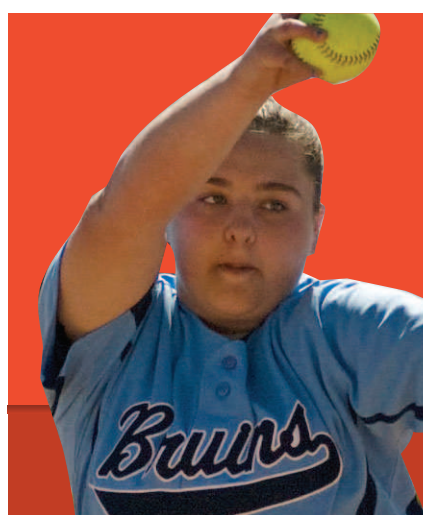


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## Dog and Blood Help Nab Poachers

BY SANDRA CHEREB  
Associated Press

**CARSON CITY, Nev.** • Larry and Marty Hall had two massive bull elk sighted in their rifle scopes. A crackling boom from one gun, then another, echoed across the rugged landscape along the Nevada-Idaho line.

One animal, crowned with a majestic six-by-six antler rack, was dead. The other, a six-by-four, was mortally wounded but alive.

Neither Larry nor his son Marty had a tag to hunt elk.

But Larry's longtime buddy, Frank Koski, did. Koski took back his rifle from Larry and finished off the wounded bull. The trio and Frank's two sons, John and Andrew, then hauled out the now-tagged animal with an ATV, leaving the other to rot.

Across the way, other hunters had been scouting the same elk that day. They knew what they witnessed Nov. 6, 2010 wasn't right.

So began a yearlong poaching investigation that involved agencies from three states, sophisticated DNA analysis on frozen meat in household freezers and blood splashes lifted from an ATV tire thousands of miles from the crime scene.

Old fashion gumshoe and a black lab with a fine-tuned nose helped seal the case.

"It's the same as a homicide investigation," said Rob Buonamici, law enforcement chief for the Nevada Department of Wildlife. "We have to literally prove the same elements as a homicide. Except we can't go to the mountain and talk to the elk that are left and ask them who did it?"

Over the past three decades or so, poachers have become more technologically advanced — using night vision goggles, trail cameras, satellite mapping and two-way radios, among other tools. That means wardens have had to evolve as well,

Please see **POACHERS, A5**



(ABOVE) Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, talks with Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, Wednesday at the Capitol in Boise. Stevenson is retiring from the Idaho House this year, after representing area voters for the past 16 years. (BELOW) Sen. Denton Darrington poses for a portrait in his office Wednesday at the Capitol in Boise. Darrington, who has served 30 years in the Senate, is retiring from the Legislature.

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## THEY LED WITH DIGNITY

Five retiring Magic Valley legislators will take with them 90 years combined lawmaking experience, each leaving behind their own legacy.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN  
mdavlin@magicvalley.com

**BOISE** • With 26 House members retiring or running for Senate seats, and nine Senators retiring, the Idaho Legislature is losing centuries of experience and institutional knowledge.

Five of Idaho's retiring lawmakers are from the Magic Valley, and all have served at least 12 years. They brought different strengths to the table — knowledge of complicated aquifer management, resolve to help families affected by substance abuse, dedication to transportation and infrastructure.

On Thursday, their colleagues at the Capitol sent them off with hugs, tears and endearing speeches. Here's a short look at their careers.

Please see **RETIREMENT, A2**



## Mega Millions Winners are Rich, but Not That Rich

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**IF YOU DO ONE THING TODAY ...**

**Egg hunters:** Eggstravaganza, 10:30 a.m. at Amazing Grace Fellowship, 1061 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls. Preregister: agf.org, 736-0727.

**THE FORECAST**

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**Miracle on Horseback.**  
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## Sorry. Can't Text, I'm Driving

**New bill will help law enforcement across the state tackle a growing problem.**

BY ALISON GENE SMITH  
alismith@magicvalley.com

**TWIN FALLS** • A bill that would ban texting on a cellphone while driving is on its way to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's desk. The bill would make typing, sending or reading a text message an infraction under state law.

In the past, state troopers made stops on drivers who were swerving on the road or obviously distracted, said Idaho State Police Lt. Kevin Haight, as texting while driving could be considered "inattentive driving" under current laws. But the new law will expand ISP's toolkit.

"Now even if they're not (swerving), if they're seen driving down the road

with their phone up, texting, they're violating (the law)," he said.

ISP plans to educate troopers about the new rules and make sure they understand the language and intent of the law.

"We'll encourage them to watch out for it and enforce it," Haight said.

Both Haight and Twin Falls Police Lt. Craig Stotts said the law will enhance the ability of law enforcement to enforce rules and cite inattentive drivers who choose to text from behind the wheel.

"It's a positive thing because it will hopefully bring more attention to it," Stotts said.

The new law will also help better define for people what is illegal.

Some teenagers might not necessarily understand what inattentive driving means, but they definitely know what texting and driving is, Stotts said.

Please see **TEXTING, A5**

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# Project Hopes to Revitalize Town

BY KAREN BOSSICK  
For the Times-News

**KETCHUM** • Twenty-five steps outside city hall, Ketchum Architect Dale Bates stops and points out why Ketchum needs to create a walkable downtown core.

“Look at this,” he said, as he eyes the parking lot behind Atkinsons’ Market. “We’re already being forced to the other side of the street because there’s no sidewalk here. You have to zigzag back and forth with the sidewalk first on one side of the street and then on the other.”

Whitney Werth follows Bates to the bottom of the hill where Main Street turns into Highway 75 heading north and nods toward a sign pointing to skier parking.

“It looks as if the sign is sending them out of town toward Galena, rather than to the Greyhawk parking lot at Baldy,” she said.

Bates, Werth and others have compiled three full poster boards detailing places where wayfaring signs could be clarified or erected, lights installed and sidewalks built to make Ketchum easier to navigate.

They hope the city can take advantage of federal grants to make Ketchum the most walkable resort in the United States.

The Walkable Ketchum Project is the next logical step in an effort to revitalize Ketchum, said Dale’s wife Peggy Bates. That effort began a few years ago with the creation of the Fourth Street Heritage Corridor, which encompasses attractive brick



Jon Duvall, left, and Dale Bates point out a sign that advises pedestrians to use sidewalks on the other side of the street.

KAREN BOSSICK • FOR THE TIMES-NEWS

sidewalks, benches and art.

The creation of the Ketchum Town Plaza followed - a gathering place with a stage, ice cream and crepe stand and fire pits.

Those involved with the Walkable Ketchum Project have walked 56 blocks noting where there are issues with signs, sidewalks, lighting and snow and ice.

Wayfaring signs, sidewalks and lighting become more important as the population ages, Dale Bates said. And easy walkability has been demonstrated to invigorate retail sales.

“Nobody ever bought anything in town from inside a car. If it’s more pleasant to walk, people are more likely to windowshop and

## If You Go

Walkable Ketchum Project will hold a community café from 5 to 7 p.m. April 19 at Ketchum City Hall. People will be able to view displays and offer suggestions.

A Community Walk will originate at the Ketchum Town Plaza on May 5 at a time to be determined. Participants will be asked to walk a course and nominate such things as “worst sidewalk.” Dogs and strollers are welcome.

A demonstration project utilizing signs and lighting will be held this summer.

pop inside various stores,” Dale Bates said. “Chances are if you see people eating inside some place like Whiskey Jacques, you might want to eat there.”

The committee is also working with the Ketchum/Sun Valley Historical Society to erect signs

pointing out historical landmarks, Werth said.

“There’s a lot of very cool history in this town and it would be fun to direct people to those places,” she said. “That gives them additional experiences beyond what they might have had otherwise.”

# Monday Road Closure Planned South of Wendell

TIMES-NEWS

**WENDELL** • Repairs to an irrigation culvert will close Idaho Highway 46 south of Wendell on Monday and detour traffic.

The Idaho Transportation Department says crews will perform the work about two miles south of Interstate 84. According to ITD, the current crossing is narrow and presents a safety hazard.

Traffic is expected to be detoured between 8 a.m. and 7

p.m. Southbound traffic will be detoured west on 3100 South Road to 1900 East Road, before returning to Idaho 46 via 3200 South Road. Northbound traffic will take 200 East Road between 3200 N. and 3100 N.

Drivers are reminded to use caution on the detour routes and obey speed limits.

When Monday’s work is complete, the roadway will have a gravel surface until it can be patched. Drivers are asked to use caution on the patch of Idaho 46 until it is repaired.

# JOHNNY HORIZON DAY PLANNED FOR MAY 12

TIMES-NEWS

**TWIN FALLS** • Twin Falls County’s annual clean-up event, Johnny Horizon Day, will be held May 12 this year.

During the event, various groups will clean up the county’s roads, starting at 8 a.m. Lunch for volunteers will be provided starting at 11 a.m. at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer, Red Barrel in Castleford, and Murtaugh LDS Church.

To volunteer or reserve a route, call the following coordinator in your area:

- Buhl:** Steve Kaatz, 543-8576
- Castleford:** Rick Rogers, 308-1149
- Filer:** Bud Compher, 326-5001
- Hansen:** Doug Gee, 423-5158
- Hollister:** Dixie Choate, 655-4417
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- Twin Falls:** Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, 733-3974

# MORMONS GATHER FOR CHURCH CONFERENCE IN UTAH

ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** • Even as the world changes around them, the traditional family must remain the foundation of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and its members, Mormon leaders said during speeches

at the semi-annual general conference on Saturday.

More than 100,000 people are expected to visit the church’s Salt Lake City headquarters during the two-day conference, which began Saturday. Millions more participate through satellite, radio or Internet broadcast.

Mormons meet in April and October to hear words of inspiration and guidance for daily living from the faith’s senior leaders. The American-born church has a presence in more than 170 countries and claims more than 14.5 million members worldwide.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

**TWIN FALLS COUNTY**

**FELONY SENTENCINGS**

**Dwayne Lee McCormick**, 28, Twin Falls; transfer of vehicle with false name and/or without delivering title, 5 years penitentiary, 1 determinate, 4 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$150 costs, \$1,000 public defender fee.

**Justin Dean Anderson**, 26, Jerome; possession of methamphetamine, 5 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 3 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, 100 hours of community service, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

**Desirae Rose Dade**, 21, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, 4 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 2 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, 100 hours of community service, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

**Edgar Perez Sanchez**, 20, Burley; delivery of cocaine, 6 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 4 indeterminate, 4 years probation, 125 hours community service, \$1,750 fine, \$1,000 suspended, \$265.50 costs.

**Jeffery Lynn Stanley**, 42, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, 6 years penitentiary, 3 determinate, 3 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

**Stefanie Marie Contreras**, 29, Twin Falls; conspiracy to commit child custody interference, 5 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 3 indeterminate, 3 years probation, \$225.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

**Terry Dean Plew Jr.**, 22,

Jerome; conspiracy to commit burglary, 5 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 3 indeterminate, 3 years probation, 78 hours community service, \$225.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

**Edward Nathaniel Hanes**, 35, Twin Falls; aggravated assault, second-degree kidnapping, 25 years penitentiary, 5 determinate, 20 indeterminate, \$225.50 costs.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS**

**Lori Lynn Vega**, 34, Filer; driving under the influence, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 150 suspended, 4 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

**Kurstin Rechealle Robbins**, 20, driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 1 day time credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

**Irene Celis Delcastillo**, 18, Jerome; driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$100 suspended, \$182.50 costs, driving privileges suspended 365 days.

**Elenes M. Ramos**, 19, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$182.50 costs, driving privileges suspended 365 days.

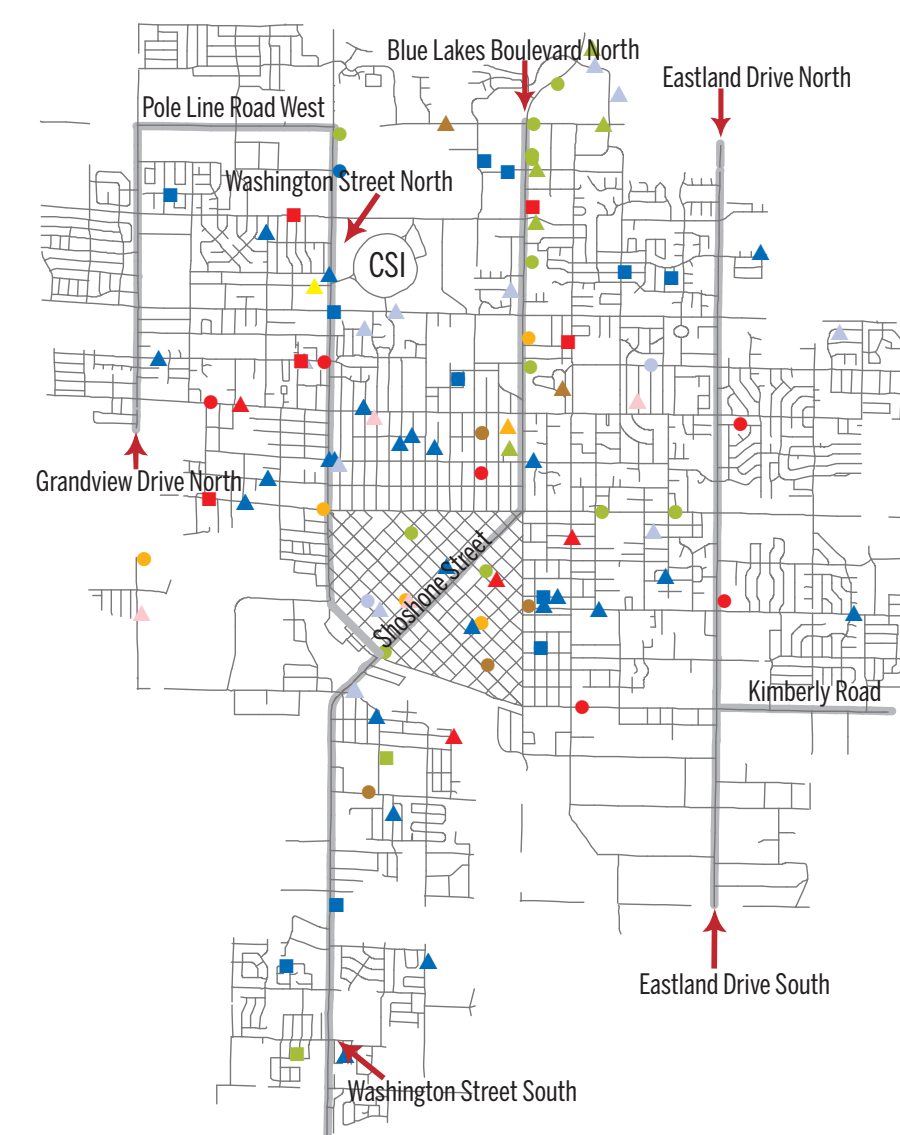
**Henry Bradley Duncan**, 51, Rupert; driving under the influence, 90 days jail, 60 suspended, credit for time served, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

**CHILD SUPPORT CASES**

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

**Miguel A. Salazar**, seeking establishment of child support: \$94 monthly support plus 41 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance and 41 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

**Jason Lloyd Kemp**, seeking establishment of child support: \$307 monthly support plus 54 percent of



**Crime Report: March 23-29**

Source: City of Twin Falls

medical expenses not covered by insurance and 54 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

**Sheila Marie Carlson**, seeking establishment of support of child in foster care: \$204 monthly support plus 42 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance.

**Jack Richard Cramer**, seeking establishment of support of child in foster care: \$211 monthly support plus 54 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance.

**Kathryn Jean Buckley**, seeking establishment of support of child in foster care: \$177 monthly support plus 46 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance.

**Rodolfo A. Orozco**, seeking establishment of child support: \$1,069 monthly support plus 74 percent of medical expenses not covered

by insurance and 74 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

**Sarah Jean Denton**, seeking establishment of support of child in third-party care: \$209 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance and 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

**Kathryn Jean Buckley**, seeking establishment of support of child in foster care: \$204 monthly support plus 43 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance.

**Zackary Ryan Dutt**, seeking establishment of child support and Medicaid reimbursement: \$159 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses and \$5,529.49 in Medicaid reimbursement for birth costs.

**DIVORCES FILED**

Maria Ruiz vs. Luis Castillo. Buck Blankenship vs. Maxine Blankenship. Levi Shetler vs. Vanessa Shetler. Forrest Anderson vs. Cindi Anderson. Andrea Sherrill vs. Dennis Sherrill. Mindy Muralles vs. Eduar-

do Muralles. Marsha Davis vs. Thomas Davis. Shannon Bales vs. Edie Bales. Amanda Fahrenholz vs. Thomas Fahrenholz. Ronald Morris vs. Raisha Morris. Melissa Pease-Hilarides vs. George Hilarides.

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**Hailey Plans Woodside Open House**

TIMES-NEWS

**HAILEY** • Hailey city officials will hold a Wednesday open house to discuss the Woodside Boulevard project from 4:30-7 p.m. Wednesday at the Woodside Elementary School cafeteria.

A formal presentation will be given at 6 p.m., but drop-in attendees are also encouraged. A translator will be available for Spanish-speaking attendees.

Knife River Corp. is the contractor for the \$4.2 million construction project, and company officials will be on hand to discuss the construction plan and its impacts on area residents. Up to \$3.5 million of the project will be reimbursed through a federal grant.

The project is intended to provide a safe corridor that accommodates all Woodside Boulevard users. Other improvements include a roundabout at the intersection of Fox

Acres Road, bike lanes, curb and gutter, landscape zones and some pocket parking.

According to a city release, Woodside is the second busiest street in Hailey. Its improvement was identified in 2008 as the city's top priority for residential street improvements.

"Going into a major project as this, we ask in advance that residents take steps to learn

about the project impacts," Mayor Fritz Haemmerle said in a written release. "We know that construction is an inconvenience to get through, but we are confident that with good communication with residents frustrations can be minimized. The end product will be of excellent quality, and will give our community a safe place to walk, ride bikes, catch a bus and commute."

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# Simpson Urges Caution Criticizing Obama on Loans

**BOISE (AP)** • Idaho Republican U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson says members of his party should be mindful of the role politics might play in their own decision-making process when pointing out what might be its use in the Obama administration.

Simpson issued the statement after comparing his lobbying for French nuclear power company Areva to the Obama administration and the bankrupt Solyndra.

"I was trying to make a very simple point, that while we look at the role politics might play in the administration's decision-making, perhaps we should also be looking at the role it plays in our own decision-

making," Simpson said.

At a budget hearing for the U.S. Department of Energy on Wednesday, Simpson noted his meetings with DOE officials to get loan guarantees for Areva's proposed \$3.2 billion plant in eastern Idaho.

"Did I put undue influence on the administration?" Simpson said. "Maybe."

The company in December announced it was suspending its Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility despite having a \$2 billion conditional loan guarantee and license issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

"I am very comfortable with my support of the Areva project because it is important to my district and

my constituents," Simpson said.

David Frantz, DOE loan office acting director, testified before the Appropriations Energy and Power Subcommittee. He told Simpson that the Areva loan guarantee was approved on its merits.

"If we are going to have these loan programs, then I want politics removed from the decision-making process so we don't end up with more Solyndras in the future," Simpson said. "And if we are going to remove politics from the process, it is incumbent upon members of Congress to reflect on their own actions as much as they reflect on the actions of others, including the administration."

The *Idaho Statesman* reports that Simpson's statements tend to undermine efforts by some Republicans to characterize the failed Solyndra solar project as "crony capitalism" by the Obama administration.

Simpson also drew attention when he urged Republican colleagues to "go big" in making a deal with Democrats to cut the deficit. He said Republicans needed to consider some tax increases along with spending cuts.



## 2 LOTTERY TICKETS WORTH \$250,000 SOLD IN IDAHO

**BOISE (AP)** • Idaho Lottery officials say two Mega Millions tickets sold in Idaho matched all five of the first numbers but not the Mega Ball and are worth \$250,000 each.

Idaho Lottery Director Jeff Anderson on Saturday said

one ticket from Friday's drawing was sold in Canyon County in southwestern Idaho and the other in Oneida County in southeastern Idaho.

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*In this photo taken Dec. 7, 2010 and released by the Nevada Department of Wildlife. Game wardens Jason Jackson, left, and Karen Vega search the remains of an elk carcass with a metal detector near Jarbidge, Nev. One bullet was found in the skull of the remains. More than a dozen witnesses helped during the nearly yearlong investigation into the illegal killing of two bull elk near the Nevada-Idaho line.*

## Poachers

Continued from the front page

finding ever new and creative ways of sleuthing.

