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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

7 TIPS TO PREPARE FOR COLLEGE

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TWIN FALLS • Even though it’s the holiday season, December is also the prime time for teenagers to think about college.

The *Times-News* checked in with admissions directors at a few Idaho universities. Here’s their advice for high school students and their parents — whether it’s time to apply to college now or in a couple of years.

1. Get Applications Done Early

With winter break right around the corner, it’s the ideal time for high school seniors to finish college applications.

Brian Bava, dean of enrollment for the College of Idaho, said a lot of students procrastinate through the holiday season.

Then, they push to get applications done by deadlines in January or February.

“My advice would be to try to complete their applications by the first of the year,” Bava said.

Admissions directors recommend applying well in advance of scholarship deadlines.

One tip to help make the application process easier: Gather information ahead of time. That includes lists of extracurricular activities, test scores and community service.

2. Visit College Campuses

Matt Kroeger, director of admissions and recruitment for Idaho State University, said high-schoolers should visit college campuses on their short list.

“If they haven’t been on the college campuses for an official visit, that’s the most critical thing,” he said.

Evenings, weekends or the summer months aren’t the best times to get a realistic impression about a school.

“It helps to see them when students are actively there,” Kroeger said.

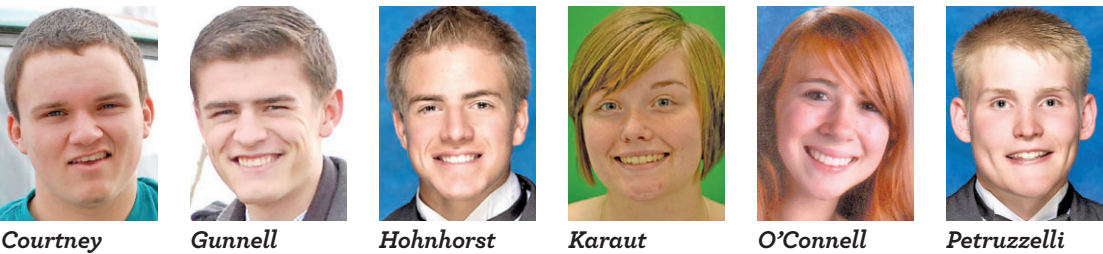
Mark Marston, director of admissions for Northwest Nazarene

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Sydney Sneddon, left, a College of Southern Idaho ambassador, leads a tour for future student Cheyenne Oleson, right, with her aunt Jennifer Langley and mother Christie Oleson on Wednesday in Twin Falls.

Advice from High School Seniors



Matt Courtney, Kimberly High: He encourages students to start the college application process early and don’t rush through applications.

Courtney also said it helps to start talking with college representatives during junior year.

If you express interest early, he said some colleges will allow you to complete a priority application and get out of requirements, such as writing an essay.

Hayden Gunnell, Kimberly High: Narrow down your college options and keep good records.

Gunnell also suggests paying attention to deadlines.

“They just jump on you,” he said.

John Hohnhorst, Twin Falls High: He suggests starting college applications “way early.”

“I don’t think you could start early enough,” he said.

Nicole Karaut, Twin Falls High: Put in community service hours during high school. It’s something many colleges want to see.

She has already been accepted to Portland State University and knows that’s where she wants to go.

“I just love the city, really,” she said.

Erika O’Connell, Kimberly High: She suggests high-schoolers should be well rounded, get involved in activities and do unique things that will help them stand out.

James Petruzzelli, Twin Falls High: Looking back on the college application process, he wishes he’d prepared harder for the SAT and ACT.

Area Law Enforcement Stays Busy Fighting Crime

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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TWIN FALLS • Law enforcement agencies across south-central Idaho have been busy this year. The reason varies from county to county.

Capt. Brent Hilliard with the Twin Falls County Sheriff’s Office said that while the number of violent crimes isn’t drastically different than years past, the number that takes longer to solve are.

“We’re not talking about a barroom brawl

with two guys,” he said.

Investigations of violent crimes can take weeks or months of investigators’ time.

“We’ve had our fair share,” he said.

Hilliard said the sheriff’s office has eight investigators who handle an average of 15 to 20 cases at a time.

Just processing the original crime scene requires lots of people and time, he said. Ballistics tests, an autopsy, toxicology from victims and the suspect all take time to work through, he said. Interviews with people involved also

take time. Investigators try to find out what the suspect was doing in the hours, days and week before the crime occurred.

“It just taps resources,” Hilliard said.

Each case has its own quirks and investigators spend time trying to find out if detectives could have seen the crime coming or any motives in the crime.

In Jerome County, Sheriff Doug McFall said he’s seen an increase in violent and nonviolent crime. He said he and investigators are trying

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Chobani Grand Opening: What You Need to Know

BY MELISSA DAVLIN
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TWIN FALLS • Olympic and Paralympic athletes will join Idaho government officials and business leaders for the grand opening of Chobani’s Twin Falls factory on Monday.

The event starts at 3 p.m. Guests include Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter, Chobani president Hamdi Ulukaya, Olympians Lauren Cheney and Steven Lopez, and Paralympian Allison Jones.

At the event, Chobani will announce new products for 2013.

The grand opening takes place nearly a year to the day after the Nov. 19, 2011 groundbreaking. The 950,000 square foot facility is the company’s second.

No public tours of the plant will be conducted during the grand opening event.

School Funding Under the Microscope

State’s former chief economist says lawmakers don’t live up to Constitutional duty.

This is the first installment of a three-part series examining public school funding in Idaho.

BY CLARK CORBIN
Post Register

Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter brought school funding woes to the forefront last week when he said the state “probably” is failing its Constitutional duties for education.

Idaho’s Constitution requires lawmakers provide a “general, uniform and thorough” system of public schools.

“I would say we are probably not, but we’re doing the best job that we can, and we are going to continue doing the best job that we can,” Otter said to Betsy Russell of *The Spokesman-Review*.

Mike Ferguson, the governor’s former top budget and numbers guy, coaxed the admission out of Otter.

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Magic Valley’s Students of the Week



Academic • TFCA Annalise Brown

For all of her school years, Annalise has attended Twin Falls Christian Academy. “Annie is a very diligent, hard-working lady,” says Annie’s homeroom teacher Amanda Weaver. “I enjoy having her in my class!”

Her diligence and hard work shows through her 4.0 grade-point average. “Annie has been a straight-A student throughout all of her school years,” says principal Brent Walker. “She always works hard to do her best.”

Annie’s favorite class this year is Advanced Math. “I like Advanced Math because it causes me to think logically. I like being challenged and having to go through a series of steps to get a final answer.”

She also excels outside of the classroom, and is an exceptional volleyball and basketball player. She is active in her church, where she plays piano for offertories, choir accompaniments, and other special events. Annie — growing up with a deaf father — interprets songs and occasional sermons for the deaf members of her church.

Annalise is considering Corban University in Salem, Ore., and California Baptist Bible College in Riverside, Calif., for college in the fall. She wants to study to receive her bachelor’s in nursing in college, and a few years after that she would like to become an anesthetist.

An artist of the week was not available by press time.

***How are the AAA students chosen?** We asked guidance counselors from schools all over the Magic Valley to work with the teachers at their schools to come up with some of the best and brightest students they could find.*

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Crime

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to communicate more with the public.

McFall said his department divides the county by the three cities, Jerome, Hazelton and Eden along with west, central and east to determine where most of the activities are taking place

“Then we direct patrols, especially late at night out into those areas,” he said.

Sheriff’s detectives held meetings in areas that got hit with crimes over the past year, including a large number of burglaries near the Jerome Country Club.

“Sgt. Cowen gave them ideas and said it’s OK to be snoopy and keep an eye on each other’s houses,” McFall said.

Don Hall, Twin Falls’ vice mayor and an instructor at the criminal justice program at the College of Southern Idaho, said crime can rise and fall along with population bubbles of people ages 16 to 24, the ages when people are most likely to generate crime, he said.

Socio-economic issues and how well the economy is doing can also affect crime rates, he said.

“People try to escape their situations and they

tend to utilize drugs and alcohol as part of their escape,” he said.

Drug and alcohol use often correlate with violent crime, Hall said.

While Hilliard said 2012 has been rough for the department, he stressed that one year’s statistics is not a trend.

Burglaries are considerably down from 2011, Hilliard said. Last year was by far the worst he’s seen for burglaries in his time at the sheriff’s office, he said.

In that case, Hilliard said, three or four groups of people were committing the majority of the property crimes in the area. Once they were arrested, the number of burglaries began to decrease. The sheriff’s office has also tried to educate the public on how they can avoid being a victim of a burglary, he said.

“We’ve done radio shows to get the word out,” he said. “A lot of people have grown up in this area and the days of walking out of your house without locking it are over.”

Hilliard and McFall both encourage people to watch out for their neighbors if something seems suspicious.

“I like to get the word out that snoopy neighbors are a

Athlete • ISDB Taylor Shultz

Taylor is a senior at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. She has attended ISDB since she was 12 years old. Taylor has participated in a variety of sports for ISDB throughout high school, and has become an athletic leader. She also competed with the high school volleyball and basketball teams as an eighth grader under special permission from IHSAA, due to the small numbers of female students able to play at ISDB.

Taylor has been both a team member and leader on the volleyball and basketball teams at ISDB. Over these years, Taylor has consistently worked hard on her fundamental skills in each of these sports. Taylor was awarded the Most Valuable Player for Volleyball in 2011 and 2012. This is her fifth year playing on the team.

This also is her fifth year on the basketball team, playing mostly in the position of point guard during the past three years. Her experiences in sports have contributed to learning and demonstrating leadership skills. Practicing and building skills on the court, along with developing the teamwork within the group have both been strong parts of developing positive character traits and life skills for Taylor’s future.

STORK REPORT

St. Luke’s Jerome

Jayden Estrada, son of Nancy Vargas and Arturo Estrada of Jerome, was born Dec. 3, 2012.

Nora Josephine Montonye, daughter of Adrian and Steve Montonye of Jerome, was born Dec. 5, 2012.

St. Luke’s Magic Valley Medical Center

Rosa Marie Hernandez-Pirtle, daughter of Latasha Amber Pirtle and Edgar Hernandez of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 6, 2012.

Vanderlei Michael Moctezuma, son of Katelyn Marie and Johnathon Micheal Moctezuma of Hagerman, was born Dec. 6, 2012.

Layla Lizandro Sosa, daughter of Kelsey Elizabeth Adams and Lizandro Sosa of Murtaugh, was born Dec. 7, 2012.

Jacqueline Rosanna Ginn, daughter of Jennifer Joyce Ginn-Bennett of Jerome, was born Dec. 7, 2012.

Hampton Bee Hills, daughter of Francesca Rose and Preston Scott Hills of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 7, 2012.

Jaycee Kay Severe, daughter of Anna Barbara and Matt Jared Severe of Rogerson, was born Dec. 7, 2012.

Traygun Lee Paul Jones, son of Bianca Maria Salazar and Duston Ray Jones of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 8, 2012.

Hanna Lee Taylor, daughter of Audrey Leimomi and Elmer Edson Taylor Jr. of Jerome, was born Dec. 8, 2012.

Carter McCoy Waltman, son of Rebecca Sorensen and Lance Squires Waltman of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 9, 2012.

Brenden Allan Duric, son of Dorothy Dawn and Fadil Duric of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 9, 2012.

