay acres were plowed out. In Idaho alone, hay acreage fell by 12 percent in 2011 and production declined by 4 percent.

But less hay to cut means less stacked hay and higher prices. Dairy-quality hay was selling for about \$245 per ton in December, up from about \$165 per ton at the beginning of 2011.

But Hoyt doesn't expect to see prices increase dramatically this year. Dairies, which buy nearly all the alfalfa grown in Idaho, are headed toward a negative cash-flow situation. After recovering to about \$20.50 per hundredweight last summer, milk prices have dropped back to \$15.50 per hundredweight. Milk prices aren't expected to exceed cost of production for most Idaho dairies until the third quarter of 2012.

Hoyt is already starting to see some hay coming back onto the market as dairies can't pay for it. Dairies are also hesitant to contract for new crop hay.

"High prices mean dairies are feeding less hay," Hoyt said. A dairy producer from the Treasure Valley told Hoyt he started last summer by feeding his cows 14 pounds each per day, but has since cut that number in half. Instead he's feeding each animal an additional 20 pounds of corn silage each day.

Despite a growth in the state's dairy herd, Idaho dairies fed just 3.2 million tons of alfalfa in 2011, down from 3.9 million tons the previous year.

Another strategy is to supplement feed with more concentrate. Although corn prices remain stronger, dairies are feeding more rolled corn. Historically, one of the factors used to price supreme quality dairy hay is the price of rolled corn. But if its price drops, it tends to put downward pressure on hay prices.

Despite concerns that parts of the Midwest could face the driest conditions since 1988, Hoyt doesn't expect a large decline in corn prices.

Hoyt has heard bearish news about the hay market, but doesn't think things will be all that bad. Exporters are coming into Idaho to buy old crop hay and strong commodity prices should keep new alfalfa seedlings in check.

"Until we get to a price where dairymen are profitable, hay won't come up," Hoyt said. "But we also won't see a big increase in production, so we won't see a wreck."

# Market May Be Up, but the Scars of 2008 Are Fresh

BY DAVE CARPENTER  
Associated Press

**CHICAGO** • Cheryl and Jim Friedman, retirees in St. Louis, had two-thirds of their retirement money in the stock market in 2008. When the financial crisis struck that fall and stocks lurched up and down with nauseating speed, Cheryl, a former accountant, pulled the money out.

Fearing that the next crisis was always around the corner, they have kept most of the money out. It's parked in a money-market account earning a meager 0.1 percent per year. The Friedmans watched in agony as stock prices doubled over the past three years.

"I have a whole lot of money sitting on the sidelines, because I'm afraid," she says. "The little guy is thinking, 'Well, things are good again now, I'll get back in.' And that's when they pull the rug out from under you."

Three years ago Friday, the Dow Jones industrial average closed at 6,547, its low during the Great Recession. Retirement accounts across the country had been devastated since October 2007, when the Dow hit a record of 14,164.

Last week, the Dow closed above 13,000, although it has fallen back slightly. It has been one of the greatest three-year runs in the history of the stock market, exceeded only by the dot-com stock craze of the late 1990s and the recovery

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from the Depression.

Some people gritted their teeth through the steep losses and poured more money into stocks while the market was still in free fall. That daring paid off in the returns of a lifetime.

"I felt that either the world's going to end or it's the smartest time ever to invest," recalls Harvey Bookman, 60, of Brooklyn, N.Y., who has made up his initial market losses many times over by buying when stock prices were low.

Bookman bought shares of Avis stock for 41 cents apiece on March 4, 2009, five days before the bottom. He sold them in September 2009 for \$11.92 apiece. Total profit, minus commission: \$46,026.

For many more, however, even a doubling of the market has not been enough to get them back

in. The scars of the 2008 crash, when the Dow lurched up or down by 500 points or more in a day and people asked aloud whether the economy itself would survive, are that deep.

Since the March 2009 low, there have been only two months in which individual investors put more money into stock mutual funds than they took out, according to EPFR Global, which tracks funds.

The fuel for the market's ride higher since 2009 has come from big institutional investors instead.

For small investors, there have been more than enough reasons to sit out. After the 2008 crash, there was the "flash crash" of May 6, 2010, when a large trade overwhelmed computer servers and the Dow plunged to a loss of almost 1,000 points in minutes.

In just the past year, the European financial crisis, a downgrade of the United States credit rating, fear of a default by the U.S. government, high gas prices and supply disruptions from the Japanese tsunami have all whipsawed the stock market.

"It doesn't feel like we've doubled over the last three years," says Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank in Chicago. "The S&P's gains were masked by all the turbulence. That's probably why so many individual

Please see SCARS, M3

## STOCKS DOUBLE IN 3 YEARS, BUT IT'S A LONELY PARTY

BY BERNARD CONDON  
and MATTHEW CRAFT  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** • The stock market is missing you.

For more than three years, ordinary investors disgusted with wild swings have pulled money out of stocks. They've missed a breath-taking bull market: The Dow Jones industrial average has almost doubled from its low point during the Great Recession on March 9, 2009.

In the meantime, corporate America has gained up double-digit profit gains. If investors valued stocks at normal historical levels based on profits, we would be celebrating Dow 15,000, not Dow 13,000.

But the profit explosion is over,

and the Wall Street pros who trade stocks mostly for big institutions and the rich are getting antsy. They've been doing the buying. And if Main Street doesn't join them, the historic rally could slow or even end.

Everyday investors "are more aware of the risk of the market," says Howard Silverblatt, senior index analyst at Standard & Poor's. "They're nervous. They're scared."

The Dow closed above 13,000 last week for the first time since May 2008, four months before the financial crisis. In a sense, the milestone was disappointing: Profits are at an all-time high, yet the Dow is well below its record of 14,164, set in October 2007.

Even though profits are growing, individual investors aren't

buying. That shows up in something called the multiple — the ratio of what investors are willing to pay for a company's stock, compared with its annual profits.

If a stock trades for \$100 and the company has made \$5 in profit per share, its multiple is a fairly high 20. A higher multiple means more confidence that profits will grow. Maybe investors believe the company will turn a bigger profit next year of \$7 or \$8.

These days the multiples don't show much confidence.

Investors are paying a multiple of 13.5 times the past year's earnings for stocks. The typical multiple over the past 75 years is 16. If that were the multiple today, the Dow would be sitting above 15,000.

"We've built profits in the past

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# Tide Is Betting \$150M That You'll Like Laundry Pods

**From idea to store shelf: A new product is born.**

**BY MAE ANDERSON**  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** • It took eight years, 450 product sketches, 6,000 consumer tests and hundreds of millions of dollars for Procter & Gamble to create something that it hopes will be destroyed in the wash.

Tide Pods are palm-size, liquid detergent-filled tablets that are designed to be tossed in the washer to take the measuring cups — and messiness — out of laundry. P&G says the product, which hit store shelves last month, is its biggest innovation in laundry in about a quarter of a century.

Tide Pods aren't the sexiest of inventions, but they illustrate how mature companies that are looking for growth often have to tweak things as mundane as soap and detergent. The story behind Tide Pods provides a window into the time, money and brainpower that goes into doing that.

P&G, the maker of everything from Pampers diapers to Pantene shampoo, has built its 175-year history on creating things people need and then improving them. (Think: Ivory soap in 1879; Swiffer Sweeper in 1999.) Each year, the company spends \$2 billion on research and development and rolls out about 27 products worldwide — more than two a month.

That focus on innovation has paid off. P&G says 98 percent of American households have at least one of its products in their cupboards, broom closets or bathrooms.

And while about 15 to 20 percent of all new products succeed, P&G has claimed a 50 percent success rate. Four of the top 10 new consumer products in 2010 were made by P&G, according to research firm SymphonyIRI.

"What they've gotten very good at is being able to understand consumer expectations," says Robert Passikoff, president of Brand Keys Inc., a New York customer research firm.

But improving things like window cleaner and toilet paper can take years. It also can cost hundreds of millions of dollars — or up to 100 percent of first-year sales — to develop, make and market them. And even then, new products are a tough sell to consumers.

"You have to develop a product that is meaningfully better than the ones out there, which is tough because generally speaking consumer products work pretty well," says Ali Dibadj, an analyst at Bernstein Research who follows P&G. "You then have to convince the consumer to try the product ... and then get that consumer to break their old habit to make a new one."

## A Product Is Born

The laundry detergent industry, with \$6.5 billion in annual sales, is always looking for the next big thing. Over the years, fruity scents were introduced, along with suds that work in cold water. There also were concentrated and super-concentrated detergents that need less packaging.

Liquid Tide, which costs about \$15 for 32 loads, is the best-selling detergent, according to SymphonyIRI, the research firm. But cheaper rivals have been gaining: For instance, the number of units sold of Church & Dwight's Arm & Hammer Oxi-Clean Laundry, the No. 2 detergent brand that costs \$8 for 35 loads, rose 13 percent in the past year. Unit sales of Liquid Tide were flat.

In 2004, P&G decided to try to freshen up the category. Surveys and observations of 6,000 consumers found that more than a third dreaded doing laun-



*This product image provided by Procter & Gamble Co., shows Tide Pods, three-chamber liquid unit dose pods.*

dry. A big reason: Many apartment dwellers hated lugging a seven-pound detergent bottle downstairs to the laundry room or a Laundromat and back.

Researchers also found that people rewashed loads about 20 percent of the time because they thought detergent didn't get their laundry clean enough.

And many were confused about which detergent to use when they wash in different ways: in regular washers versus high-efficiency machines; in big loads or small; and in hot or cold water.

"We knew people felt laundry was complicated," says Alex Keith, vice president of P&G's unit that makes laundry detergents and fabric softeners.

So P&G set about creating a product that weighed less, cleaned better and could be used with any washing machine, any size load and in water at any temperature.

Pod-like products had been on the market before. P&G introduced tablets filled with powder detergent in 2000, but yanked them from store shelves two years later. The problem was that powder tablets didn't always dissolve completely, leading to messiness. They also worked only in hot water.

To make sure Tide Pods would dissolve in cold water too, P&G turned to MonoSol, a company that makes water soluble films. MonoSol developed a polyvinyl alcohol film that not only dissolves in any temperature water, but even in sweaty palms. The

film also is strong — it won't break even when stretched over the top of a can of marbles and shaken — but soft to the touch.

The film created another problem, though. Detergents, which mostly consist of water, would cause the pod to melt before it even got into the wash. So P&G made a detergent that is 10 percent water — compared with Liquid Tide, which is 50 percent water.

Next, scientists had to figure out how to combine cleansers, brighteners and fabric softeners into one product, while keeping them separate until the pod dissolves in the wash. Doing so would ensure each liquid would work better. After 450 sketches and iterations, P&G developed a proprietary technology that sections the pod into three chambers for all three liquids.

The result? A soft ball with three separate bubbles filled with liquids in Tide's trademark white, blue and orange colors.

## Innovate, Rinse, Repeat

Making the product was half the battle. Consumer testing is at the heart of product development for P&G, which has more than 25 facilities across the globe where people can use the things it makes.

The Beckett Ridge Innovation Center, about 30 minutes from P&G's Cincinnati headquarters, is one. Inside, there's a 3,000-square-foot grocery store packed with everything from Charmin diapers to

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istic approach to testing. The company used three screens at the Innovation Center to project 3D images of a virtual grocery store. There, testers could see early designs of Tide Pod packaging on the virtual store shelves alongside regular detergents.

Researchers learned that people sometimes overlooked the product. So P&G determined that in order to stand out, Tide Pods needed to have see-through packaging. The company developed a clear fishbowl-like container that shows the pods clearly.

The product was developed. The consumer tests were done. The packaging was complete. Next, it was time to get Tide Pods to market. P&G was poised to be the first detergent maker to get its new dissolvable pods into stores. They were to cost \$20.89 for 57 pods and land on shelves by September 2011.

But the company ran into problems making the pods, which require different equipment from what's used to manufacture regular detergent. At the same time, P&G was flooded with orders from supermarkets and retailers.

P&G declined to detail the manufacturing problems, but it says the issues forced it to push back the launch date of Tide Pods by five months to February. In the hyper-competitive world of

consumer products, that might as well be an eternity.

Tide Pods entered a market that was already getting crowded. Henkel's Purex UltraPacks and Sun Products' All Mighty Pacs came out in February, too. And Church and Dwight plans to launch its Toss 'N Done Power Packs — made of crystals — this month.

All of the products are priced similarly — more expensive than liquid or powder detergents. But P&G has a big advantage. The Tide brand is one of the most recognized in the world, so P&G hopes to win over shoppers with performance and brand recognition. The company says it expects Tide Pods to ring up \$300 million in sales during its first year.

John San Marco, an analyst with Janney Capital Markets, says P&G is at a slight disadvantage because it wasn't first to market its product. But he believes its Tide Pods product is likely to hit its first-year sales goal.

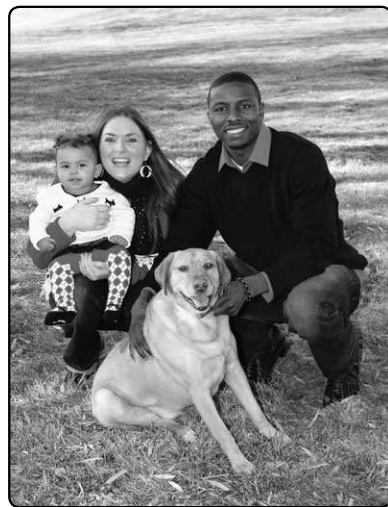
"It seems when Procter does anything in the laundry category it makes a huge wave," he says.

Still, P&G isn't taking chances. The company spent an estimated \$150 million on a marketing campaign to roll out Tide Pods. The first commercial debuted during the Academy Awards, one of TV's biggest events.

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**Scars**

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investors are sitting it out.”

Joe Kelly, a financial planner in Bordentown, N.J., said one of his clients, an office manager in her 50s, yanked all \$200,000 of her savings out of stocks and into cash one night in January 2009, against his advice.

Temporary peace of mind turned to angst as she missed a historic rally.

“She’s crying,” Kelly says. “She’s lost so much money.”

People who had the intestinal fortitude to sit tight during the crash have reaped three years of rewards. 401(k) account holdings have mostly recovered. And contributions at every paycheck during the market bottom bought shares of stock at bargain prices.

It’s been harder for retirees who don’t have big savings and have less time to recover from severe downturns.

“People in retirement are having a heck of a time dealing with this volatility,” says Paul Jarvis, a financial planner in Fargo, N.D., who has spent extra time calming the fears of older clients. “They’re trying to psychologically get a grip on how it affects them.”

They also have few appealing alternatives to stocks if they want to earn decent income on their savings. The Federal Reserve has kept interest rates low since 2008, first by cutting short-term rates and then by buying Treasury bonds, which have reduced long-term rates.

Those moves left investors a choice of taking more risk with their money in the stock market or settling for near-zero returns on money-market funds and bank savings accounts, and not much better on certificates of deposit.

Those who have the stomach to stay in stocks may have reaped rewards, but they will never forget the ride.

Jay Sachs of New York recalls thinking about putting his savings under a mattress when the Dow plunged 777 points on one day in September 2008. By the following March, with daily declines continuing, he was still “scared out of my mind.”

But Sachs, a retired computer consultant, soon tiptoed back into the market, buying dividend-paying blue chips and some mutual funds three years ago. Today his portfolio is well above where it was before the crisis began.

But his optimism is muted because of what he endured in 2008.

“The fact that there’s still some fear out there is probably a good thing,” he says. “Because when everyone is euphoric, you’d better start trimming your sails.”

Bookman of Brooklyn, a retired software executive, is an investing enthusiast who made more than 1,700 trades through his Scottrade account last year. He prides himself on keeping emotion out of his investing.

That strategy was severely tested when he lost 70 percent of his holdings in eight months during the crisis. But he kept going, remembering the advice of Warren Buffett, the billionaire investor: Be fearful when others are greedy and greedy when others are fearful.

“I just kept buying because I had waited for this time my whole life,” he says. “I had heard about the Depression when anybody who had bought at the bottom made a fortune.”

Even investors who put their faith, and their money, in the market during its darkest days have muted expectations for stocks in the near future. Expecting a pullback in stocks, Bookman has sold 30 percent of his holdings in the last two months.

“I just think that people right now are too complacent,” he says. “I hear about all the problems with Europe and the economy, and a lot of people are out of work, so I don’t think things are so good. The market is way up, but the world hasn’t changed so much.”

Financial experts say the experience of surviving 2008 may embolden investors the next time there’s a market shock.

“When we have these downdrafts, they’re a good reminder of volatility and a good opportunity to load up on stocks when they’re cheap,” says James Angel, associate professor of finance at Georgetown University’s McDonough School of Business.



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Staff of Anytime Fitness in Twin Falls cut the red ribbon with Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.

**Anytime Fitness Cuts the Red Ribbon**

**TWIN FALLS** • Anytime Fitness, located at 562 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls, recently cut the red ribbon with Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.

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From left, Betty Purves, Jim Purves and Tony Purves cut the red ribbon with Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.

**Clos Office Supply Moves to New Location**

**TWIN FALLS** • Clos Office Supply recently moved to the Lynwood Executive Offices at 530 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

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Scott Hymas has been the shop and fabrication manager for many years and is now operations manager in the Twin Falls branch.

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From left, CP Capitol Solutions owners Nickie Moretti, Mary and Jerre Fender cut the red ribbon with Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.

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unless investors get more excited.

If the earnings predictions for this year come true and the multiple stays in its rut, the S&P 500 will reach 1,421, well shy of its own record of 1,565. And the earnings projections may prove optimistic. Analysts have been slashing them lately.

The modest profit picture doesn't necessary doom the rally. There have been periods when earnings barely budged and stocks soared. In the five years through 1986, stocks in the S&P 500 nearly doubled while earnings slipped 2 percent.

The explanation is the magic of rising multiples. The average zoomed from nine times earnings to nearly 17

times. Could we be entering a similar period of growing confidence?

Paulsen thinks so. He says that investors have shaken off fears of another recession and that debt-ridden Europe appears on the mend. He expects investors will value stocks at 15 times earnings by the end of the year, pushing the Dow and S&P closer to their records.

Jeffrey Kleintop, chief market strategist at LPL Financial, one of the nation's largest brokerages, thinks the market won't reach a record anytime soon. First, “people need to embrace stocks,” he says. “Maybe next year?”

One measure to watch is the flow of money in or out of U.S. stock mutual funds. From June through January, investors pulled \$137 billion more from these funds than they put in, according to Strategic Insight, an industry con-

sulting group.

Their apparent skittishness has led to less trading. About 3.9 billion shares of stock have traded on an average day this year at the New York Stock Exchange, down a third from three years ago.

The refusal by ordinary investors to buy stocks is even more surprising when you consider how little they're making from the alternatives. Their favorite assets of refuge—CDs, money market funds and U.S. government debt—don't even throw off enough interest income to compensate for inflation.


If stocks do return to a more normal 16 times profits, they're not likely to hover there for long. They tend to trade at widely varying multiples. Since World War II, stocks have traded as low as six times earnings and as high as 47.

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# Cops, Mayors: NYPD Risks Access with Muslim Spying

BY DON BABWIN  
Associated Press

**CHICAGO** • The tip was a surprise when it arrived on the desk of Ted Wasky. Had it not come, the former FBI agent fears five Muslim men in northwest Ohio might have pulled off a plot to kill U.S. soldiers in Iraq.

The source of the tip? A fellow group of Muslims living in Toledo.

"They were talking about Jihad and wanting to defend their ... brothers in the Middle East against American aggression," Wasky said. "The community understood the freedoms they enjoyed in the U.S., were concerned, and they reported it to the joint task force."

The tipsters trusted the police enough to help the FBI infiltrate the group with an informant, and Wasky said that relationship was the "best thing that ever happened" to the local joint terrorism task force when he was the special agent in charge of the FBI's Cleveland office.

That's what police investigators, prosecutors and mayors in cities nationwide say the New York Police Department is putting at risk by conducting clandestine surveillance of Muslims in the city and across the Northeast. All cite their experience in serving communities that are home to large Muslim communities and other minority populations that have become isolated by events.

"It only takes one perceived mistake, whether it's a mistake or not, where the confidence of the community will be temporarily shattered or damaged," Wasky said.

Others said the NYPD's secret spying, and the voracious defense against suggestions it might be a mistake, is a misguided approach that will hinder the department's efforts to uncover potential attacks for years, if not decades.

**"It's working within the community that prevents the problems. Who better knows somebody that is a terrorist or a criminal than the community where they are hiding?"**

Former Phoenix Mayor **Phil Gordon**

That critique has been forcefully rejected by the NYPD and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who has praised the department's tactics as ones that have kept the city safe in the decade since the Sept. 11 attacks. The department's spokesman this week said the NYPD retains "strong ongoing relations in the Muslim community" and pointed to successful anti-terror arrests he said have resulted from its intelligence operations.

For months, the surveillance of Muslims by the NYPD, detailed in a series of stories by The Associated Press, has been harshly criticized by some Muslim, civic and university leaders as an unconstitutional invasion of privacy.

But the most striking criticism came Wednesday from the head of the FBI's office in Newark, N.J., where the NYPD photographed mosques and eavesdropped on Muslim businesses in 2007. While taking care to say he did not want to "pile on," Special Agent in Charge Michael Ward said the spying program had already started to erode communication between the Joint Terrorism Task Force and Muslims in northern New Jersey and had created additional risks.

"People are concerned that they're being followed. They're concerned that they can't trust law enforcement, and it's having a negative impact," Ward said. "No matter what kind of operation you do, nothing is going to compare to your ability to have the confidence of the public and go out and sit down and conduct interviews and get their assistance."

Ward's boss, FBI Director

Robert Mueller, has declined to comment on whether the NYPD's surveillance activities were legal, proper or effective, and earlier this week he praised New York Police Commissioner Ray Kelly for doing "a remarkable job of protecting New York." However, Mueller did not interfere with or object to Ward's remarkable public and pointed criticisms of the NYPD's spying programs.

Likewise, while the Obama administration has refused to comment on the NYPD's actions, it has made outreach to Muslims a cornerstone of its effort to fight terrorism, and specifically cited the abilities of local police to connect with communities in ways that federal agents cannot.

Muslim activists in New York, upset with the NYPD's actions, have intensified in recent days their efforts to discourage people from going directly to police with concerns. Former Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon said that's what happened in his city after Arizona passed legislation in 2010 that aggressively targets illegal immigrants and requires police to question whether people are living in the country legally while enforcing other laws.

Not only did police notice that Hispanic residents who once waved to them started looking away when they drove by, Gordon said, but the officers widely believed immigrants didn't speak up when they saw a crime — or were even crime victims themselves — out of fear it would lead to their deportation.

"It's working within the community that prevents the problems," Gordon said. "Who better knows some-

body that is a terrorist or a criminal than the community where they are hiding?"

Ron Haddad, the chief of police in Dearborn, Mich., where close to 40 percent of the city's nearly 100,000 residents are Arab- and Muslim-Americans, said there are limits to the value of surveillance. "The intelligence people tell you the only thing they can give you are indicators, and the indicators are very limited and nothing is absolute," Haddad said.