Buonamici recalled a case in the early 1980s where he took a dead deer to a veterinarian, who X-rayed the bullet path. Buonamici poked a stick into the wound channel to show the angle of impact and prove the kill shot came from someone in a pickup truck.

These days, DNA is just as critical in animal crime investigations as it is solving human crimes.

"Our lab has been doing this since the mid-1990s," said Elizabeth Wictim at the animal forensics lab at the University of California, Davis, where DNA collected in the Nevada case was analyzed. The world's largest animal forensic lab, operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, opened in 1989 in Ashland, Ore.

Buonamici predicted in the not-to-distant future, DNA techniques will allow biologist to pinpoint the region an animal came from — and nab hunters who have a tag for one area but kill their bounty in another.

"It's coming," he said.

In the Nevada case, game wardens took blood and tissue samples from the scene and the carcass left behind. From witness accounts, investigators were able to identify the five suspects after searching through the state hunting tag database.

"One person saw Marty Hall coming out of the trees, and when he got on a four-wheeler he didn't have a rifle anymore," said Fred

Esparza, NDOW game warden and lead investigator.

That December, search warrants were issued for five different homes, four in Nevada and Larry Hall's home in Franktown, Colo., a small community south of Denver. Samples were taken from frozen meat in freezers, and Colorado wildlife officers lifted a blood sample from an ATV tire.

But it would be another six months before investigators found the missing gun used to shoot the big elk that was left to rot. That break came with the help of a four-legged officer named Pepper, trained to sniff out weapon odors like gun oil

and gun powder.

Owned and handled by Jim Stirling, senior conservation office with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the elk caper was one of Pepper's first assignments.

On June 10, 2011, the sharp-nosed dog found the weapon during the spring thaw, hidden under sagebrush.

"This gun was buried under feet of snow for six months before I was even able to get access to this area," Esparza said.

Forensic testing confirmed bullets fired from the weapon Marty Hall had ditched matched the bullet that killed the elk.

## LOCAL AGENCY RECEIVES AWARD

Melody Bowyer, the Environmental Health Program Manager of South Central Public Health District (SCPHD), receives a \$12,000 grant from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to improve food safety in our local community.



As the project lead, Melody Bowyer will collaborate with community stakeholders and spearhead the efforts for improving food safety at farmers' markets. SCPHD is one of the nine sites selected by NACCHO in a nationwide contest. SCPHD will collaborate and partner directly with NACCHO through support from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

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## T.F. DAR Chapter Announces Awards

**TWIN FALLS** • The Twin Falls Daughters of the American Revolution chapter handed out its annual community service, citizenship, essay and media awards during a March 10 reception.

John and Sandra Sexton received the Community Service Award for their contributions at the Mustard Tree Wellness Clinic in Twin Falls and their efforts to promote local health care.

Hannah Biedenbach was chosen as the overall winner of the Good Citizen award, given to high school seniors who show dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. Biedenbach will represent the local chapter in the statewide contest. Other local winners are Jesse Bolyard, Twin Falls Christian Academy; Ellee Bryant, Glens Ferry High School; Seth Champlin, Kimberly High School; and Wendy Vanden Bosch, Jerome High School.

Local students in grades 5-8 participated in the essay contest, with students from I.B. Perrine Elementary School in Twin Falls taking fifth-grade awards. They were: first, Katie Webb; second, Larissa Tubbs; third, Larrissa Hall; honorable mention, Avery Rambur.

Jordan Williams of Light-house Christian School won the sixth-grade division, while Canyon Ridge High School student Sara Buddecke won the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest for high school students.

Also, Times-News reporter Melissa Davlin and photographer Drew Nash were awarded DAR media awards. Davlin was recognized for her "Future of a Forgotten People" series on Bhutanese refugees coming to Twin Falls. Nash was recognized for his coverage of Twin Falls' observance of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Information: 308-1810 or [dgreene@northrim.net](mailto:dgreene@northrim.net).



(TOP) Jill Wornell, back, presents DAR Good Citizen awards to Hannah Biedenbach, Wendy Vanden Bosch and Jesse Bolyard. Not pictured are winners Ellee Bryant and Seth Champlin. (BOTTOM LEFT) DAR Community Service Award winners Sandra and John Sexton, front, receive awards from Maureen Williams. (BELOW) DAR American History Essay Contest winners are, front left, sixth-grade winner Jordan Williams, fifth-grade winner Katie Webb, fifth-grade runner-up Larissa Tubbs, and fifth-grade third place Larrissa Hall. At back is Christopher Columbus Essay Contest winner Sara Buddecke. Not pictured: Avery Rambur, fifth-grade honorable mention.

## Don't Break Law When Making Turns

Are the people stopped in the road waiting to get into a drive-through breaking the law?

Next question, when stopped at a stop light it is my understanding that when turning left you are supposed to stay in the innermost lane and when turning right you are to stay in the outside lane if you are a passenger vehicle. Is my understanding correct?

— Dave



rently have an opening (shameless plug, I know). Now before you wonder what certified or certifiable is let me tell you that it has nothing to do with being committed, unless you're committed to fight crime for low pay.

To be certified all you have to have done would be to have passed the Police Officer Standard Training (POST) testing that is usually offered from POST or any other certified college law enforcement program (I went to CSI). Most law enforcement agencies prefer to hire certified or certifiable applicants so that they don't have to send an officer to POST Academy for 10 weeks, but that does not mean they won't hire and then send an applicant to POST Academy.

I must also let you know that there is no immediate ability to take the POST test unless you are coming to Idaho after being in law enforcement from another state.

My personal preference would be to get into a college law enforcement program and then go looking for that law enforcement job.

### Officer Down

Please put this officer, killed in the line of duty, and his family in your prayers. God bless this hero.

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Dan Bristol is the Heyburn chief of police.

Yes if anybody is stopped in the road waiting to get into a drive-through they are violating the law. They are also asking for a new vehicle because they would be in danger of getting rear-ended and also being at fault.

The only excusable reasons to be stopped in the roadway near a drive-through would be if the vehicle was disabled or the lane was obstructed so that traffic was not able to go through on the road.

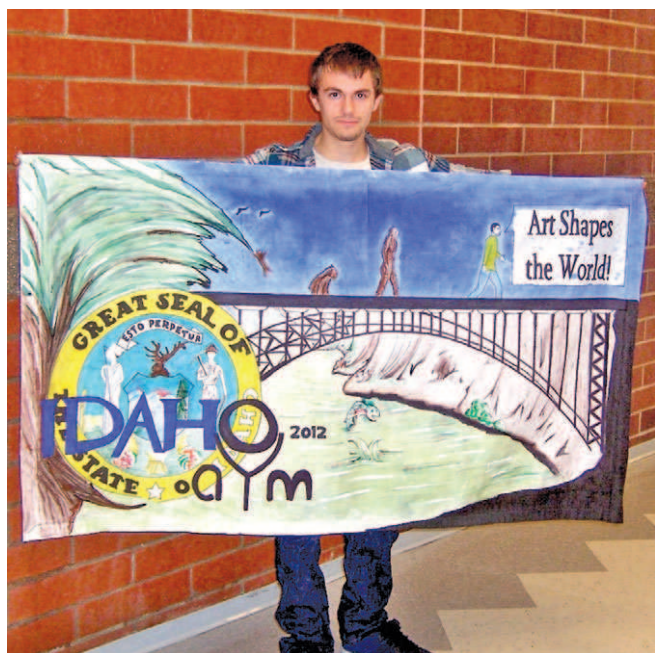
The turning question you have answered for me. Vehicles turning left or right must turn into the closest lane to the turn. This means that if you turned onto a highway that had a right-hand turn lane then you would have to enter that lane before driving into the through lane.

These laws are another one of those laws that usually don't get much attention until a crash is involved. I would remind you that you could cite anybody you see violating either of these laws. You would be the citing officer and bear the burden of proof in court.

What is the easiest and quickest way to become a law enforcement officer?

— Mike

Well, first of all, if you are certified or certifiable you could put in an application at the Heyburn Police Department since we cur-



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## Filer Student Wins State Art Contest

**FILER** • David Murray, a senior at Filer High School, was recently chosen overall winner in the Youth Art Month Flag Design contest for the state of Idaho. His design was selected from among five grade divisions in all participating schools in Idaho.

The national contest with a theme of "Art Shapes the World" was sponsored by the Idaho Art Education Association and the Council for Art Education. David and a parent will be joined by his art teacher Karen Fothergill for an expense-paid trip to New York City, where they will tour museums and attend receptions.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Ellis on Gonzaga President's List



**SPOKANE, Wash.** • Taylor Ellis, a Twin Falls High School graduate, was recently named to the fall semester President's List at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

Students eligible for the honor must earn at least a 3.7 on a 4.0 grade-point average.

#### Drug Court Sets Graduation

**TWIN FALLS** • The 5th Judicial District will hold its Drug Court Graduation at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Fine Arts Theater at the College of Southern Idaho.

Judge John K. Butler will lead the ceremonies, along with Linda Wright, trial court administrator, and Darrell Roskelley. Terry Kramer, a Twin Falls County commissioner, will be the guest speaker.

#### Jerome Kindergarten Registration Nears

**JEROME** • Jerome School District kindergarten registration for the 2012-13 school year will be at Jefferson Elementary School from 8:30

a.m. to 7 p.m. on April 11 and from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on April 12. To be eligible, children must turn 5 on or before Sept. 1.

Parents must bring their child's official birth certificate and completed immunization record, which must be up-to-date. Vaccines the state requires are five doses of DTP, four doses of polio, three doses of hepatitis B, and two doses apiece of MMR, varicella and hepatitis A.

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## McFarland to Celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**TWIN FALLS** • Marie McFarland of Twin Falls will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday April 3. She currently resides at Alterra Wynwood where she enjoys watching birds at the feeders outside her window and reading mysteries.

Marie and her parents came to Twin Falls from Kansas in 1916 when she was 4 years old. She and her husband, Loren, lived with their three sons south of Hansen and farmed on Hansen Butte. Marie has seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and four great-great-granddaughters.

## Foster Parent Meeting Nears in Twin Falls

**TWIN FALLS** • Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services will host an open house for prospective foster, respite and adoptive parents at 6

p.m. April 10 at its office, 1869 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls.

The meeting will answer questions from those seeking to help youth in the foster care system. It will also prepare applicants for the next foster parent training event, held at the end of May.

Information: 734-4435.

## 'Bunco for Babies' Fundraiser Nears

**TWIN FALLS** • Shaken Baby Prevention of Idaho will hold its "Bunco for Babies" fundraiser at 6 p.m. April 18 at the Historic Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls.

The fundraiser will help the nonprofit's education efforts to prevent infant injuries related to shaking.

Along with games of Bunco, there will be a raffle, silent auction and refreshments. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at Right on Track Child Care, 1411 Falls Ave. E., Twin Falls, or reserved by calling 329-0618.

## T.F. Woman to Compete in Senior Pageant

**TWIN FALLS** • Twin Falls resident Jeanne Meyer will represent the Magic Valley in the 2012 Ms. Idaho Senior Pageant this spring.

The event will be May 5 at the Kroc Center in Coeur d'Alene.

The woman chosen at the state pageant as Ms. Idaho Senior America will represent Idaho women – ages 60 and older – at the National Senior America Pageant in the fall.

## Scholarship Offered for Future Teacher

**BURLEY** • The Mini-Cassia Retired Educators Association is offering a \$500 scholarship for a student from the Mini-Cassia area who is a junior or senior majoring in education at an accredited Idaho college or university with plans to teach in Idaho.

Application deadline is April 24. In addition to a

completed application form, three letters of recommendation are required, including one from a professor or advisor in the student's field of study. A certified copy of the student's college transcript and a letter explaining his or her background, circumstances and goals also are required.

Application forms are available from Scholarship Chairman Elaine Mayes at 208-436-9723 or 208-431-7139.

## Filer Kindergarten Registration April 11

**FILER** • Filer Elementary School will register kindergarten-age children from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, for the 2012-2013 school year.

Proof of all updated immunizations and legal birth certificate are required to register. Children must be 5 years of age by Sept. 1, 2012. Information: 326-4369.

## Moulton on Seattle Pacific Dean's List

**SEATTLE** • Filer resident Ashley Lynn Hall Moulton is among the students listed in the autumn quarter dean's list at Seattle Pacific

University. Qualifying students must earn a 3.5 grade-point average or higher while taking at least 12 credits.

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## Students of the Month at Hollister Elementary School



February students of the month at Hollister Elementary School are, front, from left: Dominick, fourth grade; Lohmen, first grade; Hector, second grade; back, from left: Samuel, third grade; Maddie, fifth grade.

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## BRIDGE NEWS

### Twin Falls Duplicate Bridge

**TWIN FALLS** • The Twin Falls Duplicate Bridge Club recently released the results of play for March 21.

**North/South:** 1. Beverly Burns and Bobette Plankey, 2. Dennis Hanel and David Stoker; 3. Edna Pierson and Riley Burton.

**East/West:** 1. Betty Jeppesen and Beverly Reed, 2. Betty Grant and Ruth Rahe, 3. Barbara and Gary Carney.

### Flight B

**North/South:** 1. Nancy and Steve Sams, 2. Veeta Roberts and Doris Finney  
**East/West:** 1. Jeppesen and Reed, 2. Carneys.

### BJ Duplicate Bridge

**RUPERT** • The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert recently announced the results of play for March 13 and 20. Games are played at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge. Information: Steve Sams, 878-7691, or Vera Mai, 436-4163.

### March 13

**North-South:** 1. Marian Snow and Lila Buman, 2. Nanette Woodland and Vera Mai, 3. David and Gwen Stoker

**East-West:** 1. Jane Keicher and Donna Moore, 2. Marlene Temple and Shirley Harris, 3. Dee Keicher and Leo Moore

### March 20

**North-South:** 1. Marian Snow and Lila Buman, 2. Nanette Woodland and Vera Mai, 3. David and Gwen Stoker.

**East-West:** 1. Jane Keicher and Donna Moore, 2. Marlene Temple and Shirley Harris, 3. Dee Keicher and Leo Moore.

### Gooding Duplicate Bridge

**GOODING** • Gooding Duplicate Bridge recently released its results for March 23.

**North/South:** 1. Kathy Rooney and Jodi Faulkner, 2. John Larimer and Mary Tucker.

**East/West:** 1. Bobette Plankey and David Stoker, 2. Dennis and Pat Hill.

Duplicate bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. Information: Kathy Rooney, 934-9732.

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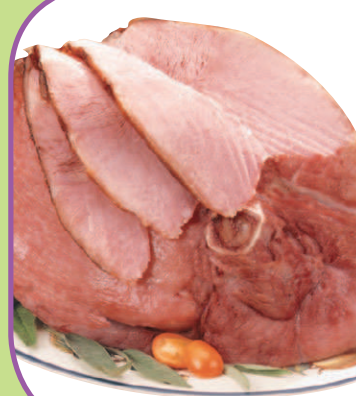
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# World Landmarks Dimmed for Earth Hour

**WWF, the global environmental group which organizes the event, said the number of countries and territories participating grew from 135 last year to 147 this year.**

BY RAPHAEL SATTER  
Associated Press

**LONDON** • Hundreds of world landmarks from Berlin's Brandenburg Gate to the Great Wall of China went dark Saturday, part of a global effort to highlight climate change.

Earth Hour, held on the last Saturday of March every year, began as a Sydney-only event in 2007. The city's iconic Harbor Bridge and Opera House were dimmed again this year.

Wellington switched off two hours earlier; Tokyo Tower was also dimmed and in Hong Kong, buildings along Victoria Harbour also went dark. All the events take place at 8:30 p.m. local time.

The WWF, the global environmental group that organizes the event, said the number of countries and territories participating grew from 135 last year to 147 this year.

"Global warming is a big issue," said Rudy Ko, of Taiwanese environmental group Society of Wilderness. "Everybody can help

reduce the problem by turning the lights off."

Ko said children should invite their parents "to turn the lights off, go out, go to the parks to do some exercise, and enjoy some family time instead of watching TV or play video games."

In Europe, 5,000 candles were lit in the form of a globe in front of Berlin's Brandenburg Gate before city officials switched off the monument's lighting.

More than 230 monuments and landmarks in Paris were expected

to dim lights for an hour — including Notre Dame Cathedral, the Arc de Triomphe, as well as fountains and bridges over the Seine.

An exception: The Eiffel Tower, which the mayor's office said would go dark for only five minutes "for security reasons."

Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Tower Bridge and St. Paul's Cathedral were among the other London landmarks to go dark. Managers at the Savoy hotel planned to light the lobby, bars and restaurants with candles.

**The Big Check**

Denise Metzger, manager of the Illinois Mart store in Red Bud, Ill., looks at an oversized check given to her by lottery officials on Saturday to verify that her store had sold one of the three winning Mega Millions tickets.



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BY JIM SALTER  
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Associated Press

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All told, you'll each have roughly 100 million reasons to call April 2, 2012, the best Monday morning of your life.

If you follow the advice of those who know money, you won't splurge on those big-ticket items that you can afford, such as a top-of-the-line Gulfstream G650 jet (\$64 million, excluding pilot, maintenance, hanger and fuel costs) and a place to fly it, your own private island (let's call that \$25 million even).

Had you won the whole pot, and invested the \$300 million conservatively, Steve Fazzari, an economics professor at Washington University in St. Louis, said you could have expected to collect a nice "salary" of about \$7 million "after taxes every year for the rest of your life and the rest of the life of your heirs."

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# Syria Says It Won't Be First to Lay Down Arms

**Foreign Ministry says government will not pull tanks and troops from towns and cities before life returns to normal there.**

BY ZEINA KARAM  
Associated Press

**BEIRUT** • Syria rejected international envoy Kofi Annan's call for the regime to halt violence first just days after the government agreed to a cease-fire plan. A senior official declared victory over the opposition.

It was the government's first response to an appeal by Annan, the U.N.-Arab League envoy, to stop military operations first as "the stronger party" in a "ges-

ture of good faith" to the lightly armed opposition. Annan brokered the agreement aimed at stopping the bloodshed and Assad agreed to it on Monday.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Jihad Makdessi said the government will not pull tanks and troops from towns and cities engulfed by unrest before life returns to normal there.

"The battle to bring down the state in Syria has already ended and the battle of reinforcing stability has started," Makdessi said in an apparent reference to a string of recent regime offensives that drove rebels from key strongholds. He spoke on state TV late Friday.

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# Romney Looking to Fall Campaign, Doubts Linger

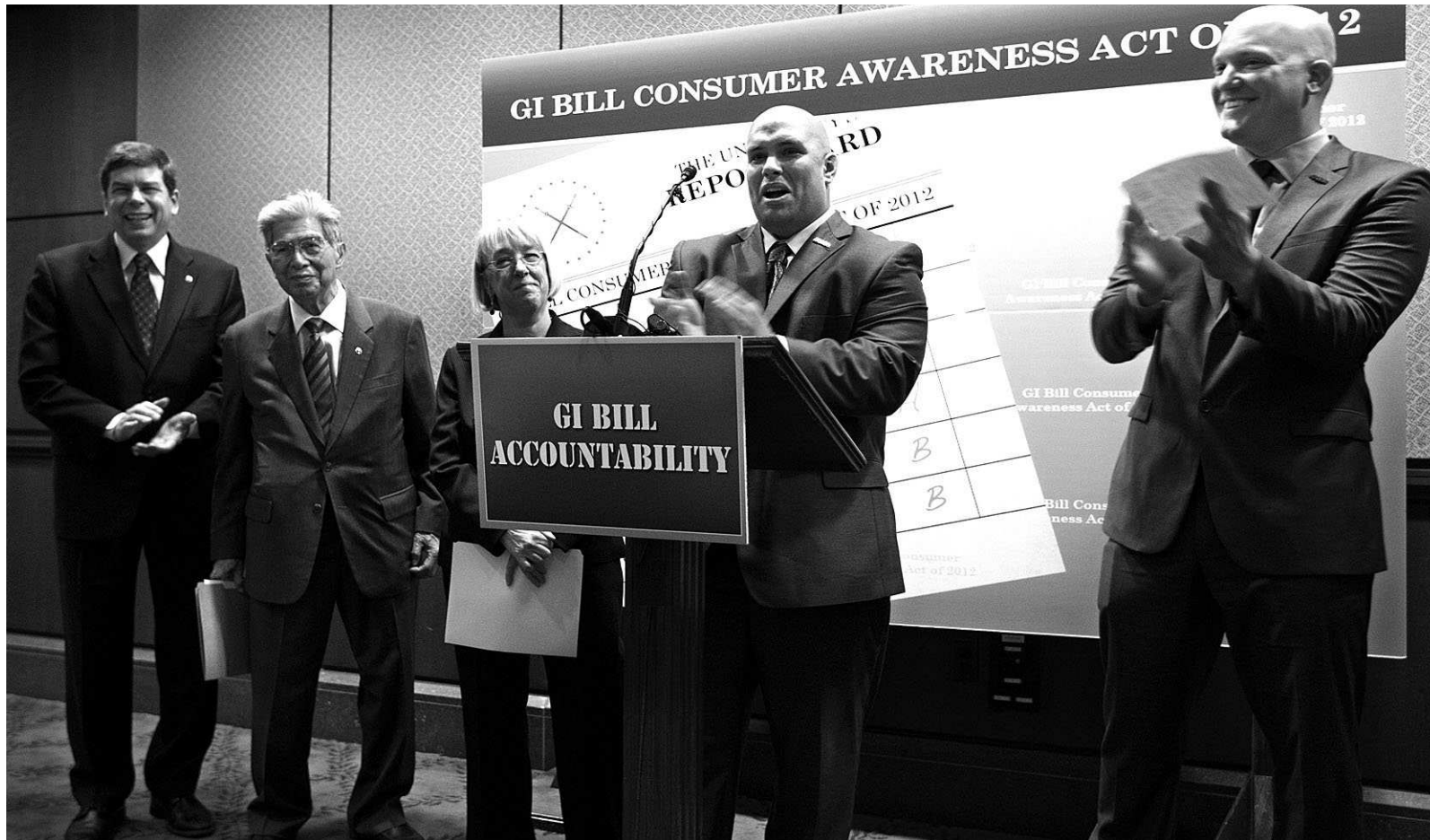
BY THOMAS BEAUMONT  
AND STEVE PEOPLES  
Associated Press

**FITCHBURG, Wis.** • Appearing ever-more confident in Wisconsin's primary, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney focused entirely on Democratic President Barack Obama during a campaign trip through this upper Midwestern battleground and predicted a victory that could effectively seal the nomination for him Tuesday.