Khloe Michele Welch, daughter of Debora Kay Wicklund and Robert Wayne Welch of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 9, 2012.

Madison Mae Goertzen, daughter of Kristen Mae and Dylan Paul Goertzen of Filer, was born Dec. 10, 2012.

Hannah Rose King, daughter of Tiffany Dawn Piltz and Mark Wayne King of Jerome, was born Dec. 10, 2012.

Zachary David Kennison, son of Melissa Ann and Carl Steven Kennison of Buhl, was born Dec. 11, 2012.

Yovani Carrillo Everrero, son of Magdalena Carrillo Everrero and Cutberto Carrillo Garcia of Jerome, was born Dec. 11, 2012.

Arianna Mya Murillo, daughter of Alicia and Jose Alberto Murillo of Filer, was born Dec. 12, 2012.

Alexa Vargas Rangel, daughter of Maria Luisa Rangel Avila and Dagoberto Vargas Hurtado of Jerome, was born Dec. 12, 2012.

Haylen Taiya Mitchell, daughter of Aubrey Dawn Heinzelman and John Wayne Mitchell of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 12, 2012.

Parts of Eastland to Close for Waterline Installation

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TWIN FALLS • Sections of Eastland Drive will be closed starting Monday due to a large waterline installation project.

The road will be closed between Highland Avenue and Wright Avenue through Thursday, according to a news release.

Once completed, the installation project will improve water service for the southeast side of the city of Twin Falls.

City officials contracted with Sawtooth Construction Inc. to complete the project.

During the installation time period, through traffic is encouraged to use Blue Lakes Boulevard. Local access south Wright Avenue will be available from Orchard Drive. Local access on Eastland Drive, from Kimberly Road through Highland, will be available from Kimberly Road at Eastland Drive. Highland Avenue between Eastland Drive and Locust Street will remain one-way westbound during the closure.

Overall, work in this area is expected to remain ongoing until mid- to late-January. Temporary paving will be placed until dryer weather allows for final paving to be placed.

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BLM to Hire Military Veterans for Fuels Crew Position

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TWIN FALLS • A federal agency is looking to hire 20 military veterans for its fire management program.

The targeted hiring spree is the first time the Bureau of Land Management has sought military veterans to work on its fire fuels crew, said Jessica Gardetto, spokeswoman for the agency.

The Bureau of Land Management will create four five-member fuels crews to be stationed in Boise, Burley, Pocatello and Coeur d'Alene. Government housing will only be available in Burley and Pocatello areas.

"Idaho's fuels management program is highly active, with an excellent track record of success," said Idaho BLM State Director Steve

Also Hiring

The BLM's Twin Falls District is currently accepting applications for temporary seasonal firefighters and support staff for next summer's fire season.

Applications will be accepted through Jan. 29, 2013 for most jobs.

Submit application online but the BLM will host four local sessions to help applicants with the online submission: Wednesday at the Burley Fire Yard, 3630 Overland Ave.; Thursday at the Shoshone Fire Yard, 400 West F St.; and Jan. 7 and 8 at Room 103 of the College of Southern Idaho's Shields Building in Twin Falls.

Ellis in a news statement. "The additional assistance

of the veteran's crew will significantly enhance our program by allowing us to continue accomplishing our goal of managing healthy lands and improving community safety from wildfire."

Job requirements include conducting fire fuel reduction projects, assisting in fire suppression, vegetation removal, creating fire breaks, and working in remote areas in Idaho.

Veteran fuels positions will be 13-month term appointments but they may be extended up to four years. Work schedules will require veterans to work a minimum of six months of full-time employment per year, with the possibility of longer assignments depending on availability of funding, project work and weather.

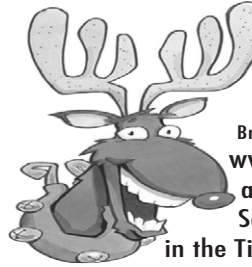
"The BLM saw a lot of success with this program in

Nevada," Gardetto said. "We're excited we are bringing it to Idaho."

The veterans' fuels crew program is one of many efforts to reduce fire fuels across the state. Fuels reduction efforts during this year's fire season helped reduce dangerous wildfire behavior and allowed firefighters to save homes, private property and natural resources.

"We're only hiring 20 veterans at this time but we would like to expand if the program is successful," Gardetto said.

To learn more, contact Glen Burkhardt at 373-4047. To apply for a veteran's fuels crew position, visit www.USAJobs.gov. Further information about the Idaho BLM fire program and wildland firefighting positions can be found at www.id.blm.gov.



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Funding

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Ferguson is on a crusade to show that Idaho lawmakers are failing to meet the state Constitution's requirements for education.

For 25 years, Ferguson served as the state's chief economist, working for both Democratic and Republican governors. After retiring in 2010, Ferguson became director of the Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy, a nonpartisan nonprofit. The organization's self-described mission is to bring fact-based information and analysis into policy decisions. Ferguson has shared the organization's findings in meetings with civic groups and by penning newspaper columns.

Originally, Ferguson set out to see what effect the Great Recession had on school funding, but what he learned surprised him.

"What I found ... was a much, much bigger issue in play," Ferguson said. "It is basically the defunding of public education for a period starting approximately in the year 2000."

Ferguson said tax cuts, budget cuts and a tax shift created in 2006 have led to the problem. Ferguson points out that for two decades lawmakers regularly spent about 4.4 percent of Idaho's personal income paying for public school. That number has declined since 2000 and dropped to 3.5 percent for this school year — a 20 percent decline.

Even considering the economic downturn, Ferguson said budget cuts and the legislators' commitment to not increasing taxes is no excuse for "ducking their Constitutional duty."

"My argument is the Constitution doesn't say 'by whatever limited means you define,' the Constitution says you will do this," Ferguson said. "When you're sworn in and take the oath of office, it's to the Constitution of the state, not Grover Norquist. That means you have to find the wherewithal to do this job."

Ferguson isn't the only one concerned with school funding in Idaho.

On Dec. 21, 2005, the Idaho Supreme Court affirmed a District Court ruling that "the current school funding system is simply not sufficient to carry out the Legislature's duty under the Constitution."

Although the court indicated it would retain jurisdiction the following year and the case was closed as of Nov. 30, 2006, according to the Idaho Supreme Court Data Repository.

It isn't over, however, for Ferguson.

He said the increase in supplemental levies — from \$140 million to \$169 million in the past year — demonstrates lawmakers fail to meet the equality standard of "uniform" public schools. The supplemental levies reveal inequality, Ferguson said, because they show all districts are not created equal.

The state's second-richest

Idaho's 16 Poorest School Districts

- * Snake River
 - * Blackfoot
 - * Sugar-Salem Joint
 - Dietrich
 - Preston Joint
 - Rockland
 - * Shelley Joint
 - Caldwell
 - West Side Joint
 - * Jefferson County Joint
 - * Ririe Joint
 - Cassia County Joint
 - Notus
 - Parma
 - Hornedale Joint
 - * Firth
 - * — Denotes eastern Idaho school district
- Formula:** Market value of all property within district divided by full-time average daily attendance
- Source:** Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy

district, the McCall-Donnelly School District, would raise \$4,696 per student through a supplemental levy of .1 percent. Meanwhile, the poorest district, Bingham County's Snake River School District would raise just \$153 per student by passing the same levy rate.

"Now we see a dramatic increase in the use of property tax, but it's all unequaled, meaning school districts have vastly different funding capacity from sources being increasingly tapped to make up for a lack of state funds," Ferguson said.

Melissa McGrath, spokeswoman for the Idaho Department of Education, said Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna was not available for comment on this article.

She said the recent economic recession necessitated cuts to school funding.

"There is no doubt we have been in the greatest recession we have seen in generations, and our Legislature has had to make tough decisions regarding all state funding," McGrath said.

Bryan Jolley, superintendent of the Shelley Joint School District, said Ferguson is right.

Jolley has studied Ferguson's research and seen first-hand the impact budget cuts made in his district.

Over the last five years, Jolley said state money for his district has decreased from \$10 million a year to \$8 million this year, a 20 per-

Idaho Constitution, Article Nine, Section One

"...(I)t shall be the duty of the Legislature of Idaho to establish and maintain a general, uniform and thorough system of public, free common schools."

See the Research

The Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy's study on public school funding between 1980 and 2013 is available online at www.tinyurl.com/ID-Funding

cent decrease. In response, Jolley said officials had to lay off seven teachers from a pool of 121 certificated employees, which includes teachers, counselors, speech pathologists and administrators.

Shelley district officials also cut spending on textbooks, field trips, elective courses and laid off the school resource officer.

On top of that, the district depleted its reserve savings account by \$400,000, from \$1.2 million down to \$800,000 and successfully asked residents to pass two supplemental levy tax increases to offset state cuts.

"There is no way for the district to adequately fund the education system, and we've relied on supplemental levies to do that. But we don't have the capacity to do that (over the long-term)."

Shelley's district is the state's seventh-poorest — based on the value of property within the district and attendance — according to Ferguson's research.

This week, Jolley met with eastern Idaho superintendents and lawmakers and shared his concerns. He said his district — and many other small or rural districts — are running out of options. Jolley doesn't have the reserve funds to prop his district up, and

said he is worried about being able to keep the doors open for another year after this year's two-year supplemental levy expires.

McGrath said state officials hear the concerns and restored some education funding this year.

"The public schools budget was the last dollar cut during the economic recession and the first dollar restored as state revenues picked up again," McGrath said of the 4.6 percent increase in state money for schools approved during the 2012 session.

Even with the increase, however, state funding for schools still lags 2009 budget year levels by about \$100 million.

Jolley said his message to lawmakers is to restore the education spending cuts before anything else.

"I hope they look at it as an opportunity to fix a problem," Jolley said. "If they don't fix the problem, we'll be right back there where we were in early '80s with multiple districts joining together to sue the state because of a lack of thoroughness and uniformity. That's not a threat because we have no alternative left. If the school districts can't get any response from legislators or the governor, (a suit) is all we have left. We can't go bankrupt."