And so, police in Dearborn focus on building a relationship with city's Arab- and Muslim-Americans. They have asked Islamic leaders for advice and continually train

officers to recognize the customs of various ethnic groups, including Muslims, to avoid offending members of those communities. Haddad said they have also taken care to openly and meticulously explain general police practices and, on occasion,

even the specific details of ongoing investigations.

"If you can tell them, you need to tell them," Haddad said. He added, "The danger in not making the appropriate disclosure is they are going to be more suspicious of you."



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Citizens wait for the start of the GOP Caucus on 'Super Tuesday' at Canyon Ridge High School in Twin Falls.

# Primaries, Caucuses, Supplemental Levies and Showing Up

**“Decisions Are Made by Those Who Show Up.”**

That quote is attributed to everyone from Benjamin Franklin to Woody Allen to Martin Sheen playing President Jed Bartlett in an episode of “The West Wing.” Whatever the attribution, the quote is true and a great reminder as we continue to plod through an election year. Much has been made of the lower caucus participation last Tuesday than in the presidential primary held in 2008. In Twin Falls, 4,700 voted in the Republican primary four years ago while only a few more than 2,000 showed up to caucus at Canyon Ridge High School Tuesday night. There are good reasons for the lower

participation; namely, no opportunity for absentee balloting, a longer commitment of time and the need to be a registered Republican. Before it was closed last year, the primary system allowed participation from independents, Republicans who were not necessarily of the registered variety, and yes, Democrats — those mischievous rascals who would exercise their primary vote on selecting who they perceived to be the weakest Republican candidate. We have no argument with switching to the caucus system — limiting the selection process to more committed party members who have as their

major goal choosing the candidate most likely to defeat President Barack Obama in November. We have no difficulty with fewer making decisions, as long as all are given the opportunity — which last week’s caucuses may or may not have provided, depending on how well each county’s GOP central committee planned for the turnout. Recent attempts to make it easier to vote are in some ways noble; in other ways a catering to the least-informed, least-interested voters who will always look for excuses to not vote rather than reasons to vote. Decisions, after all, are made by

those who show up. This coming Tuesday, citizens in the Hansen, Jerome, Kimberly, Murtaugh, Cassia County and Minidoka County school districts are being asked to approve — or extend — supplemental levies used to refill holes in public school funding caused by cuts from both state and federal budgets. The *Times-News* has, and continues to advocate passage of these supplemental funding measures that we feel are necessary to keep all area school kids on a relatively level playing field as they prepare for their future. Levy amounts this year range from a two-year, \$150,000 annual levy in Murtaugh to a two-year, \$1.2 million levy in the Minidoka County School District; amounts that seem to vary greatly but are relatively similar when divided by the number of taxpayers within each district. The total amounts may seem high; the effect on each individual taxpayer not so much. We urge voters in these schools districts to vote on Tuesday, and to vote “Yes.” Decisions really are made by those who show up.

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## Winning the Spice Drug War

To win the drug war in the nation we have to stop the production of drugs, stop drugs at the border, and stop the sale of drugs in the United States. Our attitude will determine the outcome of the conflict. We enter this war to defend those we love. We see our children like ourselves with hopes, needs, cares, and fears as real as our own. They shouldn't have to turn to their peers for affirmation. We will do whatever it takes to help things go right for them. The *Times-News* recently carried the story of a Twin Falls man's arraignment on one count of manufacturing a controlled substance (synthetic marijuana known as spice) and one count of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Sadly, some people are the way they are because it's all they've ever known, and the legal drug dealers on Main Avenue want to keep it that way. “Spice was the socially accepted drug among my friends,” says an anonymous 17-year-old female with a recovering addict-mother. “I became addicted and needed it to function. I've been in and out of



‘juvee’ for the last four years. I want other kids to know it's not worth it.” Another bright young man, broke the heart of his foster parents when they heard he had been arraigned in court for possession of a controlled substance. The condition of his home life before he came to live with them lacked the structure and events to guide him in a positive way. Now they prayed that he would find the courage to leave the trap of his past addictive lifestyle. A 17-year-old male told me, “Hayze is definitely bad. It messed up my thinking, and brought me to the point where a couple bites of food made me vomit.” He advises other teens to not even try it. Good parents and role models are the best anti-drug prevention we have. It's never too early to talk to your teens about the dangers of risk-taking with alcohol, drugs, and sex. Parents should address potentially difficult issues before

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## Since When Did Intellect and Education Become Bad Things?

As a card-carrying member of the media elite, it's hard for me to say something nice about Newt Gingrich. But here it is: He doesn't wear blue jeans in public. Compare this to the leaders in the GOP presidential field, Rick Santorum and Mitt Romney, both of whom regularly pander to the regular-guy lobby by wearing geezer jeans to campaign events. To succeed in the Republican primaries these days, you have to be seen as a regular guy, or possibly a regular gal. Gingrich, who has a Ph.D. and who has authored or co-authored 21 books, clearly does not see himself as a regular guy. His biographer wrote that even as a graduate student at Tulane in 1968, Newt wore a jacket and tie to class. It's like the old Mort Sahl line about Richard Nixon: “He was born in a log cabin in Whittier, Calif., wearing a blue suit.” Would-be presidents shouldn't wear blue jeans or show up at NASCAR races unless they know what a restrictor plate is or, as Barack Obama learned to his regret in 2008, go bowling unless they regu-



larly bowl. Their campaigns shouldn't issue statements like Santorum's did last month: “Rick knows firsthand what it means to run the carpool, pick up the kids from practice, help with homework and drop them off at their friends' houses, all while trying to get to work on time or home for dinner with the family.” Like this has anything to do with his ability to lead the free world. The last thing any presidential candidate wants to be considered is an “elitist,” so that's what they call each other. Santorum calls Obama a “snob” because he wants every kid to go to college. (Actually he doesn't, but why let facts stand in the way?) Gingrich says Romney belongs to the “Wall Street elite.” Romney says Gingrich and Santorum were part of the Washington elite. For many Republican primary voters, the only thing worse than a regular elite is an intellectual elite

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## Many Thanks for Oakley Arts

Thank you, Oakley Valley. The Oakley Valley Arts Council has been entertaining, educating and fulfilling dreams to both young and old since I was a boy. The theater gave my family and the community a chance to do something wonderful as we brought to life the tales and scenes of some of the best productions Broadway offered. The memories of those times are magical and enduring. I have since moved away and my parents, Aaron and Gloria Johnson, passed away many years ago. Today, select youth receive scholarships on behalf of Aaron and Gloria Johnson. My letter today is to share with you who they were and to thank the Oakley Valley community. Aaron Johnson played Fagin, a despicable man who teaches orphans to pickpocket in the classic production, “Oliver.” He brought to life a man who was my dad's opposite in every possible way. Aaron transformed the stage during the short three-week production. He practiced his lines and his songs over and over and over again in the car, at home and at work. He would even dress



in character at home and act out the scenes in front of us as he tried to perfect the role and his performance. We laughed as a family throughout the entire production. After the first live production, my mother told dad that he needed to tone down his singing on stage because he was spitting on people in the front two rows. He tried to “tone it down” during the next practice but he just couldn't get the same kind of energy for Fagin and said, “We'll just have to tell the front row to bring buckets.” Gloria Johnson played the piano during many of the productions throughout my youth. She would bring her reading book and lunch and/or dinner during rehearsals and stay all day and night to make sure the music was perfect. She played the piano for the “Oliver” production and the two together, Aaron and Gloria, brought out the best in each other and the production. Mom would even play portions of songs

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# Obama's National Security Cred

There was a time when Republicans would tag the Democrats as national security wimps, and Democrats would quake in their boots. But those days are over, as evidenced by President Obama's Tuesday news conference.

When he was asked to comment on the latest rhetoric from the campaign trail — where Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich call him weak on Iran; where Romney says Iran will obtain “the bomb” if Obama wins in November — the president laid out the case for heightened diplomatic pressure. Then he segued into an extended smackdown of his rivals, worth quoting in full:

“What’s said on the campaign trail — those folks don’t have a lot of responsibilities. They’re not commander in chief. And when I see the casualness with which some of these folks talk about war, I’m reminded of the costs in-



involved in war. I’m reminded that the decision that I have to make in terms of sending our young men and women into battle, and the impacts that has on their lives, the impact it has on our national security, the impact it has on our economy.

“This is not a game. There’s nothing casual about it. And when I see some of these folks who have a lot of bluster and a lot of big talk, but when you actually ask them specifically what they would do, it turns out they repeat the things that we’ve been doing over the last three years, it indicates to me that that’s more about politics than actually trying to solve a difficult problem.

“Now, the one thing that we have not done is we

haven’t launched a war. If some of these folks think that it’s time to launch a war, they should say so. And they should explain to the American people exactly why they would do that and what the consequences would be. Everything else is just talk.”

A few minutes later, he resumed: “I do think that anytime we consider military action that the American people understand there’s going to be a price to pay. ... Sometimes we bear that cost. But we think it through. We don’t play politics with it. When we have in the past — when we haven’t thought it through and it gets wrapped up in politics — we make mistakes. And typically, it’s not the folks who are popping off who pay the price.”

When we have in the past. That was a reference to Iraq, a reminder that a decade ago, Republican neo-conservatives railed about weapons of mass destruction and hurled us into a bloody

trillion-dollar war without having thought it through. A decade ago, most Democrats were so terrified of the wimp tag that they signed on. But Obama on Tuesday showed he wasn’t cowed, that the warmongers no longer run the show.

Clearly, Obama believes he has made his bones on national security. The polls bear him out; he consistently scores higher on foreign policy than on the domestic front, a rare mix for a Democrat. Whacking the top tier of al-Qaida has helped. Ratcheting up the unmanned drone attacks has, too. So has orchestrating an international effort to severely tighten economic sanctions on Iran.

Nevertheless, GOP adviser Karl Rove seems to think that Obama can be painted as “weak and untrustworthy” (if only to convince conservative Jewish voters in pivotal Florida, Pennsylvania, and Ohio that Obama is irresolute on Israel); Gingrich seems to

think he can successfully liken Obama to Jimmy Carter; and Republicans in general seem to think they can update the 1988 image of Michael Dukakis looking like Snoopy in that tank photo-op.

The hitch is that you can’t fight something with nothing. The GOP presidential aspirants have lost ground in the polls during the very months they have been sounding off about Iran. The more that front-runner Romney tries to morph into Gen. Patton, the worse he does.

An ABC News/Washington Post poll reports that when Americans were asked in February who was more trustworthy to handle terrorism and international affairs, they favored Obama over Romney by 20 percentage points. That sounds remarkable, until you remember that Romney is a former one-term governor with zilch international experience; that

most of what Romney says he’d do in Iran (keeping all military options on the table, plus “crippling sanctions”) is stuff Obama is already doing; that Romney and his trail-mates make it sound as if bombing Iran would be a cinch with no need for a Plan B.

Obama said Tuesday that warmongering campaign rhetoric was ill-suited for the sensitive task at hand. He basically sought to reframe the political debate over national security. Whereas it used to be a Republican-dominated choice between strong (GOP) and weak (Democrats), Obama says the choice is between responsible (him) and irresponsible (them).

Romney — still the likely, albeit battered, nominee — arguably can’t win in November unless he erases his national security deficit. That may not be easy, given his record. During his first bid in 2008, he warned that if Obama became president and was forced to confront al-Qaida, Obama “would retreat and declare defeat.”

Ge. How has that prediction worked out?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Reader Wants a Return to the Primary Election

I do not like the idea of having a Super Tuesday to determine who will be Idaho’s Republican Party presidential nominee. This does not allow for absentee ballots for those who are too ill to attend or those in care facilities or those who are traveling.

I see that only 2,000 Twin Falls citizens voted. I did not see a list of how many Jerome or other town citizens voted. As I was out of town, I was not able to vote. I feel that I was cheated out of my right to vote. I have never missed a vote since I was old enough to vote in 1968.

I would not have voted for Mr. Romney. How many other people missed out on this vote and are angry about not being able to vote? I say go back to the Primary election in May and then the general election in November and forget about a Super Tuesday where only a small fraction of people will vote — not a majority of the citizens of our state.

LINDA HELMS  
Jerome

### Was the Caucus Worth the Price?

Clearly, our Idaho courts must weigh in on the Republican caucus system that limited the selection of a candidate to a very small percentage of voters rather than by a primary system open to all registered voters. Apparently, some voters were even turned away due to limited space set up for our area caucus — and how about the elderly, those unable to attend because of health issues and those whose jobs did not permit a full evening of “fun time” at the caucus? We must all hold dear the idea that voting for our leaders is a serious responsibility open to all and not a fun event limited to a few. Why wasn’t absentee voting allowed in order to level the playing field?

So the state of Idaho has finally received its long-sought recognition as being one of the 50 states. But at what cost? The majority of registered voters did not

pick a winner but, to the contrary, it was a small percentage who selected the ordained winner. Why such a lop-sided victory for winner Romney? How could he have lost? The gagging out-come of the caucus leaves even the most loyal and staunch Republican to eagerly endorse Obama.

CHUCK JAMES  
Buhl

### Money Could Be Better Spent Elsewhere

Hello. My name is Treysen Steel. I am writing about a question I have.

Why do the presidents of the United States get paid after their service as president is done? I think that money could be better used to support the troops across the seas.

Thank you for your time.  
TREYSEN STEEL  
Gooding  
(Editor’s note: Treysen Steel is a Boy Scout in Troop 32. He submitted this letter as a requirement for his communications merit badge.)

### Women Fought for Nearly a Century for Rights

Re: Every child a wanted child.

I am outraged that the renewed discussion of women’s reproductive health has lost sight of the fact that thousands of women have fought for nearly 100 years to protect their right to control their bodies and their lives. No one should be able to tell a woman that she must bear a child she doesn’t want. Each and every woman must make the hard decisions and choices that are right for her about her reproductive health and her life.

Denying women that right is denying them the most fundamental of human rights. Her decision will have consequences for her life, the life of the unwanted child and society as a whole. Each woman must be able to make her own decision. No other individual, organization, religion or government should dictate this most important aspect

of her life.

What if, as a society, we agree to work toward and make it possible that every child is a wanted child? Is a compassionate and caring society not a goal worth sharing? Will you be one of those who care enough to speak out?

CHRISTINE  
GERTSCHEN  
Sun Valley

### The Zip Line’s Time Is Now

Four years ago when I heard that a zip line was coming to Twin Falls, I was excited. That excitement has come and gone.

I can’t imagine how Jody Tatum feels when, for whatever reason, the location that has been chosen and then permission to build denied. The proposed location in the recent months is in Snake River Canyon. I feel it is a good location. It will draw people to visit the canyon and see the geological features that make the canyon so beautiful and unique.

I have walked the canyon many times and drive on the road quite frequently during the warmer months. I have never felt I was in danger as a pedestrian or as driver. If the traffic does increase a great deal, a shuttle could be arranged for the customers of the zip line.

Zip lines have been around for years. It is time to allow a zip line come to Twin Falls and be located in the Snake River Canyon.  
MONICA PRYOR  
Twin Falls

### The Dark Ages Have Returned

I thought we had emerged from the Dark Ages a few centuries ago, but current efforts by Islam dim my enthusiasm.

A speech given by Paul Marshall at Hillsdale College on Feb. 3, 2012, reveals the extent to which civilized governments and their citizens are being blackmailed and threatened by the custodians of the “Religion of Peace” for perceived blasphemy or insults to their religion.

This threat to our First Amendment and to our

lives is well documented in the speech. The most egregious part of it is that our government, under the direction of President Obama, is cooperating with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to find ways to cut off any negative references to Islam. The current action plan of the OIC calls for “deterrent punishments” to counter “Islamophobia.”

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announced a conference to work on solutions while in Istanbul. It was held in Washington on Dec. 12 to 14, 2011, and was closed to the public. Presentations focused on America’s treatment of Muslims and stressed that we should learn from other delegations, such as Saudi Arabia. (Saudi Arabia bans Christian churches, represses its Shiite populations, produces textbooks teaching that Jews should be killed, and beheaded a woman for sorcery on the opening day of the conference.)

Then-Sen. Obama was interviewed on “Meet the Press” on Sept. 8, 2008, and had the following to say about Islam. “It’s my intention, if elected, to disarm America to the level of acceptance to our Middle East brethren. If we, as a warring people, conduct ourselves like the nations of Islam, where peace prevails ... perhaps a state or period of mutual accord could exist between our governments ...”

So, there it is. Black is now white and white is black. The Dark Ages are back.  
MAX COVINGTON  
Burley

### Jack Johnson Has Beliefs That Would Benefit County

It is my pleasure to call Jack Johnson a friend. Jack genuinely cares about the citizens of Twin Falls County. It is very evident when you speak to Jack about his vision for the future of the sheriff’s office.

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and his belief in fiscal responsibility will be an asset to the county residents.

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Vote Jack Johnson for Twin Falls County sheriff. He has the experience and resume that we need for the future. I encourage everyone to visit Jack’s website at [www.johnsonforsheriff.us](http://www.johnsonforsheriff.us) and check him out.  
MARY MILLER  
Twin Falls

### Rural Voters Disregarded in Idaho Caucus

It was a great disappointment to witness the gross mishandling of Twin Falls County’s GOP caucus. Inadequate parking, lack of

room, poor organization, no signage and only one location in Twin Falls County left many rural voters excluded out of Tuesday’s caucus.

I personally have voted Republican in every primary and every general election since 1992 until last night. I left at 7:45 p.m. to get home to tend livestock duties as voting had not yet begun at that time. Times-News heralded the event as a success with 2,052 votes cast, yet the 2008 primary had 6,218 votes cast in Twin Falls County.

Perhaps the Times-News only considers a caucus being successful when rural voters are excluded. Should Twin Falls GOP continue to disregard rural voters, I will be changing my party affiliation.

STEVEN FRISCH  
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## Spice

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they emerge into something regretful. Keep the communication lines open and be on the lookout for opportunities to reinforce important anti-drug messages to build understanding with your son or daughter.

Show your teens that you respect, value and affirm their opinions, thoughts and ideas. Choose a way of being that wins their respect by showing you care. Parents who are too harsh or too permissive in setting rules have children who are more likely to take risks. Our children respond to our being toward them more than our particular words or actions.

If we are willing to do what it takes to win this war on drugs we will reach out to the drug-polluted, poverty-stricken, and outcast parts of our community to help the addict recover. We will show the teen in the dark place of their addiction that they really matter to us.

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We can all better serve our families and community by becoming a Big Brother or Sister or a mentor to a young person in our lives.

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## Intellect

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or a media elite or especially a liberal intellectual media elite.

"I don't come from the elite," Santorum told a Feb. 25 rally in Troy, Mich. "I worked my way to the success that I have and I'm proud of it. Elites come up with phony ideologies and phony ideas to rob you of your freedom."

This would include the phony ideologies and ideas of people like the Founding Fathers, the elite of their day. Was there ever an American as elitist as Thomas Jefferson, the smartest man in every room, a sociophobe intellectual who imported books and wine by the case from France? Jefferson revered the common man, but only from a distance.

Reading history will make you sound like an elitist, but that's the risk you take.

When Sarah Palin emerged from the obscurity of Wasilla, Alaska, in 2008 to become the Republican vice-presidential candidate, her appeal was immediate: She was a hockey mom! She had five kids! She could have been our next-door neighbor!

Should the fact that someone reminds you of your next-door neighbor persuade you to vote for him? More to the point, does the fact that a guy reads books and deals in ideas disqualify him?

For many Americans, it does. Anti-intellectualism has been a consistent theme throughout American history. The political scientist Richard Hofstadter won a Pulitzer Prize for "Anti-Intellectualism in American Life."

This was in 1964, and Hofstadter was writing about the 1950s, in the wake of McCarthyism and Adlai Stevenson's "egghead" campaign. Hofstadter noted

"hostility to intellectuals expressed on the far right wing, a categorical and folkish dislike of the educated classes and of anything respectable, established, pedigreed or cultivated."

Now it's back. The most prominent American conservative is not the erudite William F. Buckley but the seething Rush Limbaugh.

Maybe blue jeans aren't a fair test, but Romney and Santorum, each of whom has three college degrees, are playing to the cheap seats. Newt's ego won't let him do that, and Rep. Ron Paul of Texas, an obstetrician, just flat doesn't care.

If ideas and knowledge are elitist, if you have to pretend to be ignorant to be elected president, then the country is in more trouble than we thought it was.

American students lag far behind the rest of the world in science, math and other subjects. Newsweek last year gave 1,000 Americans

the test that immigrants must pass before they are granted citizenship. Three in 10 couldn't name the vice president. Seventy-three percent didn't know what the Cold War had been about. Forty-four percent were unable to define the

Bill of Rights.

"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization," Jefferson wrote, "it expects what never was and never will be."

But then again, he was an elitist.

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## Oakley Arts

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at home, again and again so that Dad could work out the kinks in his singing. She had a way of coaching to perfection and would stop the music, give feedback and then work on a section until it was right. She was a perfectionist in every way and had the mindset that anything worth doing is worth doing very well. She practiced many production scores early in the morning and late into the evening to make absolutely certain she did her very best so that we, the audience, experienced the very best.

That performance of "Oliver Twist" was one of the best ever, and it was during that production as I participated in the orchestra that I fell in love with the arts, theater, communities and people. OVAC provided the opportunity for many of us to explore talents we never knew we had, and it continues providing opportunities some 30 years later.

Thanks to the wonderful members of OVAC and local communities, Aaron and Gloria Johnson's influence and memory live on through youth scholarships. To earn the scholarship, one must demonstrate exceptional performances on stage and service within their communities.

My family and I are so thankful to the Oakley Valley Arts Council of yesteryears and today for starting and sustaining this wonderful scholarship program in my parent's honor. They epitomized the very best God has to offer and personified what people can do when they use all their energy to serve, learn and grow.

I want to personally thank the entire community for the support, the prayers and the love we have received over the years. My family and I have been very blessed by you wonderful friends and family.

*Winslow Johnson, a son of Aaron and Gloria Johnson, lives in Chanhassen, Minn.*



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## Storied Carrier, 'the Big E,' Makes Final Voyage

The longest carrier in the fleet, USS Enterprise is also the oldest, a distinction that brings pride as well as plenty of headaches for the ship's more than 4,000 crew members.

BY BROCK VERGAKIS  
Associated Press

**NORFOLK, Va.** • When the makers of "Top Gun" were filming on board the USS Enterprise, they donated a set of black fuzzy dice to liven up the ship's otherwise drab interior.

A quarter-century later, the dice will still be dangling inside the tower of "the Big E" as the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier sets sail on its final voyage Sunday.

The trinket is a reminder of the

ship's storied 50-year history that includes action in several wars, a prominent role in the Cuban missile crisis and serving as a spotter ship for John Glenn's historic orbit of the earth.