"We're looking like we're going to win this thing on Tuesday," Romney told supporters, suggesting he could also claim wins in Maryland and the District of Columbia that day. "If I can get that boost also from Wisconsin I think we'll be on a path that'll get me the nomination well before the convention."

At the same time, fading rival Rick Santorum sought to stoke doubts about Romney's conservative credentials on the last weekend of

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From left: Sen. Mark Begich, D-Alaska, Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., U.S. Marines Iraq war veteran Moses Maddox, and Iraq war veteran Army 1st Lt. Paul Rieckhoff applaud during a news conference introducing a GI benefit watchdog bill, Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington. The 'G.I. Bill Consumer Awareness Act' would push colleges and the Department of Veterans Affairs to disclose more information on licensing and job placement rates, and to develop policies to prevent misleading marketing.

## Former NFL Quarterback Ryan Leaf Arrested in Montana

BY MATT VOLZ AND BETSY BLANEY  
Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. • The West Texas district attorney who prosecuted former NFL quarterback Ryan Leaf in 2009 said Saturday that he'll file a motion to re-



Leaf

voke Leaf's probation following his arrest in Montana.

Leaf was arrested Friday in his hometown of Great Falls on burglary and drug possession charges, police said.

James Farren, the Randall County district attorney who prosecuted Leaf in Texas and negotiated a plea deal with him in 2010, said he would file the motion Monday to revoke the 10-year probation Leaf got in the agreement.

"I think it's sad," Farren said of the allegations against Leaf in Montana. "While I hoped for better results I'm not surprised it happened."

Leaf did not immediately respond to text and voice mail messages left Saturday.

The circumstances surrounding Leaf's arrest were not immediately clear. Great Falls Police Sgt. Dean Bennett, who confirmed Leaf's arrest, said Friday night that he had not seen a report detailing the allegations against the ex-football player.

Leaf was booked on felony charges of burglary of a residence and criminal possession of dangerous drugs, plus a first-time charge of misdemeanor theft, Cascade County Detention Center Officer Robert Rivera said.

Leaf was freed on \$76,000 bond and is scheduled to make an initial court appearance Monday.

Leaf's defense attorney in the Texas case, Bill Kelly, said Saturday that he hadn't spoken to his client. Leaf's father, John Leaf, called Kelly on Friday to tell him about the arrest, he said.

"His dad was pretty upset, of course," Kelly said. "People get hooked on these things and it's hard to get off of them. It's just a sad, sad deal because he was doing so well."

Leaf, a former standout quarterback for Washington State, was the No. 2 pick in the 1998 draft behind Peyton Manning. But Leaf flamed out as quarterback for the San Diego Chargers, gaining a reputation as one of the biggest busts in NFL history.

# 'Military Friendly' College Lists Prompt Concerns

Some schools touting their spots on lists of "military friendly" colleges found in magazine guides and websites have few of the attributes educators commonly associate with the claim.

BY JUSTIN POPE  
Associated Press

In press releases and ads, colleges love boasting they're "military friendly" and "veterans friendly" — and that isn't just because veterans are usually good students and campus leaders.

It's also because the newly expanded Post 9/11 G.I. Bill will pay colleges of all types around \$9 billion this year to educate nearly 600,000 veterans, and virtually every school wants to expand its slice of that pie.

But some schools touting their spots on proliferating lists of "military friendly" colleges found in magazine guides and websites have few of the attributes educators commonly associate with the claim, such as accepting military credits or having a veterans organization on campus. Many are for-profit schools with low graduation rates.

The designations appear on rankings whose rigor varies but whose methods are under fire. Often, they're also selling ads to the colleges. Some websites help connect military and veteran students with degree programs that may match their interests, but don't disclose they are lead aggregators paid by the institutions — often for-profit colleges — whose programs they highlight.

"They're not real rankings," said Tom Tarantino, a veteran who is deputy policy director of the advocacy group Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. "What they are is advertisement catalogues." Labeling them "a huge problem," he called for standards to be established for proper use of the term "military friendly" schools.

There are signs something like that may happen. But as with the U.S. News & World Report college rankings, demand for signaling devices to help consumers sort out complicated choices could make such lists tough to dislodge. Many experts say the lists are symptoms of a wider problem: Service members aren't getting the advice they need to make sound decisions on using the substantially expanded education benefits. It's no surprise businesses are stepping into that void.

### New legislation

At a large military education conference last month in Florida, some educators criticized the lists and pushed for a sharpened definition of "military friendly" colleges, to be developed either by the federal government or an education coalition called Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges.

Meanwhile, Washington is paying increasing attention to the broader problem of

veterans getting reliable guidance. In recent weeks a slew of bills on the subject have surfaced.

The latest, unveiled Tuesday by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., is called the "G.I. Bill Consumer Awareness Act" and would push colleges and the Department of Veterans Affairs to disclose more information on questions like licensing and job placement rates, and to develop policies to prevent misleading marketing.

Another bill would boost education counseling resources at the department, and separately, 14 senators have asked the department to trademark the term "G.I. Bill" so it will have more power to crack down on misleading advertising.

### A risk to boycott

"It's not only these major lists, but all of these pay-to-play websites that come up with these nefarious rankings," said Jim Sweizer, vice president of military programs at American Public University System. APUS operates two for-profit online universities, American Military University and American Public University. Founded in 1991 by a former Marine, it calls itself the largest provider of education to the military, with two-thirds of its nearly roughly 110,000 students in the Reserves, active duty, or veterans. But last year it boycotted the best-known "military friendly" list, published by G.I. Jobs magazine, saying the system had too many shortcomings.

"The people who suffer from this are the service members who don't know any better," Sweizer said. "They see an ad that says, 'No. 1 ranked school,' but they don't say, 'by whom?'"

Officials at other institutions say they don't like the lists but can't afford not to be on them, for fear of appearing "military unfriendly."

"Some schools feel 'I'm damned if I do, damned if I don't,'" said Ramona McAfee, assistant dean of military and federal programs and Columbia College in Missouri, a critic of the lists whose school still participates.

But for some lesser-known colleges, such lists can get their names in front of prospective students — which, they say, expands veterans' horizons. Last year, when G.I. Jobs magazine published its list, a flurry of colleges shared the news in press releases, and local newspapers often followed with stories.

"We certainly aren't going to change the landscape of our campus by seeking out tons of veterans but we wanted to make sure we were giving them every opportunity and making this transition easier for them," said Sarah Palace, assistant dean for adult enrollment at one school that put out such a release, the College of Notre Dame in Ohio (not to be confused with the larger University of Notre Dame in Indiana, which also put out a release). The smaller Notre Dame has only about 20 full-time veteran students but hopes to recruit more. Palace listed practices she says make the place military friendly: encouraging transfers, examining military transcripts, working with a local veterans service center.

### Thinking for themselves

It's impossible to say whether veterans are widely misled by "military friendly" lists. Some educators say it's patronizing to suppose military people read the lists uncritically.

But there are worrisome signs that, more broadly, veterans aren't making informed decisions and could waste their benefits on low-value degrees. While for-profit colleges may be a good choice for many, on average they cost more, have lower graduation rates and in some cases have accreditation limitations. They also recruit aggressively. In the first two years after the new G.I. Bill was passed in 2008, they enrolled 25 percent of veterans using the benefits and collected 37 percent of the payments to colleges.

After former Marine Cpl. Moses Maddox finished his first tour of duty in Iraq, he started — and ended — his college search with an Internet query.

"I looked up 'GI Bill friendly schools' and it said 'hey, come to the University of Phoenix,'" Maddox said. He won't single out Phoenix, which collected \$133 million from the G.I. Bill in 2010-2011, but it wasn't a good fit, and he later dropped out, re-enlisted and returned to Iraq. After his second tour he enrolled in Palomar College in California, but discovered his Phoenix credits wouldn't transfer. He now gives education counseling to veterans at Palomar.

They're "just so lost after getting out that they just show up with a DD214 (military service record) and say, 'I want to go to school. How do I start?'" he said. When the benefit's 36-month expiration passes and they're stuck with credits they didn't realize were worthless, "it's the hardest part of my job to tell these vets you have to start all over again."

### Who to believe

The G.I. Jobs "Guide to Military Friendly Schools" is probably the best known list, with annual circulation of 135,000 and reaching more through its website, militaryfriendlyschools.com.

The publication insists it's far more rigorous than the apparently fly-by-night options that show up for pages in response to a Google search for "military friendly colleges."

G.I. Jobs sends questionnaires to 8,000 institutions, says it gets about half back, and lists the 1,500 most military friendly (it claims that's the top 20 percent, though of the responses, it's more than one-third).

Unlike others, G.I. Jobs does share the general formula used to select military friendly colleges: 45 percent in one "effort" category, measuring things like flexible learning programs and academic credit, 35 percent for financial effort (including tuition benefits and the per-

centage of recruiting budget directed to veterans), 15 percent for results (such as percentage of military students enrolled) and 5 percent for a category that includes accreditations.

"We're the most stringent and transparent out there," said Sean Collins, who directs the publication for Victory Media. It's now begun surveying students about their experiences, and is beginning to include that data in its website, though it isn't used to determine which schools make the list. Collins says the magazine consults an advisory board of veterans education professionals on the survey questions.

Yet while G.I. Jobs discloses its general formula, and its website offers extensive raw data with college responses, it doesn't disclose a cutoff score or quantify what it takes to make the "military friendly" cut.

Its list includes some schools that, the magazine's own charts reveal, check hardly any of the boxes that comprise the magazine's criteria for inclusion.

Other sites that turn up on online searches, such as www.militaryfriendlycolleges.org, say nothing about their criteria.

Typically they feature eclectic lists of colleges and sometimes ads for for-profit schools. An email sent via the "Contact Us" portion of that site went unanswered, as did a telephone call to the California phone number where the website is registered.

None of the current designers of "military friendly" colleges are transparent enough that students should rely on them to make a decision, according to Jim Selbe, who has worked for decades in veterans education.

Maddox, the former Marine, advises students to go to www.gibill.va.gov and avoid any site mentioning veterans or the GI Bill ending with ".com."

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# Crop Outlook: Barley, Beans Show Gains

BY CINDY SNYDER  
For the Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** • The first snapshot of the 2012 crop didn't hold many surprises for farmers or traders.

After last year's extremely wet spring kept many farmers out of their fields until nearly summer, farmers are taking advantage of the warm, dry March to start planting corn, and don't plan to stop anytime soon.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's planting intentions report, released March 30, U.S. farmers intend to plant 95.9 million acres of corn this spring, a 4 percent increase from what they planned to seed before last year's muddy conditions kept them

## Idaho Planting Intentions

Crop	2012	2011
Corn	350,000 acres	350,000 acres
Barley	590,000	520,000
Winter wheat	780,000	820,000
Durum	15,000	11,000
Spring wheat	540,000	640,000
Oats	80,000	70,000
All hay	1.33 million	1.35 million
Canola	29,000	19,000
Sugar beet	183,000	176,000
Dry beans	130,000	95,000

U.S. Department of Agriculture

off their fields. If the weather cooperates and they

get it all planted, this will be the nation's second largest planted acreage for a year, topped only in 1937.

But analysts aren't projecting a bumper crop yet. Much of the projected increase is in the western Corn Belt, where yields are lower and a dry winter has already stirred drought worries.

Idaho growers expect to plant 350,000 corn acres, equal to last year's record-setting amount. Much of that will be harvested for silage.

Large carryover wheat stocks continue to be a drag on prices and now cause. Idaho farmers plan to cut their spring wheat seedings by 100,000 acres, part of a nationwide trend of reduction.

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Phalla Keo does research in his mechanic class at the Universal Technical Institute in Irving, Texas.

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## Latest Buzz on Bee Decline: Maybe It's Pesticides

The new research suggests the chemicals designed to attack the central nervous system of pests also reduce the weight and number of queens in bumblebee hives.

BY SETH BORENSTEIN  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** • A common class of pesticide is causing problems for honeybees and bumblebees, important species already in trouble, two studies suggest.

But the findings don't explain all the reasons behind a long-running bee decline, and other experts found one of the studies less than convincing.

The new research suggests the chemicals used in the pesticide — designed to attack the central nervous system of insects — reduces the weight and number of queens in bumblebee hives. These pesticides also cause honeybees to become disoriented and fail to return to their hives, the researchers concluded.

The two studies were published online Thursday in the journal *Science*.

Please see **BEE DECLINE, M2**



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A common class of pesticide is causing problems for both honeybees and wild bumblebees, important species already in trouble, say two new scientific studies.

# Auto Mechanic's Role Shifts Along with Technology

The industry is churning out auto technicians at the same time that warranty repairs are way down and even maintenance work is declining.

BY TERRY BOX  
The Dallas Morning News

**DALLAS** • Five years from now, rookie auto tech John Perez might be stroking computer keys more often than twisting wrenches.

"Everything I learned will probably be outdated by then," said Perez, 19, a recent graduate of Universal Technical Institute in Irving, Texas.

As cars and trucks get increasingly high-tech — speeding toward the day in a few years when they drive themselves — the role of the back-shop mechanic is evolving dramatically.

So, too, are many shops, which still keep most dealerships cruising along economically in good times and bad.

"Less work and more sophistication is what I see in the years ahead," said Paul Taylor, chief economist of the National Automobile Dealers Association. "The future is cars that are less troublesome but more complicated."

For more than a decade, techs such as Perez have been in high demand at car dealerships, with the best commanding wages of \$70,000

or more a year.

And for just as long, the parts and service departments have been prized economic engines, often generating enough revenue to cover most of the dealership's overhead.

That hasn't changed — yet. But warranty work, once the mainstay of service departments, has plummeted in the past decade as vehicles got vastly better.

At most shops, it dropped from around 70 percent of daily work orders to 30 percent or less.

Likewise, the intervals between maintenance work have grown. Spark plugs last 100,000 miles now, and some synthetic oil can go 10,000 miles between changes.

Consequently, no one is quite sure what service departments — and their critical financial contributions — will look like in a few years.

Dealerships hustle more repair business now, an effort aided by consumers, who are keeping their vehicles longer. Many also offer express oil-change and service facilities to compensate somewhat for the loss of warranty work.

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Paul Taylor, chief economist of the National Automobile Dealers Association

And some are planning different types of service departments altogether.

Five Star Ford in Carrollton, Texas, for example, is designing a new dealership facility that will have a technology center in its service department, said owner Sam Pack.

"When you look at advanced technology, we'll have to have a different business model at our dealerships," said Pack, who owns three other Ford dealerships. "But we will still need to provide basic repair and maintenance services."

The technology center will be responsible for repairs to everything from lane-departure warning systems to the "connectivity" devices that hook drivers' cellphones into their vehicle's electronics, Pack said.

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# For Stocks, a Stable and Impressive Climb in 2012



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. European markets recovered some ground Friday after sharp losses this week, as finance ministers from the 17 euro countries discussed whether to increase the amount of resources at their disposal for future bailouts.

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BY BERNARD CONDON  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** • The bulls weren't bullish enough.

The stock market just had its best first quarter in 14 years. The surge has sent Wall Street analysts, some of whose forecasts seemed too sunny three months ago, scrambling to raise their estimates for the year.

"That it's up isn't surprising. It's the magnitude," says Robert Doll, the chief equity investment manager at BlackRock, the world's biggest money manager.

Doll says stocks could rise 10 percent more before the end of the year. That would be enough to push the Dow Jones industrial average to an all-time high and the Standard & Poor's 500 close to a record.

For the first three months of the year, the Dow was up 8 percent and the S&P 12 percent, in each case the

best start since the great bull market of the 1990s. The Nasdaq composite index, made up of technology stocks, has had an even more remarkable run — up 19 percent for the year, its best start since 1991.

"I don't think anyone could have predicted this," says Chip Cobb, a senior vice president at Bryn Mawr Trust Asset Management. For these gains, he says, "I thought it would take all year."

The jump gives money managers like Cobb hope that ordinary folks burned by two deep bear markets in a decade will start buying again, propelling the indexes even higher.

In a remarkable act of self-restraint — or foolishness, depending on your view — they have mostly stayed out of the market. One reason they may jump in now is that fear of looming disasters, like a full-blown debt crisis in Europe or a second recession in the United States,

has faded.

Bulls say investors will turn their attention to the only thing that really matters for stock prices in the long run — corporate profits.

Another hopeful sign for gains is that those who have been buying stocks appear to be taking bigger risks than before, suggesting growing confidence.

Last year, investors put much of their money into so-called defensive stocks, such as utilities and health care companies, which make money in bad times as well as good. This year, it's the risky fare that's being scooped up.

Financial stocks are up 22 percent, the best among the 10 industry groups within the S&P. Technology companies are up 21 percent. Consumer discretionary stocks, like hotels and cable companies, are up 16 percent.

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# Humor Can Help Candidates, But It Can Also Backfire

**Jokes that might be funny at another time often don't pass muster under Klieg lights of a campaign.**

BY NANCY BENAC  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON • Mitt Romney hit an off note when he told a "humorous" story about his dad shutting down a factory.

Robert De Niro managed to get both Newt Gingrich and the Obama campaign riled up when he joked at an Obama fundraiser that America isn't ready for a white first lady.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, still nursing wounds from his failed presidential campaign, did himself a world of good with his self-deprecating jokes at a recent Washington dinner.

Done right, humor can be a huge asset for a politician. But it is fumbled easily in the overheated environment of a political campaign.

That might be why Romney's aides sent him to the "The Tonight Show" this past week with these instructions: "Don't try to be funny."

The Republican presidential front-runner largely complied, and that worked out just fine for him. But he apparently forgot his advisers' advice the next day when he attempted to be funny on a conference call with people in next-to-vote Wisconsin.

Romney recounted what he called a "humorous" story about the time his auto executive father shut down a factory in Michigan and moved it to Wisconsin. Later, when his dad was in a parade while running for Michigan governor, the marching band kept playing the University of Wisconsin fight song.

"Every time they would start playing 'On Wisconsin! On Wisconsin!' my dad's political people would jump up and down and try to get them to stop," Romney said with a laugh.

A joke about closing fac-



ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO  
**President George W. Bush laughs as comedian Jay Leno tells jokes in May 2004 at the annual White House Correspondents Association Dinner in Washington. Bush narrated a slide show at the dinner that included a photo of himself hunting around in the Oval Office and then quipped, "Those weapons of mass destruction gotta be somewhere."**

ories? In this economy? What was he thinking?

Democrats pounced on it as fresh evidence that Romney is out of touch with the economic concerns of ordinary voters.

Jokes that might be funny another time often don't pass muster under the Klieg lights of a presidential campaign.

De Niro attempted satire during a New York fundraiser headlined by Michelle Obama this month when he ticked off the names of the wives of the GOP presidential candidates and then joked that America wasn't "ready for a white first lady."