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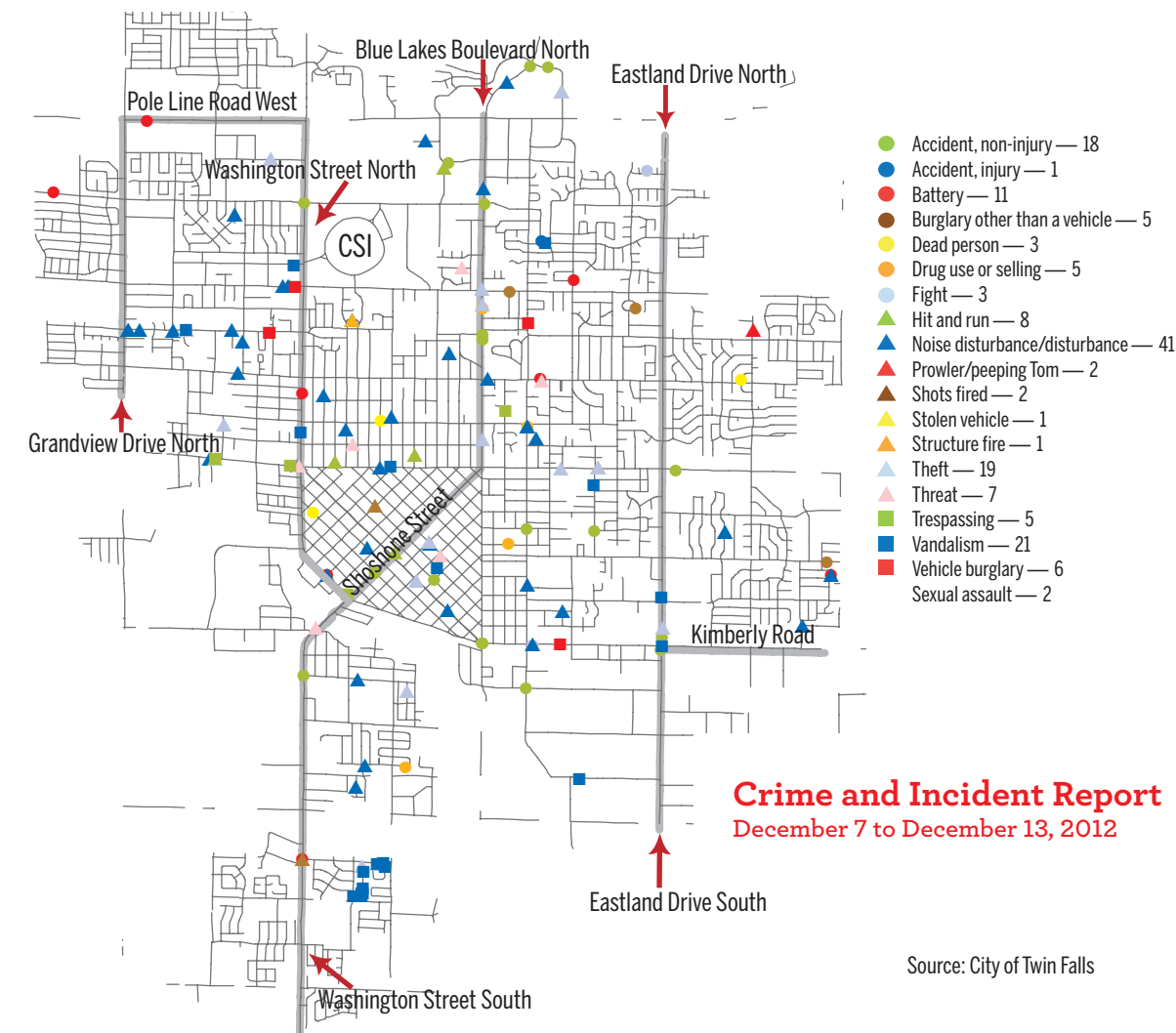




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Otter Orders Flags at Half-staff after Conn. Violence

BOISE (AP) • Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter ordered flags at the Idaho Capitol and other state buildings to be flown at half-staff until Tuesday, following a similar order from President Obama given out of respect for victims of a mass shooting at a Connecticut elementary school.

Otter made the announcement Friday, hours after at least 20 children and eight adults were killed in the brutal rampage in Newtown.

Adam Lanza is believed to have shot himself after killing the others.

Law enforcement officials say the 20-year-old Lanza killed his mother, a teacher at Sandy Hook Elementary, then drove to the school where he targeted young children.

The violence, coming just before Christmas, is America’s second-deadliest school shooting, surpassed only by the Virginia Tech massacre that left 33 people dead in 2007.

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Twin Falls Ed Officials Reopen Negotiations

BY JULIE WOOTTON
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TWIN FALLS • Now that the Students Come First laws are no longer in place, Twin Falls’ teachers union and school district officials are looking at the impact.

The Twin Falls School District and Twin Falls Education Association reopened negotiations Friday night for the first time this school year.

Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said one thing to consider is that if changes are made now, the collective bargaining agreement may have to be revisited again after the legislative session.

“To me, the most impor-

tant issue right now is the (reduction in force),” he said.

As far as other points in the agreement, Dobbs told four teachers union representatives that he’s sure school board members would be willing to listen.

Trustees Dan King and Bernie Jansen, along with Dobbs, represent the school district during negotiations.

Both parties opted to meet in open session Friday, even though it’s no longer a requirement. There was just one audience member for part of the meeting.

There was disagreement over what to do with parts of the agreement and discussion about teacher evaluations.

Stacey Behrens from the TFEA presented proposed changes to the collective bargaining agreement.

Teachers union representatives aren’t interested in talking about anything financial in the agreement, Behrens said, but just about the “language items that we pulled out because we had to” due to Students Come First.

Dobbs said it’s not a clear cut scenario where everything goes back in or stays out — instead, discussion is needed.

When it comes to layoffs, negotiation teams talked in June about using the certified staff reduction in force policy from the 2009-10 agreement if

the Students Come First laws were overturned.

Dobbs said if the supplemental levy ballot measure doesn’t pass this spring, there’s a “real possibility” that layoffs could happen.

The district hasn’t has layoffs in recent years, he said.

One of the Students Come First laws included a provision that eliminated the “last-hired, first-fired” system.

The old policy for layoffs includes ranking employees based on seniority.

Students Come First also made changes to teacher contracts, as well as limited the scope of negotiations to salaries and benefits.

Nampa Man Pleads Guilty in Child Sex Abuse Case

NAMPA (AP) • A 23-year-old former day care employee from Nampa has pleaded guilty to multiple felonies related to inappropriate sexual conduct with young boys.

Joshua Curtis Ritchie pleaded guilty Friday to nine counts of lewd conduct, one count of sexual abuse of a minor and two counts of sexual exploitation of a child. The charges cover behavior police say occurred in 2009 and 2010.

In exchange for the pleas, Canyon County prosecutors agreed not to file additional charges related to encounters with other victims.

Police began investigating the case in August after a mother complained her 5-year-old son had been touched inappropriately by Ritchie.

He is being held in jail on a \$2.5 million bond and is scheduled for sentencing Feb. 28. He faces up to life in prison.

Girl Killed, 7 Others Injured in Rollover Crash

NAMPA (AP) • Idaho State Police say a 15-year-old Nampa girl died and six other passengers plus the driver of a BMW were taken to hospitals when the driver lost control and the vehicle rolled, ending up in a dry canal.

Police say Stephanie M. Rodriguez died at the scene Saturday morning while the driver and six other passengers ranging in age from 14 to 21 sustained various injuries. Police say an

eighth passenger in the vehicle was not transported to a hospital.

Police say 21-year-old Freddy O. Camacho Quezada of Caldwell was driving at a high rate of speed in Nampa in southwestern Idaho when he failed to stop at a stop sign at an intersection, lost control and went off the north side of the roadway.

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Paperwork, Access to Clinics Among Complaints about VA Health Care

POST-REGISTER

Despite the mountain of paperwork that comes with it, the Department of Veterans Affairs health care system has been a godsend for Vietnam War veteran Dale Jones.

The Purple Heart winner from Roberts has a litany of health problems, including issues with his heart, vision and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Jones doesn't know how much his 31 prescriptions cost because the VA pays for them. The total surely would be in the thousands of dollars each month, he said.

Every vet in the system keeps a heavy file full of VA paperwork. Jones' file is about 5-inches thick; and he's run into snags with missing documents and miscommunications with his private insurance.

But Jones said he'll jump through those hoops if that's the cost of doing business with the VA.

"Name (any health condition), and I got it," Jones said. "I wouldn't be as well off as I am now if not for the VA. Yeah, I've been frustrated with them a few times. But with as much as they've helped me out, they've been willing to do what it takes."

The VA's health care system covers 8.8 million veterans nationwide.

Most eastern Idaho counties are part of the Salt Lake City region, which serves about 48,000 veterans. The region covers most of Utah, as well as chunks of Idaho

and Nevada, regional VA spokeswoman Jill Atwood said.

As commander of the American Legion post in Idaho Falls, Bob Skinner hears plenty of chatter about the VA among the post's 350 members.

VA health care has improved, he said, and veterans receive first-rate health care compared with veterans of decades past.

"It used to be it wasn't so good," Skinner said. "I think the VA has done a 180-degree turnaround. Veterans are pretty happy with the medical service they are getting."

Jones logs thousands of miles for his various appointments.

If they are lucky, eastern Idaho veterans can access the Ammon facility at 3544 E. 17th St., which is at capacity.

The VA hopes to expand the Ammon space and services in the coming years, Atwood said. At the moment, it is small and limited mostly to primary care and the VA's new tele-health program, in which a doctor can interact with a patient and nurse remotely through video and audio technology.

The next step for area veterans is the larger Pocatello facility, which can handle more types of treatment, including mental health.

Jones used to travel there regularly for post-traumatic stress disorder treatment. Now, he makes the drive weekly for a diet and exercise program.

But most area vets make the trek to Salt Lake City several times a year, if not monthly.

For checkups or procedures pertaining to his heart, foot and other problems, Jones, too, makes the 460-mile round trip to Salt Lake City, sometimes with another Roberts vet needing checkups.

"What would be nice is if they had a facility (in Ammon) like the one in Pocatello and a hospital in Pocatello like the one in Salt Lake," Jones said.

Skinner said he's constantly speaking to veterans who don't understand the benefits they're entitled to or who struggle to navigate the paperwork. He said he encourages them to be patient and get help filing papers from someone who understands how the system works.

"There's a lot of hoops to jump through, but you can get into the system," Skinner said.

The VA is trying to reach veterans through advertising campaigns and at public events like state fairs, Atwood said.

Some veterans are intimidated by the process or feel guilty about potentially receiving help when they think other vets deserve more, Atwood said.

"The 48,000 is far less than we want to serve," she said. "We know there's about 160,000 veterans in Utah alone. The challenge is reaching them."



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Patrick Chapman, U.S. Marine Corps retired, honors the grave of a deceased veteran with a holiday wreath and salute Friday at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise. 'I do whatever I can to honor our veterans,' said Chapman, a member of the Boise Valley POW-MIA and Patriot Guard Riders. Over 200 volunteers helped decorate 2,100 gravestones at the cemetery as part of the Wreaths Across America project.

Man Gets 20 Years for Halloween Party Stabbings

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) • A man who pleaded no contest to two felony charges after six people were injured in a stabbing at a 2011 Halloween party in Billings was surprised Friday when a state judge sentenced him to 20 years in prison.

A plea agreement had called for Samuel Pape Bettie, 24, to be sentenced to concurrent 15-year terms with five years suspended for aggravated assault and possessing methamphetamine, or 10 years in prison.

But District Judge Mary Jane Knisley told Bettie that since he arrived in Billings two years ago he had embarked on a "crime spree of violence and drugs and nothing good," and ordered consecutive sentences.

"Your honor, did I hear you correctly?" defense attorney Gregory Paskell asked. "Did you say consecutive on both counts?"

Knisley confirmed that was the sentence.

Deputy Yellowstone County Attorney Juli Pierce said she made the plea agreement because five victims would not cooperate with law enforcement, *The Billings Gazette* reported. Only one victim, who was stabbed in the shoulder and has limited use of her arm, was willing to testify, Pierce said.

The stabbings happened at a Halloween party where numerous people were underage, drinking alcohol and using illegal drugs, Pierce said. All six victims required surgery.

Court records say Bettie was thrown out of the party when he made an unwelcome advance toward a woman. Prosecutors said he pulled a knife outside and stabbed the victims.

A few months before the stabbings, Bettie was allegedly driving a van when his friend, Robert Zlahn, fired a shot during a downtown confrontation. No one was injured.