"To serve on this ship, certainly in this capacity, you certainly have to be a student of the ship's history," said Rear Adm. Walter Carter, commander of the Enterprise strike group. "Fifty years of service, in our nation's history, we've never had a warship in service that long."

The Enterprise is the longest aircraft carrier in the U.S. fleet. It is al-

so the oldest, a distinction that brings pride as well as plenty of headaches for the ship's more than 4,000 crew members. The ship is effectively a small city that frequently needs repairs because of its age. It was originally designed to last 25 years, but a major overhaul in 1979 and other improvements have extended its life.

The ship largely looks like any other carrier on the inside and has modern amenities like gyms, a coffee shop and a television station with dozens of channels. It even produces its own daily newspaper while at sea.

But even the best-maintained ship faces challenges as it ages.

"It's kind of like when you get older and you know it's harder to

get out of the bed in the morning. It takes you a couple hours to kind of really get up and then you're fine. Well, it's the same sort of thing here with Enterprise," Capt. William Hamilton, the ship's commanding officer, said days before the ship was set to deploy from Naval Station Norfolk.

Hamilton acknowledged all aircraft carriers have problems they're supposed to anticipate, but he said the Enterprise is more likely to have "unknown unknowns" than newer ships.

Machinists in charge of fixing unexpected problems say the things that can break down range from critical air conditioner units to elevators that lift fighter jets from the hangar bay to the flight deck. More-

over, the Enterprise has eight nuclear reactors to maintain — six more than any other U.S. carrier.

The problems are so notorious that sailors reporting to work aboard the Enterprise are often given joking condolences by their colleagues on shore and on other ships.

The ship regularly has to make its own parts from scratch when something breaks down. Spare parts for much of the ship, which is the only one of its class, simply don't exist.

"Life is hard on Enterprise," Hamilton said. "But when they leave here, they leave knowing if they can do this, they can do anything."

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## Syria Attacks Opposition as Diplomacy Staggers

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**BEIRUT** • Syria launched a long-anticipated assault to crush the opposition in the rebellious north on Saturday, bombarding its main city with tank shells from all sides and clashing with rebel fighters struggling to hold back an invasion.

President Bashar Assad rejected any immediate negotiations with the opposition, striking a further blow to already staggering international efforts for talks to end to the conflict. Assad told U.N. envoy Kofi Annan that a political solution is impossible as long as "terrorist groups" threaten the country.

The opposition's political leadership has also rejected dialogue, saying talk

is impossible after a year-long crackdown that the U.N. estimates has killed more than 7,500 people. That makes it likely that the conflict will continue to edge toward civil war.

Syrian forces have been building up for days around Idlib, the capital of a hilly, agricultural province along the Syria-Turkey border that has been a hotbed of protests against Assad's regime.

Saturday morning, troops blasted Idlib for hours with dozens of tank shells as the forces moved to encircle the town, an Associated Press team in Idlib reported.

Families fled their homes, carrying blankets and a few other meager belongings. Others huddled in homes.



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Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum talks to supporters at a rally Saturday in Springfield, Mo., after winning the Kansas caucuses in a rout.

## Santorum Takes Kansas, Romney Counters in Wyo.

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**WASHINGTON** • Rick Santorum won the Kansas caucuses in a rout on Saturday and Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney countered in Wyoming, a weekend prelude to suddenly pivotal Southern primary showdowns in the week ahead.

"Things have an amazing way of working out," Santorum told supporters in Missouri, where he traced his campaign through a series of highs and lows. He called his showing in Kansas a "comfortable win" that would give him the vast majority of the 40 delegates at stake.

Final returns in Kansas showed Santorum with 51 percent support, far outpacing Romney, who had 21 percent. Newt Gingrich had 14 percent and Ron Paul trailed with 13 percent.

Santorum picked up 33 of the state's 40 delegates at stake, cutting slightly into Romney's overwhelming's advantage.

In Wyoming, Romney won seven of the 12 delegates at stake, Santorum

three, Paul one. Uncommitted also won one.

The day's events unfolded as the candidates pointed toward Tuesday's primaries in Alabama and Mississippi that loom as unexpectedly important in the race to pick an opponent to President Barack Obama in the fall.

Polls show a close race in both states, particularly Alabama, where Romney, Gingrich and Santorum all added to their television advertising overnight for the race's final days.

Gingrich, struggling for survival in the race, can ill afford a loss in either Mississippi or Alabama. Romney is seeking a Southern breakthrough to demonstrate an ability to win the support of evangelical voters.

For his part, Santorum hopes to knock Gingrich out of the race and finally emerge as Romney's sole challenger from the right.

The contests in Kansas and Wyoming left Romney with 454 delegates in the AP's count, more than all his rivals combined. Santorum had 217, while Gingrich had 107 and Paul had 47.

## Japan Marks 1 Year Since Earthquake, Tsunami

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**TOKYO** • Japan today was remembering the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck the nation one year ago, killing just over 19,000 people and unleashing the world's worst nuclear crisis in a quarter century.

Along the tsunami-battered northeastern coast, in Tokyo and elsewhere, memorial ceremonies were planned to mark 2:46 p.m. — the precise moment the magnitude-9.0 earthquake hit on March 11, 2011.

The quake was the strongest recorded in Japan's history, and set off a tsunami that towered more than 65 feet in some spots along the northeastern coast, destroying thousands of homes and wreaking widespread destruction.

Today, some 325,000 people rendered homeless remain in temporary housing. While much of the debris has been gathered into massive piles, very little rebuilding has begun.

"I wish I could go back to my old house and get back our normal life again," said Hyakuaiko Konno, a 64-year-old woman from the Ishinomaki coast who has been living in temporary housing for seven months.

The government says the damaged Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant, where three reactor cores melted down after the tsunami knocked out their vital cooling systems, is stable and that radiation coming from the plant has subsided significantly. But the plant's chief acknowledged to journalists visiting the complex recently that it remains in a fragile state, and makeshift equipment — some mended with tape — could be seen keeping crucial systems running.

An anti-nuclear protest was also planned in downtown Tokyo today amid growing public opposition to atomic power after the disaster.

## Israel Airstrikes Kill 15 Gaza Militants in New Flare-up

**GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)** • Israel pounded Gaza for the second day in a row Saturday, trading airstrikes and rocket fire with Palestinian militants and killing 15 of them as the deadliest Gaza violence in over a year showed no signs of abating.

Despite Egyptian efforts to mediate a cease-fire, Palestinians fired more than 100 rockets, some striking major cities in southern Israel and seriously wounding an Israeli civilian. The military responded with more than a

dozen airstrikes and the targeted killings of Palestinian militants from various Gaza organizations.

Israel's lauded Iron Dome missile defense system intercepted more than 25 projectiles. Still, residents were told to stay close to home and the cities of Beersheba, Ashdod and Ashkelon called off school for Sunday.

Tit-for-tat exchanges between Israel and Palestinians have been routine since the 2009 war, but a flare-up of this intensity is rare.



# Enterprise

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The challenges aboard the ship and the need to keep spirits up were highlighted last year, when former commanding officer Capt. Owen Honors was fired for airing raunchy videos that he said were intended to boost morale. During a hearing in which Honors was trying to avoid being kicked out of the Navy, he and his lawyers frequently referenced the difficult conditions on board. Honors was found to have committed misconduct, but ultimately allowed to stay in the service. He is retiring in April.

Hamilton acknowledged that maintaining morale on the ship — which has unofficial mottos like “There’s tough, and then there’s Enterprise tough” and “We eat pain like candy” — is still vital.

“As much as anything, it’s just telling them face to face that you appreciate, the Navy appreciates, the nation appreciates what they’re doing and then that goes a long, long way,” he said.

The ship’s crew members feel particularly proud to serve on a ship whose name has a distinguished place in naval history and pop culture.

Crew members who weren’t even alive when “Top Gun” was in theaters in 1986 use the film to explain what it is they do on the ship, as well as exactly where it is they do it.

For Petty Officer 1st Class Brian Dennis, there’s also pride in his ship having the same name as the ship featured in the “Star Trek” series.

“I always wanted to be a part of history, so being on this last deployment it’ll be something I can definitely tell my children and grandchildren,” he said.

The Enterprise is heading to the Middle East on its seven-month deployment, where it will be on standby in case of conflict with Iran or piracy threats off Somalia, among other things. The ship has experience with both scenarios, participating in a retaliatory strike against Iran for mining the Persian Gulf in 1988 and responding last year to the hijacking of a

sailing vessel by Somali pirates, during which all four Americans on board were shot and killed.

The deployment will be the ship’s 22nd. Following its return to Virginia in the fall, tens of thousands are expected to be on hand for a deactivation ceremony Dec. 1 that President Barack Obama has been invited to attend.

If “Top Gun” producer Jerry Bruckheimer wants to film a sequel, he’ll have to find another ship. The following summer, Enterprise will be towed to the shipyard where it was built in nearby Newport News so its nuclear fuel can be removed, a process that will take until 2015.

What remains of the ship after that will then be taken to Washington state so it can be scrapped.

The ship, among the first to respond after the Sept. 11 attacks, won’t be turned into a museum like some other carriers. Crews have to cut large holes in the vessel to remove the nuclear fuel, and it would be too expensive to repair, said Lt. Cmdr. Sarah Self-Kyler, the Enterprise’s

public affairs officer.

Instead, many of the ship’s alumni want another carrier


to be named Enterprise in the future, which is not uncommon, she said.




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**OBITUARIES**

**Peter Bergman, Comic Who Co-founded the Firesign Theatre, Dies at 72**

BY ELAINE WOO  
*Los Angeles Times (MCT)*

**LOS ANGELES** • Peter Bergman, a founder of Firesign Theatre, the comic quartet that channeled the absurdist sensibility and chaotic impulses of the countercultural 1960s and '70s into a popular radio show and a series of cult-classic albums, has died at 72.

A longtime Los Angeles resident, Bergman died of complications of leukemia Friday at St. John's Health Center in Santa Monica, according to his former wife, Maryedith Burrell.

Bergman was hosting an alternative, late-night talk show on the Los Angeles Pacific radio station KPFK-FM in 1966 when he started Firesign Theatre with Phillip Proctor, David Ossman and Phil Austin. Their stream-of-consciousness comedy spoke to a generation in rebellion.

It also caught the attention of executives at Columbia Records, which released four albums between 1968 and 1972: "Waiting for the Electrician Or Someone Like Him," "Don't Crush That Dwarf, Hand Me the Pliers," "How Can You Be in Two Places At Once When You're Not Anywhere At All" and "I Think We're All Bozos on This Bus." Fans of the albums began to call themselves "Fireheads" and could recite long passages from memory.

"Everyone who was hip in 1971 had a copy of 'Waiting for the Electrician' in their dorm room in college," Ossman said Friday. "They said to us, 'You guys saved my life.' So I know that, through Peter, Firesign Theatre had the ability to literally change people's lives and expressed to them our single purpose, which was to say everything you know is wrong."

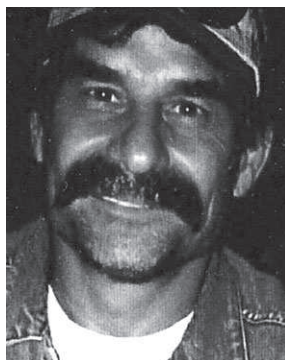
**Richard 'Rick' Kinder**

April 18, 1954-March 7, 2012

**RUPERT** • Richard "Rick" Mark Kinder, age 57, of Rupert, passed away Wednesday, March 7, 2012, due to a hunting accident.

He was born April 18, 1954, in North Hollywood, Calif., the son of John Junior and Betsy Ida Berlin Kinder. After receiving his education in California, Rick lived and worked there for many years. Rick moved to Rupert in 1999 to make a new life for himself. He fell in love with the people in the area and has made many good friends here. This is also where he met Cathy and together they made a new life. As Rick always said, "life is good." Since meeting they have built a business together, Walcott Bait and Tackle, and a beautiful home near the river.

He enjoyed sports, deep sea fishing, scuba diving, surfing, food and cooking, his dogs, Ginger and Trapper, and his work of painting. Rick loved to hunt and fish and enjoyed the Snake River. He strongly advocated in keeping the public land open for hunters.



He is survived by his companion, Cathy Purin; and her children, Richard E. Purin and Ashley M. Purin; and two brothers, Craig William Kinder and Gary Kinder.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 13, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley. Military rites will be provided by the Minicassia Veterans Organization. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday, March 12, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday prior to the service.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Ranae Smith**

**HEYBURN** • Ranae Smith, 82, of Heyburn, died Friday, March 9, 2012, at the Countryside Care and Rehabilitation Center in Rupert.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 17, at the Acequia 1st and 2nd Ward Church, 20403 Fifth St. in Acequia; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 16, at the funeral home and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

**Thelma Bush**

**BUHL** • Thelma M. Bush, 79, of Buhl, died Friday, March 9, 2012, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

No service will be held at this time (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

**William Engels**

**STRASBURG, Colo.** • William Daniel Engels, 82, formerly of Buhl, died Sunday, March 4, 2012, at his home in Strasburg, Colo.

No public service is planned.

**Lona Smith**

**BURLEY** • Lona L. Smith, 50, of Burley, died Friday, March 9, 2012, from injuries sustained in a bicycle accident.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Fu-

neral Home of Burley.

**Jesus Montes**

**TWIN FALLS** • Jesus M. Montes, 66, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 9, 2012, at his home.

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

**Phillip Washington**

**RUPERT** • Phillip Washington, 70, of Rupert, died Friday, March 9, 2012, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory in Rupert.

**Marvin Hannah**

**JEROME** • Marvin D. Hannah, 75, of Jerome, died Thursday, March 8, 2012, in Jerome.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

**Herbert Lage**

**WENDELL** • Herbert J. "Herb" Lage, 80, of Wendell, died Friday, March 9, 2012, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

**Antonio Vaquera**

**TWIN FALLS** • Antonio Vaquera, 28, of Twin Falls and formerly of Declo, died Saturday, March 10, 2012, near Mountain Home in an automobile accident.

Arrangements will be announced by Morrison-Payne Funeral Home in Burley.



**JAMES T. ELLIS, SINGER FOR THE TRAMMPS, DIES AT 74**

**ROCK HILL, S.C. (AP)** • James T. "Jimmy" Ellis, who belted out the refrain "Burn, baby burn!" in a 1970s-era disco hit has died. He was 74.

David Turner of Bass-Cauthen Funeral Home in Rock Hill, S.C., said the frontman for The Tramps died Thursday at a nursing home in the city. A cause of death was not immediately known.

The Tramps released "Disco Inferno" — the song with the popular refrain — in 1976. The song was featured in the iconic movie "Saturday Night Fever," its soundtrack winning the Grammy Award for Album of the Year in 1978.

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Daily 5:15 7:30 9:45 Sat - Sun 12:45 3:00

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**OBITUARIES**

**Beverly Jean Boyd**

April 5, 1938-March 9, 2012

**TWIN FALLS** • Beverly Jean Boyd, 73, of Twin Falls, passed away suddenly Friday, March 9, 2012, at her home.



She was born April 5, 1938, in Friend, Neb., the daughter of Robert and Hermine Freeouf. Beverly graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1957.

Jack and Beverly were high school sweethearts who married after a one-year courtship on March 1, 1957, at the Twin Falls Methodist Church. In 1959 a son, Jeffrey Scott, was born; a daughter, Stephanie Jean, followed three years later; then Steven Craig blessed the family in 1964; son, Gregory Lyne, arrived in 1965; and the final son, Daniel Wayne, completed the family in 1967. The Boyds were a close-knit family and Jack and Beverly were always proud of their children and their accomplishments.

Beverly was a loving and caring woman; she cared for her ill mother prior to her passing. She was a devoted homemaker, who canned, cooked and cared for her family. Extended family remembers her great homemade chili, prepared with venison from Jack's hunts. Beverly was always at home with the children preparing meals and caring for them while Jack traveled with his job. She always prepared a hearty breakfast for her children before they went to school and was there to greet them upon arrival from school.

Once their children graduated from school, Beverly and Jack moved to Vancou-

ver, Wash. They shared a love, not only for each other, but of golf, pinochle and bridge. They shared these hobbies and interests until Beverly began to lose her sight due to an untreatable disease of the optic nerve. In 1993, she and Jack returned to Twin Falls and continued to enjoy their retirement. Beverly was always an elegant woman who took great pride in her appearance. She was never seen with a hair out of place. Many did not know that she actually was sight impaired. Jack took great care of Beverly to make sure her dignity was always intact.

Surviving are her husband, Jack of Twin Falls; sons, Jeffrey (Jill) Boyd of Battle Ground, Wash., Steven (Paula) Boyd of Placerville, Calif., Gregory (Carole) Boyd of Battle Ground, Wash., and Daniel (Kristin) Boyd of Chittenango, N.Y.; sister, Linda Jane Brown of Newman, Ga.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her daughter, Stephanie who passed away in 1963. Beverly will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Those wishing may share condolences and memories at [www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

**Ruth Hurd**

Feb. 12, 1925-Feb. 29, 2012

**BOISE** • Ruth Hurd, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away at her home surrounded by loved ones on Leap Day, Feb. 29, 2012.



Born in her great-uncle's home in Twin Falls, Idaho, on Feb. 12, 1925, the first-born to Lester and Lillith Staley, Ruth LaPriel Staley grew up on a farm at Milner, Idaho, that her father and grandfather had cleared for I.B. Perrine, the well-known Magic Valley magnate at the time. She attended the one-room Milner School through the eighth grade and graduated from Burley High School in 1943.

Because Milner was located on a Union Pacific Railroad Line and the Oregon Trail, her childhood was filled with the history of early pioneers on the trail and real-life encounters with the Depression Era hoboes on the U.P.'s Rail. This unique upbringing sowed the seeds for her lifelong appetite for knowledge and, through time, the expanse of that was, and is, an inspiration to everyone privileged to have shared in her life and presence. Her empathy for the underdog, the down-trodden, was unbounded unless she sensed a "Four Flushers," as she put it. Everyone has their story, as long as it's a true story.

Ruth married Allen D. Hurd (Dale) on April 25, 1947. They farmed near Jerome, Idaho. Farm life was nature at its best to Ruth. Her time at Milner as one of four girls meant she learned the variety of skills necessary to survive on a farm through the Great Depression and she brought those to her life at Jerome. Most inspiring for all was that she thrived in all those endeavors. Her glass was always, at least half full, never half empty.

In 1965, Dale took a lucrative job with the Department of Agriculture and they moved to Boise. Of course, they turned their plot in town into a mini-farm and she continued to can and preserve the bounty of her new place. All the while, she continued to read and write.

No longer tied to the daily routine of her previous farm life, she cherished the more frequent opportunities to go camping and fishing with family and friends. Retirement years then provided for travel experiences to many locations she had only read about, which broadened her appreciation for people and places.

**SERVICES**

**Jan Raymond Olsen** of Twin Falls, Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation beginning at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

**William Raymond 'Bill' Claybaugh** of Twin Falls, funeral at 4 p.m. Tuesday at

**Rose L. Parry** of Glens Ferry, service at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Glens Ferry VFW Hall; visitation from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the VFW Hall (Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

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**Thomas Edward 'Tom' Day**

Feb. 17, 1936-Feb. 12, 2012

**SPOKANE, Wash.** • Tom, Thomas Edward Day, age 75, passed away Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012, in Spokane, Wash.



He was born Feb. 17, 1936, in Kansas City, Mo., to Roy and Allie Day. Tom was raised in Rupert, Idaho, where he excelled in basketball at Rupert High School. Tom was retired from Bonneville Power after 35 years of service. He loved to fish and travel and spend time with his family. He was a special husband, father and grandfather and loyal to his friends and family.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Roy; and infant sister, Mary Jean. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Virginia Day of Spokane; sister, Joan Maggard; sons, Dennis and David; grandsons, Griffin, Cameron and Miles; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Feb. 18.

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# Iran's U.N. Fact Sheet: Weapons Track Not Confirmed

BY GEORGE JAHN  
Associated Press

VIENNA • Nine years ago, the United States invaded Iraq after telling the world that Saddam Hussein had covert weapons programs that could build nuclear arms. In the end, nothing was found. Today, acting on similar fears, Israel is threatening to attack Iran.

While much is known about Iran's nuclear activities from U.N. inspection visits, significant questions remain uncertain, fueling fears of worst-case scenarios and calls for new Mideast military action.

This much shapes the anxieties: In just one decade, Iran's modest nuclear program has expanded into a mature operation that some experts say has the capability to produce a warhead in less than a year.

And this much is verified: Iran has the equipment and raw materials to produce the fissile core of a nuclear weapon, as does any country that can produce its own reactor fuel.

But there is no evidence that the Islamic Republic has taken steps in that direction.

Finally, this much is suspected: The U.N. nuclear watchdog says there are credible indications Iran is researching the intricate technology needed to turn a core into an actual bomb. Tehran denies it, and there's not conclusive proof or any sign it has actually succeeded, but the research alone if confirmed would be seen as clear proof of Iran's intentions.

Reports by the U.N. nuclear agency, the only international organization given firsthand views of Iranian nuclear sites, contain a mix of confirmed data and a variety of theories built on outside intelligence. An Associated Press analysis of the published data by the International Atomic Energy Agency and interviews with officials probes the critical questions on Iran's nuclear ambitions: What can it do and what can't it do now?

## Core of the Showdown

Iran's ability to turn uranium into nuclear fuel is at the heart of the confrontation with the West and its allies, which worry that Tehran could push ahead with higher uranium enrichment levels needed for an atomic weapon. Iran says its only aim is to fuel reactors for peaceful energy production and medical research.

Iran is currently running nearly 9,000 centrifuges enriching uranium to produce nuclear fuel, a jump from 8,000 a year ago, according to reports and interviews with officials at the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency. From its main enrichment site, Iran has stockpiled at least 5.5 tons of uranium enriched to 3.5 percent levels, the IAEA says. That is a sufficient level to power reactors, while uranium enriched to at least 90 percent is needed to produce the material for a bomb.

Iran also has churned out 110 kilograms — nearly 250 pounds — of 20 percent enriched uranium, which it says is needed to fuel a medical research reactor in Tehran.

In the past three months, Iran has nearly tripled the number of devices producing 20 percent uranium — nearly 700 centrifuges strung together in four separate series. They can churn it out at a rate of about 14 kilograms, or nearly 30 pounds, a month, the IAEA says.

Finally, Iran is building a "heavy water" research reactor, which issues high-pressure fluid as a coolant and can be used with natural uranium as a fuel instead of enriched states of the mineral. The IAEA estimates it could be complete in two to three years and, once in operation, will produce plutonium, another possible pathway to nuclear arms.

## Enough to Move Toward Weapons?

Does Iran have enough enriched uranium to move toward the higher-enriched, weapons-grade material?

Judging by the amounts



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**Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad speaks at a ceremony in April 2007 at Iran's nuclear enrichment facility in Natanz, 186 miles south of the capital Tehran.**

noted in the IAEA reports, the answer is yes. But those reports also say there is no indication that Iran has moved beyond the 20 percent threshold.