Donors roared their approval. But by the next morning, Gingrich was calling the racial reference to the Republican wives "inexcusable" and the chastened Obama campaign was labeling the actor's comments "inappropriate."

De Niro at first declined to comment but ended up apologizing — sort of.

"My remarks, although spoken with satirical jest, were not meant to offend or embarrass anyone — especially the first lady," he said in a statement.

President Barack Obama, for his part, has had better luck using humor to deflect questions about his own vulnerabilities — real or perceived.

During a St. Patrick's Day reception this month, Obama was presented with a certificate of Irish heritage by the Irish prime minister.

"This will have a special place of honor alongside my birth certificate," Obama deadpanned, deftly sending the message that any lingering doubts about where he was born are nothing but a joke.

Sometimes, humor can come back to bite a candidate long after the laugh lines have faded.

In 2004, when Romney was Massachusetts governor, he took a jab at the wealth of that year's monied presidential candidate, Democratic Sen. John Kerry.

"There's a senator from my state, you may have heard, that wants to get elected president," Romney said at a Republican Governors Association dinner. "And I don't know why he wants to do that because, of course, if he won he'd have to move into a smaller house."

It might have been funny then, but the joke boomeranged when it resurfaced on the Internet this past week just as Romney is trying to combat an elitist image.

Perry, whose Republican presidential campaign quickly floundered in the primaries, took a big step to-

ward rehabilitating his image with his appearance last weekend at a fancy Washington dinner for journalists and their guests.

He got plenty of laughs when he joked that his time as the GOP front-runner had been "the three most exhilarating hours of my life."

He perfectly skewered Romney by quipping that during the GOP debates, he'd been tempted to turn to his rival and ask, "Pardon me, do you have any Grey Poupon?"

Getting off a few well-rehearsed jokes — often written by someone else — is generally less challenging than displaying pitch-perfect humor day after day amid the grind of campaigning. Perry's jokes, for example, were written by GOP speechwriter Landon Parvin.

But even some of the most carefully thought-out jokes, in the end, just aren't funny. Take President George W. Bush, at a White House Correspondents Association dinner in 2004.

He narrated a slide show that included a photo of himself hunting around in the Oval Office and then quipped, "Those weapons of mass destruction gotta be somewhere."

Critics said it was a callous joke, given all those who had died in the Iraq war.

Even some candidates with a natural funny bone have found that it doesn't always translate well to a presidential campaign.

Republican Sens. Bob Dole and John McCain, whose humor was a hit with congressional colleagues and reporters, both discovered their sometimes wicked sense of humor could be too cutting for a presidential campaign.

Morris Udall, a Democratic congressman from Arizona, got more laughs than votes in his 1976 run for president and ended up writing a memoir titled, "Too Funny to be President."

On the other hand, some decidedly unfunny candidates have benefited by exceeding extremely low expectations.

When candidate Richard Nixon went on the TV comedy show "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In" in 1968 and said "Sock it to ME?" he got rave reviews.



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**This undated image shows a detail of one of the new political-themed ads for Etch A Sketch. Three ads in the campaign "Shake it Up, America" poke fun at politics in general and maintain that the toy, created in 1960, is politically neutral.**

## New Etch A Sketch Ad Campaign Takes Aim at Politics

**Ohio Art to make blue versions of toy to go along with the traditional red model — a move that might keep both political parties happy.**

BY MAE ANDERSON AND JOHN SEEWER  
Associated Press

NEW YORK • The 104-year old company that makes Etch A Sketch is launching new political-themed ads, after the toy made headlines when an aide for presidential hopeful Mitt Romney compared it with Romney's fall election strategy.

Rivals said the comparison with a toy that's fun because of the way it erases implied that Romney would do the same — and flip-flop on issues once the general election campaign starts. The toy instantly became a buzzword.

"I have not written my public policy pronouncements on an Etch A Sketch," GOP rival Rick Santorum said while campaigning in Wisconsin, for example. "They are written on my heart."

The Ohio Art Co. said the "Shake it Up, America" ads will appear on social media including Facebook and Twitter. They poke fun at

politics in general, while maintaining that the drawing toy, first marketed in 1960, is politically neutral.

"Etch A Sketch is a lot like politics, there's a lot of gray area," reads one ad.

"We have a left knob and a right knob for each political party," reads another. "(But remember, when both work together, we can do loop de loops.)"

Still other ads encourage viewers to register to vote. The campaign was created by the ad agency Team Detroit.

"We're just having a ball with it," said Ohio Art President Larry Killgallon. "I thought a week ago it would have died down by now."

The company came up with the idea last weekend and plans to add yard signs and bumper stickers soon.

"We tried to look at what's our appropriate place," Killgallon said.

Toys R Us asked Ohio Art to make blue versions of the toy to go along with the traditional bright-red model — a move that might keep both political parties happy. The blue versions are due out by mid-June, along with a red-and-blue collector's edition with etchings of an elephant and a donkey, Killgallon said.

He hopes they're popular at this summer's Republican and Democratic national conventions.

## Concert Geared Toward Atheists at North Carolina Military Post

BY TOM BREEN  
Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. • For the first time in history, the U.S. military hosted an event expressly for soldiers and others who don't believe in God, with a gathering sort of like a county fair Saturday on the main parade ground at one of the world's largest Army bases.

The Rock Beyond Belief event at Fort Bragg, organized by soldiers here after a 2010 evangelical Christian event at the base, is the most visible sign so far of a grow-

ing desire by military personnel with atheist or other secular beliefs to get the same recognition as their religious counterparts.

The purpose was not to make the Army look bad, organizers said, but to show that atheists and other secular believers have a place in institutions like the military.

"I love the military," said Sgt. Justin Griffith, main organizer of the event and the military director of American Atheists. He added, "This is not meant to be a black eye."

Griffith said he and other non-religious soldiers are not

permitted to hold atheist meetings at the base and have been rebuffed in their efforts to change that. They feel their beliefs marginalize them.

Organizers were hoping for a crowd of about 5,000. At least several hundred people gathered on the parade ground by midday Saturday. Rainy weather for most of the morning might have affected the turnout. Fort Bragg officials said they would provide a crowd estimate later.

The atmosphere was festive, with carnival treats like ribbon fries and ice cream, games for children and a demonstration jump by the Army's Golden Knights parachute team. Speakers and bands performed on the main stage.





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# Titanic's Legacy: A Fascination with Disasters

BY SETH BORENSTEIN  
Associated Press

Epic disasters — the anguished cries, the stories of heroism — are the central narratives of our age, both enthralling and horrifying. And our obsession began a century ago, unfolding in just 160 terrifying minutes, on a supposedly unsinkable ship, as more than 1,500 souls slipped into the icy waters of the North Atlantic. And the band played on.

It was the Titanic. And ever since, we've been hooked on disasters, in general — but the tale of the great luxury liner, in particular. And the approaching 100th anniversary of the sinking has merely magnified the Titanic's fascination.

There were catastrophes before that fateful Sunday night in April 1912, but nothing quite captivated the newly wireless-connected globe's attention. It was more than news. It was a macabre form of entertainment.

Bigger, deadlier disasters followed, but they all borrowed from the storylines — morality plays, really — established by the Titanic's sinking: The high-profile investigations ... wall-to-wall news coverage ... issues of blame, technological hubris, ignored warnings and economic fairness — all were themes that played out in the BP oil spill, the space shuttle disasters, Hurricane Katrina, the Exxon Valdez and the recent grounding of the Costa Concordia.

"The story is ageless, like all great stories," said James Delgado, director of maritime heritage at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "The elements in this case of triumph, tragedy, and hubris, of bravery and cowardice, all wrapped up in one brief moment. That speaks to people."

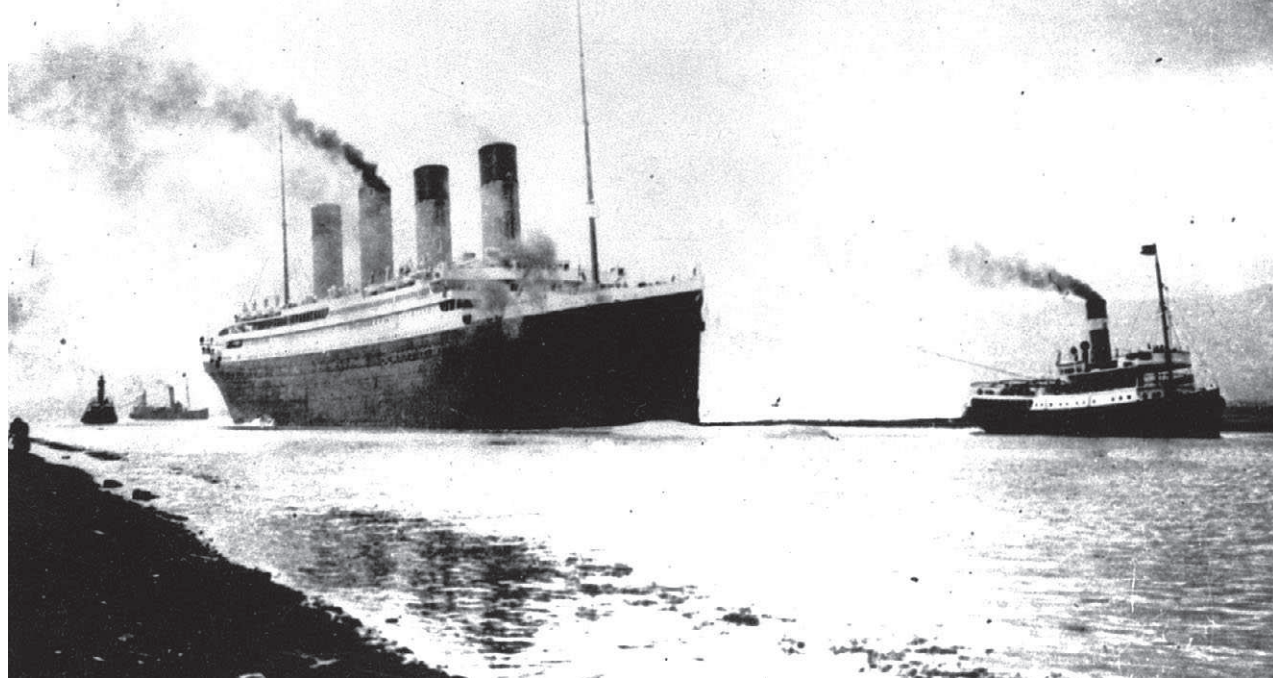
And to this day, The Titanic is big business in movies, books, songs, poetry, and museum exhibits hundreds of miles from the nearest ocean. Dozens of tourists have paid tens of thousands of dollars to dive in Russian submarines to visit the ship's watery grave and see in the ocean floor "where the Titanic dug in and the ship created this knife-like sharp edge," Delgado said.

## Burial spot found

For decades that burial spot was unknown, but the discovery of the Titanic in 1985 brought Titanic back to the world's attention. Then a dozen years later, another man raised the Titanic to an even greater fame with a multi-Academy Award winning movie and follow-up documentaries. This was, he said, a parable that the storyteller in him could not ignore.

"It's this great sort of metaphorical novel that actually happened," said "Titanic" director James Cameron. "You can go and visit the monument to human folly."

The 882-foot long Titanic steamed from Queenstown, Ireland, on Apr. 11 toward New York, carrying more than 2,200 passengers and



The Titanic departs Southampton, England, on April 10, 1912, on its maiden Atlantic voyage.



A pocket watch found in the Titanic wreckage and belonging to third class passenger William Henry Allen is seen among Titanic artifacts at an auction preview Jan. 5 in New York.

crew, more than 130,000 pounds of meat and fish, 1,750 pounds of ice cream, 400 asparagus tongs and only 20 of the 32 lifeboats designed to be on board. The ship ignored more than 30 different ice warnings. At 11:40 p.m. on April 14, The Titanic hit an iceberg and stalled. At 2:20 a.m., it sank.

Before the Titanic, the great Chicago fire, the Galveston hurricane and the San Francisco earthquake attracted America's attention, but "the Titanic hit a nerve in a different way," said Kevin Rozario, a professor of American Studies at Smith College. "It's the dramatic quality of the Titanic."

Everything about the sinking — its speed and the fact that everybody was in one place — added to the drama.

In fact, the Titanic's sinking took about as long as a stage play of that era, noted John Wilson Foster, a Queens University Belfast professor who wrote several Titanic books. "The survivors did say during the sinking it seemed like a play," Foster said.

The public, especially in the past century, has become increasingly fascinated with

disasters, especially technological ones. That's because it helps us cope with increased mechanization, risk and deep-rooted questions about what it means to be human, said Rozario, author of the book "Culture of Calamity." He said disasters reflect everyday fears that at we often ignore. When a catastrophe happens, "we see ourselves" in the storylines that play out.

## Speedy reports

And with Titanic, the storylines played out instantly thanks to the recent innovation of wireless telegraphy. Even before the Carpathia arrived in New York with survivors, the "story starts to get told in a particular way before there is any substantial information about what happened," said Harvard University professor Steven Biel. "It's unprecedented how quickly the story goes around the world."

Survivor Lawrence Beesley, in his book "Loss of the SS Titanic" said many press reports made the sinking even more dramatic than it really was.

"I think it is no exaggeration to say that those who

read of the disaster quietly at home and pictured to themselves the scene as the Titanic was sinking had more of the sense of horror than those who stood on the deck and watched her go down inch by inch," Beesley concluded in his book. "The fact is that the sense of fear came to the passengers very slowly — a result of the absence of any signs of danger."

Beesley and others talked about how no one at the time thought the Titanic was going to go under. At first, they joked that they had to stop for a fresh coat of paint to be applied to where the iceberg scrapped the hull. After all, the Titanic was "unsinkable," they figured. "The improbability of such a thing ever happening was what staggered humanity," Beesley wrote.

"That phrase 'unsinkable' became notorious," Foster said. The phrase was originally "practically unsinkable" and was from an obscure engineering journal, but after a while it didn't matter. On top of that, someone claims to have heard ship Capt. Edward John Smith say "Even God himself couldn't sink this ship," Foster said.

So early 20th century society, especially in Sunday sermons, spun the disaster in religious terms — "you can't cheat God in that way," said Biel, author of the book "Down with the Old Canoe: A Cultural History of the Titanic Disaster."

Now, Biel said, people look at the Titanic sinking and other man-made disasters as technological hubris, the misbegotten belief that something could be too good, too fail-safe to fail. The space shuttles were portrayed as such until Challenger exploded in 1986.

Then the oil industry

bragged that deep water drilling was safer than the space shuttle; the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010 proved otherwise.

Every disaster inspires investigation. There were two high profile competing government probes of the Titanic. The British thought the American investigation was too hostile to the British officers and the Americans thought the British inquiry was too much of a whitewash, said Belfast's Foster.

## Finding a villain

The American press went looking for a villain and found him in the owner of the White Star Line, J. Bruce Ismay. Not only did they fault Ismay for scrimping on safety, such as the number of lifeboats, in favor of luxury, but they blamed him for surviving the sinking. Unlike Capt. Smith, he didn't go down with the ship. He was chastised, much as Costa Concordia Captain Francesco Schettino has been branded a coward for leaving his ship when it sank in January.

Initially, news reports told of selflessness of the rich men in Titanic's first class who sacrificed themselves to allow women and children on the lifeboats, Biel said. While there were some brave rich passengers who nobly stepped aside to let others survive, the numbers show that the poorer you were, the less likely you were to live. Sixty percent of the first-class passengers survived, 42 percent of the second-class passengers survived and only 25 percent of the third-class, or steerage, passengers lived.

"It's quite often the case that the less privileged suffer disproportionately in disasters," Biel said. "That was certainly true in the case of Titanic."

# Slime Pours Nonstop at Kids Choice Awards

BY JAKE COYLE  
Associated Press

The slime came fast and furious at the 25th annual Kids' Choice Awards, where even celebrities get doused in bucket loads of green gunk.

Host Will Smith opened the 25th annual Kids' Choice Awards promising a record amount of slime, and, halfway through the show, he was delivering. Soon after the first rows of fans were covered in slime, so were Halle Berry and "Glee" star Chris Colfer.

"No one is safe from the slime!" screamed Smith. "You have to earn the slime! It's an honor!"

Smith started the show with an elaborate, digitally-animated skydive from Nickelodeon's trademark blimp. Smith was then hoisted from the rafters to the stage of the Galen Center at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, where thousands of glow-stick waving fans cheered him on — including first lady Michelle Obama.

Obama later presented "the big help" award for charity work to Taylor Swift. Upon receiving the award, the pop star said, "I am freaking out!"

"This is, like, the coolest award show ever," said "Twilight" star Kristen Stewart, accepting the award for favorite movie actress.

The KCAs are Nickelodeon's annual celebration for kids, and it's often the most watched children's program of the year. More than 7.3 million watched last year's awards. This year, Nickelodeon badly needs the KCAs to continue to be such a success. In March, the Disney Channel beat out Nickelodeon in average total daily viewers — a title Nickelodeon had held every month since 1995.

Winners are chosen from kid voting online. Selena Gomez won for both favorite TV actress and female singer. Adam Sandler took home the award for favorite movie actor. And Katy Perry, shortly after performing, was given the award for favorite voice for an animated movie for "Smurfs."

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# 'UNSURVIVABLE!' New Tornado Warnings Aim to Scare

BY BILL DRAPER  
Associated Press

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** • Even expert storm chasers would have struggled to decipher the difference between the tornado warnings sent last May before severe weather hit Joplin and, a few days later, headed again toward downtown Kansas City.

The first tornado was a massive EF-5 twister that killed 161 people as it wiped out a huge chunk of the southwest Missouri community. The second storm caused only minor damage when two weak tornadoes struck in the Kansas City suburbs.

In both cases, the warnings were harbingers of touchdowns. But three out of every four times the National Weather Service issues a formal tornado warning, there isn't one. The result is a "cry wolf" phenomenon that's dulled the effectiveness of tornado warnings, and one the weather service hopes to solve with what amounts to a scare tactic.

In a test that starts Monday, five weather service offices in Kansas and Missouri will use words such as "mass devastation," "unsurvivable" and "catastrophic" in a new kind of warning that's based on the severity of a storm's expected impact. The goal is to more effectively communicate the dangers of an approaching storm so people understand the risks they're about to face.

"We'd like to think that as soon as we say there is a tornado warning, everyone would run to the basement," said Ken Harding, a weather service official in Kansas City. "That's not how it is. They will channel flip, look out the window or call neighbors. A lot of times people don't react until they see it."

The system being tested will create two tiers of warnings for thunderstorms and three tiers for tornadoes, each based on severity. A research team in North Carolina will analyze the results of the experiment, which runs through late fall, and help the weather service decide whether to expand the new warnings to other parts of the country.

Laura Myer, a social science re-



ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

Mark Siler carries salvaged items from the house of a friend following a devastating tornado in May 2011 in Joplin, Mo.

search professor at Mississippi State University, said people she has interviewed want more advance warning about a potential tornado strike and more information on the specific locations where the storms are expected to hit.

"We have found in Mississippi and Alabama and various other Southern states that people feel they would constantly be going to a shelter if they heeded every tornado warning," she said. "For people in mobile homes, that's the craziest thing."

"To get to a shelter, they have to leave home," she said. "They feel like if they left during every watch or warning, they would be on the road all the time."

The primary audiences for weather service's written bulletins

are broadcasters who issue warnings on the air and emergency management agencies that activate sirens and respond to the storm's aftermath. In the event of a Joplin-like tornado, the new look warning would have an urgency hard to ignore.

Andy Bailey, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service office in Pleasant Hill, Mo., said it might look something like this: "THIS IS AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS TORNADO WITH COMPLETE DEVASTATION LIKELY. ... SEEK SHELTER NOW! ... MOBILE HOMES AND OUTBUILDINGS WILL OFFER NO SHELTER FROM THIS TORNADO — ABANDON THEM IMMEDIATELY!"

Had such a warning come across his television set on May 22, Joplin

resident Jeff Lehr said he might have sought shelter. Instead, it wasn't until a siren distracted him from a sporting event he was watching on TV that he looked out a window and saw what appeared to be dark thunderstorm clouds.

Even then, he didn't take cover until the windows began imploding in his apartment.

"After hundreds of times of similar thunderstorms approaching Joplin, many of those with tornado warnings attached, and you see them pass ... after all those storms, you kind of get jaundiced about the warnings and tend not to give them the weight you probably should give them," said Lehr, a reporter at The Joplin Globe.

James Spann, chief meteorologist with WBMA-TV in Birmingham,

Ala., said the impact-based warning experiment could provide broadcasters and emergency management agencies with a useful tool in an age when a majority of people still wait for an outdated technology — tornado sirens — to seek shelter.