Knisley sentenced Zlahn on Dec. 7 to 20 years in prison for felony assault with a weapon.

Bettie and Zlahn, who both lived in Liberia before moving to the United States, moved to Billings from Minnesota together in late 2010 or early 2011, court records said.

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US Army Corps of Engineers Has Dredging Plans

LEWISTON (AP) • The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wants to dredge the ports of Lewiston in Idaho and Clarkston in Washington state as well as the shipping channel of the lower Snake and Clearwater rivers.

That's according to a draft of the agency's Programmatic Sediment Management Plan and environmental impact statement.

The Lewiston Tribune reports that the agency doesn't plan to raise levees in Lewiston to guard against flood risks.

The release Friday of the document that exceeds 1,000 pages is being followed by a public comment period that begins next Friday. The document outlines the agency's strategy of dealing with sediment accumulating behind the four lower Snake River dams.

Suspended sand and silt drops out of the Snake and Clearwater rivers when flows are slowed by the dams. The sediment clogs shipping channels and recreation sites, and reduces the ability of the rivers to contain floodwater.

Since 2005, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been working on a plan to deal with the problem. At one time it looked like the agency might raise Lewiston's levees about 3 feet, a possibility opposed by leaders in Lewiston concerned higher levees

would cut off the community from its historic waterfront.

However, Richard Turner, project leader for the corps at Walla Walla, said studies indicate there has been no net accumulation of material in recent years in Granite Reservoir, and that no flood control action is needed in the foreseeable future.

"It is at an acceptable level right now," he said. "We do not have to raise levees based on the conditions now."

The agency plans to continue to monitor sediment levels for possible action in the future.

"That is what this plan does, provide tools for taking action," said Sandy Sheline, environmental coordinator for the corps' Walla Walla district.

Lewiston Mayor Kevin Poole said dredging should be the main option in reducing flood potential.

"Lewiston and Clarkston both always had a connection to the river," he said. "To put that barrier there to me just doesn't make sense when there are some other things they can do engineering-wise to handle the flood hydraulics."

The plan calls for dredging, as soon as next winter, the shipping channel at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater rivers, the ports of Lewiston and Clarkston and the approach to Ice Harbor Dam.



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VA Benefits Struggling to Keep Up with Claims

POST-REGISTER

Tom Merrill of Irwin thought his days of fighting were done when he came home from the Vietnam War.

He never imagined he'd end up on the losing side of a seven-year fight with the Department of Veterans Affairs over disability pay for injuries stemming from his service.

"The VA has done nothing for me," Merrill said. "They turned me down and I just gave up. I'm 69 years old. I don't have time left in my life to keep wasting on the VA."

The Veterans Benefits Administration — the arm of the VA that processes disability claims and determines what benefits and payments veterans receive — is struggling to keep up with the influx of claims from Afghanistan and Iraq War veterans.

The national average for the VA's response to claims was 262 days in fiscal year 2012 — 40 percent longer than the year before, according to a Nov. 29 article in the *Idaho Statesman*.

As of Dec. 3, the Boise VA Medical Center's average was 184 days, according to the Center for Advanced Reporting.

The VA's Salt Lake City facility had an average wait time of 251 days with a backlog of nearly 18,000 claims, according to an August article by the Center of Advanced Reporting.

That Aug. 29 article pointed to several culprits responsible for the backlog, starting with the fact that only four facilities are using the VA's new digital records-keeping system:

"By 2015, (VA undersecretary for benefits Allison)

Hickey said, all 58 offices will be computerized. In the meantime, new claims are arriving more quickly than the backlog is being cleared, so without dramatic improvement, disabled veterans will face even longer wait times in the future."

According to the VA, veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan claim an average of 8.5 disabilities per veteran, nearly double that of Vietnam vets.

A culmination of factors is responsible for veterans of those wars needing more treatment once they return stateside, according to the Center for Advanced Reporting.

Improvements in battlefield medicine mean Iraq and Afghanistan veterans are more likely to survive multiple deployments, the VA said in a statement, and as a result, veterans are returning with triple the medical issues of previous generations, driving the complexity of these claims and their associated workload to an all-time high.

About 1 million active service members will join the ranks of veterans in the next five years, and the VA predicts about 1.25 million will file benefit claims next year, stretching an already taxed system.

"It's a Catch-22," Salt Lake City VA region spokeswoman Jill Atwood said. "Yes, we are going to take care of a lot more vets and compensate them and make sure they get health care and education. But we'll also have a claims department which is inundated. I know they are working hard over there, but there is a backlog."

Appeals for rejected disability took an average of 3.5 years to process, according

to the Center of Advanced Reporting article.

But some appeals — like Merrill's — drag on for years more.

While his veterans' disability claims were denied, Merrill does receive help through the VA's health care system. He pays just \$9 a month for each of the 24 prescriptions he takes for degenerative heart and bone conditions, as well as post-traumatic stress disorder.

Merrill travels to the Pocatello facility for check-ups about twice a year. Doctors there set him up with hearing aids.

He believes the diseases and PTSD are a result of his time in Vietnam. He said his claims failed because he couldn't prove the events happened, especially those that led to his PTSD, in part because other soldiers who could verify his story were dead.

"I don't want a whole lot of money or anything," Merrill said. "I gave my time, and I just expect a little in return when I need it."

Merrill stopped pursuing his claims three years ago. He didn't know that in 2010, the VA softened some of its eligibility rules, especially for PTSD and a long list of conditions linked to Agent Orange, Atwood said.

Merrill said he was done with the VA regardless of the changes.

Atwood said the VA struggles to educate veterans about eligibility, and in cases like Merrill's, the VA struggles to re-educate veterans who were denied under old criteria.

"A lot of our veterans don't know this stuff," she said. "It's a constant battle to keep up."

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Speed Limit Reduced Near West Minico School

PAUL • Recent concerns about speeding on Idaho 27 near West Minico Middle School have prompted a speed-limit change through the area, according to the Idaho Transportation Department.

The speed change is expected to take place

this week.

The existing speed limit will remain in effect until new signs have been posted.

The 35 mph speed limit will extend south from near the middle of town through the school zone. The 45 mph speed zone will extend south from the school.

The speed changes were recommended based on the actual speed of traffic through the area and the number of business and residential access points.

In addition to the speed reduction, additional signage to alert drivers of the school zone and pedestrian

traffic will be installed near the school. An engineering speed study was prompted following an incident where a student was nearly hit by a truck while crossing Idaho 27 in a crosswalk at the north end of the school zone in early October.

Propane Spill Closes N. Idaho Highway

WINCHESTER (AP) • Idaho State Police say a propane spill blocked U.S. Highway 95 in northern Idaho for more than five hours after a vehicle lost control in icy conditions on Winchester Grade.

Authorities tell the *Lewiston Tribune* that the crash occurred at about 5 p.m. Friday.

Police say the driver and two passengers were not injured when a Happy Days Catering truck spun 180 degrees and landed off the west side of the road, rupturing a 50 gallon propane tank.

Authorities set up a 1,000-foot perimeter until the leak could be contained.

Hearing in Fatal Hit-and-run near Kinnear Delayed

RIVERTON, Wyo. (AP) • A woman accused of killing one person and injuring another by hitting them with her car outside a Wyoming bar is scheduled to appear in court next month.

The Riverton Ranger reports 33-year-old Alma Mosho, of Fort Hall, Idaho, was set to appear in court last week, but her preliminary hearing was postponed until January.

Mosho is accused of hitting two people in the parking lot of the Rez-

eride (Rez-Ride) Roadhouse west of Kinnear on Dec. 3 and then leaving. Witnesses gave police a description of the car involved, and Mosho was pulled over about 20 minutes after the crash.

Coroner Ed McAuslan says 35-year-old Michelle Littleshield, of St. Stephen's, was killed, and another woman, whose name hasn't been released, suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Mosho was arrested on two counts of aggravated homicide by vehicle.

Wolf Trapping Begins in Mont.

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) • Trappers can harvest gray wolves in Montana starting Saturday, as the state's first wolf trapping season gets underway since the animals lost federal protection last year.

State officials say about 2,400 people are eligible to participate after taking a required wolf certification class.

Montana had about 653 wolves at the end of last year. State wildlife officials are trying to drive down that number through aggressive hunting and

trapping seasons.

Some areas north of Yellowstone National Park were closed in advance of trapping over concerns that too many collared wolves had been shot by hunters.

Statewide, at least 92 wolves have been killed so far this season.

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S.W. Idaho Woman Faces Animal Cruelty Charges

CALDWELL (AP) • Authorities in southwestern Idaho say they have seized four horses and six goats, and that a woman faces nine counts of animal cruelty following an investigation by Canyon County Animal Control deputies.

Authorities tell the *Idaho Press Tribune* that the animals were seized Nov. 28 from 57-year-old Sabrina Carmack. One of the horses had to be euthanized and the others are being treated by veterinarians for malnutrition and other health problems.

Two of the goats each gave birth to two offspring. Officials say all four kids are in good health.

Carmack is already on probation for possessing too many dogs without a kennel license.

North Idaho Community Center Fights Theft, Vandals

LEWISTON (AP) • Authorities in the northern Idaho city of Lewiston are adding a camera system, reinforced doors and shatter-proof windows to the Lewiston Community Center to thwart vandals.

Lewiston Parks and Recreation Director Tim Barker tells the *Lewiston Tribune* the cameras will be placed at each of the center's eight entrances at a cost of about \$800. He says the cameras will supply video to a monitor in the center's office as well as to the Lewiston Police Department.

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OBITUARIES

Marvin A. Holmes

Aug. 2, 1933-Dec. 3, 2012

GOODING • Marvin A. Holmes, 79, a resident of Gooding, passed away Monday, Dec. 3, 2012, to another place to continue with life after death.

Marvin was born Aug. 2, 1933, in Allen, Texas, to Melvin Holmes and Bessie Woods Holmes; Marvin grew up on a dry land farm for the first 17 years in McAdoo, Texas, where he went to grade school and quit to help on the farm. Marvin moved to Hereford, Texas, in 1952.

After the death of his father, Marvin worked in different labor jobs in farming. He married Jessie Greer Brummet in August of 1953. Jessie had five children, and she and Marvin had two more. After a divorce in the early 1970s, he married Sue Stevens in 1974. Sue had seven children.

Marvin drove long-haul trucking for 40-plus years, retiring to take care of Sue in her illness. Sue passed in 1997. Marvin moved to Idaho from Houston, Texas, in 1999 to help his sister on her farm in Gooding, Idaho, where he lived until his death. He will certainly be missed by loved ones and friends.

He is preceded in death

by his father; mother; two brothers, Loyd Holmes and Robert Holmes, both of Hereford, Texas; and his wives, Jessie and Sue.

He is survived by children, Melvin (Linda) Holmes of Proctor, Texas, and Emma (Lee) Childers of Deleon, Texas; step-children, Shirley LaComb and Clyde (Glinda) Brummet of Hereford, Texas, Gail LaComb of Bryon, Texas, Ada James of Hamilton, Texas, Paulet (Rodney) Fulfer of Odessa, Texas; and seven Stevens stepchildren of the Houston, Texas, area; 19 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; brothers, James (Opal) Holmes and Alvin Holmes, both of Hereford, Texas, Oscar (Katy) of Amarillo, Texas, and John (Linda) Holmes of Irving, Texas; and sister, Eula Severance of Gooding, Idaho.