The current known amount of 3.5 percent enriched uranium is enough to be turned into cores for four warheads if further enriched. Enriching enough of it for a single warhead would take about four months with the available centrifuge equipment, says nuclear proliferation expert David Albright.

The confirmed stockpile of 20 percent enriched uranium is about half the amount needed for potential warhead. At the current enrichment pace, it would reach the required amount by the end of the year, according to IAEA figures. The 20-percent material can be converted to weapons-grade much faster than the lower level uranium.

But getting enough weapons-grade material is only part of the equation.

Albright, who regularly briefs U.S. government decision makers and congressional panels on Iran, said any nuclear bomb made in that timeframe would be a crude device with no means of delivery. Mounting it on a missile would take "another six months to a year," he told the AP.

Moreover, with IAEA inspectors on site at the two known enrichment facilities, the world would very likely know when Iran began hiking up the enrichment level to weapons-grade, giving it time to react — unless Iran has managed to hide a covert site from the view of U.S., Israeli and other spy satellites looking for precisely such a facility.

"Four months is a long time and it's long enough for the international community to respond in a pretty draconian way," said Albright.

## Moving Underground

Iran's enrichment centrifuges still are nearly all concentrat-

ed at the main site in Natanz in central Iran, which is believed to be about 25 feet underground and protected by two concrete walls. But it's shifting some operations to a far more heavily fortified site dug into a mountain south of Tehran.

This alone does not violate the U.N. treaty overseeing the spread of nuclear technology, which allows signatory nations like Iran to have enrichment plants. IAEA inspectors have visited the new bunker-like site, known as Fordo, since Iran said it began operations earlier this year.

The Fordo facility, about 40 miles south of Tehran, is protected by about 330 feet of rock. It is also surrounded by anti-aircraft batteries and other defenses run by Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard.

The Fordo site is far smaller than Natanz and only has about 800 centrifuges operating so far, enriching to a 20-percent level. But Iran has recently partially assembled

about 2,000 more.

The IAEA last visited Fordo and Natanz last month as part of routine inspections under Iran's commitments to the agency.

## Parts Required

Highly enriched uranium or plutonium is only part of the workings of a nuclear warhead. Tests need to be conducted on elements such as containment casings and triggers to start the bomb's atom-busting chain reaction.

The IAEA has no confirmation of such weapons-related work under way in Iran. But the agency has pressed for access to the Parchin military compound southeast of Tehran, where the IAEA suspects high-explosive tests occurred in possible simulations of the blasts needed to set off a nuclear chain reaction.

For nearly four years, it has also asked for — and been denied — more information based on 1,000 pages of intelligence- and open-source documentation that suggests Iran drafted computer models of a nuclear warhead as well as worked on developing a nuclear payload for Iran's Shahab 3 intermediate-range missile, which can reach Israel.

U.S. intelligence officials say they generally stand by a 2007 intelligence assessment that asserts Iran stopped comprehensive secret work on developing nuclear arms in 2003. But Britain, France, Germany, Israel and other U.S. allies think such activities have continued past that date, a view shared by the IAEA, which says some isolated and sporadic activities may be ongoing.

On Monday, Iran said it

would allow an IAEA inspection of the Parchin military base. But on Thursday IAEA chief Yukiya Amano said his

agency has not been officially advised it could do so, and there is no timeframe for a visit.

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**Dr. Reid Lofgran**

Dr. Reid Lofgran has been practicing Family Medicine and Addiction Medicine for 11 years in Gooding, Idaho. He owns his practice, Gooding Family Physicians. Graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine Medical school in 1998. He joined Alliance Home Health and Hospice in 2011 as a Hospice Medical Director. Dr. Romney and his wife Danielle live in Gooding.



**Dr. Kenneth Romney**

Dr. Kenneth Romney is a family physician at Family Health Services in Twin Falls. Dr. Romney has been very involved in hospice care since 1996 in Wray, Colorado, where he volunteered as the hospice medical director, and in Fork, Washington, where he again took the same role. Dr. Romney has seen hospice care allow greater quality of life, comfort support and dignity when dealing with end of life care. Dr. Romney is from British Columbia, Canada and graduated medical school at the University of Utah in 1994. He and his wife Heidi live in Twin Falls.

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**SPORTS + WEATHER**

**Idaho State Women's Basketball Team Wins Big Sky Title • S2**

**Eagles Soar to Second Straight Region 18 Title**

**CSI holds off North Idaho 58-52, will host Arizona Western Tuesday for the right to defend its title in Hutchinson, Kan., a week later.**

**BY STEPHEN MEYERS**  
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**SALT LAKE CITY** • Life isn't easy in the Scenic West Athletic Conference.

So it wasn't any shock that winning the Region 18 Tournament would be a struggle, even for the fourth-ranked and top-seeded Golden Eagles.

By the time the College of Southern Idaho could finally exhale and celebrate its second consecutive Region 18 title after beating North Idaho 58-52, the attention turned toward getting to Hutchinson, Kan., for the NJCAA national tournament.

"We've got to get back.

We've got to get there," said CSI forward Luke Cothron. "North Idaho is a tough team. It wasn't easy to get this win. It's sweet, but it's the first step."

The Golden Eagles (29-3) play Region 1 champion Arizona Western at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Twin Falls. Win there and CSI is off to Hutch to defend its national title.

If not for the play of Cothron Saturday night, the Golden Eagles might not have had this chance.

Cothron — who missed nine games this season for disciplinary reasons — keyed the Golden Eagles both on offense and defense in the second half, after a shaky first 20 minutes.

Cothron made a layup on a nice post move with just about two minutes left to put the Golden Eagles up 51-47. Keon Lewis, who shredded the Golden Eagles for 14 first-half points,

*Please see CSI MEN, S3*

**Region 18 All-Tournament Team**

**Men**  
**Most outstanding player:** Rafriel Guthrie, CSI; Travis Wilkins, Snow; Agustin Ambrosino, Salt Lake; Antoine Hosley, North Idaho; Keon Lewis,

North Idaho; Luke Cothron, CSI.  
**Women**  
**Most outstanding player:** Erica Martinez, Snow College; Priscila Santos, USU-Eastern; Korina Baker, North Idaho; Sofia Hepworth, Salt Lake; Kelsi Wells, Snow; Marissa Robbins, Salt Lake.

**Talk to the Backhand**



RYAN HOWE • TIMES-NEWS

Minico's Cameron Jackson plays a backhand during his match with Rigby's Jonah Neville Saturday at Minico High School. See results on Sports 2.



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS

CSI's Billy-Bob Ward leaps to make a catch against College of Southern Nevada at Skip Walker Field Saturday, in Twin Falls.

**CSI Baseball Stumbles, Swept**

**BY DAVID BASHORE**  
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**TWIN FALLS** • The College of Southern Idaho had a series split within its grasp, having pinned College of Southern Nevada to its final out in Saturday's final game of the four-game set.

Chad Whiteaker, however, had other ideas.

CSI pitcher Cody White made a mistake and Whiteaker punished it, de-

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posing it over the left-field wall for a two-out, two-run homer to lift Southern Nevada to a 5-4 win, giving the Coyotes three wins on the weekend after a 7-5 win earlier Saturday.

"That's tough," said CSI catcher Luke Miller. "We thought we had it there, made the pitch but he put a good swing on it and got it out."

The Golden Eagles (15-8, 5-3 Scenic West) had rallied to take a 4-3 lead when they scored two in the bottom of the sixth. Andrew Freter, who tossed four shutout innings to start the game, singled in Jayson Welker and then scored himself on an RBI fielder's

*Please see BASEBALL, S2*

**CANADIAN SKIER KILLED IN CRASH**

**BY GRAHAM DUNBAR**  
Associated Press

**GENEVA** • Canada and the action-sports world endured their second tragedy in two months Saturday with the death of skicross racer Nik Zoricic, who suffered head injuries after crashing into the nets on the side of the course near the final jump of a race in Switzerland.

Ski authorities called it a "freak accident," much the same way they labeled the fatal accident of Canadian freestyle skier Sarah Burke, who crashed during halfpipe training two months to the day before Zoricic's accident.

Both Burke and Zoricic were 29.

International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge called Zoricic's death "a very

sad day for the whole Olympic Movement."

"He was a young, gifted athlete who tragically died doing the sport he loved," Rogge said in a statement.

Skicross debuted at the Olympics in 2010, joining its sister sport of snowboardcross in the latest attempt by the IOC to bring a more exciting, youthful feel to the games. It's a dangerous discipline — known as "NASCAR on skis" — during which four racers jostle down a course filled with banks, rolls and ridges.

Despite the inherent danger, Max Gartner, president of Alpine Canada, said he was satisfied with the safety precautions in place for the race in Grindelwald, Switzerland.

"We're pretty confident that this was a World Cup race and

there's lots of rules and regulations, and inspectors on site," he said.

Gartner, speaking during a conference call from Toronto, said: "I would say it's a freak accident, from here. It doesn't happen often, but it's devastating. We look at all our athletes as members of our family, so it's hard."

Zoricic's death adds more fuel to the debate over safety in the world of skiing, particularly in the relatively new disciplines of freestyle skiing. More sports are being added to the Olympic program in 2014, including skiing halfpipe and slopestyle on both snowboards and skis.

International Ski Federation secretary general Sarah Lewis said Zoricic's death was "a terrible, tragic accident."

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**Girls singles:** Dexter (Ma.) d. Barnes 6-3, 6-3. Orchari (Ma.) d. Piltkova 7-5, 6-4. Goodwin (Ma.) d. Hawkes 6-0, 6-0.  
**Girls doubles:** Schmidt/Lundin (Ma.) d. Mittelseadt/Tovar 6-4, 6-2. Skinner/Packer (Ma.) d. Hansen/Rogers 6-0, 6-0.  
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Stauffer/Walters 6-0, 6-1. Day/Stevenson (R) d. Chandler/Chandler 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

**BOYS: BURLEY 5, RIGBY 1**

**GIRLS: BURLEY 6, RIGBY 0**  
**Boys singles:** Neville (R) d. Angulano 6-4, 6-2. McCall (B) d. Neville 6-1, 6-2. Downs (B) d. Corey Bills 6-2, 7-6 (3).  
**Boys doubles:** Carpenter/Bean (B) d. Clark/Devine 6-3, 6-3. Greener/Hosteen (B) d. Fullmer/Nelson 6-3, 6-1.  
**Girls singles:** Masoner (B) d. Perez 6-0, 6-0. Burley won other two matches by forfeit.  
**Girls doubles:** Jones/Carpenter (B) d. Howard/Pooler 6-0, 6-0. Burley won other match by forfeit.  
**Mixed doubles:** McFarland/Weeks (B) d. Stauffer/Walters 6-0, 6-0. Marin/Taylor (B) d. Day/Stevenson 6-0, 6-1.

## Golf

**HOLE-IN-ONE AT 93 RANCH**

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The ace was witnessed by Ken Harris, Jim Van Ark and Ed Harbke.

## NBA ROUNDUP



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**Chicago Bulls forward Carlos Boozer (5) reacts during the second half of Saturday's basketball game against the Utah Jazz in Chicago.**

## Bulls Coast Past Jazz

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**CHICAGO** • Derrick Rose had 24 points and 13 assists, Carlos Boozer scored 27 and the Chicago Bulls pounded the Utah Jazz 111-97 on Saturday night.

Kyle Korver scored a season-high 26 points, and the Bulls got back to winning after their season-high eight-game streak ended with a loss to Orlando on Thursday. They turned a seven-point halftime lead into a 16-point advantage going into the fourth quarter and came away with a lopsided victory on a night when both teams were short-handed.

The Bulls were missing All-Star Luol Deng, who was out because of pain brought on by a torn ligament in his left wrist. Joakim Noah sat out with an illness, and guards Richard Hamilton (right shoulder injury) and C.J. Watson remained sidelined.

The Jazz were without starting guards Devin Harris (stomach virus) and Raja Bell, who was away from the team for unspecified reasons. Coach Tyrone Corbin called it "an internal matter" that he expects to be resolved soon.

Paul Millsap led Utah with 26 points. Al Jefferson scored 16 and Josh Howard added 15 points, but the Jazz simply were overwhelmed, losing for the second time in as many nights.

**HORNETS 95, TIMBERWOLVES 89**

**MINNEAPOLIS** • Chris Kaman scored 20 points and the New Orleans Hornets snapped a four-game losing streak against the Timberwolves, who played their first game Saturday night since losing star point guard Ricky Rubio for the season to a knee injury.

Jarrett Jack had 17 points and seven assists for the Hornets, who won for the 10th time all season thanks to 28 assists on 39 buckets.

**HEAT 93, PACERS 91, OT MIAMI** • Dwyane Wade's jumper with 0.1 seconds left in overtime extended the Heat home-court winning streak to 12 games.

Wade scored 28 points and LeBron James led two late comebacks by Miami, finishing with 27 for the Heat. James helped force regulation by hitting a game-

tying 3-pointer with 10.2 seconds left in regulation, then not allowing Indiana's Darren Collison to get a potential game-winning shot off at the other end.

**ROCKETS 112, NETS 106**

**NEWARK, N.J.** • Goran Dragic had 23 points and eight assists, Luis Scola scored a go-ahead tip-in with 62 seconds remaining and the Houston Rockets snapped a five-game losing streak.

Courtney Lee scored 17 points, Chandler Parsons had 16 points and six assists and Chase Budinger and Samuel Dalembert added 15 points each to help Houston beat New Jersey for the 11th straight time since the 2005-06 season. Scola finished with 12 points for the Rockets.

**THUNDER 122, BOBCATS 95**

**OKLAHOMA CITY** • James Harden scored 22 of his career-high 33 points in the first half, Kevin Durant had 26 points and Russell Westbrook added 23 as the Oklahoma City Thunder hammered Charlotte.

The Thunder improved to 18-2 at home, rebounding from a disappointing 96-90 loss to visiting Cleveland on Friday night, in a game Oklahoma City coach Scott Brooks said his team didn't play up to expectations.

**PISTONS 105, RAPTORS 86**

**AUBURN HILLS, Mich.** • Rodney Stuckey had 20 points and eight assists and Brandon Knight scored 19 first-half points as the Detroit Pistons routed the Toronto Raptors.

The Pistons, who are now 11-6 since a 4-20 start, had six players in double figures and shot over 50 percent for the second straight night.

**TRAIL BLAZERS 110, WIZARDS 99**

**WASHINGTON** • LaMarcus Aldridge had 30 points and 10 rebounds to lead Portland.

Aldridge was 12 for 15 from the floor and 6 for 6 from the free-throw line. He has scored more than 20 points in three straight games.

**SUNS 98, GRIZZLIES 91**

**PHOENIX** • Jared Dudley scored 19 points to lead six Phoenix players in double figures and the Suns picked up their fifth straight home win.

## COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

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**LOS ANGELES** • Snubbed by the NCAA selection committee last year, then picked to finish next-to-last as a new member of the Pac-12, Colorado had all kinds of grudges going into its matchup against league powerhouse Arizona.

Freshman Spencer Dinwiddie scored 14 points, Carlton Brown added 13 and the Buffaloes won 53-51 in the league's tournament final Saturday to earn the school's first NCAA tournament bid since 2003.

"If you believe in destiny, you believe in the Colorado Buffaloes because it was meant to be for us," coach Tad Boyle said.

The Buffaloes (23-11) became the first No. 6 seed to win the tournament title since Southern California in 2009 by winning four games in four days, the first time Colorado has done that in the program's 111-year history. The Buffs, who left the Big 12 after last season, were playing in their first tourney final since 1990, when they lost to Oklahoma for the Big Eight championship.

A year ago, Boyle hosted six seniors in his living room for the NCAA selection show. The Buffs never got called, though.

"It was the hardest day. We got shut out. That inspired us," said Boyle, whose current team dedicated the title game to last year's snubbed seniors. "This team wasn't going to be denied."

The Buffs left the door open in the closing seconds, though. Nate Tomlinson turned the ball over and Austin Dufault missed two free throws.

"It would have been nice if we could end the game a little bit smoother," Dufault said. "If I could have knocked down a couple free throws or caught that pass. But we went down to the other end. Once again, we just dug in defensively and got a stop."

Kyle Fogg scored 14 points, but his off-balance 3-pointer to win missed at the buzzer for fourth-seeded Arizona (23-11). Fogg was visibly upset as he sat at his locker with his jersey pulled over his face.

"To have the ball in Kyle's hands is something that's been good for our team," Arizona coach Sean Miller said. "The last play didn't win or lose the game. There were so many plays throughout the course of the game that hurt us."

**MOUNTAIN WEST CHAMPIONSHIP**

**NEW MEXICO 68, NO. 18 SAN DIEGO STATE 59**

**LAS VEGAS** • Tony Snell made four 3-pointers in the first half and finished with 14 points, and Drew Gordon had 12 points and 12 rebounds as New Mexico overpowered top-seeded San Diego State to win the Mountain West Conference tournament championship. Coach Steve Alford's Lo-



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**Colorado's Nate Tomlinson, right, and Carlton Brown celebrate their team's 53-51 win over Arizona in the championship game of the Pac-12 Conference Tournament Saturday in Los Angeles.**

bos (27-6) are headed to the NCAA tournament for the second time in three seasons. This is their first MWC tournament championship since 2005.

**BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP NO. 5 MISSOURI 90, NO. 12 BAYLOR 75**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** • Kim English capped a phenomenal conference tournament with 19 points, Phil Pressey added 15 points and eight assists and the fifth-ranked Tigers won their second championship in the past four years.

**BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP LOUISVILLE 50, CINCINNATI 44**

**NEW YORK** • Chris Smith scored 15 points and Louisville withstood a closing run by Cincinnati to claim its second Big East tournament championship.

Kyle Kuric added 13 points for seventh-seeded Louisville (26-9), which was in the championship for the third time. The Cardinals won the title in 2009 and lost to Connecticut in last year's championship game.

**ACC SEMIFINALS NO. 4 NORTH CAROLINA 69, N.C. STATE 67**

**ATLANTA** • Kendall Marshall banked in a shot with 10.2 seconds remaining and No. 4 North Carolina edged North Carolina State in a rugged game to advance to the championship of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

**NO. 17 FLORIDA STATE 62, NO. 6 DUKE 59**

**ATLANTA** • Florida State lost a 10-point lead in the second half before recovering to beat Duke and reach the second ACC tournament championship game in the program's history.

**SEC SEMIFINALS NO. 1 KENTUCKY 74, NO. 22 FLORIDA 71**

**NEW ORLEANS** • Anthony Davis had 15 points and 12 rebounds, and Kentucky held off the Gators in the semifinals of the Southeastern Conference tournament.

**VANDERBILT 65, MISSISSIPPI 53**

**NEW ORLEANS** • John Jenkins scored 23 points, Brad Tinsley added 12 and

Vanderbilt reached its first SEC championship game since 1951.

**BIG TEN SEMIFINALS NO. 8 MICHIGAN STATE 65, NO. 14 WISCONSIN 52**

**INDIANAPOLIS** • Draymond Green scored 14 points and had 16 rebounds Saturday to lead Michigan State into the Big Ten tournament championship game.

**NO. 7 OHIO STATE 77, NO. 10 MICHIGAN 55**

**INDIANAPOLIS** • Jared Sullinger scored 24 points to help Ohio State rout Michigan.

Deshaun Thomas scored 22 points and William Buford added 10 for the third-seeded Buckeyes (27-6).

**BIG WEST CHAMPIONSHIP**

**LONG BEACH STATE 77, UC SANTA BARBARA 64**

**ANAHEIM, Calif.** • Casper Ware scored 33 points, James Ennis got six of his 15 points in the final 5:08 and Long Beach State relied on its long-range shooting to beat UC Santa Barbara, winning the Big West conference championship game and a berth in the NCAA tournament.

**MAC CHAMPIONSHIP OHIO 64, AKRON 63**

**CLEVELAND** • D.J. Cooper scored 23 points and Ohio had to nervously wait through a TV replay in the final seconds before claiming the MAC's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament for the second time in three years.

**CONFERENCE USA CHAMPIONSHIP**

**MEMPHIS 83, MARSHALL 57**

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** • Joe Jackson led five Memphis players in double figures with 19 points and the top-seeded Tigers won their sixth Conference USA tournament championship Saturday by beating Marshall 83-57.

**AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP**

**VERMONT 51, STONY BROOK 43**

**TONY BROOK, N.Y.** • Four McGlynn scored 14 points and Vermont, despite scoring just five points over the final 9 1-2 minutes, held off Stony Brook to earn the

## Idaho State Women Win Big Sky Title

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**POCATELLO** • Chelsea Pickering and Ashleigh Vella scored 12 points each as Idaho State fought through shooting struggles to beat Northern Colorado 49-46 in the Big Sky Conference championship game on Saturday.

Idaho State (24-7) earned an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament and won the Big Sky tournament for the third time, first since 2007.

Victoria Team led Northern Colorado (20-11) with 18 points, but Idaho State managed to hold standout Bear guard D'shara Strange to six points on 2-of-15 shooting.

Vella made a layup with 2:00 left to give the Bengals a 45-43 lead. Neither team scored again until Pickering hit a couple of free throws with 21 seconds left to put Idaho State up by four.

Victoria Timm's 3-pointer for the Bears with 13 seconds left cut the lead to one, but Kaela Oakes got free for a layup to seal the win for Idaho State.

Catamounts their fifth NCAA tournament bid.

**MEAC CHAMPIONSHIP NORFOLK STATE 73, BETHUNE-COOKMAN 70**

**WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.** • Kyle O'Quinn scored 18 points and Norfolk State held on for its first Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title and first NCAA tournament berth.

**SOUTHLAND CHAMPIONSHIP**

**LAMAR 70, MCNEESE STATE 49**

**KATY, Texas** • Mike James scored 26 points, Devon Lamb added 12 and Lamar defeated McNeese State, sending Pat Knight into the NCAA tournament for the first time as a head coach.

**SWAC CHAMPIONSHIP**

**MISS. VALLEY STATE 71, TEXAS SOUTHERN 69**

**GARLAND, Texas** • Kevin Burwell scored 19 points and Mississippi Valley State won the Southwestern Athletic Conference tournament to earn its fifth ever NCAA tournament bid, and first since 2008.

**ATLANTIC 10 SEMIFINALS**

**XAVIER 71, SAINT LOUIS 64**

**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.** • Tu Holloway scored 21 points and Kenny Frease grabbed a big rebound and made two late free throws as Xavier advanced to the Atlantic 10 Conference title game.

**ST. BONAVENTURE 84, MASSACHUSETTS 80**

**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.** • Demetrius Conger had 22 points and 10 rebounds and St. Bonaventure advanced to within one win of the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2000.

## Baseball

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choice from Carter Yagi.

But as was the case for most of the weekend, the pitching and the offense weren't firing on all cylinders at the same time, and Whiteaker sent the Coyotes home celebrating like they'd won the region championship.

Southern Nevada

scratched together three runs in the fifth on two bleeder singles, a misplayed fly ball, two walks and a hit batter. Before then the teams had managed a total of three hits between them.