He blames the siren mentality and high number of false alarms for the complacency of people living in tornado-prone areas such as Alabama, where 252 people were killed last April 27 in a tornado outbreak that struck communities across the South.

"A lot of politicians and people who don't understand tornadoes try to jump into this," Spann said. "Their first reaction is, 'We've got to get more sirens! What are these people thinking? They clearly do not understand the issue!'"

## Search Suspended for Colo. Woman Missing in Wildfire

BY REMA RAHMAN  
Associated Press

**CONIFER, Colo.** • The search for a Colorado woman missing in a wildfire has been suspended after rescuers found human remains in her burned home.

Jefferson County authorities say they don't know yet whether the remains found Saturday are those of Ann Appel, reported missing since Monday.

If the remains belong to Appel, she would become the third fatality in a wildfire that has scorched about 6 square miles southwest of Denver.

An elderly couple found dead in one of the more than two dozen homes damaged or destroyed by the fire were buried Friday.

Residents of about 180 homes remain evacuated.

Firefighters have contained more than 90 percent of the wildfire, which was apparently sparked by a state controlled burn that sprang to life Monday in strong winds.

Jefferson County has tightened its fire restrictions to temporarily ban anything producing an open flame in unincorporated parts of the county, including federal land.

On Saturday morning, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office used an automated call system to warn residents of about 500 homes that gusty winds and dry conditions mean they could be asked to evacuate at a moment's notice.

On Monday, sheriff's officials alerted people to evacuate via the call system, but authorities have said about 12 percent of the people they intended to notify didn't get a warning.

Sheriff's spokesman Mark Techmeyer said some people likely hung up after hearing a pause that precedes the automated mes-

sage, or their phone lines may have been busy.

He said that can happen in any emergency, but authorities were most concerned that there wasn't any attempt to reach an unknown number of additional people registered to get the telephone alerts.

"We want to get to the bottom of this as much as our citizens do," Techmeyer said Friday.

On Friday, the Colorado State Forest Service released its plan for the controlled burn, showing that planners acknowledged there was a potential for fires to escape and cause a "significant threat" to nearby homes.

However, officials thought it was more likely they'd be able to put out any fire before it got that far, partly because of crews and water on site. Officials who wrote the plan

insisted that the forest thinning would help protect those homes from a potential wildfire in the future.

The plan dates from 2006 and covers a series of burns being done in the area for Denver Water.

Under the plan, nearby residents were supposed to get warning letters. The state Forest Service has refused to say if that happened, citing an independent review into the burn. Two residents who lost their homes have said they didn't get the letters.

Gov. John Hickenlooper has suspended prescribed burns on state land, and the U.S. Forest Service has suspended six planned burns in Colorado until the weather improves.

Several Colorado counties have enacted fire restrictions.

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# Libya: 147 Killed in 6 Days of Clashes in South

BY RAMI AL-SHAHEIBI  
Associated Press

**TRIPOLI, Libya** • Six days of tribal clashes in a remote desert town in southern Libya have killed 147 people, the country's health minister said Saturday.

Fatma al-Hamroush said in a press conference in Tripoli that the fighting in Sabha has also left 395 wounded. Around 180 people have

been transported to the capital Tripoli for emergency treatment, she said.

The clashes in the oasis region some 400 miles south of Tripoli show the fragile authority of the Libyan government, particularly in the isolated settlements that dot the southern desert.

With only a nascent national army and police force, Libya's ruling National Transitional Council

relies on militias comprised of former rebels to keep the peace, and the country's vast distances makes it difficult to deploy them to trouble spots.

Deposed dictator Moammar Gadhafi's 40 years in power moreover left behind a patchwork of local rivalries. The Sabha fighting pits southern Libyan Arab tribes that reportedly had close connections to Gadhafi against the African Tabu

tribe, which fought against him.

Residents of the oasis say that the rivalry burst into open conflict Monday after a Tabu shot a member of the Arab Abu Seif tribe, and then a delegation of Tabu elders and armed men going to participate in reconciliation talks was ambushed.

Sabha residents say the two groups exchanged fire with automatic rifles, mortars, and rockets. Tabu tribal spokesman Mohammed

Lino said some 70 Tabu homes were burnt and 100 families were forced to flee the city during the past week of violence.

Video posted on Youtube dated Thursday purportedly from Sabha showed men in civilian clothes and the occasional camouflage jacket armed with assault rifles moving through a maze of mud- and stone-walled alleys, as flames rose from burning cars parked nearby.

## Bombs in Thailand Kill 14, Wound 341

BY SUMETH PANPETCH  
Associated Press

**HAT YAI, Thailand** • Suspected Muslim insurgents staged the most deadly coordinated attacks in years in Thailand's restive south, killing 14 people and wounding 340 with car bombs that targeted Saturday shoppers and a high-rise hotel frequented by foreign tourists.

A first batch of explosives planted inside a parked pickup truck ripped through an area of restaurants and shops in a busy area of Yala city, a main commercial hub of Thailand's restive southern provinces, said district police chief Col. Kritsada Kaewchandee.

About 20 minutes later, just as onlookers gathered at the blast site, a second car bomb exploded, causing the majority of casualties. Eleven people were killed and 110 wounded by the blasts.

More than 5,000 people

have been killed in Thailand's three southernmost provinces — Narathiwat, Pattani and Yala — since an Islamist insurgency flared in January 2004.

"This is the worst attack in the past few years," said Col. Pramote Promin, deputy spokesman of a regional security agency. "The suspected insurgents were targeting people's lives. They (chose) a bustling commercial area, so they wanted to harm people."

Most attacks are small-scale bombings or drive-by shootings that target soldiers, police and symbols of authority, but suspected insurgents have also staged large attacks in commercial areas.

Separately, a blast occurred at a high-rise hotel in the city of Hat Yai, in the nearby province of Songkhla, that officials initially attributed to a gas leak and said was unrelated to the attacks blamed on insurgents.



A supporter of Myanmar's pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi shouts slogans during an election campaign Saturday in the village of Wah Thin Kha, Myanmar.

## Myanmar's Suu Kyi Poised to Win Parliamentary Seat

BY TODD PITMAN  
Associated Press

**WAH THIN KHA, Myanmar** • Myanmar held a landmark election Sunday that was expected to send democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi into parliament for her first public office since launching her decades-long struggle against the military-dominated government.

Sunday's by-election, to fill a few dozen vacant seats, followed months of surprising reforms by a nominally civilian government that does not relish ceding ground to Suu Kyi, but which must appear more democratic in order to emerge from decades of international isolation that have crippled the Southeast Asian nation's economy.

Suu Kyi's party and its opposition allies will have almost no sway even if they win all the seats they are contesting, because the 664-seat parliament will remain dominated by the military and the military-backed ruling party.

But when Suu Kyi takes office, it will symbolize a giant leap toward national reconciliation after nearly a quarter-century in which she spent most of her time under house arrest. It could also nudge Western powers closer to easing economic sanctions they have imposed on the country for years.

The 66-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate is vying to represent the constituency of Wah Thin Kha, one of dozens of dirt-poor villages



Myanmar pro-democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi speaks to journalists Friday at her residence in Yangon, Myanmar.

south of the main city Yangon. She is running against the ruling party's Soe Win, a former army doctor.

Suu Kyi slept overnight in the tiny hamlet, where party supporters hooked up a homemade grid of generator-powered electric lights perched outside the home she stayed in. The village of 3,000 farmers has no electricity or running water, nor any paved roads, and its near-total underdevelopment illustrates the profound challenges facing the country as it slowly emerges from 49 years of army rule.

Last year, Myanmar's long-entrenched military junta handed power to a civilian government dominated by retired officers that skeptics decried as a proxy for continued military rule. But the new rulers — who came to power in a 2010 vote that critics say was neither free nor fair — have surprised the world with a wave of re-

form, prompted in part by a desire to get Western sanctions lifted and to come out from under the influence of its powerful neighbor, China.

The government of President Thein Sein, himself a retired lieutenant general, has freed political prisoners, signed truces with rebel groups, and opened a direct dialogue with Suu Kyi, who wields enough moral authority to greatly influence the Myanmar policy of the U.S. and other powers.

Her decision to endorse Thein Sein's reforms so far and run in the election was a great gamble. Once in parliament, she can seek to influence policy and challenge the government from within. But she also risks legitimizing a regime she has fought against for decades while gaining little true legislative power.

Suu Kyi is in a "strategic symbiosis" with some of the country's generals and ex-

generals, said Maung Zarni, a Myanmar expert and a visiting fellow at the London School of Economics.

"They need her and she needs them to break the 25 years of political stalemate," Zarni said. "She holds the key for the regime's need for its international acceptance and normalization."

On Friday, Suu Kyi told reporters she hoped "to win the military over, to (make them) understand that we have to work together if we want peace and if we want progress."

The military must understand that "the future of this country is their future and that reform in this country means reform for them as well," she added.

Sunday's poll marks the first foray into electoral politics by Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party since winning a landslide election victory in 1990. The military annulled those results and kept Suu Kyi in detention for much of the next two decades. The party boycotted the last vote in 2010, but in January the government amended key electoral laws, paving the way for a run in this weekend's ballot.

During a news conference Friday, Suu Kyi cast serious doubt over the ballot's fairness, saying it could not be called free or fair because of myriad irregularities and intimidation during the campaign. Her party says electoral officials have illegally canvassed for the ruling party, opposition posters have been vandalized, and while some voter lists lack eligible voters others include the names of the dead.

Still, Suu Kyi said, she had no regrets in joining the race and said she was determined to go ahead "because we think this is what our people want!"



The cruise ship Azamara Quest sails through the Suez canal, Egypt, on its way to Athens in April 2010.

## Stricken Cruise Ship Repaired after Fire, Heading to Malaysia

BY OLIVER TEVES  
Associated Press

**MANILA, Philippines** • A cruise ship with 1,000 people on board that had drifted for 24 hours after being disabled by a fire was headed toward Malaysia following repairs, the Philippine coast guard said Saturday.

The Azamara Quest that had embarked on a 17-day Southeast Asian cruise was left drifting in southern Philippine waters after a fire broke out Friday night. The flames engulfed one of the ship's engine rooms but were quickly extinguished, the ship's operator said. Five crew members suffered smoke inhalation, including one who was seriously injured and needed hospital care.

The ship informed the coast guard late Saturday that its power and propulsion had been restored and

it was moving slowly toward Sandakan, its next destination after it left Manila Thursday, spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Algier Ricafrente said.

Azamara Club Cruises, the ship's operator, said in a statement Saturday night that the ship was sailing at a top speed of only 6 knots (11 kilometers or 6.9 miles per hour) and was expected to reach Sandakan "within 24 to 48 hours."

It said company president Larry Pimentel will meet personally with the passengers and crew in Sandakan.

The company said the rest of the cruise would be canceled. It said it will fully refund the passengers as a "gesture of goodwill" and provide each guest with a future cruise certificate for the amount paid for the aborted voyage.

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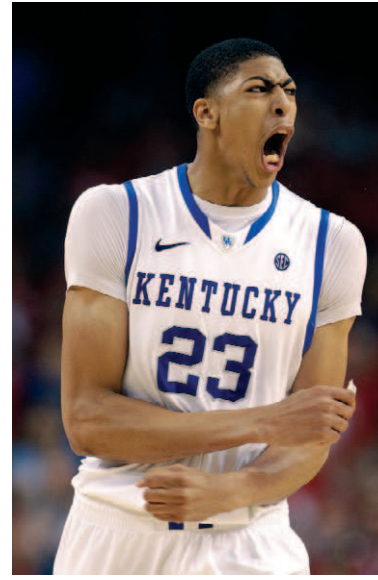
# KENTUCKY, KANSAS BATTLE FOR TITLE

**Kansas trailed for most of the game, but the Jayhawks rallied late and snuck past Ohio State 64-62 to reach the final.**

BY DAVE SKRETTA  
Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS** • Travis Releford stepped into the spotlight when the Kansas stars faded, his performance as much as any other the reason the Jayhawks are playing for a national championship. The junior guard so often overshadowed by teammates Thomas Robinson and Tyshawn Taylor had 15 points and six rebounds on Saturday night, boosting Kansas to a 64-62 victory over Ohio State. The Jayhawks will play Kentucky on Monday night for their sixth national championship. The Wildcats beat Louisville 69-61 earlier Saturday night. It wouldn't have been possible without Releford, whose two fouls shots with under 3 minutes to go gave the Jayhawks

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**Kentucky forward Anthony Davis (23) reacts during the second half of Saturday's NCAA Tournament semifinal game against Louisville in New Orleans.**

**Kentucky got a bigger fight than some expected, but the Wildcats edged in-state rival Louisville 69-61.**

BY NANCY ARMOUR  
Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS** • Kentucky wound up right where it expected to be all along. Even if it took a little work to get there. Anthony Davis and top-seeded Kentucky will play for the national title Monday night after finally putting away pesky Louisville 69-61 in the Final Four on Saturday night. It will be Kentucky's first appearance in the title game since winning a seventh NCAA crown back in 1998 and gives coach John Calipari another shot at the title that has eluded him. The Wildcats (37-2) will face the winner of Kansas-Ohio State. As the final seconds ticked down, Davis screamed at the crowd and pointed

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SPORTS

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## QB Picture No Clearer After Vandals' First Scrimmage

BY JOSH WRIGHT  
For the Times-News

**MOSCOW** • A third of the way through spring camp, Idaho's quarterback duel remains far from settled. Still, coach Robb Akey is seeing hints of progress from Dominique Blackman and Taylor Davis.

Even if the improvement is not always on the field. "I'm in the meeting room with these guys," Akey said, "and we're going through where you're going to go with a play, what you're going to do with a check. There's a lot more than just getting a ball delivered on a play that (is involved with) playing quarterback."

"They're getting a good feel for it." During a 90-minute scrimmage — the first of the spring — inside the Kibbie Dome Saturday morning, Davis and Blackman both showed promise and a good bit of rust. Davis completed 6 of 15 passes for 88 yards and Blackman was 8 of 11 for 108 yards and the only two touchdowns of the day.

Blackman, a 6-foot-5 left-handed transfer who sat out last year, was on the field for two fumbles on QB-center exchanges. And Davis, who started three games in 2011, had two TD passes on the first drive negated by penalties.

With the offense often failing to cash in on opportunities, place-kicker Trey Farquhar made five of seven field goal attempts (two from 40-plus yards).

"They're both great quarterbacks," receiver Mike Scott said. "As far as the battle, it's kind of day-by-day. One day one guy will have a little better of a day than the other guy. And some days it will be a head-on-head battle. It's kind of like of coin toss."

"But the thing I like about that is how they're battling. They both show that they really want that position, and it comes down to who makes the least mistakes."

Saturday was the fifth of 15 spring sessions for the Vandals, and Akey said neither quarterback has separated from the other. Third-string QB Logan Bushnell also took limited snaps during the scrimmage.

Idaho has shielded Blackman and Davis from the media since the start of spring practice.

**Bass back healthy:** A year ago at this time, running back Ryan Bass had major expectations. The high-profile Arizona State transfer declared he wanted to get 20 carries a game and be the starting tailback in his first year at Idaho.

But Bass battled injuries and a puzzling stomach ailment last season that sidelined him for much of the end of the year. In seven games, he had just 44 rushing attempts.

For the first time since August, Bass said he's fully healthy and is excited to be the most experienced member of Idaho's reshuffled tailback group.

The senior-to-be had just 15 yards on eight carries Saturday, but he said the coaching staff has been "taking it easy on me."

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ED GLAZER • FOR THE TIMES-NEWS  
**Jerome's Tyler Ostler reaches for the ball as Twin Falls outfielder Courtney Ellis tries to beat the throw to first base during Saturday's doubleheader at Twin Falls.**

## BRUINS, TIGERS SPLIT TOUGH TWINBILL

BY STEPHEN MEYERS  
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**TWIN FALLS** • Turns out you need just one run to win a game when Rainey Dyreson and Colby Argyle are battling in the circle.

Twin Falls scored that one run with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning to beat Jerome 1-0 in a true pitchers' duel Saturday afternoon for its second win in three games this weekend against its Great Basin Conference rival.

"It's always a battle with Jerome," said Dyreson, who had nine strikeouts. "I get excited to play against Colby. We

kind of battled for all-conference pitcher last year, so we kind of have that rivalry going on. It's fun to have a great pitcher on the other team because it really pushes you to throw your best."

Argyle was nearly as good as her sophomore counterpart, striking out three, while allowing seven hits with no walks. Dyreson got the win, however, thanks to a Jerome error in the bottom of the seventh when the game appeared destined to go extra innings.

Megan Lounsbury started the inning with a single and advanced to second on a Liz Tolbert sacrifice. Brynli Bartlett grounded out and Lounsbury moved to third, bringing sophomore

Courtney Ellis to the plate. Ellis hacked at a 2-2 pitch, hitting a soft roller to Jerome shortstop Paige Jackman, whose low throw to first baseman Tyler Ostler was dropped as Lounsbury crossed home plate for the win.

"I was like, 'Please get a hit Courtney. Just make contact,'" Dyreson said. "It was really intense. Two outs in the seventh inning. It feels great that we were able to come through and score a run when we needed it."

Twin Falls (5-2, 2-1 Great Basin) and Jerome (2-3, 1-2) both had opportunities to score in the fourth inning, as each loaded the bases.

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## Kimberly's Goetz Signs with College of Idaho

BY DAVID BASHORE  
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**KIMBERLY** • Kaitlyn Goetz had to bide her time to make her mark at Kimberly High School. Now she'll get a chance to extend her basketball career a few more years.

Goetz signed a letter of intent to play women's basketball at the College of Idaho, the Kimberly senior told the *Times-News* Saturday.

"I've visited a few times throughout

the year, just hadn't been able to do the paperwork," she said. "I went up and worked out with them (Saturday) and was able to get everything done."

Goetz joins Jerome High senior Haylee Burnham as signees for the College of Idaho. They'll room together next year, Goetz said.

Former College of Southern Idaho players Felicity Jones, Tina Fakahafua and Kylie Hardison played their junior seasons for the 'Yotes last season.

Goetz cited a rigorous academic program as what drew her to the Caldwell school, and her positional versatility as what drew the women's basketball program to her.

"I like the academic program that they have, where I can get a major and four minors in four years. That was one of the deciding factors," Goetz said. "One thing the coaches really liked about me is I can play different spots. They plan on putting me there and see where I can fit in best."



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5	7	2	3	4	9	6	1	8
1	9	3	6	2	8	5	7	4
6	4	8	7	5	1	9	2	3
7	3	6	2	1	5	4	8	9
9	1	5	8	3	4	7	6	2
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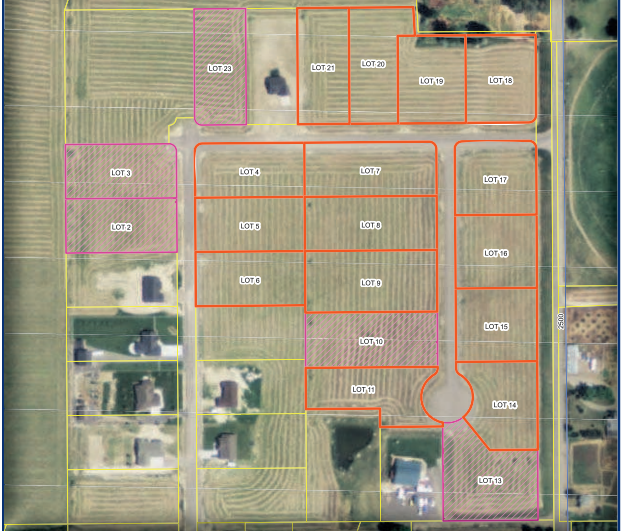
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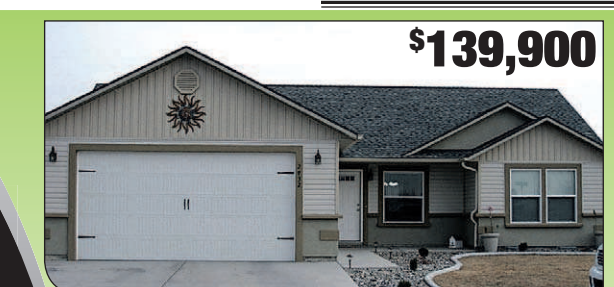
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**Touring Oakley's historical homes, look for stately, Victorian-style balconies. Here, the Haight family home.**

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Many of Oakley's historical homes still stand as examples of turn-of-the-century Victorian-style archi-

itecture, and they're among the attractions on a tour that history professor Russ Tremayne will lead this month.