Rest in Peace.

A memorial service will be held in Texas. No local services are planned.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting the obituary link at www.demaray-funeralservice.com.

Douglas Patrick Harper

Sept. 4, 1954-Dec. 14, 2012

HAZELTON • Douglas Patrick Harper passed away in his home Friday, Dec. 14, 2012.

Doug was born Sept. 4, 1954, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, the son of Howard and Lucile Harper. Doug loved spending time and playing with his dog, Velvet. He loved the outdoors.

Doug is survived by his son, Drew Harper; his

daughter, Kristina Harper; his grandchildren, Allison, Jordon, Makenzie, Adien and Addison; his brothers, Jeff Harper and Steve Harper; and his sister, Laurie Tenges.

An open house in honor of Doug will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, at the Snug Lounge in Eden, Idaho. Please come celebrate his life with us.

SERVICES

Lillian Welch of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10 a.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Phillip E. Clough of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Jorge Arevalo of Jerome, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; vigil service at 7 p.m. today at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Robert J. "Ollie" O'Toole of The Villages, Fla., funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the St. George Episcopal Church in The Villages, Fla.; celebration of life Jan. 11, 2013, in Lincoln, Neb. (Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services in The Villages, Fla.).

Carol Lynn Kidd Barksdale of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Randy L. Brown of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Dec. 27 at the First Baptist Church of Jerome, 308 First Ave. E. (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Nashville Drummer Willie Ackerman Dies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) • Nashville drummer Willie Ackerman, who played with artists such as Loretta Lynn, Willie Nelson and Louis Armstrong, has died. He was 73.

According to an obituary from the Marshall-Donnelly-Combs Funeral Home, Ackerman passed away peacefully on Thursday.

The obituary says Ackerman was a professional musician from the age of 17. He was a staff drummer for such country music institutions as the Grand Ole Opry, RCA Studios and "Hee Haw."

He played with numerous country stars, including Patsy Cline, George Jones, Waylon Jennings and Chet Atkins. He recorded classic hits such as "El Paso" and "Wings of a Dove." Acker-

man also served as a reserve deputy with the Davidson County Sheriff's Office.

Visitation is 2 to 6 p.m. today at Marshall-Donnelly-Combs. Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home followed by burial at Springhill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Ackerman's honor to the Opry Trust Fund.

Marion E. Washburn

March 26, 1922-Dec. 5, 2012

WILLIAMSBURG, Mass. • Marion E. Washburn, 90, formerly of Williamsburg, passed peacefully at The Overlook in Northampton, Mass., on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012, surrounded by family.

She was born March 26, 1922, in Racine, Wis., the only child of Peter and Crista Peterson. She married Francis G. "Ted" Washburn, also of Racine, on Dec. 26, 1942. Retirement in 1982 brought Marion and Ted to Rio Rancho, N.M. In 1991, she and Ted settled for the last time in Williamsburg.

She was predeceased by her husband, the Rev. Francis "Ted" Washburn in 2004. She is survived by two sons, Timothy F.

Washburn and his wife Julie of Leeds, Mass., and Micheal P. Washburn and his wife Mary of Meeker, Colo.; a daughter, Elizabeth A. Washburn Mandelkow and her husband Roger of Buhl, Idaho; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Racine, Wis., where her ashes will be interred. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to The Mustard Seed Ministries of Twin Falls, Idaho.

The Czelusniak Funeral Home of Northampton has been entrusted with Marion's care.

DEATH NOTICES

Tracy Carpenter

HAGERMAN • Tracy Lynn Carpenter, 47, of Hagerman, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012, at her home.

A celebration of life will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at Calvary Chapel of Hagerman Valley, 241 N. State St. in Hagerman (Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome).

Sharon Cutler

MOUNTAIN HOME • Sharon Kay Cutler, 61, of Mountain Home, died Friday, Dec. 7, 2012, at her home.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, at Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Marilyn Miller

TWIN FALLS • Marilyn J Waite Miller, 58, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2012, at home.

Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Deanna Jacobsen

FILER • Deanna F. Brown Jacobsen, 61, of Filer, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012, at home.

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

Jack Nuckols

HANSEN • Jack M. Nuckols, 91, of Hansen, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

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Former Cowboys LB Brown Remembered

ST. LOUIS (AP) • Friends, family, teammates and members of the community filled a church to say goodbye to former Dallas Cowboys linebacker Jerry Brown Jr.

He was remembered Saturday morning for his religious beliefs, sense of humor, physical presence and his lifelong desire to play in the NFL.

His casket was Cowboys grey with the team's star logo on the inside. His No. 53 Cowboys framed jersey and pictures from his life bracketed the casket, along with a signed helmet from the Indianapolis Colts.

Brown, who was signed to the Dallas practice squad in October after being cut from Indianapolis, died when the car he was riding in flipped after hitting a curb. The driver, Josh Brent a teammate with the Cowboys and at the University of Illinois, has been charged with intoxication manslaughter.

More than a dozen of his teammates from Illinois and high school attended the service. The Cowboys, who held a service on Tuesday in Dallas, will wear a "53" decal for the remainder of the season to honor Brown.

"I'm sad, but when I think about Jerry I just think about the happy Jerry," said Jason Davis, who helped recruit Brown to play at the University of Illinois. "He was so humble. He was so funny. He was so good at football."

Brown, who was signed to the Dallas practice squad in October after Indianapolis cut him, died when the car he was riding in flipped after hitting a curb early morning Dec. 8. The driver, Josh Brent a teammate with the Cowboys and at Illinois, has been charged with intoxication manslaughter.

Reva (Maas) White

CALDWELL • Reva (Maas) White, 89, of Caldwell, passed away peacefully Monday, Dec. 10, 2012, at Trinity Mission Rehabilitation Center in Nampa. Serenity Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls will be handling a private service on Friday, Dec. 21, for immediate family, and interment will be at Sunset Memorial

Park in Twin Falls. Acknowledgements and flowers may be sent to Serenity Funeral Chapel at 502 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

A celebration of Mom's life for all will be at a later date. To express your condolences, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/serenity.funeralchapel>.

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St. Gregory’s to Commence Restoration after ’11 Quake

SHAWNEE, Okla. (AP) • Work is expected to begin in January on the restoration and renovation of St. Gregory’s University in Shawnee, about 14 months after the largest earthquake in recorded Oklahoma history resulted in major damage to the small campus’ main building.

The 5.6 magnitude earthquake on Nov. 5, 2011, toppled one of the four turrets on each of the four corners of

Benedictine Hall and caused significant damage to the building, opened in 1915, that houses administrative offices, the university library and most of the school’s classrooms.

The building is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

A second turret was so badly damaged that it had to be demolished by pushing it over, while the other two were dismantled brick-by-brick and

will be reconstructed, said St. Gregory’s President Greg Main. The university did not have earthquake insurance, Main added.

The building, referred to by local residents as “the castle,” has the spires that rose from the turrets at the top of the four-floor building cropped off at the roof. There was also damage to the outer brick structure of the building and to the

stone stairway that leads from the parking lot into the lobby. Main said the stone used in the original stairway construction has been traced to a quarry in St. Louis that will be reopened to provide an original replacement for the steps and that aluminum window siding added in the 1960s will be replaced with wood, as was in the original structure, Main said.



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In this 2011 photo, maintenance workers inspect the damage to one of the spires on Benedictine Hall at St. Gregory’s University in Shawnee, Okla.

NEWLY FOUND TALE COULD BELONG TO HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

BY JAN M. OLSEN
Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark • For years, the somber fairy tale about a lonely candle that wanted to be lit dwelt in oblivion at the bottom of a box in Denmark’s National Archives. Its recent discovery has sent ripples through the literary world because it is believed to be one of the first tales ever written by Hans Christian Andersen.

The famed Dane wrote nearly 160 fairy tales in his life, including classics such as “The Ugly Duckling” and “The Little Mermaid.” The tale of the candle may have been written when he was still a teen, experts say.

Retired historian Esben Brage said Thursday that he found the six-page text on Oct. 4 while searching through archive boxes that had belonged to wealthy families from Andersen’s hometown of Odense in central Denmark.

The handwritten copy of the tale, titled “Tallow Candle,” and dedicated to a vic-



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A newly found manuscript of a fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen, which has been located in Odense, pictured in the State Archives in Copenhagen on Wednesday.

ar’s widow named Bunkeflod who had lived across from Andersen’s home, had been left seemingly untouched at the bottom of one of the boxes. “I was ecstatic,” Brage said. “I had never imagined this.”

The short story tells the tale of how a tallow candle seeks help from a tinder box to be able to ignite itself. A senior curator at the Hans Christian Andersen Museum in Odense said the

work is likely one of the author’s earliest, written at the age of 18 — seven years before his official debut in 1830.

“I often get calls about stuff thought to have been of Andersen’s hand. Most of the time, it is not. This time I was thrilled,” Ejnar Stig Askgaard told The Associated Press. “This is a very early attempt at prose by Andersen, who was then 18.”

Askgaard said Andersen

regularly visited the Bunkeflod widow, reading to her and borrowing books from her, even after he moved to Copenhagen to attend university.

“The text is not at the level of the more mature fairy tales that we know from Andersen’s later writing,” Askgaard said. But “we see traces of Andersen’s history in the text, the language and the themes in the manuscript... It all fits with him, it all bears his fingerprint.”

The Danish language “Doedningen” from 1830 had long been considered Andersen’s first fairy tale. That story was later rewritten and published again in 1835 as “The Traveling Companion” — a grim tale about death.

Andersen was born in 1805 in Odense, 105 miles west of Copenhagen, to a cleaning lady and a shoemaker. While famed for his many fairy tales, he also wrote dozens of novels, poems and travel journals. His works have been widely translated. He died in 1875.

Mandela Undergoes Successful Surgery

JOHANNESBURG (AP) • South Africa’s former President Nelson Mandela underwent a successful surgery to remove gallstones Saturday, the nation’s presidency said, as the 94-year-old anti-apartheid icon is still recovering from a lung infection.

Doctors treating Mandela waited to perform the endoscopic surgery as they wanted to first attend to his lung ailment, presidential spokesman Mac Maharaj said in a statement. Mandela has been hospitalized since Dec. 8.

In the procedure, a patient usually receives sedatives and an anesthetic to allow a surgeon to put an endoscope down their throat, authorities say. The surgeon then can remove the gallstones, which are small, crystal-like masses that can cause a person tremendous pain.

“The procedure was successful and Madiba is recovering,” Maharaj said, using Mandela’s clan name as many do in South Africa as a sign of affection.

Children Play Mozart Using Instruments Made from Garbage

CATEURA, Paraguay (AP) • The sounds of a classical guitar come from two big jelly cans. Used X-rays serve as the skins of a thumping drum set. A battered aluminum salad bowl and strings tuned with forks from what must have been an elegant table make a violin. Bottle caps work perfectly well as keys for a saxophone.

A chamber orchestra of 20 children uses these and other instruments fashioned out of recycled materials from a landfill where their parents eke out livings as trash-pickers, regularly performing the music of Beethoven and Mozart,

Henry Mancini and the Beatles. A concert they put on for The Associated Press also featured Frank Sinatra’s “My Way.”