In Game 1, the Coyotes raced out to a 7-0 lead after four innings before withstanding a late CSI charge.

Miller's three-run double helped the Eagles get to 7-5, but they couldn't get any closer despite a resurgent

pitching effort in the final couple of innings.

"It starts on the mound, but we've got to get better at bats and just do everything a little better," said Miller, who had three doubles. "It's not any one part or any one guy, but guys need to remember it's a team game and hopefully we can figure it out."

CSI steps out of conference play to host Treasure Valley Community College

on Tuesday.

**SOUTHERN NEVADA 7, CSI 5**

CSN	213	100	0	-7 11 2
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Baker, Richardson (7) and Hauck, Mackert, Galt (3), Lane (5), Koopman (6), White (7) and Croft, Batt (6), Miller (7), W. Baker, L. Mackert, S.V. Richardson. Extra-base hits - 2B: Van Hoosier, Whiteaker, McCracken; Miller 2, HR: Stotts.

**SOUTHERN NEVADA 5, CSI 4**

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Daley, Morris (6), Richardson (6), Welch (7) and Jaffe, Hauck (7), Freter, Dunnington (5), Doucette (6), White (7) and Croft, Miller (7), W. Richardson, L. White, S.V. Welch. Extra-base hits - 2B: Miller, Webster, HR: Whiteaker.

## Crash

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"All the safety measures were in place," Lewis told The Associated Press by telephone from Grindelwald, a regular venue on the skicross international circuit.

Zoricic was treated by doctors before being airlifted to a hospital at Interlaken. He was pronounced dead as a result of "severe neurotrauma," the ski federation said in a statement.

"Nik Zoricic fell heavily just before the finish in the round of eight, crashing directly into the safety netting and thereafter lying motionless," the federation said.

The governing body will work with Swiss ski officials to analyze the crash and course security. An investigation will be conducted by legal officers from Bern.

"There will be plenty of discussions from all the experts on the technical side and coaches, and any improvements people feel are right to make, will be made," Lewis said

Gartner, when asked about the Grindelwald course setting, said "lots of races" place a jump close to the finish line.

Zoricic raced on the World Cup circuit for more than three years and was competing in his 36th event Saturday. He placed fifth in last season's World Cup standings, and eighth in the 2011 World Championships held at Deer Valley, Utah.

Zoricic's teammate Ashleigh McIvor won gold for the host nation when it debuted as an Olympic sport at the 2010 Vancouver Games.

# SCOREBOARD

## Odds

### Ncaa Basketball Atlantic Coast Conference

#### At Atlanta Championship

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
North Carolina	8	Florida St.

#### Southeastern Conference

#### At New Orleans Championship

Kentucky	8½	Vanderbilt
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#### Atlantic 10 Conference

#### At Atlantic City, N.J. Championship

Xavier	1	St. Bonaventure
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#### Big Ten Conference

#### At Indianapolis Championship

Ohio St.	1½	Michigan St.
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## NBA

### FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG

at New York	3	Philadelphia
at L.A. Lakers	6½	Boston
at Orlando	4½	Indiana
at Toronto	1	Milwaukee
at Cleveland	2	Houston
at Denver	6	Memphis
at Sacramento	PK	Atlanta
at L.A. Clippers	8	Charlotte

### NHL

### FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG LINE

at Florida	-155	Carolina	+135
at Washington	150	Toronto	+130
Calgary	-135	at Minnesota	+115
St. Louis	-180	at Columbus	+160
at Chicago	-145	Los Angeles	+125
at New Jersey	-125	Philadelphia	+105
at N.Y. Rangers	-200	N.Y. Islanders	+170
at Pittsburgh	-165	Boston	+145

## NBA STANDINGS

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

#### Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	24	17	.585	-
Boston	21	18	.538	-
New York	18	22	.450	2½
New Jersey	14	28	.333	10½
Toronto	13	27	.325	10½

#### Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	31	9	.775	-
Orlando	26	15	.634	5½
Atlanta	23	17	.575	8
Washington	30	21	.590	2½
Charlotte	5	34	.128	25½

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	34	9	.791	-
Indiana	23	15	.605	8½
Milwaukee	16	24	.400	16½
Cleveland	15	23	.395	16½
Detroit	15	26	.366	18

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	26	13	.667	-
Memphis	23	16	.590	3
Dallas	23	19	.548	4½
Houston	22	19	.537	5
New Orleans	10	31	.244	17

#### Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	32	9	.780	-
Denver	23	18	.561	9
Minnesota	21	21	.500	11½
Portland	20	21	.488	12
Utah	19	21	.475	12½

### Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	23	15	.605	-
L.A. Lakers	24	16	.600	-
Phoenix	19	21	.475	5
Golden State	15	21	.417	7
Sacramento	14	26	.350	10

### Friday's Games

New Jersey 83, Charlotte 74  
Philadelphia 104, Utah 91  
Boston 104, Portland 86  
Detroit 86, Atlanta 85  
Cleveland 96, Oklahoma City 90  
L.A. Lakers 105, Minnesota 102  
L.A. Clippers 120, San Antonio 108  
Milwaukee 119, New York 114  
Denver 110, New Orleans 97  
Sacramento 110, Dallas 97

### Saturday's Games

Portland 110, Washington 99  
Detroit 105, Toronto 86  
Miami 93, Indiana 91, OT  
Chicago 111, Utah 97  
Oklahoma City 122, Charlotte 95  
New Orleans 95, Minnesota 89  
Houston 112, New Jersey 106  
Phoenix 98, Memphis 91  
Dallas at Golden State, late

### Philadelphia at New York, 10 a.m.

Boston at L.A. Lakers, 1:30 p.m.  
Houston at Cleveland, 4 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Toronto, 4 p.m.  
Indiana at Orlando, 4 p.m.  
Memphis at Denver, 7 p.m.  
Atlanta at Sacramento, 7 p.m.  
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

### Monday's Games

Milwaukee at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.  
New York at Chicago, 6 p.m.  
Charlotte at New Orleans, 6 p.m.  
Washington at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.  
Detroit at Utah, 7 p.m.  
Minnesota at Phoenix, 8 p.m.  
Boston at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.

### THUNDER 122, BOBCATS 95

**CHARLOTTE (95)**  
Maggette 6-12 7-8 21, Thomas 2-7 2-2 6, Blyombo 3-10 0-1 6, Augustin 7-16 4-4 22, Henderson 3-10 1-2 7, White 4-7 2-2 10, Mullens 6-8 0-12, Williams 3-6 0-7, Brown 0-5 0-0 0, Walker 2-7 0-0 4, Najera 0-0 0-0 0, Carroll 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 36-88 16-19 95.

### OKLAHOMA CITY (122)

Durant 8-12 8-8 26, Ibaka 2-2 2-2 6, Perkins 0-2 1-1 1, Westbrook 10-14 2-2 23, Cook 2-6 0-0 6, Harden 11-16 7-0 33, Collison 2-3 0-0 4, Ivey 1-2 0-0 2, Mohammed 2-3 0-0 4, Jackson 3-6 0-6, Aldrich 3-4 0-0 6, Reid 0-1 0-0 0, Hayward 2-0 0-4, Totals 46-73 20-26 122.

### Charlotte 25 15 30 25 - 95

**Oklahoma City 28 30 33 31 - 122**  
3-Point Goals—Charlotte 7-14 (Augustin 4), Maggette 2-4, Williams 1-3, Oklahoma City 10-23 (Harden 4-9, Durant 2-4, Cook 2-5, Westbrook 1-2, Ivey 1-2, Jackson 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 41 (Blyombo 8), Oklahoma City 47 (Durant 7), Assists—Charlotte 24 (Augustin 7), Oklahoma City 27 (Jackson 7). Total Fouls—Charlotte 16, Oklahoma City 21 (Technical—Charlotte defensive three second 2, Durant, Oklahoma City defensive three second, A-18, 20) (18, 20).

### ROCKETS 112, NETS 106

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**BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST**

Today: More clouds today. High 59.

Tonight: Still cloudy. Low 35.

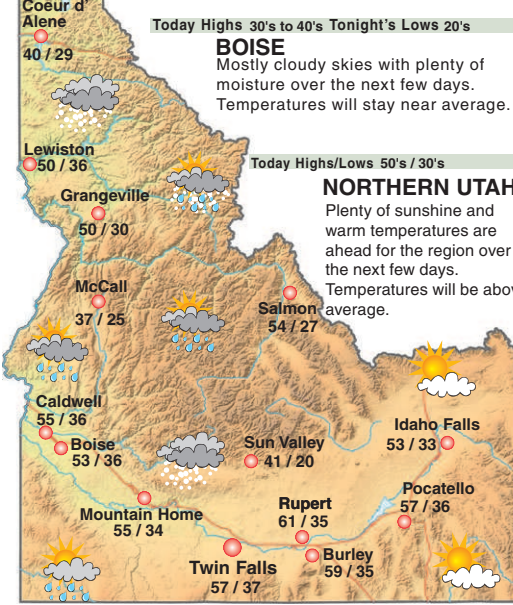
Tomorrow: Rain showers. High 57.

**ALMANAC - BURLEY**

Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	65°	Yesterday's	0.00"
Yesterday's Low	22°	Month to Date	0.05"
Normal High / Low	49° / 28°	Avg. Month to Date	0.30"
Record High	71° in 1989	Water Year to Date	4.75"
Record Low	11° in 1969	Avg. Water Year to Date	4.81"

**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
Some snowfall and some rainfall is possible over the next few days. Skies will stay mostly cloudy, temperatures will be cool.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 70 at Caldwell Low: 1 at Stanley  
weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers,r-rain, sn-snow, ll-furries, w-wind, m-missing

**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 57°	Low 37°	58° / 41°	54° / 36°	58° / 40°	62° / 38°

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High 67°	Yesterday's 0.00"	Yesterday's High 75%	5 pm Yesterday 29.84 in.	Today Sunrise: 7:56 AM Sunset: 7:40 PM
Yesterday's Low 26°	Month to Date 0.05"	Yesterday's Low 16%		Monday Sunrise: 7:54 AM Sunset: 7:42 PM
Normal High / Low 50° / 29°	Avg. Month to Date 0.32"	Today's Forecast Avg. 52%		Tuesday Sunrise: 7:52 AM Sunset: 7:43 PM
Record High 75° in 1972	Water Year to Date 4.72"			Wednesday Sunrise: 7:51 AM Sunset: 7:44 PM
Record Low 11° in 1974	Avg. Water Year to Date 5.71"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30		Thursday Sunrise: 7:51 AM Sunset: 7:45 PM

**Moon Phases**

Last Mar. 15	New Mar. 22	First Mar. 30	Full April 6
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**Moonrise and Moonset**

Today Moonrise: none Moonset: 9:28 AM
Monday Moonrise: 12:17 AM Moonset: 10:11 AM
Tuesday Moonrise: 1:27 AM Moonset: 11:01 AM

**Today's U. V. Index**

6  
Low Moderate High  
1 3 5 7 10  
The higher the index the more sun protection needed

**REGIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	53 36 sh	53 40 sh	47 40 sh
Bonnets Ferry	42 29 ls	39 32 ls	41 32 ls
Burley	59 35 mc	57 41 r	53 41 r
Challis	52 28 r	50 33 ls	50 33 r
Coeur d'Alene	40 29 ls	39 31 sn	41 31 ls
Elko, NV	57 27 pc	58 31 pc	55 31 pc
Eugene, OR	48 37 r	49 39 r	50 39 r
Gooding	53 35 sh	54 39 sh	49 39 sh
Grace	50 29 pc	47 28 r	47 28 r
Hagerman	59 36 sh	59 41 sh	54 41 sh
Hailey	46 26 mc	43 30 ls	42 30 r
Idaho Falls	53 33 pc	53 37 r	52 37 r
Kalispell, MT	51 27 mx	47 32 ls	43 32 ls
Jerome	56 35 mc	55 39 mc	51 39 sh
Lewiston	50 36 mx	50 33 sh	48 36 sh
Malad City	55 33 pc	52 35 r	52 35 r
Malta	57 35 pc	55 38 r	52 38 r
McCall	37 25 sh	35 28 ls	32 28 mx
Missoula, MT	56 31 mx	49 32 mx	50 32 sh
Pocatello	57 36 pc	54 40 r	53 40 r
Portland, OR	48 37 r	47 41 r	49 41 r
Rupert	61 35 mc	58 38 r	53 38 r
Rexburg	50 34 pc	47 35 mc	48 35 r
Richland, WA	54 34 sh	53 35 r	51 35 r
Rogerson	48 32 mc	48 32 ls	44 32 ls
Salmon	54 27 r	51 33 mx	51 33 sh
Salt Lake City, UT	62 40 pc	61 42 pc	62 42 mx
Spokane, WA	43 32 ls	42 33 r	43 33 ls
Stanley	41 20 ls	39 21 ls	41 21 mx
Sun Valley	41 20 ls	38 23 ls	38 23 r
Yellowstone, MT	41 21 pc	39 24 mx	42 24 sh

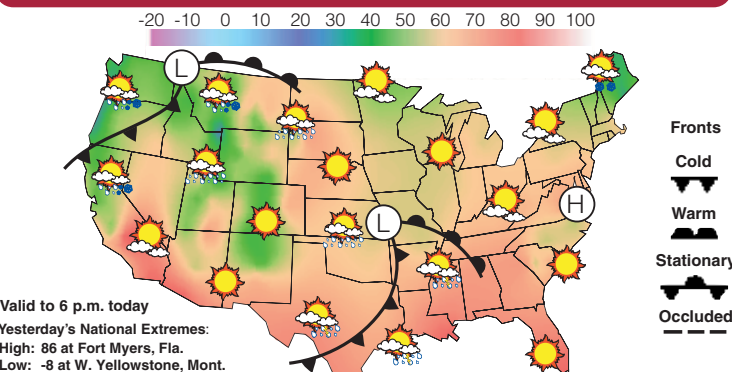
**NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	64 50 pc	67 55 sh
Atlantic City	51 43 su	55 50 pc
Baltimore	60 40 su	64 52 mc
Billings	69 35 pc	57 39 pc
Birmingham	67 57 mc	71 83 th
Boston	55 44 su	65 47 pc
Charleston, SC	68 54 pc	68 56 pc
Charleston, WV	68 43 pc	67 53 th
Chicago	60 49 pc	72 48 th
Cleveland	59 44 su	61 46 th
Danvers	64 40 pc	70 41 pc
Detroit	61 45 pc	56 48 sh
Des Moines	56 47 sh	67 44 pc
Detroit	61 45 pc	56 48 sh
El Paso	68 45 pc	75 50 pc
Fairbanks	-2 25 pc	0 17 pc
Fargo	47 38 pc	51 31 r
Honolulu	77 69 sh	77 69 sh
Houston	76 64 th	78 64 th
Indianapolis	62 51 pc	68 54 th
Jacksonville	73 59 sh	78 59 pc
Kansas City	55 47 th	73 48 pc
Las Vegas	74 55 pc	73 53 pc
Little Rock	67 57 th	78 57 pc
Los Angeles	63 51 pc	64 50 pc
Memphis	70 60 th	76 60 th
Miami	79 69 sh	78 68 pc
Milwaukee	57 46 pc	58 43 r
Nashville	67 54 pc	71 58 th
New Orleans	74 64 sh	77 65 th
New York	59 46 su	65 48 pc
Oklahoma City	63 45 th	77 51 su
Omaha	55 42 sh	68 44 pc

**WORLD FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	87 75 pc	87 74 pc
Athens	51 45 r	47 44 sh
Auckland	71 61 sh	67 58 sh
Bangkok	94 81 pc	95 81 th
Beijing	43 28 pc	50 30 pc
Berlin	47 42 sh	49 40 sh
Buenos Aires	82 70 th	87 64 th
Cairo	90 61 pc	79 48 pc
Dhahran	72 64 pc	73 67 pc
Geneva	43 29 pc	45 26 pc
Hong Kong	65 64 sh	68 68 sh
Jerusalem	84 60 pc	73 51 sh
Johannesburg	75 50 sh	75 53 sh
Kuwait City	74 57 pc	76 65 pc
London	59 40 pc	69 38 sh
Mexico City	72 49 sh	73 51 sh
Moscow	26 20 ls	33 22 ls
Nairobi	83 54 pc	81 52 pc
Oslo	43 39 pc	50 38 pc
Paris	57 40 sh	58 42 pc
Prague	43 40 sh	48 40 sh
Rio de Janeiro	86 69 th	85 69 th
Rome	60 44 pc	61 39 pc
Santiago	83 52 pc	82 52 pc
Seoul	35 23 pc	40 29 pc
Sydney	74 61 sh	76 60 sh
Taipei	71 63 pc	70 61 pc
Tokyo	47 34 pc	46 32 sh
Vienna	48 37 sh	50 41 sh
Warsaw	41 29 ls	46 38 pc
Winnipeg	35 31 pc	41 30 r
Zurich	38 25 ls	40 25 ls

**TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP**



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Yesterday's National Extremes:  
High: 86 at Fort Myers, Fla.  
Low: -8 at W. Yellowstone, Mont.

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**CANADIAN FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	45 24 sh	35 24 pc
Cranbrook	33 17 ls	26 10 ls
Edmonton	35 22 ls	35 22 pc
Kelowna	32 9 ls	26 5 ls
Lethbridge	54 30 sh	42 30 pc
Regina	39 33 pc	41 33 pc
Saskatoon	35 28 pc	38 31 ls
Toronto	50 37 pc	45 44 r
Vancouver	39 32 ls	36 31 ls
Victoria	44 39 ls	43 37 sh
Winnipeg	35 31 pc	41 30 r

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**Redskins QB 'Search Is Over' after Trade with Rams**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON • Washington Redskins receiver Anthony Armstrong, who hopes to be catching passes soon from Robert Griffin III, tweeted that "Stock in Superman socks just sky rocketed."

Especially if someone can make them in burgundy and gold.

More pertinent was the reaction from someone who figures to be blocking for the Heisman Trophy winner from Baylor.

"The search is over, I

guess," guard Kory Lichtensteiger said.

If it is, it took long enough. And it certainly cost a lot. But if Griffin can solidify the Redskins quarterback position for the next decade and lift the franchise out of its long funk, it undoubtedly

will have been worth the price.

The Redskins and St. Louis Rams have a deal in place for Washington to move into the No. 2 overall spot in next month's NFL draft. The Redskins will give up a breath-taking three first-round se-

lections — this year's No. 6 overall, plus first-rounders in 2013 and 2014 — plus a second-round pick this year in the swap, which must be approved by the NFL and can't be completed under league rules until the free agency period begins Tuesday.

Details of the trade emerged Friday night, and Rams chief operating officer Kevin Demoff confirmed it Saturday.

It allows the Redskins to leapfrog all other teams that had an interest in Griffin, especially the quarterback-needy Cleveland Browns. The Indianapolis Colts are expected to take Andrew Luck with the No. 1 choice.

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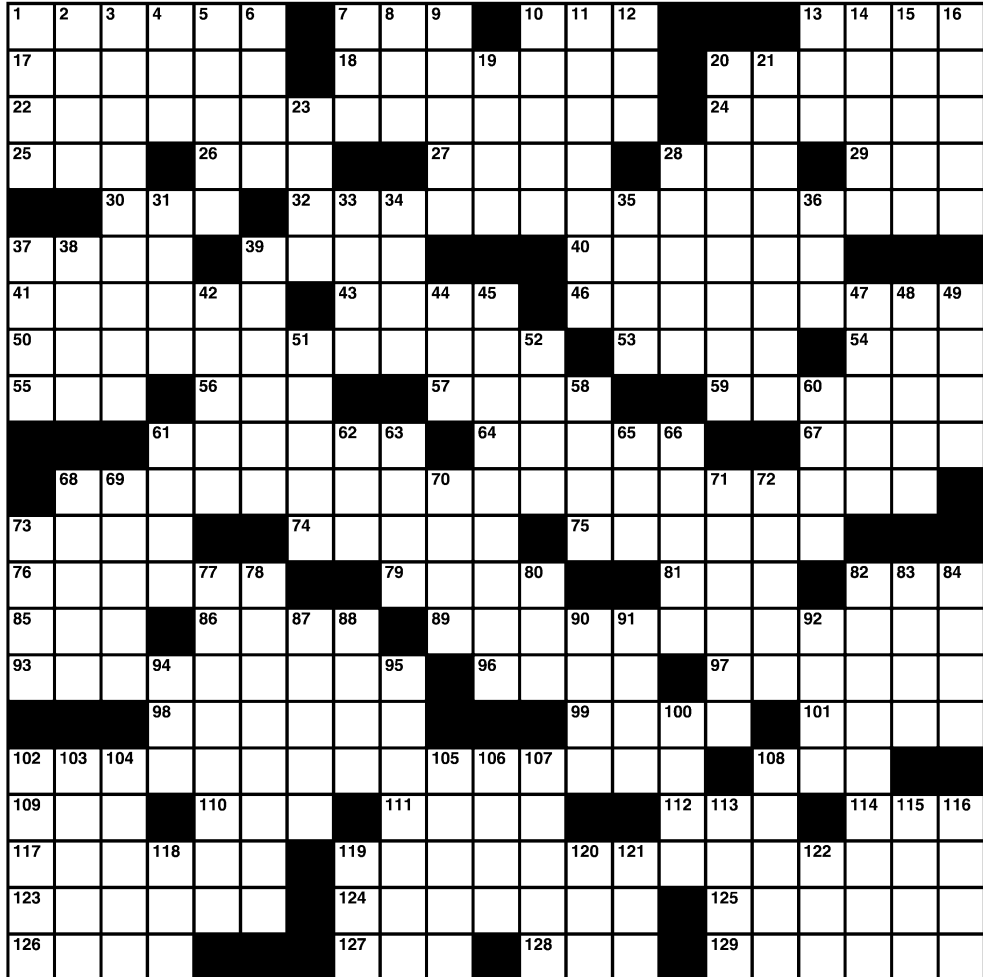
**Sunday Crossword**

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**LE PUZZLE** By Elizabeth C. Gorski

**ACROSS**

- 1 Not more than
- 7 Mayo to mayo, e.g.
- 10 "Blue": George Strait hit
- 13 One of the Three Bears
- 17 Pacify
- 18 No
- 20 Quieted
- 22 Cheap laugh?
- 24 It can knock you out
- 25 Commentator Coulter
- 26 "Evita" role
- 27 Casino attraction
- 28 Rescue squad initials
- 29 Ripken of baseball
- 30 U.S. territory divided in 1889
- 32 Create belt hardware in record time?
- 37 Caspian feeder
- 39 Letters under TUV, on many phones
- 40 About 30% of Africa
- 41 "Nothing Compares 2 U" singer O'Connor
- 43 Gad about
- 46 Hiker's power lunch?
- 50 Sweet-and-sour pita sandwich with a crunch?
- 53 Earth, to Mahler
- 54 Japanese veggie
- 55 Iceland-to-Ireland director
- 56 Vegas-based TV drama
- 57 Fusses
- 59 Ocean diver
- 61 Old cash register key
- 64 Bakery artists
- 67 Big 12 Conference city
- 68 Pet's protective-yet-amusing neckwear?
- 73 Ran away
- 74 Norwegian king who died in 1000
- 75 Los
- 76 Untrustworthy sort
- 79 Beau and Jeff, to Lloyd
- 81 "Pshaw!"
- 82 Have dinner
- 85 DC Comics collectible: Abbr.
- 86 Actress Hatcher
- 89 Old-fashioned restraint with a built-in boom box?
- 93 Protein shake spoonful
- 96 Future D.A.'s exam
- 97 Bless with oil
- 98 Sounds heard from herds