The College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center will offer Tremayne's historical tour of Albion and Oakley from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 28.

Vans will depart from CSI's campuses in both

Gooding and Twin Falls, traveling to two of Magic Valley's historical landmarks: the Normal School in Albion and the Victorian homes of Oakley. The trip's \$50 cost includes transportation and refreshments, but lunch will be no-host.

Register: 732-6442 or communityed.csi.edu.

— Virginia Hutchins

# Miracle on Horseback

The adoptive mother of a severely handicapped teen calls therapeutic riding 'a huge blessing in our lives.'



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**Marni Porath, left, and volunteer Marvel McGehee talk to rider Julie Belnap, 13, after a session with horse Senator at the Rising Stars Therapeutic Riding Center on March 23. The Twin Falls nonprofit provides therapeutic riding sessions and hippotherapy to disabled children and adults.**

BY NATALIE DICOU  
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**TWIN FALLS** • Julie Belnap lives on her own desolate planet.

Each day is scary and confusing for the 13-year-old Hansen girl, and genuine smiles are at a premium.

Loud noises, new people, unfamiliar settings and a host of other sensory surprises can send Julie spiraling into meltdown mode. Without warning, she'll become inconsolable: screaming, crying, thrashing.

Julie's IQ is somewhere around 25, and in a lot of ways she functions like a 1-year-old. She knows six words and three signs. She has Tourette syndrome and can't distinguish her family members from strangers. Much of the time, she looks frightened.

Doctors can't be sure, but it's more than likely Julie's problems stem from her birth mother's prolific drug abuse. She admitted to using massive amounts of heroin and

cocaine while pregnant.

"Julie lives most of her life being uncomfortable and just getting by," said Roberta Belnap, Julie's adoptive mother since age 3.

For Julie, it's a lonely existence littered with frustration and extreme mental pain, Roberta said, but there is one thing that brings the girl, if only briefly, out into the light: therapeutic horseback riding.

"It's pretty cool," Roberta said, her face lighting up. "We've found one thing — there's one thing that we know she likes to do."

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**Roberta has five children, including two with special needs.**

Julie's older sister Katie Belnap, 17, has Down syndrome. A few years ago, Roberta began bringing Katie to Rising Stars Therapeutic Riding Center in Twin Falls. As Roberta would watch and Julie would wait,

Please see **MIRACLE, P4**

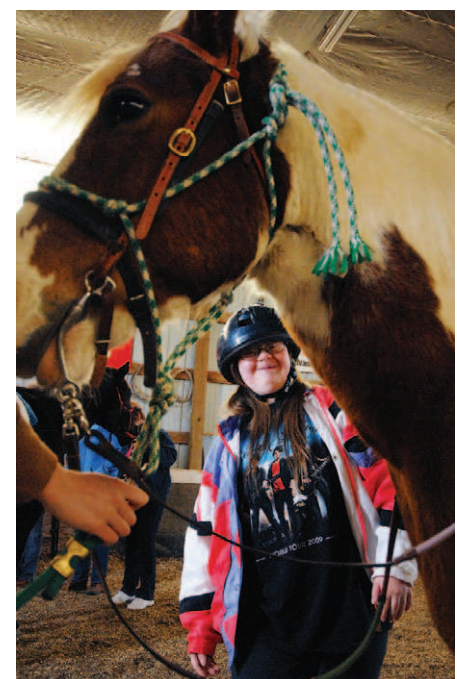
### About This Series

Rising Stars Therapeutic Riding Center in Twin Falls — where adoptive sisters Julie and Katie Belnap receive therapy — is one of 31 Magic Valley agencies that received money last month from the United Way of South Central Idaho. Rising Stars got \$2,400.

As the local United Way prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary this summer, *Times-News* features reporter Natalie Dicou is writing a series of stories about individuals whose lives have been affected by nonprofits that United Way funds.

Did you miss her stories about a homeless family, a teen offender and a homebound senior? Read them online:

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**Katie Belnap, who has Down syndrome, greets horse Peanut before her therapy session at Rising Stars.**

## RAINBOW OF DENIM IS SHADING SPRING STYLE

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL  
 Associated Press

**NEW YORK** • Your attention, please: One of the easiest ways to spruce up your wardrobe this spring is with a splash of color. It doesn't have to go on your lips or over your shoulder — and not across your chest, either. This season, the place for bold color is on the bottom.

Colored denim and, by extension, every other kind of pants and trousers in hues as bright as the rainbow are a key look in stores at every end of the shopping spectrum. Part of the pervasiveness is that it's pretty democratic: You find the shape and silhouette that you like best and find the shade that best complements your skin tone. Swap out blue or khaki and, voila, you're on trend.

Please see **RAINBOW, P3**



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**Slim crop jeans in orchid, raspberry and marigold. Try bright colored bottoms as a quick pick-me-up.**

## No Dirt of Your Own?

**Twin Falls' Episcopal Church of the Ascension is lending its land to community gardeners.**

BY NATALIE DICOU  
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**TWIN FALLS** • The land was just sitting there, sprouting grass. Nothing special.

Parish members from the Episcopal Church of the Ascension knew it could do so much more.

So, they decided to transform the grassy lot into a place people can gather, grow produce and work the soil together.

For the first year, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, at 371 Eastland Drive N., is lending its land to anyone who wants a little garden to call his or her own. That might be particularly

welcome news in Twin Falls, where the College of Southern Idaho's community garden has a waiting list for its plots and a city committee hasn't yet announced a location for its planned garden. City Councilwoman and committee liaison Rebecca Mills-Sojka hopes to get City Council approval on a location this month.

But if you're interested in the Episcopal garden, there's no need to wait and wonder.

Twelve 10-by-15-foot free lots on the church's property are up for grabs. Gardening rookies and green thumbs alike — particularly those without yards of their own — are invited to apply

### Claim a Plot

To learn more about the Episcopal Church of the Ascension's new community garden or to apply for a plot, call Betsy Wiesmore at 735-1151 or Susan Kelley-Harbke at 734-8969.

by April 15. For details, call Betsy Wiesmore at 735-1151 or Susan Kelley-Harbke at 734-8969.

The church had already transformed some of its land into soccer fields.

"There's still a lot of grass areas left over," said parish member Don Acheson. "We thought, jeez, can't we do something edible with this?"

Please see **GARDEN, P3**





Reaching over a carboy of fermenting beer, co-founder Sarah Pearsall from Broo Craft Beer Body and Hair Care Co. holds six-packs of her shampoo.

# Natural Foods: Eating Up the Trends

BY SHARI ROAN  
*Los Angeles Times*

**LOS ANGELES** • Remember chia pets? Rinsing your hair with beer? Food that's just food — no soy protein isolate, xanthan gum, red dye No. 40 or mystery ingredients from the Amazon rain forest?

Well, chia is back, big time (the seeds, not the chia pets). And so is regular old food. We recently spent hours plodding the floors — along with 60,000 others — at the Natural Products Expo in Anaheim, Calif., the biggest health food trade show in the world. The overarching theme we saw: What's old is new again.

Your grandmother would recognize a lot of these hot trends: Foods produced by local farmers. Skin products with ingredients that aren't nine syllables long or start with prefixes like dimethyl or phenol. Products for sale in packages that can be recycled or composted. (Compostable baby diapers, anyone?)

In years past, the exhibit hall brimmed with bottles of vitamin, mineral and herb supplements. Now the supplement segment has shrunk.

"There is growing distrust" of all things synthetic, says Carlotta Mast, an editor at New Hope Natural Media, the company based in Boulder, Colo., that produces the Expo. "That is driving the idea of 'just eat real food.'" She says the purification ethos extends to that shrunken supplement sector: The number of multi-nutrient formulas is shrinking, edged out by single-ingredient pills of vitamin D or omega-3s made from pond-

scum algae.

Here's what jumped out at us:

## Coming Up Coconuts

Coconut flavor was popular back when kitchen appliances were harvest gold and avocado green. Now it's back. Among the many items we spotted: Jamaican musician Ziggy Marley's Coco'Mon, a coconut cooking oil, one of many coconut-based products in his food line, Ziggy Marley Organics. Other companies are making coconut palm sugar, coconut water, dehydrated coconut to make your own coconut water at home (no Earth-unfriendly plastic bottles to recycle).

## Healthier Snacking

Natural products manufacturers want a piece of the grazing market. In place of the traditional NFL Sunday snacks of soda and cheese nachos, they are proffering more exotic flavored waters and chips. Some of our favorite beverages: mint-flavored water by Metromint and Blackwater — yes, it's pitch black and tastes, well, like black water — from Vancouver-based Blackwater Innovations Corp. The water's infused with fulvic acid, a supposed health-enhancer. (So clearly the miracle-supplement market isn't stone cold dead.)

To go with those non-sodas? Sweet-potato chips, kale chips, bean chips, banana chips — anything-but-corn chips, in fact, as corn becomes a new devil of the health food world. Consumers want traditional foods like chips and crackers to

snack on at home but would like to feel less guilty about eating them, says Heather Smith, a spokeswoman for New Hope Natural Media.

They're salty. They're crunchy! And the bean chips have a pleasing (truly) lingering mouth feel.

## Time to Recycle

Corporate consciousness is a big selling point in the natural-products biz. Naked Pizza's new frozen pizza not only has probiotics and agave fiber in its crust and zero sugar in its sauce, the box also comes from a manufacturer that uses only recycled materials.

And here's an odd one: Recent University of California-Berkeley business grads Alejandro Velez and Nikhil Arora are selling a "Back to the Roots" kit to grow your own mushrooms. They drive around the Bay Area collecting used coffee grounds as the medium for growing the mushrooms in a box. ("We diverted 1 million pounds of coffee grounds last year," Arora said, proudly.)

## Chia Seeds

The same seedlings you spread on a clay figurine to make a green Shrek are now being used in food products because of the high levels of omega-3 fats they contain. We saw FruitChia bars, Mamma Chia beverages and Crunchy Flax With Chia cereal. One company is hedging its bets with Coconut Chia

granola — that's two trends rolled into one.

## Natural Baby Foods

Today's parents are passionate about their offspring learning to like fruits and vegetables. Businesses are responding. Plum Organics has grab-and-go fruit and vegetable squeeze packs of pureed food (such as a blend of blueberry, pear and purple carrot) that babies can drink or be spoon-fed from.

"It's about introducing babies to flavors so they become foodies," insists Katie Sobel, director of marketing and communication for Plum Organics. Not to say plug into the hottest health trends: Plum is infusing some of its products with Greek yogurt (more protein than regular yogurt) and ancient grains like quinoa (fewer food allergy issues and easier to digest).

## Drink Up

What a smorgasbord. Just as well: A late afternoon energy shot gave us the strength to make another pass across the 24,300-square-foot exhibit floor. The yoga drink Bikram Balance, a blend of fruits and vegetables, aims to restore electrolytes after you bow and murmur "namaste." Fruitsia, a new fruit-and-veggie energy shot, is touted as having three servings of vegetables and two servings of fruit in 3 fluid ounces.

## Still Hot

Some of the big fads are continuing strong. Probiotics are booming; gluten-free is growing; the Greek economy may be tanking, but Greek yogurt is making plenty of money for some businesses over here.

## Garden

Continued from People 1

Acheson is expecting neighbors, parishioners and refugees to apply.

Speaking of refugees, Acheson hopes the little plots will help them adjust to American life as they try to find their place here.

"They come here with green thumbs, and they might find it frustrating to find a garden to grow the kind of produce they like to eat," Acheson said. "We're real selfish: We're hoping we can learn a lot from them."

The church will use a 13th plot to grow food for the needy.

"We're going to toil and sweat and raise a whole bunch of cabbage," Acheson said. "And then we're going to find out who needs cabbage and give it to them."

The church has two requirements: Submit both an application and "an agreement to enter into the spirit of the community garden

and maintain the individual space," Acheson said.

The spirit Acheson is referring to is basically good citizenship.

"We're all there playing in the dirt together, so we need to get along," Acheson said.

Water is provided by the city's pressurized irrigation system, he said. The garden will be blessed on Rogation Sunday, May 13. Planting should begin shortly thereafter. An orientation will be held for gardeners.

Church members who planned the garden see this year's effort as a baby step. After gaining some experience, they hope to expand. Next year, the community garden could double or triple in size.

As for Acheson, he can't wait to get his hands dirty even if his own gardening skills are lacking.

"How would you describe someone who plants 10 hills of zucchini and doesn't get any?" Acheson asked.

Better luck this year, Don.

## Rainbow

Continued from People 1

Think of it as you would a fresh coat of paint.

"You can't deny what's going on with color," says Daniel Guez, CEO and creative director of the upscale denim label Dylan George. "Everyone can participate in this."

Yes, bright yellow bottoms might seem a little intimidating at first, says Tana Ward, American Eagle's chief merchandising officer, but adds: "We see colored bottoms as easy to wear, believe it or not."

Reverse whatever outfit you would have worn before, she suggests: Instead of jeans and a bold pink or red top, put the color on the bottom and pair it with a denim chambray shirt — maybe even a Western style — or go for a little femininity with a white lace tank top peeking out the top of a crisp white or blue button-down. You're also likely to find an easy

transition into crocheted or other loose-weave sweaters in natural, neutral colors, too, Ward says.

However, she adds, while there are many user-friendly ways to wear colored pants, don't expect any of them to go unnoticed. Turning a few heads is the point, Ward says, and eventually you'll gain the confidence to put the bright top with the bright bottom. "Being bold is very modern ... and the most modern way to do this is color on color. Wear the unexpected — are bottom, tangerine tank and cobalt blue cardigan."

Stylist George Kotsiopoulos says all the color infuses fun into fashion without making women victims of a frivolous trend, but he agrees it's not for shrinking violets. "I don't know that you could do too much color — OK, maybe yellow jeans, a fuchsia top and orange jacket. You can absolutely run the risk of looking like a clown in all of this, but it can also be very chic. You can be a very chic clown."

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### Engagements

#### Quinton-Rowan

Tracy and Karen Quinton are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Erin Sue Quinton to Adam R. Rowan, son of Roger Rowan and Patricia & Rodney Cuthbert.

The wedding will take place Saturday, April 7, 2012, in the Twin Falls Idaho Temple.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate at a reception to be held in their honor that evening from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the

#### Carlisle-Bastow

Rebecca Ann Carlisle and Jameson Tyler Bastow were married for time and all eternity on Friday, December 30, 2011, in the Twin Falls LDS Temple. The bride is the daughter of Ben and Laura Lee Carlisle of Jerome. The groom is the son of David and Tamie Bastow of Twin Falls.

Officiating was Temple President Karl E. Nelson. A wedding brunch was held prior to the ceremony in the Snake River Ballroom of the Hilton Garden Inn. Later that evening, the couple was honored at a celebration held at the Twin Falls 18th Ward building.

The bride, a 2009 graduate of Jerome High school, will graduate from the College of Southern Idaho in May with an AAS in Liberal Arts. She is employed as an office assistant with Vivint, Inc.

The groom graduated from Twin Falls High School in 2008 and served for two years

### Weddings

Rebecca Ann Carlisle  
and Jameson Tyler Bastow

as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Concepcion, Chile. He will also graduate from CSI in May with a Liberal Arts degree. He is employed in sales with Vivint, Inc.

The newlyweds honeymooned in McCall, Idaho, and reside in Twin Falls. They will spend the summer months in Hawaii with their employment, and in the fall attend Idaho State University in Pocatello, pursuing degrees in music education and pre-medicine.

Erin Sue Quinton  
and Adam R. Rowan

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# Miracle

Continued from *People 1*

Katie would ride. The 30-minute sessions became an enormous positive in the teen's life, perhaps the highlight.

In therapeutic riding, volunteers flank both sides of a horse, walking alongside, as a kid or adult with special needs rides saddle-less. For people with cerebral palsy and similar disorders, therapeutic riding improves posture, builds strength for sitting and standing upright, and stretches out tight legs. For those with mental or intellectual disabilities, it can build confidence.

There's also an unexplainable X factor involved: the healing bond between humans and animals.

It was at Rising Stars that Katie met the love of her life, a sorrel and white Paint horse named Peanut.

"Katie is a horse-aholic," Roberta said. "Actually, it's Peanut-specific."

Atop Peanut, Katie's mood soared. She's become more talkative and confident since meeting her four-legged soul mate.

"She lives every week, just waiting for that day that she gets to ride Peanut," Roberta said. Katie talks about Peanut nonstop, and during the winter, when Rising Stars is on hiatus, she visits Peanut.

"Katie worries herself sick during the winter," Roberta said. "Is Peanut getting enough food? Is he being taken care of? Is he warm?"

Results were apparent for Katie. But what about the sister who waited as Katie rode?

Rising Stars founder and director Marni Porath suggested Julie give therapeutic riding a try. Roberta was skeptical.

"I told Marni exactly what Julie's situation was, and she said, 'I'd still like to do it,'" Roberta said. "Julie's situation is severe enough that I did not expect results for her. I thought she would scream and yell and have a meltdown, and we'd have to pull her off. And it would be a horrendous experience."

But with nothing to lose, Roberta agreed to let Julie give it a try.

That first time, Roberta was shocked when Julie remained still atop the horse. No screaming, no tantrum. She seemed calm.

Julie began weekly sessions at Rising Stars two summers ago. She seemed relaxed on horseback. Stranger still: For about 30 minutes following the sessions, Julie was suddenly more receptive than ever to learning.

"It was like, 'Wow, we have this golden hour,'" Roberta said.

Julie would ride for 30 minutes then work on skills for 30 minutes. After that, the window closed again.

"When she gets on the horse, it's like the light bulb comes on in her brain, and she can think," Roberta said.

It was during one of these post-ride learning sessions that Julie first said the words "mama," "daddy," "baby" and "horse." Before that, Julie had only ever uttered "hi" and "bye." During that same session, Julie learned the sign for "walk." Before that, she could sign only "potty" and "drink." For years, Roberta had tried to teach Julie these simple signs



Bryanna Ridley tosses a ball at a basket from a horse during a therapy session at Rising Stars Therapeutic Riding Center as volunteers Marvel McGehee, left, and Chris Dickard offer encouragement.

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Roberta Belnap, Julie's adoptive mother

and words to no avail.

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**Porath founded Rising Stars Therapeutic Riding Center** four years ago. Her daughter, Hallie Jo, 6, has cerebral palsy and is blind. Starting when Hallie Jo was 2, Porath began taking her daughter every other week to Hailey's Sagebrush Equine Training Center for the Handicapped for therapeutic riding sessions.

"We felt like it was so good for her," Porath said. "That's when we decided we wanted to see people in the Twin Falls area have that opportunity."

Rising Stars, at 3613 N. 3100 E. in Twin Falls, was born.

Last summer, the nonprofit served about 65 special-needs individuals, mostly children along with a handful of adults. When the program starts back up this summer, Porath expects about 75 participants.

Rising Stars offers both therapeutic riding and hippotherapy. They have similar effects but slightly different goals. In hippotherapy, licensed physical and occupational therapists run the sessions, which are an extension of therapy taking place in a clinic. Licensed therapists

aren't required to be on hand in therapeutic riding, and it's not necessarily an extension of therapy goals set by a medical professional.

Both methods look about the same. Riders perform exercises while on horseback, reaching out their arms, matching colored rings, standing on the horse, shooting baskets as the horse walks by a hoop. They work on fine motor skills and following instructions. They become aware of where various parts of their body are, and improve their balance.

"It isn't that we're trying to teach them how to ride a horse," said Jan Yingst, a physical therapist with Primary Therapy Source who works with Rising Stars. "I truly am trying to work different muscle groups so when they get on land, they can function better."

Ivan Hardcastle, also of Primary Therapy Source, is an occupational therapist who works with Rising Stars.

"The unique thing is having it be a living, breathing animal, and that makes a huge difference," Hardcastle said, noting the horse's movement stimulates muscles. "There are benefits there that you cannot replicate through any mechanical device."

One benefit is kids don't realize they're in therapy, said Jennie Ridley of Jerome, whose daughter, Bryanna, 5, is a Rising Stars rider. Bryanna was born three months early and has cerebral palsy.

"She goes to therapy several times a week, and it becomes a mundane thing," Ridley said. "I don't think she

thinks about (riding) as therapy. It's, 'Oh I get to go ride the horse.' It doesn't seem like work."

As for confidence-building, Hardcastle said kids accomplish things on horseback they didn't think they could do, like remaining standing as the horse they're riding takes an entire lap around the barn.

"(You tell kids), 'You've done something unique, something I've never done,'" Hardcastle said. "Their faces light up."

He added: "The results bleed over into everyday life."