Rocio Riveros, 15, said it took her a year to learn how to play her flute, which was made from tin cans. “Now I can’t live without this orchestra,” she said. Word is spreading about these kids from Cateura, a vast landfill outside Paraguay’s capital where some 25,000 families live alongside reeking garbage in abject poverty. The youngsters of “The Orchestra of Instruments Recycled From Cateura” performed in Brazil, Panama and Colombia this

year, and hope to play at an exhibit opening next year in their honor at the Musical Instrument Museum in Phoenix, Arizona.



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In this Dec. 11 photo, Nicolas Gomez makes a violin with recycled materials at his home in the Cateura, a vast landfill outside Paraguay’s capital of Asuncion, Paraguay.

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Police: Clerk Arrested after Fake Robbery Report

HAMILTON, Mont. (AP) • A hotel clerk who police say made a fake robbery report has been taken into custody on suspicion of felony criminal endangerment, felony tampering with evidence and misdemeanor filing false report to law enforcement.

The Missoulian reports that 28-year-old Tyler Claxton was arrested Friday after reporting he gave money to a man with a handgun at the Bitterroot River Inn at about 9 p.m.

Police say Claxton told them the man left on foot and ran into a nearby park. Police say they found some cash in the parking lot and started searching but after a while determined it was a false report.

Police say the criminal endangerment stems from police being misled into searching for an armed suspect and confronting people near the hotel.

Lawsuit Filed Over Ex-UHP Trooper's DUI Arrests

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) • A class-action lawsuit has been filed against the Utah Highway Patrol over alleged wrongful arrests for driving under the influence.

Three attorneys filed the complaint Friday in 3rd District Court on behalf of what they contend may be hundreds of Utahns who were wrongly arrested for drunken driving by former UHP Cpl. Lisa Steed and other troopers.

Lawyer Robert Sykes claimed Steed is among troopers who stopped motorists for minor traffic violations and then wrongly arrested them for DUI in an effort to make money for the state through fines and fees.

There was a "conspiracy within the highway patrol to propagate this kind of conduct," Sykes alleged, and it was "condoned and covered up for many years."

Department of Public Safety spokesman Dwayne Baird said the agency had not yet been served with the suit, and he couldn't comment.

Sykes and attorneys Michael Studebaker and Lorenzo Miller say they have so far identified more than 30 individuals who may be added to the lawsuit and that the number could soar in coming months.

Thomas Romero and Julie Tapia, who were named as initial plaintiffs in the complaint, claim they were pulled over and arrested by Steed in 2011, but that all charges against them were later dropped because there was no evidence of alcohol in their systems. Both say they are teetotalers.

"I couldn't understand why I was getting arrested when all I had was something to eat and a can of Pepsi," Romero told *The Salt Lake Tribune*. "I told her she was making a big mistake."

Steed was fired in November after she was accused of violating department policies, falsifying police reports and using questionable practices when making DUI arrests.

Steed, who was named 2007 trooper of the year based on some 200 DUI arrests that year, filed an appeal Friday in an effort to win back her job.

Insanity Defense Fight Still Simmering in Idaho

BY PATRICK ORR

Idaho Statesman

BOISE (AP) • Darrell Payne. Ethan Windom. Joseph Duncan. John Delling.

Those are some names of infamous murderers known to Treasure Valley residents, whose attorneys at one time or another said were not treated fairly by an Idaho justice system that does not allow for a traditional insanity defense.

Payne is on Idaho's death row. Delling and Windom are serving life prison sentences. Duncan has three federal death penalty sentences and is being held in a federal prison in Seattle.

The defense argument is pretty simple: Those men were so severely mentally ill when they committed their crimes that they should have been allowed to use that as a defense in a criminal case. They say Idaho's lack of insanity defense is unconstitutional.

The Idaho Supreme Court has rejected the last six appeals on the issue, stretching back to 1990 and including a request by Delling's lawyers in 2011.

The U.S. Supreme Court announced last month it would not hear Delling's appeal, effectively ending his criminal case and reinforcing Idaho's decision — along with Montana, Utah, and Kansas — not to allow a traditional insanity defense.

For now. That hasn't stopped defense lawyers from filing appeals in the past. And they will file appeals again. But with Delling's appeal shot down, it's unclear when attorneys in Idaho will summon the will to try once again.

Delling, apparently driven by internal voices to kill two men and injure a third on a multi-state spree, was considered the best chance to get the U.S. Supreme Court to debate the Idaho insanity defense. Delling's lawyers, police, prosecutors and 4th District Judge Deborah Bail all agreed that Delling's mental illness led him to become a killer. The lack of an "insanity defense" became the defining issue of his case,

"We won't get a better case than we did with Delling," said Sarah Thomas, the Idaho appellate state defender.

One encouraging thing for advocates is that justices Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor said they would

have heard the case. That was one judge short of the four votes required for the court to hear the case. Breyer even wrote a public dissent, saying justices should consider whether Idaho's modification of the insanity defense is consistent with the 14th Amendment's promise of "due process."

But the discouraging thing is that advocates have to wait for a new justice to add a fourth vote.

"I guess it's encouraging that we are on their radar, and they might consider it someday," Thomas said. "I don't think our (Idaho) Supreme Court will ever overrule this. They have denied it too many times already."

For those reasons, Thomas is pretty sure her office won't be filing any "writ of certiorari" appeals about the insanity defense soon. That process requires an incredible amount of work and needs to be a case where there is significant and compelling evidence that the convicted person — like Delling — is suffering from a deep and profound mental illness.

Of the six cases rejected by Idaho's top court, two were deemed strong enough for defense attorneys to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. In addition to Delling, the other was the 1991 Mitchell Odiaga murder case in Blaine County. Odiaga was a U.S. postal worker from Boise who shot two people on the streets of Hailey.

Jeffrey Fisher, a Stanford Law School professor specializing in the Supreme Court who worked on the Delling case, said he could understand why Idaho lawyers may be discouraged. But he sees progress.

"It is unfortunate — we would have loved to have the court take the (Delling) case, but in the past, we've gone to a place where petitions have fallen on deaf ears," Fisher said. "Now, we have three justices saying we should have a serious review of what Idaho is doing, and that is a significant step forward. A fair reading of (Breyer's dissent) is that they have real misgivings about Idaho law."

Fisher said he, like his Idaho counterparts, feels re-establishing the insanity defense is a matter of basic fairness.

"I am persuaded from the extraordinarily deep history, across centuries of Anglo-American law, that

someone who is truly incapable of knowing right from wrong should be allowed" the insanity defense, he said. "I don't think states are entitled to abandon that principle."

The Idaho Legislature banned the insanity defense amid the national outcry over the acquittal of would-be assassin John Hinckley Jr., who shot President Ronald Reagan in 1981.

Boise defense attorney David Leroy, who was Idaho's attorney general when the state did away with the insanity defense in 1982, explained the rationale for the change in 2009.

"Idaho eliminated the insanity defense in the old English common law sense. That is the argument that the defendant was out of touch with reality and didn't understand the consequences of their actions," Leroy said. "We determined in 1982 that a better test (for insanity) would be to ask the jury to examine the specific mental state of the defendant at the time of the crime for the presence or absence of a specific element."

"Since the prosecutor must prove all elements of the crime to convict, the absence of such proof as to a mental element still constitutes a defense."

Lawyers in Idaho trials can still offer evidence of mental illness for mitigation purposes, but not as a defense. And it is a factor in sentencing: Analysis of Delling's mental illness was a major part of the presentence reports and his sentencing hearing.

"In the absence of an insanity defense, Delling is still able to present a defense; it just takes a different form," the Idaho Supreme Court said in denying Delling's appeal in 2011. "If the state cannot prove criminal intent beyond a reasonable doubt, a defendant, sane or not, will be found not guilty."

In his dissent, Breyer pointed out that Idaho's standard for the insanity defense differs from other states: Idaho permits the conviction of someone "who knew what he was doing but had no capacity to understand it was wrong."

Fisher said that uncertainty over what the insanity defense allows and doesn't allow in Idaho is an encouraging sign for the next challenge. Whenever that may be.

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2 Dead after Shooting at Las Vegas Strip Hotel

BY KEN RITTER
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS • A man shot and fatally wounded a woman, then killed himself Friday at the Excalibur hotel-casino on the Las Vegas Strip, sending many patrons fleeing in fear.

It happened at about 8:30 p.m. near the high-rise hotel's front entrance, Las Vegas Metro Police Lt. Ray Steiber said.

The man died at the scene of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound after shooting the woman, who was a vendor at Excalibur's concierge desk, Steiber said. The woman was pronounced dead later at a local hospital.

Neither the gunman nor the victim was identified, but investigators said the two might have dated in the past.

The shootings happened as the hotel's front desk was busy on a Friday night with the National Finals Rodeo and other events in town. Steiber said patrons scattered at the first sound of gunfire, and no one else was wounded.

Witnesses on the casino floor said they saw poker players abruptly leaving their tables and many distraught people running for the exits after the gunshots rang out, the Las Vegas Sun reported.

Trisha Banks, 14, and her sister Danielle Banks, 17, were at the hotel for a holiday cheerleading party with 80 other cheerleaders when they heard four shots. They hid under some tables until the situation was cleared about 10 minutes later.

"It's scary after what happened this morning (in Newtown, Connecticut) and then this," Trisha Banks told the Sun. "How can people do this?"

The woman who was shot worked at the concierge desk as a vendor for the travel



Las Vegas Metro Police officers stand outside the entrance to the Excalibur hotel-casino after a shooting near the registration desk left two dead, Friday in Las Vegas.

website VEGAS.com, which is owned by the Greenspun family, publishers of the Las Vegas Sun.

"We were saddened to learn that a member of the VEGAS.com family was the victim of tonight's tragic and senseless killing at the Excalibur," VEGAS.com Chief Operating Officer Bryan Allison told the newspaper. "Our thoughts and prayers are

with her family and friends."

MGM Resorts International owns the Excalibur and several other hotels on the Las Vegas Strip. Company spokesman Gordon Absher said the hotel and casino remained open to guests and patrons. However, the area where the shooting took place was cordoned off by police while the investigation was under way.

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Aquifer Recharge Remains Priority among State Officials, Water Users

BY KIMBERLEE KRUESI
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TWIN FALLS • Despite taking on multiple repair and construction projects through the water system, Idaho water users helped return a hefty amount of water to aquifer recharge this fall.

Close to 126,000 acre feet of water was used to replenish the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, said Mathew Weaver, senior water resource engineer for the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

Earlier this year, the Idaho Board of Water Resources agreed to allot \$1.5 million to ESPA recharge over the next five years. The board pays water users \$3 an acre for water recharge, which means \$300,000 can be spent each year to achieve around 100,000 acre

feet of water recharge, Weaver said. (An acre foot is enough water to cover one acre, one foot deep.)

Recharge remains a priority among state officials and water users as concern over the aquifer's water level continues to rise. The biggest fear is that more water is being pulled from the Lake Erie-sized underground body of water than is being put back. If water levels continue to fall, then the area's agriculture community — along with the majority of southern Idahoans who rely on the aquifer — could be in peril.

A little more than half the water recharge was completed above American Falls, while 47 percent of the remaining water was returned below.

This fall, Big Wood Canal Co. designated 5,700 acre feet to recharge, said Lyn Harmon, the company's general

manager.

It's a little less than what his company did in prior years because they had to repair sections of Magic Reservoir.