- 99 Sports doc's pix
- 101 College application nos.
- 102 Plumber's inquiry about a drippy faucet?
- 108 Botanist Gray
- 109 Startled cries
- 110 Common Mkt.
- 111 Battleship color
- 112 Yellow wheels
- 114 Knock
- 117 Morning rounds?
- 119 Like an off-key football lineman?
- 123 Latin carol starter
- 124 Least arduous
- 125 Manhattan-to-Far Rockaway service
- 126 Sources of red berries
- 127 Soul, to Sartre
- 128 Galoot
- 129 Paine and others, religiously
- DOWN**
- 1 Whodunit pooch
- 2 Hamlet's kin
- 3 Van Morrison
- 4 Handicapper's hangout, for short
- 5 Oyster shell
- 6 PC doctor
- 7 Not the shortest line between two points
- 8 O.T. book
- 9 Handy
- 10 Demand from
- 11 Glucose-creating enzyme
- 12 Suffix with infant
- 13 1051, on a monument
- 14 Old-style term of regret
- 15 Mercury, for one
- 16 High-heeled Astaire
- 19 Team with 17 official Final Four appearances
- 20 Guy in front of an orchestra
- 21 High rises
- 23 Dole running mate
- 28 Old knockout agent
- 31 Supermodel Wek
- 33 Dynamic leader?
- 34 Big cheese linked with Big Macs?
- 35 Not certifiable?
- 36 Low island
- 37 Mail letters
- 38 Social reformer Jacob
- 39 Potemkin mutiny city
- 42 Wrap initialism
- 44 Rap sheet initials
- 45 Healing
- 47 Myanamar, formerly
- 48 "Doe, \_\_, a female ..."
- 49 Rogers and Lichtenstein
- 51 Cliburn's instrument
- 52 Every other second?
- 58 Actress Ward
- 60 Chums
- 61 Composer Rorem et al.
- 62 "Bad" cholesterol, briefly
- 63 JFK postings
- 65 Faith syst.
- 66 Picket line crossers
- 68 Blood partner
- 69 It may involve a flat fee
- 70 "The Lodger" actor Novello
- 71 Sioux enemies
- 72 "Mean Girls" actress
- 73 IMHO cousin
- 77 Teen comic originally focused on social graces
- 78 Some fine print
- 80 '60s campus gp.
- 82 Duds for the downwardly mobile?
- 83 Forearm bone
- 84 Vet's charges
- 87 Medieval violin-like instrument
- 88 Jordan neighbor
- 90 "Said": Neil Diamond hit
- 91 Other, in Oaxaca
- 92 Sprockets
- 94 "Modern Family" ailer
- 95 "Of Human Bondage" author
- 100 Machu Picchu architect
- 102 Longtime morning show
- 103 \_\_ Island
- 104 "So what else \_\_?"
- 105 Delete
- 106 Indian wedding dress, perhaps
- 107 Like go-getters
- 108 Ease
- 113 Barely
- 115 Came down to earth
- 116 Cross creations
- 118 \_\_ Constitution
- 119 Crossing site
- 120 Egyptian viper
- 121 Fr. holy woman
- 122 Dernier \_\_

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**Today is Sunday, March 11, the 71st day of 2012.** There are 295 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight:**  
**On March 11, 2011,** a magnitude-9.0 earthquake and resulting tsunami struck Japan's northeastern coast, a combined disaster that killed nearly 20,000 people and caused grave damage to the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power station in the world's worst nuclear accident since Chernobyl.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**On this date:**  
**In 1810,** French Emperor Napoleon I was married by proxy to Archduchess Marie Louise of Austria.

**In 1861,** the Constitution of the Confederate States of America was adopted by the Confederate Congress in Montgomery, Ala.

**In 1862,** during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln removed Gen. George B. McClellan as general-in-chief of the Union armies, leaving him in command of the Army of the Potomac, a post McClellan also ended up losing.

**In 1888,** the famous Blizzard of '88 began inundating the northeastern United States, resulting in some 400 deaths.

**In 1930,** former President and Chief Justice William Howard Taft was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

**In 1942,** as Japanese forces continued to advance in the Pacific during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines for Australia. (MacArthur, who subsequently vowed, "I shall return," kept that promise more than 2 1/2 years later.)

**In 1959,** the Lorraine Hansberry drama "A Raisin in the Sun" opened at New York's Ethel Barrymore Theater.

**In 1962,** first lady Jacqueline Kennedy met with Pope John XXIII at the Vatican.

**In 1965,** the Rev. James J. Reeb, a white minister from Boston, died after being beaten by whites during civil rights disturbances in Selma, Ala.

**In 1977,** more than 130 hostages held in Washington, D.C. by Hanafi Muslims were freed after ambassadors from three Islamic nations joined the negotiations.

**In 1985,** Mikhail S. Gorbachev was chosen to succeed the late Soviet President Konstantin U. Chernenko.

**In 2004,** ten bombs exploded in quick succession across the commuter rail network in Madrid, Spain, killing 191 people and wounding more than 2,000 in an attack linked to al-Qaida-inspired militants.

**Ten years ago:** Two columns of light soared skyward from Ground Zero in New York as a temporary memorial to the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. At the White House, President George W. Bush unveiled a commemorative stamp to raise money to help 9/11 victims "get their lives back in order." Israel lifted Yasser Arafat's three-month confinement in the West Bank.

**Five years ago:** President George W. Bush, continuing his tour of Latin America, met with Colombian President Alvaro Uribe (oo-REE'-bay). Newborn Mychael Darthard-Dawodu (meh-KEHL' DAHR'-thuhd DOW'-uh-doo) was found safe in Clovis, N.M., a day after she was abducted from a hospital in Lubbock, Texas. (The abductor, Rayshaun Parson, was sentenced to 20 years in prison.) Actress-singer Betty Hutton died in Palm Springs, Calif., at age 86.

**One year ago:** Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker signed a measure to eliminate most union rights for public employees, a proposal which had provoked three weeks of loud, relentless protests. NFL owners and players broke off labor negotiations hours before their contract expired; the union decertified and the league imposed a lockout that lasted 4 1/2 months. Songwriter Hugh Martin, whose works included "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and "The Trolley Song," died in Encinitas, Calif., at age 96.

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## Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

	1	9		7	6			
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7			2				6	
	9	1	5	6	2			
6			8					3
	8		1			3		
	6	8		2	1			

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### Answer to previous puzzle

7	5	2	6	4	8	1	3	9
4	9	3	2	5	1	6	8	7
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1	3	4	8	9	7	2	5	6
9	2	6	4	3	5	8	7	1
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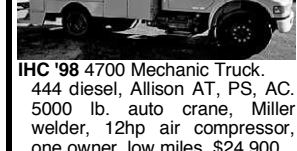
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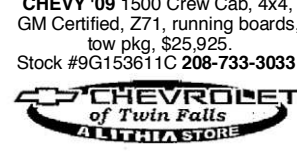
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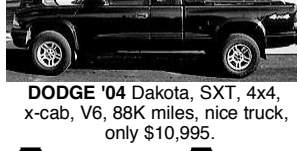
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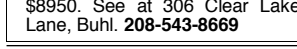
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— RACHEL IN TENNESSEE



DEAR ABBY  
 Jeanne Phillips

DEAR RACHEL: It's regarded as a thoughtful gesture. If someone feels that your deference is offensive, then he or she is free to refuse your generous offer. And if that happens — which I doubt will happen frequently — do not blame yourself for having extended the courtesy.

DEAR ABBY: I work in a hospital, and I'm sick and tired of people "bombing" us with their perfume/cologne at levels as suffocating as tear gas. Many patients here have breathing difficulties such as emphysema, COPD and asthma. Please have some consideration for your fellow man and stop at one squirt if you must use it at all. If we can smell you before we see you, or if we are still suffering from the perfume-induced migraine you caused long after you're gone, then you used WAY TOO MUCH.

— HAD ENOUGH IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

DEAR HAD ENOUGH: You're absolutely right. When it comes to fragrances, more isn't better — a little dab will do ya. Applying too much is not only offensive, but actually can make some well people sick and sick people sicker. And this is true not only in hospitals, but also in elevators, offices and gyms.

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from me on Sept. 26, 2011. It was signed "Looking for a Date — in the Future." Thank you for printing it, and I'd like to give you an update on my life.

I now realize that men have been approaching me quite frequently, but instead of showing outright interest and asking me for a date, they ask me to "hang out" or if I'm coming over to their place — as if they're confirming plans we never made. Because of this I have been on a few dates that I didn't realize WERE dates until after the fact.

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— HAPPY READER IN TRIANGLE, VA.

DEAR HAPPY READER: You were sweet to write and give me an update. Not all my readers do, and it's always nice to read about happy endings. After reviewing your letter and looking back at the first one you wrote, I'm reminded that sometimes things happen when they're meant to and not before. In other words, you thought men weren't interested in you, but the truth was you weren't ready for them to be. I wish you and your special someone a happy future together.

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Tactful, Kansas City, Mo.

**ANSWER:** The procedure you should follow when you need a director is to say, "I think we should call the director," and then attract his attention efficiently and discreetly. The act of calling the director should not cause offense.

## Dear Mr. Wolff:

My partner held ♠ ---, ♥ A-2, ♦ A-7-6-5-3, ♣ A-Q-10-4-3-2. There were two passes to his RHO, who opened two spades. He overcalled three clubs, and when his LHO bid three spades, he passed it out. Obviously this was not a success, but what should he have bid?

Sold Out, Arlington, Texas

**ANSWER:** I think your partner underbid his hand dramatically. Overcalling three clubs, then bidding again is reasonable (a call of four diamonds is about right), but a direct call of four no-trump for the minors over two spades would also be quite sensible.

## Dear Mr. Wolff:

Could you suggest an online computer site for bridge? I am interested in finding a place to play and to practice. And I'd be interested in asking questions and getting sensible responses.

Training-Camp Enlistee, Albany Ga.

**ANSWER:** Bridgebase.com is best. You can play, watch top-level matches, or practice using their partnership room. And it is free! Two recently opened news sites are bridgewinners.com and

bridgetopics.com, both of which have many expert contributors and news-gatherers.

## Dear Mr. Wolff:

My RHO bid one club, I overcalled one spade, and my LHO doubled. My partner passed, holding ♠ 7-3, ♥ A-Q-9-4-2, ♦ K-10-5-3, ♣ Q-4. Do you agree with his decision to pass? If not, what should he have done?

Silent Partner, Naples, Fla.

**ANSWER:** He should not bid two hearts, so the choice seems to be pass, redouble (if that simply shows a good hand) or pass and plan to balance with a double of two clubs. The delayed action would suggest a weaker suit and allow partner to correct, if necessary.

## Dear Mr. Wolff:

We are planning to enter a Swiss Team event for the first time, but I am not sure how the format works. Please explain it to me.

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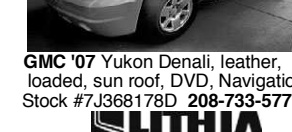
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Tattoo artist Chris Standley, owner of Ascension Tattoo and Body Piercing in Twin Falls, says customers are asking more for lettering, names and memorials these days.

# Skin Art Trends

Magic Valley tattoo artists say lettering and memorials are hot at the moment, and simple drawings have been replaced by images with more shading and dimension.

BY ANDREW WEEKS  
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More Online

**TWIN FALLS** • Each life is a story, said Chris Standley, as he stood among vampire T-shirts, stainless steel jewelry and walls decorated in tattoo art. And today's tattoos tell those stories more directly than the skin art of the past.

**WATCH** video of a Twin Falls tattoo artist in action.  
**SEE** a gallery of more photos from Ascension Tattoo and Body Piercing. [Magicvalley.com](http://Magicvalley.com)

Magic Valley's tattoo customers are asking more for lettering, names and memorials that record important moments in their lives — and less for images whose meanings are obscure.

Standley, owner of Ascension Tattoo in Twin Falls, has created a lot of skin art in the eight years he's been a tattoo artist, so he's in touch with the trend.

"Every print is a story," said Standley, whose arms are covered in tattoos. "Our lives are stories."

Alan Fife, owner of 208's Finest Tattoo Shop in downtown Twin Falls, said he recently created art for a couple memorializing their deceased son. The drawing shows a male figure wearing a ball cap and sitting on a crescent moon.

Also, "new school" or realistic art is becoming popular, he said, compared with "old school" or traditional work.

Fife showed art of the two styles: The traditional picture was of a woman's face, her hair colored flatly like something you'd see in a children's coloring book. The new school picture showed a woman whose red hair had highlights and waves, giving it a three-dimensional look.

"See the difference?" he asked.

Please see **TATTOO, P6**



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Randy Gifford on Monday remodels a Twin Falls apartment that Valley House Homeless Shelter uses for transitional housing. Gifford, a single father of three, became homeless in 2010 after crushing discs in his back in 2006. Over the next four years, he lost everything but his pickup.



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Randy Gifford

BY NATALIE DICOU  
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About This Story

**TWIN FALLS** • It's a special kind of fear. It chokes you and quickens your pulse. It sits stewing in the uneasy juices in your gut.

It's the fear of a father who can no longer afford to shelter his children.

Randy Gifford has been there.

The 46-year-old, long-time Shoshone resident has known despair, shame, ever-present stress and excruciating physical pain in the past six years. Today, he's bouncing back, happier than he's been in years. He's still in constant pain. But for the first time, he has meaningful relationships with his children — a byproduct, ironically, of the accident that sent his family reeling into financial oblivion and eventually homelessness.

Valley House Homeless Shelter in Twin Falls — where Randy Gifford started his comeback — is one of 24 nonprofits that received money last year from the United Way of South Central Idaho, which is preparing to celebrate its 50th anniversary this summer. Valley House got \$6,500 to help pay rising utilities bills.

Gifford's woes can be traced to a single event in 2006. Back then, Gifford managed a Shoshone dairy farm. He worked 70-80 hours a week, rarely seeing his three young children.

"They were in bed when I went to work," he said, "and in bed when I came home."

Days off were practically nonexistent, maybe two or three a year.

"I was a workaholic real bad," Gifford said. "That's just the way I was raised."

Please see **GIFFORD, P6**

"It's just a time to suck it up and move forward. I'm focused strictly on taking care of the kids. I'm happier than I was before. I'm a lot happier than I've been in a long time." —Randy Gifford



COURTESY PHOTO

In late 2009, writer and director Jaffe Zinn returned to his native Buhl to film 'Magic Valley.' The movie, which featured local actors as extras, will make its Idaho premiere this week. Here, an image from the film.

# Finally, on a Screen Near You

A Buhl native's 'Magic Valley' film — after debuting in New York a year ago — will show on its first Idaho screen during this week's Sun Valley Film Festival.

BY KAREN BOSSICK  
For the Times-News

**KETCHUM** • Two years ago, Buhl native Jaffe Zinn returned to his hometown where he invited Buhl residents and others in the Magic Valley to take part in a film he was shooting titled "Magic Valley."

The movie will make its Idaho premiere this week during the inaugural Sun Valley Film Festival. It's the first opportunity for locals who watched the film being made to see the edited version, which premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York in April 2011 and has been making the rounds of film festivals in Europe and Asia.

The film, to be shown at 7:30 p.m. March 17 and 10 a.m. March 18 at the Sun Valley Opera House, features a fish

Please see **FESTIVAL, P3**

# Do French Parents Have a Certain Je Ne Sais Quoi?

BY JOCELYN NOVECK  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** • So you're visiting someone's home with your child and hot chocolate is served. As the hostess' kids sip the delicious concoction politely and silently, your own little dear takes a gulp and promptly spits it back into the mug.

Admit it, parents: Something similar has happened to you.

But for Pamela Druckerman, an American mother in Paris, it wasn't just an isolated incident. That embarrassing moment with her daughter, Bean — she would have kicked her under the table, but couldn't be sure which pair of legs were hers — was one of many during her early years as a mother in France. There were years of fearing her children would act up, melt down, or otherwise commit a serious faux pas at any moment.

Because, as Druckerman explains in her new book, "Bringing Up Bebe," French children don't spit into their mugs. They don't have tantrums in the park, they don't shun their vegetables, they don't forget to say "bonjour" or "au revoir," and they most certainly don't throw food (in fact, "French Children Don't Throw Food" is the book's title in Britain.)

Are children in France born polite? Do they come out of the birth canal saying, "Bonjour, Maman," and apologizing for the discomfort they've just caused?

Clearly not, but Druckerman, a former Wall Street Journal reporter, set out to determine just what French parents are doing right.



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**Pamela Druckerman, the American author of 'Bringing Up Bebe,' was struck by the good manners of kids in Paris, where she raises her own brood of three.**

Boosted by the fact that France and parenting are both subjects people love to talk about, "Bringing Up Bebe," written in a winningly chatty style, debuted at No. 8 on *The New York Times* best-seller list in February and hit No. 1 on *The Sunday Times* hardback nonfiction list in Britain.

The book has also drawn attention through comparison to Amy Chua's "Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother," last year's provocative account of Eastern-style parenting. Chua's book was excerpted in *The Wall Street Journal* under the title, "Why

Chinese Mothers Are Superior," and Druckerman's under the headline "Why French Parents Are Superior" — a phrase that doesn't sit well with everyone.

"First Tiger Mom. Now, I dunno, Fromage Mom?" Jen Singer wrote recently on her mommy blog, Mommasaid.net. "Nowadays, it appears that everyone is better at parenting than Americans are."

She added: "Here's the dirty little secret about their 'superior' parenting philosophies: They're not about the kids. The so-called French parenting method seems to make life

easier for parents who want to socialize."

In a recent interview at a Manhattan restaurant, Druckerman stresses that she isn't trying to present the French style as perfection. "I don't have any magic bullets," she says. "I was just trying to tell my story." Her story is, though, overwhelmingly favorable to the stricter French parenting style, and judging by comments on the Internet, not all American moms disagree.

Kat Gordon, a mother of two sons in Palo Alto, Calif., read the excerpted article and immediately wrote on Facebook, "I smell a best-seller." She meant it as a compliment.

"It sounds like French mothers are experiencing more joy and feeling less frazzled by parenthood," Gordon explained in a telephone interview. "That's something all mothers should want — if we can get over our defensiveness."

Gordon recalls an incident when her older son, Henry, was 2 1/2 years old. Her in-laws were over for dinner, but Gordon, who'd worked all day, was being pulled away constantly by Henry, and she felt conflicted and guilty. Her mother-in-law set her straight.

"Henry should always feel that you're available to him," her mother-in-law said. "But he shouldn't feel entitled to you."

Druckerman touches on just that theme. French mothers, she writes, love their children as much as anyone, but don't see them as their entire life project, to the exclusion of professional satisfaction, adult leisure time and quality time with a spouse.

## St. Luke's Jerome

**Thomas Christopher Lorcher**, son of Zach and Christy Lorcher of Wendell, was born Feb. 27, 2012.

**Mattie Kathleen Stone**, daughter of Kale and KaDee Stone of Buhl, was born Feb. 28, 2012.

**Yamirah Gonzalez**, daughter of Gerardo Gonzalez and Zedy Lopez of Jerome, was born Feb. 29, 2012.

## St. Luke's Magic Valley

**Mireya Narciza Luis**, daughter of Jennifer Gail Anderson of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 19, 2012.

**Izavian Antonio Carhaus Jr.**, son of Rachel Breanna Gonzales of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 22, 2012.

**Gage Lee Julianto**, son of Tiffany Dawn Kimbrough of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 23, 2012.

**Giovanni Adrian Castrejon**, son of Yazmin Yuridia Felix of Shoshone, was born Feb. 24, 2012.

**Ali Payton Mulberry**, daughter of Amanda Renee Feurer and Jed Thomas Mulberry of Kimberly, was born Feb. 27, 2012.

**John Hyrum Elliott**, son of Estella and John David Elliott of Wendell, was born Feb. 27, 2012.

**Genesis Ali Vera**, daughter of Armida Ramirez Garcia and Jose de Jesus Vera of Jerome, was born Feb. 28, 2012.

**Danica Marie Legg**, daughter of Amanda Lynn Appell and Michael Charles Legg of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 28, 2012.

**Quintin Randall Turner**, son of Lindsey Marie and James Leroy Turner III of Jerome, was born Feb. 29, 2012.

**Aaliyah Zoe Bascog**, daughter of Demitria Dawn and Loviege Sarco Bascog of Filer, was born Feb. 28, 2012.

**Mercy Sang Cin Sung**, daughter of Dawt Chin Sung and Cung Awi of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 29, 2012.

**Hagen Basil Fields**, son of Megan Marlene and Roger Basil Fields of Shoshone, was born Feb. 29, 2012.

**John Cannon Harris**, son of Katherine and Matthew David Harris of Filer, was born Feb. 29, 2012.

**Angel Romeo Hernandez**, son of Maria Guadalupe and Rigoberto Hernandez of Jerome, was born Feb. 29, 2012.

**Uriah Theodore Meter**, son of Danielle Christina and Samuel Abraham Meter of Filer, was born Feb. 29, 2012.

**James Tallin Thomas**, son of Jennifer Ann and Daniel D. Thomas of Buhl, was born Feb. 29, 2012.

**Joselyn Alvarado**, daughter of Lucila and Ramon Alvarado of Dietrich, was born March 1, 2012.

**Ryelin Scott Standley**, son of Stephanie Shalene and Christopher John Standley of Twin Falls, was born March 1, 2012.

**Tristan Thain Archer**, son of Corie Elaine and Joshua Thain Archer of Twin Falls, was born March 2, 2012.

**Phineas David Gardner**, son of Jennifer Anne and Kevin Ross Gardner of Twin Falls, was born March 2, 2012.

**Kees Wain Vander Stelt**, son of Rachel Lyn Griggs of Hagerman, was born March 2, 2012.

**Grace Elizabeth Jenks**, daughter of Ivy Nichole Jenks of Gooding, was born March 2, 2012.

**Aries Jayson Olivas**, son of Stephanie Jean and Jacobo Jose Olivas Sr. of Jerome, was born March 3, 2012.

**Joslynn Jaylee Long**, daughter of Stacey Lee Garris and James Joseph Long of Jerome, was born March 3, 2012.

**Demetri Manuel Craig**, son of Soledad Elena Craig of Wendell, was born March 4, 2012.

**Isaiah Pedro Warren**, son of Valeria Marie and Zachary Caleb Warren of Jerome, was born March 5, 2012.

## SENIOR CALENDAR

### Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors 60 and older; \$5.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For lunch take-out, 11 a.m. to noon daily: 734-5084.