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**Roberta pays just \$5 apiece** for her daughters' sessions. Rising Stars stays afloat thanks to local contributors like the United Way of South Central Idaho, Twin Falls Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls, First Federal Foundation and Twin Falls Optimist Club. Forty-five volunteers chip in about 120 hours each week. They set up obstacles and walk with riders.

Rising Stars couldn't exist without the support.

Someday Porath would like to expand into winter, but it's not in her immediate plans. Currently, the season runs from June to October.

"Some of our riders would be much better off if we could continue through the winter," Porath said. "Others are ready for the break."

Roberta would love to see the program offered year-round.

"It's one of those things that has really been a huge blessing in our lives for both



Riding instructor Kristi Crozier leads Peanut and rider Katie Belnap around the Rising Stars arena.

## Get In Touch

Rising Stars Therapeutic Riding Center is always on the lookout for donors, supporters and volunteers. To get involved or learn about the nonprofit's annual August fundraiser, visit [risingstarsriding.weebly.com](http://risingstarsriding.weebly.com) or call Marni Porath at 404-2418.

kids," she said. "You feel sick when the summer ends?"

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**In late March, sisters Katie and Julie** had their first Rising Stars session in months, a demonstration for the *Times-News*. As usual, Katie could hardly wait during the days leading up. She got out her cowboy boots and talked nonstop about being reunited with Peanut.

Roberta didn't know how

Julie would react to the horses after the long winter. Would she remember?

Julie did. After a problem-free session, Julie was all smiles as she was lowered down from the horse.

Watching the scene from behind a barn gate, Roberta said her daughter has two smiles: a big, deceptive one that means she's about to go berserk, and a smaller one: her real, genuine, happy smile. So rare. So precious.

This was the real one.

# Tighty Whiteys? All Righty, Say the Fashion Arbiters for Men

BY ELIZABETH WELLINGTON

The Philadelphia Inquirer

There was a time when white cotton undies reminded me of my dad.

In other words, definitely not fashionable.

And so ... not ... hot.

But then there was Mario Lopez posing for his underwear line Rated M.

And Tim Tebow for Jockey. And David Beckham for Bodywear for H&M.

Suddenly, the tighty whitey, and all of the T-shirts and tanks that go with it, are kind of — pause for some throat-clearing — sexy.

As men's underwear rev-

enue increases — the NPJ Group reported that total men's underwear sales jumped 6.4 percent, from \$3.08 billion in 2010, to \$3.28 billion in 2011 — men's white briefs are getting a makeover.

"Yes, we are seeing a change in the plain white brief," confirmed Thomas Longo, owner of Metro Men's Clothing in Philadelphia. "It's about fabric, texture, and breathability as much as it is about fashion."

Male shoppers are starting to go old-school in their undergarments for two reasons: new technology and a shift in mainstream men's fashions from slovenly to stylish.

I'll start with technology. Brands from Adidas to

Jockey to Michael Kors are using high-tech fabrics in their brief designs that wick away moisture and allow for more movement.

"There is white stretch, white with contrast waistbands, white perforated panels, and white textured ribknits," said Tom Julian, trend expert and retail consultant for the Tom Julian Group, discussing the surfeit of white options in retail today.

But even more influential, explained Mo Moonman, director of public relations at Jockey, is that men are finally realizing that their wardrobe may require more than one style of underwear. If a guy wants to wear pants with

slimmer fits, boxers can be too bulky, not to mention that waistbands peeking out from pants is so yesterday.

"Men are dressing up more, and they are starting to look at underwear more like foundation," Moorman said.

George Haralambous, merchandise manager for Adidas Accessories, points to the growing popularity of a newer underwear style called the trunk: slightly shorter than boxers, but longer than classic white skivvies.

And most important, these trunks are snugger. So yes, fellas, there are no panty lines.

"The trunk's emerged out of fashion," said Haralambous. "It's all about the snugger fit."

## CLEANING CORNER

**Question:** I took the advice you gave to a previous writer, who was frustrated with the scum build up on her refrigerator door's drinking water dispenser. Just like you said Lori, I used my Shaw Pad and Showers-N-Stuff. It was miraculous! The dispenser sparkles like it's new again. Now I'm wondering how to keep it looking this good all the time and avoid the scum from building up in the future?  
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# Bullying Documentary Deserved an R

**T**he news media has been abuzz recently about the Motion Picture Association of America's decision to adopt an R rating for the film documentary "Bully," and understandably so. School bullying has reached epidemic proportions, and with the rise in social media, bullying insidiously follows children from the schoolyard into their homes, their dorm rooms and their computers.

A long list of Hollywood celebrities, sports stars, members of Congress and just plain folks denounced the MPAA for assigning the R rating to "Bully," and they called for a lower PG-13 rating instead. As valid as their concerns may be, we all must be mindful not to throw the ratings "baby" out with the bullying "bathwater." The public should be aware of this important film, but the film was accurately rated based on the MPAA guidelines.

**Tim Winter**  
*Los Angeles Times*

Unfortunately, some of the supporters of "Bully" suggested that an R rating somehow condoned bullying behavior. That is intellectually dishonest and factually bankrupt. The MPAA rating system casts no value judgment on the relative merits of the film. To do otherwise takes objective criteria and twists it into a subjective mess that would serve no one well.

Ideally, the MPAA rating would be completely reliable, utterly consistent, clearly transparent and totally impervious to lobbying. I say "ideally" because of the numerous instances in which studios and filmmakers successfully push the MPAA to lower a film's rating.

Why? In a word: money. Films rated PG generally make more money at the box office than PG-13 films, and PG-13 films generally outperform R-rated films.

Some opponents of the R rating for "Bully" have stated that children would be prohibited from seeing it because of an R rating, but that is false. An NC-17 rating might ensure that no child would be admitted to see a film, but children are able to attend an R-rated film if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. This puts the decision precisely where it belongs: with the parent.

Opponents of the R rating insist that this particular film is "too important" to be rated R. But neither entertainers nor members of Congress should decide what content is "too important" to be rated in a manner consistent with the film's content.

"Schindler's List" was an Academy Award-winning film that laid bare the horrors of the Holocaust. It is a film that, in my opinion, everyone should see. It was rated R. And based on the objective criteria of the film's content, R was the appropriate rating.

"Saving Private Ryan" showed with brutal honesty the human cost of war. It was rated R. And based on objective criteria and the film's content, R was the appropriate rating.

"Bully" is also a powerful film, and I hope it helps to open eyes and save lives. But the reality is that the film contains material that is wholly consistent with an R rating, and only an R rating. No matter how passionately we feel about the content of these films, we should not allow our own subjective views about the worthiness of the message to sway what should be a purely objective measure of adult-themed content in the film.

In my own life, I've been the victim of bullying. As a child I was physically attacked at school. So add my name to the list of those who feel the message of "Bully" is of vital importance. But let's embrace the MPAA's R rating for a film that contains R-rated material. And let's not equate an accurate rating with the notion that doing so condones reprehensible bullying behavior. To suggest otherwise is dishonest, unfair and, dare I say — bullying?

*Tim Winter is the president of the Parents Television Council, a nonpartisan organization advocating responsible entertainment.*



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS

Randy and Teresa Moody, uncle and aunt of Army Sgt. Daniel Brown, listen Thursday as people speak about their nephew at the Jerome City Park. Brown was killed March 24 in Afghanistan by an improvised explosive device.

# The Valley's Promise: We Will Not Forget

**O**n Thursday night, Magic Valley residents gathered in Jerome City Park to honor the memory of Army Sgt. Daniel Brown. And next Saturday at 4 p.m., we will gather again in the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium to say a final goodbye and pay tribute to his life.

This community aches at the loss of a young man who made the ultimate sacrifice for this country in Afghanistan. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and his baby daughters, 3-month-old twins.

Jerome High School Principal Eric Anderson spoke for so many when he said, "For me, Dan's not a number. He's someone we all knew and we will miss him."

It's at times like these — when we are in pain — that the true face of this com-

munity comes out. People search for ways that can help. Across the area today, religious leaders will lead their congregations in prayers for Brown and his family and countless others will send up quiet, tearful prayers from their homes. Not all of them will have known Sgt. Brown, but they'll support his family and show their gratitude.

Brown's death comes weeks after the community received news that another local soldier — Terence "Bo" Jones of Twin Falls — lost both legs in an IED explosion in Afghanistan.

This past Saturday, hundreds from across the state attended a fundraiser to help Jones and his family with expenses. Attendees wore T-shirts that read, "Thank you Bo. Because of

*Please see BROWN, O2*

## Never Forget

Including Army Sgt. Daniel Brown, ten U.S. service members from the Magic Valley have lost their lives during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. They are:

- OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM**
- Army Chief Warrant Officer Mathew C. Hefelfinger**, 29, Kimberly, killed in non-hostile helicopter crash in Tikrit on Nov. 8, 2009
- Army Cpl. Jessica Ann Ellis**, 24, (Burley native who lived in Baker City, Ore.), killed by IED attack on May 11, 2008
- Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Curtis R. Hall**, 24, Burley, killed by hostile fire near Kirkuk on April 6, 2007
- Army Cpl. James L. Bridges**, 22, Buhl, killed by hostile small-arms fire in Baghdad on Nov. 4, 2006
- Army Staff Sgt. Ivan Vargas Alarcon**, 23, Jerome, killed in non-hostile vehicle accident north of Tall Afar on Nov. 17, 2005
- Marine Corps Capt. Alan Rowe**, 35, Hagerman, killed by hostile fire in Al Anbar Province on Sept. 3, 2004
- Army Pfc. Cleston C. Raney**, 20, Rupert, killed by IED attack near Habbaniyah on March 31, 2004
- Army Cpl. Richard P. Carl**, 26, King Hill, killed in non-hostile helicopter crash near Samarra on May 9, 2003

- OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM**
- Army Sgt. Daniel Brown**, 27, Jerome, killed by IED attack in Kandahar province on March 24, 2012
- Army Pfc. Adam J. Davis**, 19, Twin Falls, killed by IED attack in Sarobi District on July 23, 2007

# Law Grads Get Schooled in Court

**I**f you think the world is going to hell in a handbasket, let me introduce you to Melvin L. Schweitzer.

A state Supreme Court judge in Manhattan, Schweitzer on March 21 threw out a lawsuit by nine graduates of New York Law School claiming it misled them about their job prospects. They sought \$225 million in damages.

There is an important lesson in all this, which I'll get to in a bit, but first I want to describe the case, which



offers lessons of its own about an over-reliance on the judicial system for salving life's disappointments.

Although its alumni appear amply endowed with chutzpah, New York Law School is not the nation's premier training ground for legal eagles.

Not to be confused with the renowned New York University School of Law, New York Law has a "lackluster ranking and reputation," according to the plaintiffs. No dispute there. It also charges annual tuition of \$48,700.

Yet its graduates do go on to have careers in law — as many of the plaintiffs seem to have done, their complaint notwithstanding. By the time of the judge's ruling, four of them had found jobs practicing law.

*Please see AKST, O2*

# Where Can Rick Perry Take his Star 'Gridiron' Role?

**R**ick Perry's appearance as the Republican speaker at Washington's annual Gridiron dinner gave the Texas governor an opportunity to start rehabilitating his national image, and he made the most of it with a hilarious speech poking fun at himself and his fellow GOP candidates.

"The weakest Republican field in history — and they kicked my butt," he said. Or this one on Mitt Romney: "I like Mitt Romney as much as one really good-looking man can like a really good-looking man and not break Texas law."

Afterward, the press and political notices were glowing. "Perry steals the show at the Gridiron dinner," according to the *Washington Post* headline. "I think he did himself some good tonight," former Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour said afterward.

But Perry can get only so far by displaying the naturally friendly personality and genuine sense of humor that often did not come through in his 2012 campaign. (I was one of the Gridiron officers who helped pick Perry for this slot, and word was that his speech benefited from the help of noted GOP wordsmith Landon Parvin.)

What really sunk Perry's presidential bid was his lack of substantive knowledge about national and international issues, producing a series of factual gaffes along the campaign trail and a series of uncertain or incorrect responses in televised debates, culminated by his infamous inability to recall the Cabinet departments he wished to scrap.

If Perry is serious about mounting a 2016 presidential bid — he noted Saturday that he has only "suspended" his 2012 campaign, not ended it — he'll need to spend considerable time on the kind of study with knowledgeable experts that prepared George W. Bush for his 2000 presidential bid.

Once Perry has spent some time learning about the complex issues with which presidential candidates have to cope, he'd be wise to make appearances in venues such as the Sunday news shows that would enable him to show that he's changing.

**Carl P Leubsdorf**

*The Dallas Morning News*

Reporters and other knowledgeable observers can always tell when a prospective candidate is ready for prime time. I recall attending a press session with former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee that made it evident he would not run in 2012, even though he said he hadn't decided.

Other factors also will help to determine if Perry can find more success in a second presidential bid than the first time. For one thing, a Republican presidential victory this November would probably mean no GOP contest in 2016.

But if President Barack Obama is re-elected, the next GOP race will probably start quickly. Perry would need to win re-election in 2014 and also spend time helping GOP candidates, sticking mainly to set speeches until he and his advisers felt comfortable about his substantive knowledge.

Perhaps his biggest potential problem is that a wide open 2016 Republican race would almost certainly attract a stronger GOP field than sought the presidency this year. It could include either former Gov. Jeb Bush or Sen. Marc Rubio from Florida; some Republican governors from major industrial states such as New Jersey's Chris Christie (assuming they survive re-election bids); some candidates from Congress such as Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin or Sens. John Thune of South Dakota and Rand Paul of Kentucky; and other 2012 also-rans, such as former Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania.

Party leaders and members might well look for someone new, rather than a 2012 retread.

Still, if Perry is governor of Texas as the 2016 race nears, he'll be a major figure in the party with ability to raise the millions needed to run. He remains attractive as a person, as he showed at Gridiron. But he'll have to show that he has a command of national and international issues that was noticeably lacking in 2012.

*Carl P. Leubsdorf is the former Washington bureau chief of the Dallas Morning News.*



**READER COMMENT**

## Brown

*Continued from Opinion 1*

you we have our freedom." The event raised an estimated \$30,000. Jones is recovering at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. The Magic Valley and supporters across the state will be cheering him on the entire way.

And let us not forget 26-year-old Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl who has been held in captivity by the Haqqani network in Afghanistan since June 2009. Bergdahl is from Hailey, Idaho lawmakers on Wednesday (his birthday) were asked to remember Bergdahl in their thoughts and prayers as we wait for his safe return.

To all of these men: "Thank you" seems like such an empty offering to someone who gave so much for us, but we offer it anyway. Thank you for your service and sacrifice. The Magic Valley will not forget you.

## You Can Help

A memorial fund has been set up for Army Sgt. Daniel Brown's family. Donations can be made at any Wells Fargo branch until April 6.

ploy some of this talent into other areas of the economy.

Much has been made of abuses by for-profit colleges that get students to borrow huge sums for degrees that have little value. The lesser law schools are increasingly susceptible to the same criticisms.

Which brings us to the real lesson of this column, one that should be written on the refrigerator of every family with kids looking ahead to college.

That lesson is: Don't pay top dollar for mediocrity. It's tragic to think of students saddling themselves with huge debts to buy a low-quality degree that confers little earning power in the marketplace.

Schweitzer's view from the bench is that students going to law school should know better. You should too.

*Daniel Akst, a columnist for Newsday, is the author of "We Have Met the Enemy: Self-Control in an Age of Excess" from Penguin Press.*

# Bill Empowers Women to Make Informed Choice

**W**ith all of the controversy surrounding Senate Bill 1387 — a Woman's Right to View — I wonder how many people have actually taken the time to read the bill. The red herrings have morphed into piranhas.

This bill does contain a medical emergency exception. Section 5 is clearly subject to Section 4.

This bill does not mandate a trans-vaginal ultrasound. The woman gets to make that choice along with her doctor.

This bill does not require that the doctor find a heartbeat. He only has to indicate on the consent form whether a heartbeat was found or not.

This bill does not create costs to the woman above and beyond what is already included in an abortion. There is substantial evidence and testimony from abortion providers that ultrasounds are performed on every woman seeking an abortion.

This bill does not traumatize rape victims. We don't want doctors to violate safety measures and medical protocol for victims of violence. They need more care not less care.

This bill does not mandate a second ultrasound. Only one is needed and, in every abortion, at least one is administered.



**Jason Herring**  
Right to Life Idaho

This bill does inform women, hold the abortionists accountable and offer the unborn child one last chance to make the case to live.

Regardless of how some might disagree over the personhood of the unborn child, we can all agree that the woman needs to make a fully informed decision. It is a myth that all women seeking abortions are fully informed and unwavering in their decision. A study by the American Public Health Association found that women planning to abort their child were two to 3.5 times more likely to keep their children after viewing their ultrasounds.

I have heard numerous testimonies from post-abortive women who were manipulated, lied to and kept in the dark about the reality of their abortion experience.

I have served as a pastoral counselor for Rachel's Vineyard retreat in Spokane, Wash., for post-abortive women. There were no cameras, no media, no press and no legislators where I heard woman after woman share their abortion experience and

the emotional trauma that followed in the aftermath. I realize that not every woman who has an abortion regrets the experience or feels traumatized. But every woman who does said that they probably would have made a different decision if they had been given more information about what they were aborting.

The last thing we want to do is further the trauma of a victim of violence. We do, however, want to provide all of the information available to women in crisis. The choice is still hers to make.

Women deserve to make a fully informed decision, and they cannot make a fully informed decision if they are kept in the dark about the reality, visibility and humanity of the life growing within them. "Knowledge is power," and Senate Bill 1387 empowers women to make a fully informed choice that is based on medical evidence and not emotional or economical considerations.

*Jason Herring is president of Right to Life of Idaho. S.1387, mandating that every woman seeking an abortion in Idaho gets an ultrasound, passed the Senate 23-12 before stalling in the House and eventually being pulled.*

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

## Mandate Fails Test

The individual mandate of Obamacare is clearly not covered by the commerce clause of the Constitution. If the Supreme Court does not agree nine to zero, I will be sorely disappointed!

A simple reading of the commerce clause, which states "To regulate Com-

merce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with Indian tribes," logically cannot uphold the individual mandate.

Using an extreme example, Congress could require foreign nations, and Indian tribes to purchase health insurance. You don't have to be an attorney, a Supreme Court Justice, a representa-

tive, a senator or the president to realize that the mandate is not logically covered by the commerce clause of the Constitution.

I agree that health care is necessary and health care costs have spiraled out of control, but that does not justify misinterpreting the Constitution!

**JOHN D. JACOBY**  
Sun Valley

## Akst

*Continued from Opinion 1*

A fifth was a lawyer on a contract basis, while a sixth was a paralegal. And two had yet to pass the New York bar exam. As the judge noted, moreover, seven of the nine graduated into the sharp teeth of the Great Recession, a time when things were pretty tough all over.

Schweitzer, who took the trouble to write a 36-page opinion, summed up his view of the case in words that should be chiseled over the doorway of every law school in the country: "Not every ailment afflicting society may be redressed by a lawsuit."

But what about the claim that New York Law School misrepresented how well its graduates were doing? In general, lesser law schools are notorious for massaging the numbers on this score, but the judge concluded the school's data wasn't misleading, at least not to students shopping for a law school.

Yet New York Law and America's other second-rate law schools aren't out of the woods. An appeal is likely in this case. Lawyers for disgruntled grads have brought at least a dozen additional such cases against law schools around the country, and have threatened 20 more with litigation.

There is something deeply satisfying about discovering that the law schools whose spawn have given us such a litigious society may yet be snared by their own devices.

But while it's easy to deride such lawsuits — as in the war between Iraq and Iran in the 1980s, it's hard to know whom to root for — there may well be some value in them. Maybe they'll force law schools to be more careful in representing their results — and to focus more on preparing graduates for the real world of legal practice. Detering some applicants might eventually reduce the supply of attorneys, which is already more than ample. It would be great to rede-

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## READER COMMENT

# Reining in the EPA

In a nation that values due process, not to mention private property, such treatment is unthinkable," wrote U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito to describe the situation Mike and Chantell Sackett faced. On March 21, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the Sacketts would be permitted to challenge an U.S. Environmental Protection Agency enforcement action against them. This ruling means the EPA will not be able to use the Clean Water Act to strong-arm Americans without the opportunity for judicial review and highlights a need to further tighten the federal government's reach.

The Sacketts were building a home near Priest Lake when ordered by the EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to stop, restore the land and apply for a federal wetlands permit, or be fined tens of thousands of dollars per day. Concerned about their rights as landowners, the Sacketts sued the EPA, but the agency argued they were not entitled to their day in court until a final agency action was issued. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the agency. The U.S. Supreme Court overturned the 9th Circuit and made clear that landowners may bring a civil lawsuit challenging a federal government order under the Clean

Mike Crapo  
U.S. Senator



Water Act prior to a final agency action.