"Water is always the controlling issue when it comes to recharge," Harmon said. "There's been a lot more activity toward it lately."

North Side Canal Co. also faced construction repairs during the recharge season, said Manager Ted Diehl.

North Side released 13,000 acre feet of water into its system to be released through seepage, Diehl said. In other years, the company typically recharges 30,000 acre feet a year.

Currently, IDWR doesn't have a prioritization list of where recharge water should be applied. However, this year, department staffers were asked to find

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ON *the* EDGE

Ag industry shares
mixed views on 'dairy cliff'
if stalemate continues
over farm bill.

BY ANDREW WEEKS
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TWIN FALLS • A fiscal cliff may not be the only thing looming at year's end if a stalemate in Washington continues.

As the fate of the Farm Bill remains in limbo, there is some fear the country also faces a "dairy cliff." Such a dilemma, according to industry leaders, could punch up the prices on a variety of dairy commodities, including milk, nationwide.

"You think milk producers would like that," said Lance Phillips, executive director of the Farm Service Agency in Twin Falls. But ripple effects wouldn't be good; increased prices would cause too much of a shock to consumers.

The 2008 Farm Bill, a \$300 million piece of legislation covering everything from food stamps to rural economic development, expired Sept. 30, and Congress has been unable to agree on a new five-year version.

“I’ve worked on four farm bills and it hasn’t happened yet. It’s a shame the media has really blown this up. ... Milk prices won’t go up.”

Bob Naerebout, executive director of the Idaho Dairyman's Association

In theory, if a farm bill is not replaced when it expires, support programs revert to permanent law, in this case the Agriculture Act of 1949, which would set the government purchase price around \$40 per hundredweight — roughly twice the current market price.

Some industry leaders, however, don't believe that would happen.

Bob Naerebout, executive director of the Idaho Dairyman's Association, said he believes Congress would extend the deadline before letting the 1949 law take effect.

"I've worked on four farm bills and it hasn't happened yet," Naerebout said. "It's a shame the media has really blown this up. ... Milk prices won't go up."

He said, however, that support programs under the current farm bill are antiquated for today's needs and something should be done as soon as possible to correct the problem.

The National Milk Producers Federation, established in 1916 in Arlington, Va., which does fear a dairy cliff, echoed similar sentiments, saying it wants a new farm bill, "not an extension of current programs that don't really serve dairy farmers," President and CEO Jerry Kozak said in a prepared news release. "A one-year extension only gives new life to programs that we are seeking to replace with the new Dairy Security Act."

It isn't unusual for a previous bill to expire before a new one is passed. That happened in 2008 before the last farm bill was passed.

The Senate passed its \$969 million bill in June by a 64-35 vote, with Sens. Jim Risch and Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, voting against the legislation. The House has not yet voted on the bill that emerged from the House Agriculture Committee.

About 80 percent of the farm bill deals with the food stamp program, Phillips said, while the remaining 20 percent deals with farming and agriculture.

It doesn't apply to everyone, he said. But those who are affected by it feel it deeply.



COMMODITIES WRAPUP

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Idaho Hay Report — Dec. 13 Good to premium hay — \$195/ton Fair hay — \$185/ton	January 2013 Feeder cattle contract (CME) Nov. 23 — \$147.875/cwt. Nov. 30 — \$145.625/cwt. Dec. 7 — \$148.775/cwt. Dec. 13 — \$153.075
March 2013 corn futures (CME) Nov. 23 — \$7.4975/bu. Nov. 30 — \$7.5875/bu. Dec. 6 — \$7.5150/bu. Dec. 13 — \$7.2025/bu.	March 2013 Feeder cattle contract (CME) Nov. 23 — \$150.425/cwt. Nov. 30 — \$148.425/cwt. Dec. 7 — \$151.150/cwt. Dec. 13 — \$155.025/cwt.
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Dec. 2013 corn futures (CME) Dec. 6 — \$7.43350/bu. Dec. 13 — \$6.26/bu.	Both Dealer and Grower prices continue to be steady across most classes. Shipment and movement of beans continue to be very steady, with most shipments consisting of previously contracted beans. According to the latest crop progress report by USDA-National Agriculture Statistics Service, total dry edible bean production is up 60 percent from last year at 31.8 million cwt. This is due in part to planted acres increasing 43 percent to 1.74 million acres, and yields forecasted to increase 170 pounds from the previous year at 1,873 pounds per acre.
Class III January 2013 2012 futures contract (CME) Nov. 23 — \$18.83/cwt. Nov. 30 — \$18.79/cwt. Dec. 7 — \$18.51/cwt. Dec. 14 — \$17.75/cwt.	According to NASS, if the yields are realized, this years yield will be a record high, exceeding the previous record of 1,768 pounds set in 2008.
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Chamber Extends Ag Scholarship Deadline

BY ANDREW WEEKS
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TWIN FALLS • It's become something of a tradition over the past 15 years for the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce to award scholarships to students majoring in agriculture.

The chamber plans to do so again this year and the deadline to apply for scholarships has been extended until Dec. 21.

Last year, 19 students applied for scholarships, with seven of them awarded, said Judie House, the chamber's office coordinator. She said she'd like to see more students apply this year.

So far, the chamber has collected about \$6,700 in scholarship money, she said, most of it donated from chamber members. Scholarships likely will be divided into \$500, \$1,000

and possibly a couple of \$1,500 awards.

The College of Southern Idaho gave the chamber \$500, which the chamber will match. Students awarded that money must go to CSI, House said, while students awarded other scholarship money may use it at other Idaho institutions.

"Students have to go to an Idaho school and major in agriculture," House said. "Horticulture, veterinary science, grazing management, there's a variety of agriculture topics they can study."

Students may pick up applications at the chamber office, 858 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls, and must be returned to the office no later than Dec. 21. Scholarships will be presented at the chamber's annual banquet on Feb. 8, House said.

For more information, call 733-3974.

Recharge

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the best locations that would increase the greatest amount of storage for the aquifer, Weaver said.

"We're still in the process of finishing some sort of prioritization guidance for the board," Weaver said. "It's a work in progress. For now, we partner with any interested user."

COMING UP

Your Butchering Options

So you've ventured into backyard meat growing. But who will help you get those chickens or rabbits into the freezer?
Wednesday in Food

Clay, Skeet, Trap

Reporter Tetona Dunlap spends an afternoon at the Jerome Gun Club.
Thursday in Outdoors

Beet Growers Look to Sustainability

BY CINDY SNYDER
For the Times-News

BURLEY • Sustainable means different things to different growers and consumers. Amalgamated Sugar Co. and its grower owners are starting to figure out what sustainable might mean for them.

"We're moving into a new era," said Bob Braun, environmental engineering manager for Amalgamated Sugar Co.

Rather than relying on laws and permits to force companies to comply with environmental regulations, consumers are using their dollars to influence corporate policies. Many food and beverage manufacturers who purchase sugar from Amalgamated have developed sustainability programs in response to consumer demand.

Now those sugar users would like Amalgamated to provide more information to them about the sugar company's carbon footprint and other issues.

"Our customers are asking us to be more transparent about our impacts to the environment," Braun said, "and they are asking us to get that information from our growers also."



TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO

Sugar beets wait to be processed at the Amalgamated Sugar Co. plant in Twin Falls.

It's not enough to say that Amalgamated sugar is pure and natural just because it was grown in southern Idaho in volcanic soils using water from the Snake River.

Consumers and corporations want metrics and measurements and monitoring to hold suppliers accountable, he said.

Rather than merely complying with permits, Amalgamated's customers want the company to set goals about how to reduce energy consumption and associated emissions, water usage and how to improve solid waste management. And those customers want to hear about how the company meets or surpasses those goals so they can use those stories to help convince their cus-

tomers that their products are safe and green.

Amalgamated is beginning to collect the kind of data customers are asking for. Water is already reused multiple times throughout the factories, reducing the amount of freshwater pumped and also the amount that must be treated in the end. But, Braun said, the company is now starting to quantify how much water is being saved.

The company is also looking at alternative energy sources to reduce the use of coal burned. The process of making sugar from beets is very energy-intensive because sugar beets are 70 percent water, which must be evaporated off. Steam is produced in the process, and that steam

also is used in the sugar factories.

"A lot of sustainable practices are aligned with practices that save money," he said.

At the same time Amalgamated is developing a sustainability program for the company, it is looking to develop a policy for growers. As part of that process, the company asked two growers to participate in a practice audit — similar to the Good Agricultural Practices program that potato growers are already following.

That program involves both record keeping and on-farm inspections.

Results from those practice audits will be used to create a program tailored for sugar growers. Because sustainability includes so-

Conservationists Team Up with Ranchers, Loggers

BY GOSIA WOZNIACKA
Associated Press

FRIANT, Calif. • Two cowboys on horses pushed cattle across an expanse of golden hills overgrown with tall grasses and oak trees, up an unpaved road toward another pasture.

From the Sierra Nevada foothills, the cattle will be sent for processing into beef, prized by consumers looking for locally raised, grass-fed meat in California's Central Valley.

But this isn't a ranch. It's a nature preserve managed by the Sierra Foothill Conservancy, a Fresno-area land trust that protects ecosystems. The Conservancy says it is breaking new ground by raising its own beef herd, using cattle to benefit the environment and to improve its bottom line.

The beef operation is one of several novel approaches — cost-effective, though paradoxical — that marry conservation work with industries often held in low esteem by environmentalists.

Across the nation, conservation groups in partnership with ranchers are using cattle to restore native plant species by grazing invasive grasses. Other groups are working with fishermen to fish sustainably, and using logging and mining profits to pave way for forest and salmon restoration.

"There's been a shift to working more with industries," said Lynn Huntsinger, professor of rangeland ecology at the University of California, Berkeley. "This is a human landscape. We need food, we need wood, people are crazy about eating salmon. Working closely with those who produce on the land offers opportunities for ... teaching them about conservation."

In the past, conservationists relied on purchasing land and setting it aside, away from human activity. Logging, ranching or mining were seen as harmful and incompatible with preservation.

But in recent years, the use of conservation easements to retire development rights on private land has exploded. The easements, which cost a fraction of what it would cost to buy the property, allow landowners to continue working the land.

In areas where nearby urban development has pushed up land values, conservation easements can provide an alternative solution to ranchers who might be tempted to sell their holdings, said Daniel Press, a professor of environmental studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Conservationists "have found that allowing, or even encouraging or designing some way of making money off of properties is the only way to keep them from being degraded further or developed outright," Press said.

lot of the native plants and it really decreases the biodiversity of the habitat," Tuitele-Lewis said.

So-called conservation grazing is increasingly used by land trusts and public agencies on preserves and on private ranches throughout the U.S., she said. Most lease land to ranchers, but the Conservancy took the practice a step further. Two years ago, it started its own beef herd under the label Sierra Lands Beef.

The group now runs about 300 cows on 1,800 acres of land. The beef operation provides an additional revenue stream, Tuitele-Lewis said, and allows greater control over grazing management.

The conservancy's herdsman transport the cattle, five head at a time, to Fresno State University's slaughterhouse to be butchered, processed and boxed. They then deliver the grass-fed beef to customers.

"We're creating a bridge between conservation and the local economy," Tuitele-Lewis said.