**Monday:** Soft shell tacos  
**Tuesday:** Beefy macaroni  
**Wednesday:** Pork chops  
**Thursday:** Chicken a la king  
**Friday:** Swedish meatballs

**Monday:** Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon  
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Ask a nurse, 11:30 a.m.  
Bridge, 1 p.m.  
Tai chi, 1 p.m.  
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** AARP tax preparation, 9 a.m.  
Ticket Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.  
Art class, 6 p.m.  
Pinochle, 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Lawyers breakfast, 7:30 a.m.  
Cinnamon roll sales  
Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon  
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.  
Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m.  
Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.  
Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday:** AARP tax preparation, 9 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Painting classes, 3 and 6 p.m.  
Magic Valley Women's AA, 6 p.m.  
**Friday:** Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon  
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo, noon  
**Saturday:** St. Patrick's Day Parade, noon  
Corned beef and cabbage feed, 1 p.m.; \$6

### West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Sunday buffet: \$5, seniors, 60 and older; \$6, non-seniors; \$4, children 12 and younger. Bus for lunch pickup: 543-4577 by 10:30

a.m. today, Tuesday and Thursday.

**Today:** Dinner, 1 p.m., oven-fried chicken  
**Monday:** Chicken noodle soup  
**Tuesday:** Ham and beans  
**Wednesday:** Cabbage casserole  
**Thursday:** Corned beef and cabbage

**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
AARP tax preparation, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Foot clinic, 9 a.m. to noon  
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo at 7 p.m., with Hot Ball special  
**Thursday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Blood pressure checks, 11:45 a.m.  
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.  
**Friday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

### Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon Tuesday through Thursday. Suggested donation: \$5. 326-4608.

**Tuesday:** Minestrone soup  
**Wednesday:** Chicken strips  
**Thursday:** Corned beef and cabbage

**Monday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Puzzles and games, 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 12:45 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Puzzles and games, 11:30 a.m.  
**Thursday:** Puzzles and games, 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 1 p.m.

### Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Closed for remodeling.

### Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. 934-5504.

**Monday:** Chicken strips  
**Tuesday:** Pizza  
**Wednesday:** Macaroni and cheese with ham  
**Thursday:** Roast beef

**Monday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 11 a.m.  
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.  
Wild card, 6 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Pinochle, Shoshone at Gooding, 1:30 p.m.  
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m.  
Board meeting, 1 p.m.  
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Morning out, 9 a.m.  
Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Music by the Fiddlers  
Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.  
Oakley opera house, "Dear Edwina"

### Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays.

### Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$6, non-seniors; \$2, 12 and younger. 837-6120.

**Monday:** Pork chops  
**Wednesday:** Chicken and garlic ravioli  
**Friday:** Corned beef and cabbage

**Monday:** Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
**Friday:** Foot clinic; bring a towel; appointment required; \$5

### Jerome Senior Center

520 N. Lincoln St., Jerome. 324-5642. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Trans IV bus: 736-2133.

**Monday:** Country fried

steak  
**Tuesday:** Polish sausage and sauerkraut  
**Wednesday:** Porcupine meatballs  
**Thursday:** Beef and bacon stroganoff  
**Friday:** Corned beef and cabbage

**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.  
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.  
Bunco, 12:45 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Elections, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Energy assistance, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Let's Dance, 1 p.m.  
Snack bar, 5 p.m.  
Bingo, 6:45 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.  
Country Cowboys band  
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Women's pool, 1 p.m.  
LCR, 1 p.m.  
YogaStretch, 5:20 p.m.  
Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Scones and coffee, 8-10 a.m.  
YogaStretch, 10:30 a.m.  
Freewill Baptist Lunch  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Hand and Foot, 1 p.m.  
SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m.  
Women's pool, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Pool tournament, 5 p.m., \$5  
Italian bake-off, 6 p.m., \$5

### Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. 825-5662.

**Tuesday:** Meatballs  
**Wednesday:** Men's Bible study, breakfast, 7 a.m.  
Bingo, 6:30 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Chicken tetrazzini

### Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

**Monday:** Corned beef and cabbage  
**Thursday:** Tuna sandwich

### Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$5.50, non-seniors. 886-2369.

**Tuesday:** Meat pizza  
**Wednesday:** Meat sandwich  
**Friday:** Corned beef and cabbage

**Monday:** Quilting, 10 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Board meeting, 10:30 a.m.  
Pinochle at Gooding, 1:30 p.m.  
Bingo  
**Wednesday:** Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m.  
**Friday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Bingo  
**Saturday:** Pancake breakfast

### Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$4.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 10 and younger. 764-2226.

**Tuesday:** Meatball hoagie sandwich  
**Wednesday:** Reed's casserole  
**Friday:** Corned beef and cabbage

### Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$7, non-seniors. 788-3468.

**Monday:** Reuben sandwiches  
**Tuesday:** Homestyle meatloaf or grilled chicken  
**Wednesday:** Steve's homemade pizza  
**Thursday:** Dixie fried chicken  
**Friday:** Corned beef and cabbage

**Monday:** Ping-pong, 10 a.m.  
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 11 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Blood pressure checks, 12:30 p.m.  
Bingo, 1 p.m.  
Weight Watchers, 5-6:30 p.m.  
Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Board meeting, 8:30 a.m.  
(No Fit and Fall proof class)  
**Thursday:** Movie, 1 p.m.; \$1  
**Friday:** Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m.

### Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, children 10 and younger; \$4.50, home delivery. 436-9107.

**Monday:** Chicken fricassee over rice  
**Tuesday:** Shepherd's pie  
**Wednesday:** Meatloaf  
**Thursday:** Vegetable soup  
**Friday:** Corned beef and cabbage  
**Saturday:** Breakfast buffet, 8 to 10 a.m.

**Monday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
**Friday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.

### Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children 12 and younger; \$6, non-seniors. 878-8646.

**Monday:** Beefy Spanish rice  
**Tuesday:** Ham and split pea soup  
**Wednesday:** Birthday/anniversary dinner  
**Thursday:** Taco salad  
**Friday:** Corned beef and cabbage

**Monday:** Pool Exercise, 11 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool Exercise, 11 a.m.  
Blood pressure checks, 11 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Board meeting, 1 p.m.  
Wood carving, 6 p.m.  
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.  
**Friday:** Pool Exercise, 11 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

# YouTube Phenomenon Has Girls Asking: Am I Pretty?

BY LEANNE ITALIE  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** • The young girl shows off her big, comfy koala hat and forms playful hearts with her fingers as she drops the question on YouTube: “Am I pretty or ugly?”

“A lot of people call me ugly, and I think I am ugly. I think I’m ugly, and fat,” she confesses in a tiny voice as she invites the world to decide.

And the world did.

The video, posted Dec. 17, 2010, has more than 4 million views and more than 107,000 anonymous, often hateful responses in a troubling phenomenon that has girls as young as 10 — and some boys — asking the same question on YouTube with similar results.

Some experts in child psychology and online safety wonder whether the videos, with anywhere from 300 to 1,000 posted, represent a new wave of distress rather than simple self-questioning or pleas for affirmation or attention.

How could the creators not anticipate the nasty responses, even the tender tweens uploading videos in violation of YouTube’s 13-and-over age policy? Their directness, playful but steadfast, grips even those accustomed to life’s open Internet channel, where revolutions and executions play out alongside the ramblings of anybody with digital access.

Commenters on YouTube curse and declare the young video creators “attention whores,” ask for sex and to see them naked. They wonder where their parents are and call them “fugly” and worse.

“Y do you live, and kids in africa die?” one responder tells the girl in the koala hat who uses the name Kendal and lists her age as 15 in her YouTube profile, though her demeanor suggests she was far younger at the time.

Another commenter posts: “You need a hug.. around your neck.. with a rope.”

Some offer support and beg Kendal and the other young faces to take down their “Am I Pretty?” and “Am I Ugly?” videos and feel good about themselves instead.

Much has been made of cyberbullying and pedophiles who cruise the Internet, and of low self-esteem among pre-adolescents and adolescents, especially girls, as their brains continue to develop.

There have been similar “hot or not” memes in the past, but as more young people live their lives online, they’re clearly more aware of the potential for negative consequences.



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**This image made from video posted on YouTube shows a girl with a koala hat asking ‘Am I pretty or ugly?’ The video has more than 4 million views.**

“Negative feedback that is personal is rarely easy to hear at any age, but to tweens and teens who value as well as incorporate feedback into their own sense of worth, it can be devastating,” said Elizabeth Dowdell, a nursing professor at Villanova University in suburban Philadelphia. She has researched child Internet safety and risk behavior in adolescents in partnership with the Justice Department.

In another video posted by Kendal, she offers to “do two dares” on camera, inviting her open-channel audience to come up with some as she holds a little white stuffed monkey.

In heavy eye makeup and neon orange nail polish, a girl who calls herself Faye not only asks the pretty/ugly question but tells in other videos of being bullied at school, suffering migraines that have sent her to the hospital and coping with the divorce of her parents.

“My friends tell me that I’m pretty,” she says. “It doesn’t seem like I’m pretty, though, because, I don’t know, it just doesn’t, because people at school, they’re like, ‘Faye you’re not pretty at all.’”

She narrates a slideshow of still close-ups of herself to make the judging easier (she’s had more than 112,000 views) and joins other girls who have posted videos on another theme, “My Perfect Imperfection,” that have them noting what they hate and love about the way they look.

“I just don’t like my body at all,” says Faye as she pulls up her sweat shirt to bare her midriff.

Faye’s profile lists her age as 13. Tracked down in suburban Denver, her mom, Naomi Gibson, told ABC’s “Good Morning America” she knew nothing of the video until reporters started to call. “I was floored,” she said.

Faye told ABC she has been called names and gos-

siped about behind her back.

“Deep down inside, all girls know that other people’s opinions don’t matter,” she said. “But we still go to other people for help because we don’t believe what people say.”

A third girl who uploaded one of the pretty/ugly videos in September attempts a few model poses in a childlike pedal pushers and long, multicolored T-shirt after posing the question. She takes down her ponytail and brushes her hair as she stares into the camera.

“If you guys are wondering, I am 11,” she offers. Her video has been viewed more than 6,000 times.

“COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR PARENTS AND CLEAN YOUR ROOM!!! BUT TAKE THIS TERRIBLE VIDEO DOWN YOU ARE A CHILD AND SHOULD NOT HAVE THIS KIND OF ACCESS TO THE INTERNET,” one commenter screams.

None of the three girls responded to private messages on YouTube seeking comment from The Associated Press. Gibson told ABC she was considering revoking her daughter’s YouTube privileges, but stopped short of demanding that Faye take down the video.

“Hopefully it will open up the eyes of the parents,” Gibson said. “The kids aren’t letting their parents know what’s wrong, just like Faye didn’t let me know.”

YouTube would not comment directly about the “Am I Pretty?” controversy, but it issued a statement advising parents to visit the site’s safety center for tips on how to protect their kids online.

The site’s posting policy prohibits videos and comments “containing harassment, threats or hate speech” and encourages users to flag such material for review, the statement said.



PHOTO COURTESY BECKY CUNNINGHAM  
**A headboard made from old wood from a barn. The style is described as Modern Country or Farmhouse Chic.**

## COUNTRY MEETS CONTEMPORARY

BY KIM COOK

For The Associated Press

Browse through old Country-oriented shelter magazines and you’ll see a lot of what designers used to call “duck and basket” decor: calico-print-filled rooms, Colonial furnishings, walls stenciled with flowers and ducks.

It was a homey, well-loved style.

Now a new generation of home decorators and style-makers is updating the look. Country Living magazine fills pages with bright colors, crisp graphic prints, tag-sale side tables and smart mid-century sofas. There are still great baskets, but nowadays the duck’s more likely to be part of a hip new wallpaper.

Call it Modern Country or Farmhouse Chic — it’s sparer and less cluttered than the old Country, but no less welcoming. It honors Country’s homespun roots without sending us too literally back to the past.

Well-worn, often utilitarian elements from the farmhouse, barn and small-town store blend with contemporary furnishings and finishes, making it all look fresh and interesting.

Becky Cunningham, a home decorator near Shreveport, La., fell in love with vintage stuff during her first visit to a flea market in Canton, Texas. That’s where she found an old cowboy’s bathtub that now holds extra blankets in her bedroom.

The room’s transformation, which includes snowy white paint, a chandelier and luxurious white bedlinens, is chronicled on her blog, “Buckets and Burlap.” An unusual focal point is a gray, weather-beaten headboard.

“We used 100-year-old lumber taken from an old shack on my husband’s aunt’s farm,” says Cunningham.

Redoing a bathroom in Ojai, Calif., Kelley Davis-Motschenbacher used a timeworn pine table as a vanity, but dropped in a sleek modern washbowl and tap. She fronted a new closet

with a scraped-up vintage door, embellishing it with a cast-iron bird knocker. Glossy white subway tiles and marble flooring blend with harvest baskets and vintage artwork to make a luxurious yet homey bathroom that was mostly sourced from garage sales, Home Depot and the Internet.

Rie Sterling of Apex, N.C., is another Modern Country blogger.

“One of the things I love about this style is how unpretentious it is,” she says. “Nothing’s too precious, which is ideal if you have children. It’s hard to mess up something that’s already chipped or faded.”

She adds: “There’s a certain restfulness about it that appeals to so many, and it’s refreshingly attainable.”

Garage sales, flea markets and online sites are good sources for Country items, but you can also find newly made pieces that evoke the vibe.

Urbanites may not have ready access to vintage goods, but the look’s easy to replicate with stuff from stores — Wisteria’s iron cabinet bins and World Market’s woven reed baskets make great storage; IKEA’s got flat-woven, striped cotton rugs; Pottery Barn has antique glass pickling jars, wooden dough bowls and grain-sack throw pillows.

Repurposing is the watchword here: Put bath items in jars; magazines, towels or toys in tubs or wooden crates; and turn that great jam cupboard into a compact home office. Add modern touches like Lucite chairs, a tailored pendant fixture, a lacquered Parsons table, or an accent wall painted in a bold hue.

If you’re looking for additional inspiration, check out Houzz.com. It’s a kind of home-design-centric Pinterest, where homeowners and professionals post photographs, articles and advice; you’ll find great examples of Modern Country style here, as well as design help.

# Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep, with My iPad

BY BILL WARD

Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

A recent survey found that iPad owners use their tablets in the bedroom more than anywhere else. If the folks who fit that pattern are any indication, it’s not even remotely about any risqué business.

“It’s just a lot easier to get cozy in bed with the iPad,” said Joe Alvarado of Minneapolis. Do tell. “It’s really convenient for searching the Web, reading newspapers, Facebook, Twitter, all that stuff.”

Mari Beth Ross of Hugo, Minn., said she “will do some shopping, catch up with people through social media and catch up on the news. I find myself winding down using it.”

Alvarado and Ross fit in with the 68 percent of respondents who told pollsters from the interactive marketing agency Rosetta that the bedroom got more regular tablet usage than any other space, indoors or out. The living room was second at 63 percent, with “on the go” at 45 percent.

The Rosetta respondents strongly preferred reading publications on a tablet rather than a computer screen or smartphone. So do Alvarado and Ross, who agreed that lugging a laptop into bed had proven entirely too unwieldy.

Convenience is a factor, as well. “It’s sitting in the charger right on my nightstand,” Alvarado said, “so it’s easy to flip open that cover and go at it.” Ross’ iPad “sits on my bed stand. It doesn’t really move around the house.”

Ross said it hasn’t prompted her to head to the boudoir earlier than she used to, but admitted that all of that Web activity and interactivity “sometimes keeps me up too late.”

### NEXT WEEK

## Virtues of Bowling?

Some Magic Valley youth are learning life lessons through their favorite group pastime; Andrew Weeks reports. Next Sunday in People

## Festival

Continued from People 1



farmer’s crop destroyed, a dead body, a teen harboring a terrible secret and a sheriff played by “The Right Stuff” actor Scott Glenn, who has lived in Ketchum for 32 years. It depicts how disjointed a small community can become when residents are not able to connect with one another in a recession-worn society.

Zinn and producer Heather Rae will field questions following each screening of the film that they made for a mere \$600,000.

Zinn graduated from New York University film school and cut the film in his parents’ Buhl basement. He said he based parts of it on things he knew of growing up in Buhl, including his father’s fish farm. He chose to film the movie in Buhl because he thought it

## If You Go

**What:** Sun Valley Film Festival

**When:** March 15-18

**Where:** Sun Valley Opera House in the Sun Valley village, and Magic Lantern Cinema, 100 E. Second St. in Ketchum

**Tickets:** \$10 per screening, \$90 for a three-day pass, \$150 for a VIP pass that includes parties and events; \$250 for a Snowplow pass that includes VIP access with reserved seating. Coffee talk discussions

would give the film an authenticity that is often missing in films about small towns.

“Magic Valley” is a movie that examines the daily lives of people unknowingly in the midst of a tragedy, and what it means to be unaware of what’s just around the corner,” he said.

Laura Mehlhaff, who co-produced it with Rae, said the fact that Zinn based his film in Buhl is one of the things that appealed to her as she read the script.

“I knew with Buhl being so beautiful that if we got a good filmmaker it would be a beautiful film — and it is,” she said. “The sadness and loneliness in the film is an

interesting juxtaposition. Jaffe was patient enough to let it develop, which isn’t always the case with new filmmakers. It’s not for mass consumption, but people who love beautiful artistic films seem to be drawn to it.”

The four-day film festival will feature 36 full-feature films and 24 short films made by independent filmmakers.

Fifteen were made by Idaho filmmakers, including Bellevue Josie Pusell, Ketchum filmmaker Kendall Nelson and Hailey filmmakers John Plummer and DeSiree Fawn. Sun Valley filmmaker Bob Poole will present his National Geographic

with filmmakers and industry experts are at 9 a.m. March 16-18 at the Magic Lantern; free.

**Film schedule:** www.sunvalleyfilmfestival.org

**Lodging discounts:** Mention the film festival at the Sun Valley Lodge or Inn and get a double room rate of \$139 per night. Single occupancy is \$219. Both packages include a lift ticket per person per night. Reservations: 1-800-786-8259 or www.sunvalley.com

Remnants,” a documentary on cowboys that he made with Nelson, to his hometown friends.

“We’ve shown it in Europe and on the Documentary Channel, where it made the 2011 ‘Best of Docs’ Sweepstakes finals. But we’ve never had an opportunity to show it here at home,” he said.

In addition to the films, the festival will feature parties, free coffee talks with

filmmakers and the presentation of four awards, including the One in a Million award for films made under \$1 million and the Zion Bank Idaho Gem Award for the best Idaho-made film.

“Our focus is on the craft of making films — what it takes to make them,” said Bex Wilkinson, who is chairing the event. “We’ll be celebrating cinematographers and writers.”

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### Clever Clovers 4-H Club Offers Charity



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Clever Clovers 4-H Club in Jerome used the holidays to get a jump start on its goal to perform 100 hours of community service this year. They used money from selling poinsettias and other fundraisers to purchase gifts for needy kids in the community. Then, after hearing of a family in the Jerome School District that was sleeping on the floor 4-Hers wanted to help. A bed has been donated for the parents but the club is still searching for four twin beds for the children. If anyone has a twin bed to donate or knows of another community service project, please let Clever Clovers 4-H Club know by calling 324-1061 or 329-4538.

## Applications Available For Annual Youth Camp

**KETCHUM** • Applications are being accepted for the 53rd annual Natural Resources Camp on June 25-30 at the Central Idaho 4-H Camp, east of Ketchum.

The camp is open to youth ages 12 to 14 to learn about Idaho's natural resources from wildlife and rangeland to forests, water and soil.

The event is sponsored by University of Idaho Extension and the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts. Instructors from U of I Extension and other agencies help the students develop an understanding of Idaho's natural resources through experiments and outdoor projects.

Activities include hiking, fishing, volleyball, firearms safety and target shooting and other camp activities. A new addition this year is a trip to swim at Easley Hot Springs, which is part of the Cathedral Pines Camp.

The registration fee is \$235 until May 21, or \$255 if registering after that date. The camp is limited to 90 students.

Scholarships are available through area soil conservation districts. Scholarships information: Nancy Weatherstone, 888-1890, ext. 102.

Camp information: Megan Satterwhite, 736-3634 or [www.extension.uidaho.edu/nrc](http://www.extension.uidaho.edu/nrc).

## M-C Visitor Center Seeks Volunteers

**BURLEY** • Help your community keep its visitors and locals served by donating time to the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center. It's a great opportunity to socialize and meet new people.

The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce is now looking for volunteers to work in the visitor's center. Weekday and weekend shifts are available. Information: 679-4793.

# HEALTH DISTRICT ANNOUNCES GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

**TWIN FALLS** • Improving the health of children is more important than ever. In an effort to increase physical activity and promote healthy nutrition in Twin Falls County, South Central Idaho Action for Healthy Kids, in partnership with South Central Public Health District, announced mini-grant opportunities with \$10,000 available for schools and daycares within

Twin Falls County. The number of schools and daycares receiving funds will be determined by the number of applicants. The maximum request is \$2,500. The mini-grants will be awarded to daycares and schools who adopt policies to help promote healthy eating and active living and who propose sustainable activities that improve the physical activity

and/or nutrition environment.

Applications are available online at [www.phd5.idaho.gov](http://www.phd5.idaho.gov) and are due by Friday. Grant awards will be announced April 6.

This opportunity is sponsored by the Twin Falls Health Initiatives Trust.

Information: visit the SCPHD website at [www.phd5.idaho.gov](http://www.phd5.idaho.gov) or call Sherri Cash at 737-5903.

## Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs Sponsors Leadership Event

**JEROME** • The Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs is partnering with the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute to bring a national resource, the "Student Leadership Series" event, to the Jerome High School on Friday. The event begins at 8 a.m.

More than 800 junior high and high school students,

primarily Hispanic, are invited to participate in a four-hour leadership program, a life-changing event where junior high and high school students will hear nationally prominent motivational speakers and attend workshops on what they need to know about post-secondary education or training and financial aid/literacy.

## Allison Pfefferle Named to Dean's List at RIT

**TWIN FALLS** • Allison Colleen Pfefferle of Twin Falls was recently named to the dean's list for the fall quarter at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.

She is a third-year student in the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, and is studying advertising photography.

Pfefferle is a 2009 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is the daughter of Debra J. Pfefferle of Twin Falls.

### BRIDGE NEWS

#### Twin Falls Duplicate Bridge Results

**TWIN FALLS** • The Twin Falls Duplicate Bridge Club recently released its results from Feb. 29.

**Flight A:** 1. Edna Pierson and Riley Burton, 2. Betty Grant and Ruth Rahe, 3. Veeta Roberts and Doris Finney, 4. Patti Cooper and Beverly Reed.

**Flight B:** 1. Roberts and Finney, 2. Cooper and Reed, 3. Nancy and Steve Sams.

#### BJ Duplicate Bridge Results

**RUPERT** • BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert recently announced the results of play for Feb. 28.