The Sackett's case is not unique. The decision will prevent other property owners from being subject to the dilemma of complying with an unjust decision or face thousands of dollars in fines. Rejecting the EPA's claim that issuance of the compliance order was just a step in the process, the Court determined that the compliance order represents a final agency action for which there is no adequate remedy other than the opportunity to bring a civil action to challenge the issuance of the order.

What does this mean for property owners? Justice Alito explained, "At least, property owners like [the Sacketts] will have the right to challenge the EPA's jurisdictional determination." However, he further explained, "Real relief requires Congress to ... provide a reasonably clear rule regarding the reach of the Clean Water Act."

I am glad Justice Alito made this point. I understand the impact of an overly aggressive interpretation of the CWA. Little good can come from the administration seeking to expand its authority at the

expense of private property rights in contravention of congressional intent. Property owners deserve clarity so that similar situations do not continue. We also do not need an expansion of the reach of the CWA that puts more Americans in similar messes. Unfortunately, efforts are underway by the EPA to expand the agency's regulatory reach over virtually all waters and ditches. I will continue to oppose this expansion and support legislative efforts to tighten the EPA's reach.

I will also continue to push for legislative remedies when the courts too strictly interpret regulations, as in the case of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals establishing EPA permitting jurisdiction over forest roads as point sources of pollution. This ruling ruined a long-standing and successful regulatory framework that gave states the responsibility for regulating runoff from forest roads. I urge the Supreme Court to take up the review of this decision and check the EPA's regulatory powers, as it did with the Sackett case.

Everyone wants to protect the resources that make the West a wonderful place to live and raise a family, but private property rights need not be trampled to do it. A better way exists and this ruling is a step in the right direction.

## THEIR VIEW

# Obama, GOP in a Pandering Race on Gas Prices

The following editorial appeared in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* on Wednesday, March 28:

The competition was intense, but Republicans just managed to edge out the Obama administration for Most Disingenuous Political Ploy of last week.

Admittedly, President Barack Obama made an impressive showing, issuing an executive order and a presidential memorandum on Thursday, neither of much consequence, and appearing in Cushing, Okla., to announce expedited handling of energy infrastructure projects.

The best known of these is a proposed 532.9-mile pipeline extension that would increase the amount of crude oil that could be moved from Cushing to refineries at Port Arthur, Texas, on the Gulf Coast and to facilities at Houston. The extension had been part of the rejected Keystone XL proposal to add 1,600 miles to the 2,151 pipeline miles (Keystone 1) completed over the last few years by Calgary-based TransCanada Corp.

The XL application had been working its way through a long and complicated review process that involved the U.S. State Department because the project crossed an international border. Last fall, the project hit a snag

when Nebraska's Republican governor and members of its Republican-led legislature expressed legitimate concerns about the risks of contamination of deep water reservoirs and the environmentally fragile Sand Hills area. The State Department froze the process while it gathered additional information.

But Republicans in Washington went their own way, trying to force an administration decision by February. The gambit failed when Secretary of State Hillary Clinton advised the president to deny the permit because the advanced deadline didn't leave enough time to get the necessary information.

Since then, Republicans have tried to turn Keystone into a presidential campaign symbol of administration dithering on energy, a standard feature of the party's playbook. That didn't get much traction, however, because the Obama administration often has veered from positions advocated by environmentalists and has helped nudge domestic oil exploration and production to eight-year highs.

Republicans sensed fresh political opportunity in the recent rise in gasoline prices, though they know full well that oil and gasoline prices are set by a global market beyond the reach of U.S. presidents. Indeed, the current increases in part reflect fears of disrupt-

ed oil supplies because of military action against Iran—action that Republicans have been encouraging.

Nonetheless, rising prices required Obama to at least appear to be doing something; hence the executive order and presidential memorandum. Both documents speak approvingly of coordination, streamlining, transparency and accountability among various federal agencies. But they also acknowledge existing laws and budget constraints. It's hard to see how anything the president did last week will make a significant difference in expediting the project.

For their part, though, Republicans continued to spew long-discredited claims that Keystone XL would create 20,000 jobs. (TransCanada once claimed it was 100,000.) The State Department's January report to Congress confirmed that the XL project would create only 5,000 to 6,000 jobs over two years. That would have no real impact on U.S. unemployment.

Likewise, the Energy Department found that Keystone XL would not increase supplies of crude oil in the United States or the gasoline output of U.S. refineries. Those refineries are operating at capacity, thanks in part to Canadian crude that already flows into this country, some of it into Wood River via Keystone 1. Hence, zero impact on today's gas prices.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Caucusers Thanked

The Twin Falls County Republican Caucus Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the first-ever Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus. We appreciate all of the comments we have received. Based on these, we are happy to report that the vast majority of comments have been positive, and most attendees enjoyed the event.

The logistics of coordinating Twin Falls County's first Republican presidential caucus were daunting, and we want to send a public and heartfelt thanks to the many dedicated volunteers who donated hundreds of hours and did their very best to make this an excellent experience. Thank you.

There was enough room for all who attended, and no one was turned away due to lack of space. The school doors were locked at 7 p.m. as promised, but no one already in line was turned away.

There were 2,053 votes cast at the caucus. In the 2008 Republican presidential primary, by contrast, there were 4,700 votes cast in Twin Falls County. Caucuses typically have a significantly smaller showing than a primary, so such a large number was indeed considered a high turnout.

Many people continue to wonder why we now have a caucus instead of a primary for the Republican presidential race. In the past, the results of the race were already decided by the time Idaho's primary was held in May. The move to a caucus in March was a decision made by the State Republican Party, and it made our votes in Idaho relevant. It is obvious that this year Idaho played an important role in the race. For the first time in anyone's recent memory, candidates campaigned in Idaho—even in Twin Falls County. All of the candidates spent money advertising and campaigning here.

While not as many people got to vote in the caucus as would have voted in a primary, Idaho voters are important, and the votes that were cast March 6 in Twin Falls County helped make Idaho count.

**CHENELE DIXON**  
Twin Falls  
(Editor's note: Chenele Dixon is the chairman of the Twin Falls County Republican Caucus Committee. Other committee members

are Gretchen Clelland, Brian Johns, Grant Loebbs, Lani Whitney, Rusty Satterwhite and Lance Clow.)

## Playing Politics

I fiercely love our great state of Idaho, but I view our state political leaders with scorn and disdain.

John McGee: They tried to keep him in place, but he resigned.

Monty Pearce: got away clean.

Reform legislative ethics? That's a good one.

Senate Bill 1378: good for the wealthy landholder who funds your campaign (senators, for the most part have farms or ranches, another Monty Pearce style conflict of interest situation).

Chuck Winder, concerned about abortion, but when it comes to reviewing the deaths of Idaho's children, can't support that kind of government intrusion.

Free market capitalism? You bet!

We're true conservatives, but don't touch our agriculture and oil subsidies; alternative energy subsidies? Those are wrong and interfere with profits on our gas and oil holdings.

Disclose our financial records? Term Limits? You're kidding, right? Fund education? Not on our watch.

Raise taxes on cigarettes; collect sales tax on Internet sales? No way! Compromise on anything? Not a chance, we're in control here, we don't gain anything in compromise. Lip service? What do you mean? Cut taxes for the wealthiest Idahoans!

Gov. Otter, we love you.  
**ANTHONY DAVIS**  
Fairfield

## Providing Quality Law Enforcement

Another election year, and 'tis the season to "bad mouth" each other again. Tells me a lot about the person who is running for the office of sheriff. I have a lot of apprehension about voting for people who can only speak in a negative manner about others to make themselves look better.

I am retired from a career in law enforcement, and I am very judgmental of officers I have contact with. I retired as a supervisor with 20 years of experience and there is a trait I often look for; it is called "professional maturity."

There is a big difference in having 20 years of experience or having one year of experience 20 times, which I see so often. So I ask myself when making a decision on who to vote for, is the present sheriff doing a good job, is he responsive to the needs of the people of this and other communities, is he a good steward of our tax money? I would have to answer yes to all of these, Sheriff Carter is a capable, qualified, professional law enforcement official.

Sheriff Carter stops and thinks before speaking; he answers in a positive way even when confronted in a negative manner. Look at the letter he wrote in the paper about the budget process; it was positive, complete and informative, even though the person that asked about his abilities stated something about he must be asking for too much so he can give it back and make himself look better. That response from Sheriff Carter shows me he does have good self-control because that was a very desperate and ignorant remark.

I am voting for Sheriff Carter. I know what we have now and know what we had four years ago and certainly do not want that again. All this negativity sure sounds like a repeat of four years ago.

Thank you, Sheriff Carter, for the job you have done, and I will give you my vote so you can provide another four years of quality law enforcement.

**CHARLES VAN VOOREN**  
Buhl

## Voting Out Republicans

The Republican holy grail of lower capital gains taxes are an abomination to common sense, which, according to financial wizard Jim Cramer on CNBC, has to do more with voters being un-informed than common sense.

"Capital gains" only apply to those who have more money (capital) than they need. Say they invest this excess money into a dividend paying stock such as "AGNC." While they sleep, that excess money earns them 16.9 percent, while your savings (those who have any left) in the bank "earn" about 1 percent.

Those of you who vote "conservative" Republican, I have to ask you why you

would want to conserve this gross injustice that is causing your family and 99 percent of the rest of us such financial harm while those who can financially help won't.

Idaho is not a wealthy state, yet Republicans time and time again cut programs which help the least fortunate (maybe you) and you support this with your vote for Republicans. Why?

Since GOP demigod Ronald Wilson Reagan enslaved us all to debt and cut capital gains taxes, those with excess "capital" can invest and pay less taxes than you. Mitt Romney pays 13 percent income tax and is campaigning to reduce even that piddling for those who are most financially secure. Shameful. The rest of us pay 28 percent income taxes or

more!

Here's why the rich get richer and you don't. If you, without any excess money, put your hard-earned \$3,000 in your "savings," bankers generously pay you \$30 per year interest, less fees. Mitt buys 100 shares of "AGNC" with his excess \$3,000 and earns \$500 per year in dividends. That's fair? Why shouldn't Mitt pay the same tax as us?

Democrats need your vote to change this injustice. Please help vote out Republicans.

**MARK COOK**  
Hailey

## Difference Between Religion and Christianity

Response to "Those Without Affiliation Don't Always

Reject God" (commentary by Philip Clayton from the Los Angeles Times, March 29):

If the emerging church stays focused on Jesus Christ and not religion, then it will succeed. The last time the churches saw any kind of life and growth was during the "Jesus Movement" of the '60s and '70s. After that, religious activity became the focus of the church and people became disinterested.

Religion is cold and dead. Jesus Christ provides hope and joy and peace and life. The religious leaders turned Jesus over to the Romans to be crucified. That act alone shows the difference between religion and Christianity.

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# The Ides of March Budgets, Debt, Health Care

This past week the Supreme Court considered the constitutionality of President Obama's health care bill, and the decision will have consequences far beyond just the future direction of our health care system. If the individual mandate is struck down, it would be a major blow to the power of the federal government to use the Commerce Clause or the Necessary and Proper Clause to require Americans to act in certain ways. If it is upheld, it would be a significant victory for those who believe the federal government can do virtually anything apart from what is specifically constitutionally barred.

While the Supreme Court deliberations grab the headlines, something else happened this past month that will have major implications on health care and its impact on Americans and the ever-growing national debt. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office released an updated analysis of the cost of the health care law using the most current budget data, and the findings are disheartening. When the bill was signed into law in 2010, it was estimated that an increased burden on Medicaid and taxpayer-funded health insurance subsidies would cost taxpayers \$938 billion over 10 years. The new updated estimate this month finds the real cost to be nearly \$1.8 trillion between now and 2022. This is a punch to the gut for members of Congress working to reduce the debt. In short, it just got almost \$1 trillion more difficult to tackle the debt, and the costs of the health care bill are only expected to rise.

To put \$1 trillion in perspective, let's look at a widely supported government agency, NASA. NASA receives roughly \$18 billion dollars of funding every year. To save a trillion dollars, you would have to completely defund NASA — 56 times over. With this example, you can see why it is so hard to cut \$1 trillion out of the discretionary budget. Given that most economists agree we need to find \$4 to \$6 trillion to really stabilize the debt and put us on a path to eventually erase it completely, even eliminating NASA 56 times doesn't make a dent.

The reality is eliminating the debt can't be done immediately, and it can't be done with only spending cuts. While cuts are an important part of it, we need to institute real, long-term, structural reform of our mandatory spending programs that are on auto-pilot and growing by the day. The system is unsustainable — a couple turning 65 today probably paid more than \$109,000 into Medicare in



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their lives but will receive on average over \$343,000 in benefits. Meanwhile, starting this year, 10,000 Americans will enroll in Medicare every day for the next 20 years. Our children and grandchildren have little hope of seeing any benefits themselves under our current system.

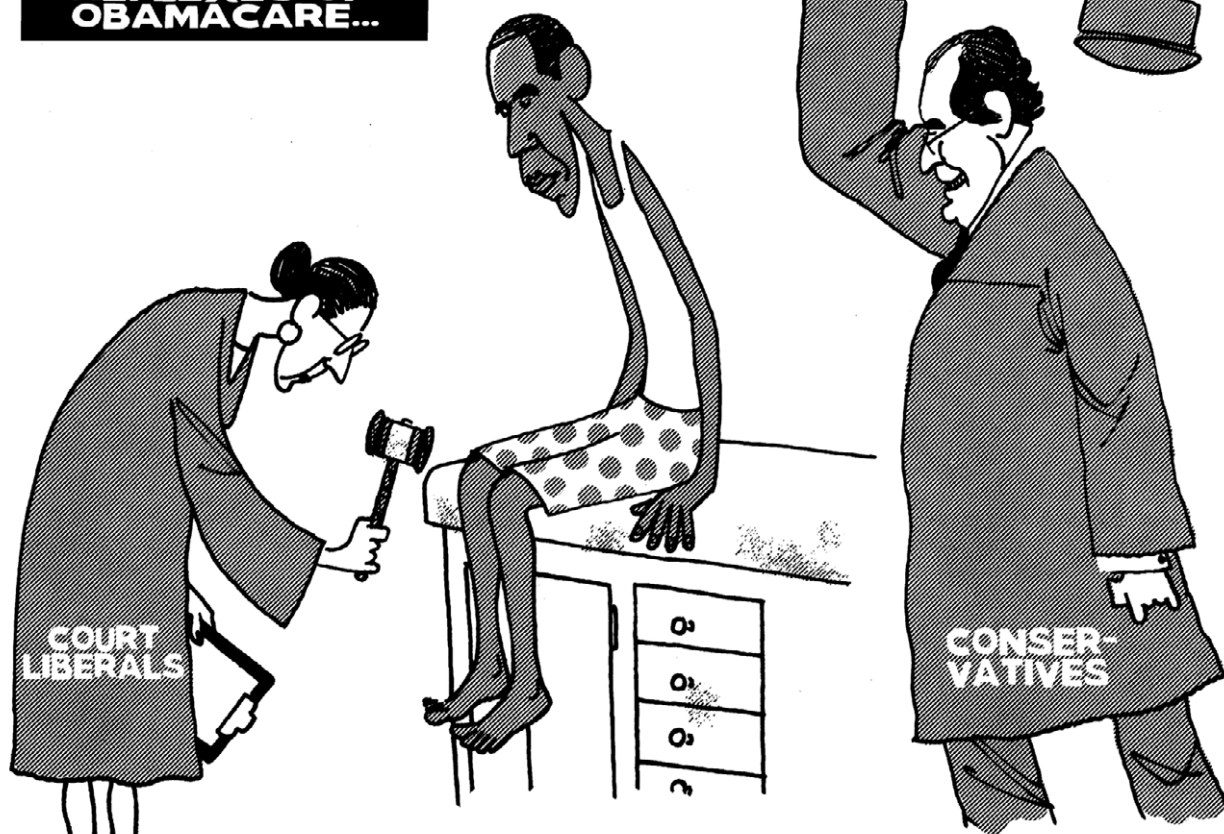
Along with real reform of Medicare, Congress must find the courage to reform, not just patch, our outdated tax code. We need to simplify the code and streamline regulations while closing loopholes, creating the economic growth necessary to reduce the deficit. With these reforms in place, we can actually reduce tax rates for ALL individuals and businesses and still have funds left over to reduce the debt. It is crucial that any savings from tax reform not be used to simply implement more spending. The tax code should be a simple system intended to raise the necessary revenue for appropriate government functions, not a complex system through which the government directs social behavior and forces certain outcomes.

This week Congress is considering these issues and will vote on the House Republican Budget offered by Chairman Paul Ryan. It is a bold and tough reform proposal that deals with the issues of our auto-pilot programs head on. The Medicare reforms are tough but fair and offer anyone the option of keeping their current benefits if they so choose. Despite demagoguery from Democrats and the White House, the Ryan Plan has proved to be durable and is gaining support. While it won't receive bipartisan backing this year, it signifies the intention of Republicans to fix our debt problem. I am proud of my colleagues for offering this plan despite "political experts'" claims that it will hurt the party in an election year.

The Simpson-Bowles approach is another proposal that I strongly support because it puts everything on the table, leaving no "sacred cows" untouched. And while the news that Obama's health care bill will cost taxpayers an extra \$1 trillion is discouraging, it should make Congress bolder in the fight to reduce the size of government, fix our outdated tax code, and reform our bloated mandatory programs. The public is way ahead of Congress on this, and Congress must catch up and begin making the same tough decisions and sacrifices that American families are making every day."

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## TESTING THE REFLEXES OF OBAMACARE...



# Obama's 'Tax' Lapse

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In 2009, President Obama was asked whether the individual mandate in his health-care plan was really just a tax in disguise. "I absolutely reject that notion," he responded.

But if the president had been brave enough back then to call a tax a tax, his health-care law might not be in such a mess today.

At the Supreme Court this week, both sides basically agreed that the Constitution allows the federal government to enact a national health insurance plan — even a government-run single-payer plan. (That, after all, is pretty much what Medicare is.) And both sides agreed that the Constitution allows the government to levy taxes to help pay for that health insurance. (We all pay a Medicare tax.)

But that's not how Obama and the Democrats wrote their health-care law. Instead, to avoid the stigma of the word "tax," they included a requirement that everyone obtain health insurance or pay a penalty.

It turns out that was a big mistake. As we now know, there's one thing Americans hate even more than taxes, and that's being ordered around by their government.

Early in the debate on the health-care law, polls found that most Americans were willing to pay higher taxes in exchange for universal health insurance. But Obama had promised during his presidential campaign that he wouldn't raise taxes on the middle class, and a health-care tax would have broken that vow.

The administration's solution — the individual mandate — is now its biggest problem in the courts, judging by the questioning from the Supreme Court justices over the last few days. As Justice Antonin Scalia asked in Tuesday's hearing, if the law is upheld, does that mean the government "can make you buy broccoli?"

To answer such questions, government lawyers have emphasized that healthcare is a special case — and it is. Already, the government requires hospitals to care for the sick even if they can't pay, something it doesn't do for other goods or services. (You can't get free broccoli at a grocery store no matter how hungry you are.)

Given that healthcare is different, the government has argued, an individual mandate is a practical necessity. An insurance pool can't work if only the sick sign up because it would be unaffordable. So there has to be some kind of incentive for healthy people to participate.

Are there alternatives to Obama's version of a mandate? Sure. In Tuesday's Supreme Court argument, Justice Sonia Sotomayor suggested a nice, clean way to solve the problem: charge

Jonathan Gruber of MIT, one of the designers of the Obama law, has suggested another measure that might help: "auto enrollment," meaning everyone would be put into the insurance pool automatically and would have to take action to opt out. That kind of measure has significantly increased participation rates in employer-sponsored 401(k) retirement plans.

But these ideas aren't what the court is being asked to rule on. Moreover, at least some of them would need to be enacted by Congress — an unrealistic prospect as long as either the House or Senate are led by Republican majorities bent on repealing the

law entirely. Far from helping the law work, Republican leaders plan to throw as much sand in the gears as they can.

That's why the administration pulled out all the stops this week in arguing that the current law's mandate, however imperfect, is constitutional.

The president's lawyer even argued that while the mandate's penalty isn't a tax, the court should consider it a tax — or, at least, an exercise of the government's "taxing power," if that would help.

If the administration wins, it will be a case of legal double-talk being richly rewarded. If the administration loses, its biggest domestic achievement could be in ruins. It would have been simpler to fess up and call the mandate a tax from the start.

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