**Flight A:** 1. Shirley Harris and Marlene Temple, 2. Steve and Nancy Sams, 3. Shirley Tschannen and Duane Schneberger, 4. Bobette Plankey and Riley Burton.

**Flight B:** 1. Shirley Harris and Marlene

Temple, 2. Steve and Nancy Sams, 3. Nanette Woodland and Vera Mai, 4. Warren and Faun McEntire.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For partners and information: Steve Sams, 878-7691, or Vera Mai, 436-4163.

#### Gooding Duplicate Bridge Results

**GOODING** • Gooding Duplicate Bridge recently released its results for March 2.

**Section A:** 1. Riley Burton and Shirley Tschannen, 2. and 3. (tie) Lorna Bard and Susan Faulkner, Henry Robinson and Dennis Hanel, 4. Claire Major and Jodi Faulkner.

**Section B:** 1. Henry Robinson and Dennis Hanel, 2. Adelaide Gerard and Kathy Rooney.

Duplicate bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. Information: Kathy Rooney, 934-9732.

# Probable and Reasonable

How do you define probable cause?  
— Lila



**Dan Bristol**  
Policeman Dan

I define probable cause like I do everything else — I use a dictionary. But I use Black's Law Dictionary most times when defining laws and their meanings. I also use Idaho Code definitions as well.

Black's Law Dictionary defines probable cause as "The existence of circumstances that would lead a reasonable and prudent person to believe in the guilt of a person."

The way I try to remember probable cause is a simpler definition (I think). Would any sane and rational person believe beyond the shadow of a doubt the suspect had committed the act in question?

Probable cause is needed to make any arrest valid, and without it an officer could find himself or herself in hot water. That goes for warrants as well. The officer must know who they are arresting and must make sure there is probable cause to believe the person arrested is the person with the warrant for their arrest. This is why officers totally support getting your name tattooed on your body.

Something that should not be confused with probable cause is reasonable suspicion. Reasonable suspicion is the totality of the circumstances of each case that determine whether the detaining officer had a particularized and objective basis for suspecting legal wrongdoing. In other words, there was suspicion that a crime might have or was going to happen.

Reasonable suspicion does allow for the officer to detain a suspect (in what the courts have

deemed a reasonable amount of time) to validate their suspicions of a crime or even a warrant of arrest. If the reasonable suspicion does not lead to probable cause, then an arrest or charge is usually not made.

Finally, here I should mention that even though I don't deal with civil matters, probable cause is also needed for most civil suits as well. The nice thing about the civil process is that the rules are more relaxed and there are fewer chances of evidence being suppressed just because it was not obtained from probable cause.

What type of doughnuts do cops like best?  
— Jamie

That is a good question, and the answer is... any doughnut that is not more than a day old — but there also must be coffee or we can't eat them. This is one of the police stereotypes that we don't mind.

#### Officer Down

Please put this officer, killed in the line of duty, and her family in your prayers. God bless this hero.

• Deputy Sheriff Barbara Pihl, Brevard County Sheriff, Fla.

She fought the good fight, now may she rest in peace.

Email your questions to [policemandan@yahoo.com](mailto:policemandan@yahoo.com) or look for Ask Policemandan on Facebook.

Dan Bristol is the Heyburn chief of police.

# Coeur d'Alene Tribe Donates to Gooding School District

**GOODING** • The Gooding School District announced the receipt of a generous donation from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. The district received \$20,000 to be used for facility repairs and replacement of kitchen equipment.

"This donation is truly an unexpected gift that will help us further our current facility renovations throughout the district. We are very thankful for this contribution from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and are honored they chose to donate to our district," said Dr. Heather Williams, Gooding School District

superintendent, in a news release.

Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, and Sen. Michelle Stennett, D-Ketchum, were instrumental in communicating to tribal leaders the need for funding for Gooding School District. Jaquet helped to provide background on the district, its programs, and facilitate discussions between the school district and the tribe.

Tribal leaders plan to travel to Gooding later this spring for a formal presentation of the gift.

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## MHCF Scholarships Available

**RUPERT** • Several \$500 scholarships are available from the Minidoka Health Care Foundation to qualifying applicants currently participating in a post-secondary education health-care related field.

The scholarship applicant must be a graduate of a Minidoka County high school and a second year student or above in a college or university health-care related field or approved certification course (nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, pre-med, pre-dentistry, X-ray, respiratory, health care administration, EMT).

Scholarship will be based upon financial need, grade point average, applicability of personal goals, quality of references, quality of application and chosen field of study.

Applications are available at Minidoka Memorial Hospital, College of Southern Idaho and Idaho State University.

Information: Tammy Hanks, 436-8124.

## ICF Offers Scholarships

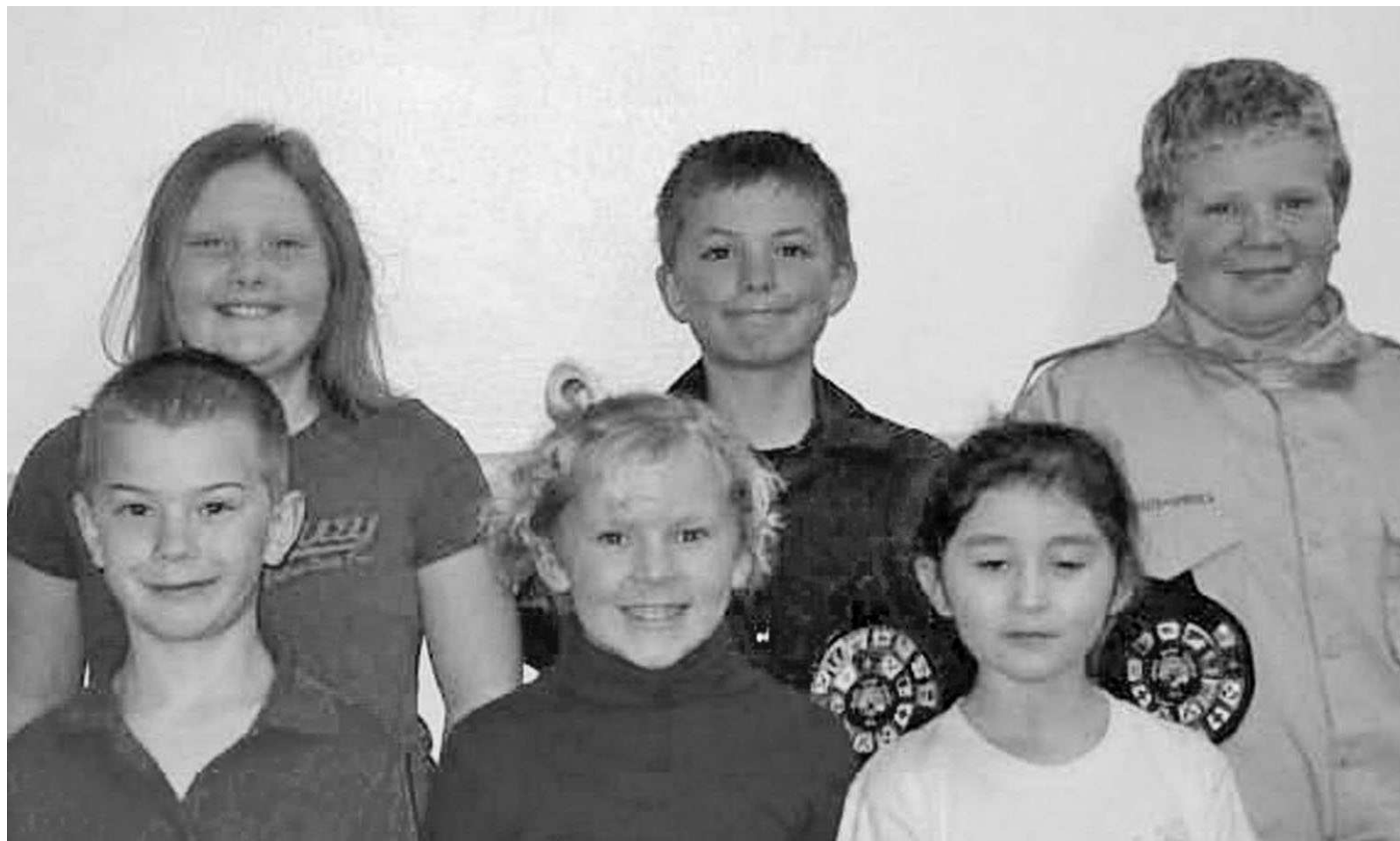
**BOISE** • The Idaho Community Foundation has more than 60 scholarship opportunities for students seeking assistance with the cost of higher education.

The deadline to submit the ICF Scholarship Application is April 1. The application and information about all ICF scholarships is on the ICF website at [http://www.idcomfdn.org/pages/schol\\_general.htm](http://www.idcomfdn.org/pages/schol_general.htm).

For more information, contact Elly Davis at 342-3535 or [edavis@idcomfdn.org](mailto:edavis@idcomfdn.org).

The Idaho Community Foundation is a statewide public nonprofit organization whose goal is to have a permanent endowment of charitable dollars that will serve Idaho forever. It manages funds on behalf of organizations, families, individuals and businesses. Gifts of any size to the foundation help increase the size and number of grants and scholarships available.

## Hollister's Students of the Month



Hollister Elementary School students of the month for January were chosen by their teacher. Pictured from left to right in front are Cameron, second grade; Katelyn, first grade; and Alyssa, kindergarten; and in the back, Abbey, third grade; Wylie, fourth grade; and Paul, fifth grade.

COURTESY PHOTO

## NARFE Group to Meet

**TWIN FALLS** • Local Chapter 1959 of National and Retired Federal Employees will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Loong Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road in

Twin Falls. Linda Fleming, executive director for Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley Inc., will be the speaker. All retired or currently

employed federal employees are encouraged to attend and bring a guest for an opportunity to enjoy friendship and information among peers. Information: 308-1670.

## PMT Foundation Scholarship Applications Available

**TWIN FALLS** • Three \$2,000 PMT Foundation scholarships will be awarded to area graduates in the coming year.

Applications are available from Magic Valley high school counselors, PMT offices in Rupert, Burley and Twin Falls, and online at [www.pmt.org](http://www.pmt.org).

All graduating seniors in the Magic Valley with plans to continue their education are eligible to apply.

Project Mutual Telephone and the PMT Foundation have awarded more than \$82,500 in the last 22 years.

In its fifth year of existence, the PMT Foundation's creation was authorized by the PMT Board of Directors as a charitable foundation for the purposes of supporting worthy community projects and educational scholarships.

## Community Church to Host St. Patrick's Day Dinner

**TWIN FALLS** • The Community Church of the Brethren, 461 Filer Ave. W. in Twin Falls, will host a St. Patrick's Day dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday.

The event includes and Irish meal, entertainment, auctions, games and giveaways. Proceeds will benefit a nonprofit organization in Twin Falls. Cost is \$14 per

person, \$25 per couple or \$35 for a family of five. Seating is limited; please purchase or reserve tickets by calling the church at 733-3789.

## MCREA Call Meeting

**BURLEY** • The Mini-Cassia Retired Educator's Association will meet at 11 a.m. Monday at Connor's Cafe.

Burley Mayor Terry Greenman will speak on new developments in the Mini-

Cassia area.

All retired educators and those interested are invited. A business meeting will be held before the program.

Information: 878-4705.

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### COMING UP

#### More Local Foods

A Buhl dairy is preparing to expand into yogurt and cottage cheese; Natalie Dicou reports.

Wednesday in Food

#### Virtues of Bowling?

Some Magic Valley youth are learning life lessons through their favorite group pastime; Andrew Weeks reports.

Sunday in People

**A 60th Anniversary Celebration- Congratulations Jack & Kay Fields**

Please join us in celebrating 60 wonderful years of marriage and memories. We are excited to include family, friends and colleagues.

The wondrous event will be hosted by Ron, John, Janie, Becky and Bill @ Mimi's Saddle Horn at 289 Clear Lakes Rd., Buhl Idaho 83316. This will be an open house with dessert available from 3:30pm-6:30pm on Saturday, March 24th.

*Celebrations*

Celebrations offers an announcement package for every dream you want to share with friends and family, from a photo in Sunday's Family Life to an announcement on the internet. Celebrations are meant to be shared.

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### Anniversaries

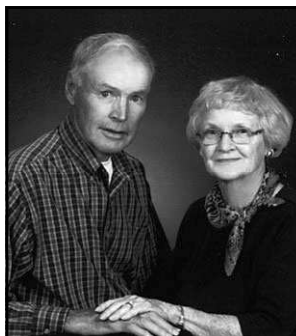
#### The Beems

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beem of Hunt will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from Noon - 2:00 p.m. at the First United Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A, Jerome. No gifts, please.

Beem and Donna West were married March 18, 1952, in Eden.

They have lived and farmed in the Hunt area since 1962.

They are active in the Jerome Presbyterian



Kenneth and Donna Beem

Church and enjoy traveling.

The event is being given by Steve Beem, Susan Burningham and Kip Andrus and their families.

The couple has 5 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

For information on how to place your announcement in the Times-News, please call Janet at 208-735-3253 or email [announcements@magicvalley.com](mailto:announcements@magicvalley.com)

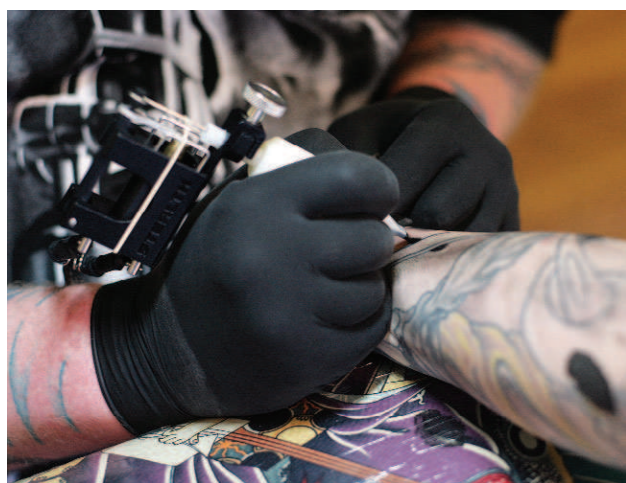
Deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday to be published in the following Sunday's Family Life page.

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(TOP LEFT) *Jair House has ink done by tattoo artist Chris Standley (not shown) as House's girlfriend, Emmiley Steinmetz, watches March 1 in Twin Falls. (TOP RIGHT) Chris Standley, owner of Ascension Tattoo and Body Piercing. (BOTTOM LEFT) Standley works on House's sleeve March 1 at Ascension Tattoo and Body Piercing.*

## Tattoo

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Still, those trends might be difficult to spot because tattoos are still so varied.

"There was a time when tribal or lower-back tattoos were popular," said Shane House of WarmArt Inc. in Twin Falls. "But it's so diversified now. I do so many different styles."

His work, however, does include a lot of lettering and memorials. Tattoos not only memorialize people, he said, but marriages, births and other special events.

What are other reasons people get tattoos?

"I grew up in a biker world and all bikers had

them," House said, "so it was kind of a status symbol. But that was 30 years ago. ...

"I think it's a rebellion thing for younger kids. As we get older and more established, we have that rebellion bug still in us, but now we can afford to get nice work done. ... It's still an old rebellion thing."

Not satisfied with yesterday's traditional skin art? Tattoo artists do a lot of cover-ups, Fife said, blending the colors of an existing tattoo into a new design. That might sound difficult, but it's another way for artists to be creative.

"It's a fine art," House said. "Not everybody who can pick up a pencil can

draw; tattooing is a lot more like oil painting than anything else."

Do artists make mistakes? Sure, but they're usually few and far between, Fife said.

His advice: Before getting a tattoo, have the artist place a stencil of the chosen art on the area of the body where you want the tattoo to make sure it's positioned correctly. And choose your art carefully, he said, because it'll be with you for a long time to come.

The three artists at Ascension do traditional, new school, black-and-gray, cover-ups and, the shop's specialty, custom work.

"We are a custom shop," Standley said. "We want to

create what people want."

And in some cases, that's a matter of fashion. Women usually get smaller tattoos, Standley said, while men get larger ones.

Each tattoo on Standley's body, from his fingers to his neck, tells his story.

On March 1, his wife, Stephanie, had their second child, a boy they named Ryelin. Standley plans to mark the event with another tattoo. He'll place it on his ribs, near the tattoo of his first child.

"We've already planned it," he said. "It's going to have his name and eventually his portrait. We're going to wait a little while until he gets a little character into his face."

## Gifford

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One day, a bull plowed through some cows, forcing a cow to back into Gifford. He was smashed against a post, and the impact crushed two discs in his back.

At first, Gifford didn't realize how badly he was injured. He worked for another hour. When he got home, he collapsed.

His dairy career was over.

### It All Slips Away

"Hard labor was all I'd ever done," said Gifford, who required surgery to repair his back. "That was never going to work again. I thought it was the end of the world."

In the years that followed, he could barely walk, suffered unrelenting pain and had two strokes, likely due to blood clots from his surgery, his doctor told him.

He'd been making \$3,000 to \$3,500 a month at the dairy, he said, and after the accident received about \$1,500 monthly in worker's compensation. Before the accident he'd signed papers to buy a house, but he had to back out.

Thanks to \$30,000 in savings, it took four years for Gifford to lose nearly everything but a green 1998 Silverado pickup.

He sank into depression but found one bright spot: He got to spend time with his children who still live at home — Matthew, 13, Jewel, 11, and Jennifer, 8 — for the first time. He has five older children, and he missed out

on much of their childhoods because of his rigorous work schedule.

"I probably would've lost a lot more hope if it wasn't for them," Gifford said.

A single father since 2010, he had always been the type of guy who firmly gripped his boot straps and pulled himself up. But with dwindling options for feeding and sheltering his kids, he forced himself in 2010 to swallow his pride and move his family into Valley House Homeless Shelter, at 507 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls, which calls itself the only shelter in Magic Valley that houses parents and their children.

"It was something I never would've considered in my life up until that point," Gifford said. "I never took help from anybody." Moving to the shelter was the first step in Gifford's comeback.

### A Hand Up

Valley House executive director Sharon Breshears said Gifford's story is common.

"The people that are coming in are hard-working individuals who may have lost a job or gotten injured or had a medical situation, and they weren't able to hang onto their housing," said Breshears, noting college graduates have numbered among her clients. "It can happen to anyone. I always say homelessness has no face."

The shelter, funded by community donations, can house about 70 people. There's space for single men, single women and families. New residents must pass background checks and drug

tests to be admitted. Once there, they are required to chip in with cleaning and must attend a weekly meeting, which includes classes about topics such as parenting, budgeting and nutrition.

"We are not enablers," Breshears said. "We give them a hand up, to get their lives back. And if they never had one, they learn what it is to have a good life."

Moving into the shelter gave Gifford a chance to catch his breath. His stress began to melt away.

"You can save every dime you've got so you can get back out on your own," Gifford said.

It helped that his kids loved the place.

"It was pretty awesome," said Matthew, a sixth-grader at Robert Stuart Middle School who wants to join the National Guard someday. "It had a big field and everything."

Breshears said Valley House is centered around supporting children and cultivating better parents.

"Kids cry when they leave here," she said.

### 'Complete Starter'

Once at the shelter, Gifford knew his life required, as he says, "a complete starter." Thanks to Valley House, he learned how to accomplish it. With his dairy days in the rearview mirror, Gifford began learning a new trade. Valley House handyman Noel Baker took Gifford under his wing, teaching him how to be a fix-it and maintenance worker. When a job for a handyman opened up at the shelter, Gifford was first in line.

He now works about 35 hours a week as a Valley House employee, remodeling housing units and fixing things at Martin Street Apartments, one of several complexes that Valley House helps people transition to.

After a four-month stay at the shelter, Gifford moved his family into the complex. He pays \$450 monthly for a two-bedroom apartment. His son sleeps in one room, his daughters in the other, and Gifford on the couch.

Heartache has struck Gifford more than once. In 2000, his wife of 16 years, Donna, was killed in a car accident. Today he wonders why he didn't stop working his "guts out" then.

"What was I thinking?" he asked last week, while taking a break from remodeling an apartment.

Gifford is a hands-on dad these days. He's there when his kids get out of school. He reads to them, and they go on walks and to Skateland. He takes medication for his pain. It's still there, but he's learned to deal with it.

"I'm just happy being able to take care of my kids," Gifford said, noting he has different priorities these days and no longer needs to buy the newest stuff — cars, TVs, swimming pool, trampoline.

"I've learned to just live with what I've got," he said.

Gifford is open and grateful about his time at the shelter. In 2011, Valley House received \$6,500 from the United Way to help pay for utilities. Gifford has accompanied Bill Knopp, executive director of United Way of South Central Idaho, to speak to local leaders and serv-



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*Randy Gifford, a former resident and now a maintenance worker at Valley House, remodels an apartment on Monday.*

ice clubs on behalf of the United Way and the agencies it helps fund.

"He said he doesn't know where he'd be without the Valley House," Knopp said of Gifford. "He felt like he was at the end of his rope. When the Valley House took him in, it completely saved his life."

Gifford said no one considering a stay at the shelter should be ashamed.

"It's just a time to suck it up and move forward," he said. "I'm focused strictly on taking care of the kids. I'm happier than I was before. I'm a lot happier than I've been in a long time."

## Walk in Place During Commercials for Workout

BY JEANNINE STEIN  
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Fitness experts are always telling us that incorporating movement into our day is a good way to burn calories. But is it effective? A study finds that walking in place during commercials while watching TV actually provides a pretty good workout.

Researchers from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville studied a group of 23 men and women ages 18 to 65 under a number of conditions to see how many calo-

ries they burned. The study participants also represented a wide range of weights, from normal to obese.

Their calorie expenditure was monitored while the participants were both sedentary and active, such as reclining, sitting and watching television for an hour, standing, stepping in place during commercials while watching television for an hour and walking on a treadmill at 3 mph. Steps were counted during the walking-in-place scenario.

Stepping in place during

commercials burned an average 148 calories and resulted in an average 2,111 steps in about 25 minutes. Walking on a treadmill for an hour burned an average 304 calories. Being sedentary didn't provide much activity at all — sitting and watching TV for an hour burned a whopping 81 calories, hardly enough to make a dent in that bowl of ice cream.

The study authors said that commercials could serve as a good cue for people, reminding them to get up and be active for a few minutes.

Having environmental cues for regular activity is helpful in developing new, healthful habits, a study found, and is part of making small changes for better health.

"Given the large number of hours American adults watch TV," they wrote, "we suggest that TV commercial stepping is one potential approach for reducing sedentary behavior and increasing physical activity."

The study appears in the February issue of the journal *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*.

## CLEANING

### Question:

My family (especially my husband) refuses to squeegee down the shower after every use. He claims he's making an extra effort if he squeegees just once a week! Aside from banning them all from showering in my house, I'm at a loss as to what to do!  
*"Trying to get Louiegy to squeegee!"*



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### Answer:

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