Other conservationists are teaming up with private timber investors such as the Lyme Timber Company based in New Hampshire. The company acquires quality habitat that doubles as timberland, gives up development rights by selling conservation easements to land trusts and public agencies throughout the U.S., then logs the land in a sustainable way to generate an income.

Timber is harvested at or below the annual rate of growth, said Peter Stein, the company's managing director, and harvesting methods are third party certified by the Forest Stewardship Council and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

The approach is key, Stein said, as conservationists aim to preserve larger tracts of land — in the hundreds of acres — which are too expensive to buy outright.

The Nature Conservancy is also partnering with the timber industry in California and Alaska to restore salmon by felling trees to create stream habitat.

The group has also partnered with the fishing industry. It bought out fishing permits in California and in Maine to protect millions of acres of ocean habitat, then leased the permits back to fishermen who agreed to fish sustainably.

"We've come to the realization that you don't try to do everything yourself. You catalyze the adoption of practices by having ranchers, fishermen and logging companies adopt them, so that you can have widespread impact," said the group's North and Central Coast Director Brian Stranko.

But ecologist George Wuerthner says such approaches do more harm than good.

"Given all the impacts associated with these operations, it's troubling to call it conservation," said Wuerthner, who works for the California non-profit Foundation for Deep Ecology.

Wuerthner said using terms such as "conservation grazing" gives people the false impression that the practices lack negative costs or impacts. These include damage to riparian areas and to soil, ranchers killing predators, and water pollution from animal waste, he said.

Grazing, logging and other human activities also destroy wild, undisturbed habitat that some species need to survive, Wuerthner said.

Riding Through the Snow

“I’ll bet you aren’t too excited about the snow season,” a friend of mine said.

“Oh, yes I am,” I replied. “Some of my most fun times have been in the winter season while riding my horse.”

The ride I enjoyed most was a year ago in late November when my husband and I saddled up to ride Little Deer Canyon that had eight inches of new snow. The morning was clear with a warm sun. The weather report said there was a chance we could get more snow before we got back; therefore we put on our warm coats, ski hats, wool gloves and pulled overshoes over our boots. Then we started out for our winter adventure.

The first thing I noticed was that the horses made no sound as they gaited in the deep untracked snow. The only noise we heard was a slight squeaking of the leather saddles. Bill and I didn’t break the silence with any talking. I felt as if we were all alone in the world — as a peace hovered over us. The sun’s glory and color was now spreading across the vast valley that led to the mountains along this rangeland where in the spring, cowmen ran their cattle. Perhaps there was

W. Lenore Mobley

many a man that fought for it and lived for this quiet life here. I looked up and saw the mountain peaks take on the sun’s color as it shown over the ridge. How beautiful the mountains were all around us.

When we rode farther up the canyon, we entered the area where the tall pines had branches heavily laden with the new snow. Going between some low branches we got buckets of the cold stuff dumped on us. Maybe this was the reason why the horses moved faster and seemed excited as they too got snow dumped on them.

Then we saw some fresh tracks of deer and elk — and another — I called out, “Look, Bill.” He rode closer to see what I was pointing at. We had come upon some large tracks.

“It’s a bear,” Bill said frowning, and glanced around for more tracks. “That’s why the horses were nervous: They smelled this bear. Many of these lower valley bears do not go into hibernation for several weeks. It’s probably a male, for I don’t see any cub’s tracks.”

“Wow,” I replied. “It must weigh 600 pounds

and be ready for hibernation as these tracks sank as deep in the snow as our horses’ tracks do. Well, sleeping through winter would interest some people but not me — even if I lost 30 pounds like most bears do,” I said with a laugh.

We followed these tracks up the trail until they crossed the creek and went into the dense timber. We didn’t see a black bear that day, but it did snow on us before we got off the hill. I enjoyed watching the large snowflakes fall on us and all in all it was a wonderful day. Yes, when I’m on my horse any time of year, the only one taller than me, is my God.

Here in Southern Idaho, there are many wonderful snow events with horses. For example, some towns up north have had some fun races that involved horses for you to watch or if you are a skier, you could compete in. There is an event called skijoring where a person on skis hangs on to a long rope that is tied to a running horse as they race down a course. The skier may be required to jump obstacles or make sharp corners and often he gets dumped before he skis to a finish line. The race is very daring but fun to watch.

Also, the horse, mule and mini-horse sleigh races are exciting, and several towns up north have these. On a sunny day this winter, I recommend you go cheer at a horse race and watch your horse win.

Also, you can go dash-ing through the snow while riding in a sleigh pulled by a team of horses at Sun Valley this year. Just look around — and take your loved ones out for a special occasion in the beautiful, white snow.

At our house this “riding in the snow” is catching on. Last year, when we had a fresh snowfall, after our dinner, the grandkids, Melissa and Andrew, went out and saddled the horses. They rode in our fields for more than an hour. Even Melissa’s 3-year-old daughter Hillarie rode for a while. Although she was cold, she balked about getting off the horse.

Hillarie said, “I’m not cold, grandma, and not ready to get off yet.” Now that’s a fourth generation cowgirl talking.

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Va. in Top 10 for Winter Farm Markets in US

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) • Virginia is among the nation’s top 10 states when it comes to winter farmers’ markets.

The state comes in at number 10 in the listing compiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. As you might expect, California tops the list, but the northern state of New York is a close behind. Florida follows, then Maryland, Texas, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Georgia.

Virginia has 53 markets selling jams, jellies, honey, milk, eggs, cheese and meat products. Produce available during colder months include apples, greens such as spinach, herbs and sweet potatoes.

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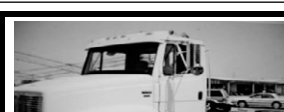
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Indiana Farmers Fear Estate Tax Changes

BY HAYLEIGH COLOMBO
Journal & Courier

LAFAYETTE, Ind. • West Central Indiana farmers say they have a lot to lose should the nation go over the so-called fiscal cliff, a set of automatic spending cuts and tax hikes set to take effect in January unless the White House and Republicans negotiate a compromise.

Many are rushing to pass their farmland down to children or grandchildren before the year is up. If the nation dives, their relatives may endure a steep inheritance tax hike.

Set to expire at the end of the year is a 35 percent tax on estates of more than about \$5 million. The tax would increase to 55 percent on estates worth \$1 million.

"It's a very big concern for the farm community as a whole," Fred Reichart, a Lafayette grain farmer, told the *Journal & Courier*.

Jeff Milligan, owner of Monticello-based CPA firm Baker Milligan, said farmers are rushing to take advantage

of the \$5 million no-tax ceiling. Milligan expects Congress to settle on a \$3.5 million ceiling or similar compromise.

"It's an absolutely huge difference, going forward now or waiting," Milligan said. "They'd rather do what's safe than take a chance."

Complicating matters: Average-quality farmland in the area increased its value this year by nearly 20 percent, according to an annual Purdue University farmland survey, to \$7,475 per acre. Top-quality land is \$8,949. Poor-quality land is \$6,121 per acre.

That's a good thing, Milligan said, until smaller players suddenly are bit by big taxes.

"The higher value of farmland has basically taken smaller farms that were normally not an issue and made them an issue," he said.

The issue is striking a chord with farmers who want to make sure their children are set up finan-

cially when they pass away.

Philip N. Burket of Lafayette said since his children live about 12 hours away from his farm, what he'd be passing down to them is the monetary value of the farm, so he'd like to maximize it.

"To me, land is the most important thing to have," Burket said. "I guess I've got the farmer's soil under my fingernails and neither of my children has that. What I'd want is to leave the most to them as possible."

Richard Beesley of Beesley Farms in Thornton, said he's glad the dilemma doesn't apply to him.

"We own 180 acres of corn and soybeans," Beesley said. "We don't own that much acreage, so that's one way around it. We're pretty much set up right now."

Reichart, the Lafayette grain farmer, said besides contacting legislators, there's not much farmers can do at this point.

"All you can hope is that better judgment prevails," he said.

Iowa Soybean Leaders Back Plan to Reduce Runoff

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) • Environmentalists say it doesn't go far enough, but the Iowa Soybean Association is praising Gov. Terry Branstad's strategy to keep harmful nutrients from reaching Iowa waterways and the Gulf of Mexico.

Association leaders who met in Ankeny this week

reaffirmed their support for the plan, which was released last month. ISA President Mark Jackson says the plan is based on science, recognizes the diversity of the state's landscape and is "much more effective than a costly, one-size-fits-all effort to improve water quality."

The plan calls on waste-

water treatment plants to make upgrades to reduce their discharges into waterways. But it asks farmers to take voluntary steps to reduce the runoff caused by fertilizers and manure on farm fields.

Critics say they doubt a voluntary approach will have much impact.

Covering the Cotton



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George Will: Michigan Labor's Watershed Moment • O3

Legacy of an Idaho Author

I couldn't stop looking at his desk - an old metal teacher's desk, was covered in rust now. Only one drawer was left and it was rusted closed. Over the years, the legs of the desk sunk into the ground so it was the height of a child's desk now. The rust was flaking and breaking off. After another winter or two, what's left of the desk will probably collapse and it will become even more unrecognizable than it is today.

But today, there's still enough of it left that you can see what it was. A desk pushed up close to a window that looks out over Fisher Lake — a pool of the clearest, cleanest, blue-green water; fresh, newborn springwater that has just poured out of the basalt cliffs not far from Hagerman.

I stared at that crumpled and discarded desk and wondered at the man who wrote there and looked out at that secluded beauty every day.

Before I moved to Idaho, I had never heard of Vardis Fisher. I first heard his name during an early morning conversation in Hailey about the literary heritage of the area. There is Ernest Hemingway, they said, who fell in love with Sun Valley. There is Ezra Pound, who was born in Hailey. And there is Vardis Fisher, they said, who grew up in Idaho and spent most of his life here. He's the real southern-Idaho author, they said, but he's also the one few people celebrate.

I wrote down the name and started searching. The first thing I learned when I tried to buy one of his books is that all of Vardis Fisher's work is out of print.

I stopped by the Twin Falls Public Library hoping to find a copy. They have two of his books available to check out but on the day I looked, they weren't on the shelves. I asked at the reference desk and was told the library has a collection of his books in a glass display case and I was welcome to sit in the Idaho Room and read them there.

Instead, I kept looking. I finally found a copy of "Love and Death," a book of Vardis Fisher short stories, from a used book seller in Caldwell. A hardbound copy arrived two days later wrapped in brown paper.

I unwrapped it and didn't move for the next hour as I stood at my kitchen counter reading.

How had I never heard of him before? His writing is spare and perfect. I had hoped to see descriptions of the Magic Valley in his stories, but he doesn't waste time on scenery. His stories were snapshots of people, complicated rural people who think one thing about themselves but in an instant have all their self-illusions pulled away.

He had such a mastery of his craft, like in this description of a wife yelling at her husband. He describes the man's thoughts as she yells: "The elusive thing was moving toward the center of consciousness. It was troubling him, but he was still unable to grasp the nature of it. It was like a well-known name that had slipped from memory and now presented itself in forms that were strange but exasperatingly familiar."

The stories are painful to read, because the people are so flawed. But that's also what made the book so hard to put down. There is one story about love followed by one about death and back again. But some of the stories about death are really about love and vice versa, like the story about a man who falls down a mine shaft and finds himself dying next to a goat who has also fallen.

It ends, "For both of them now there was the same uselessness of mind, of wealth and position, of pretense and purpose and power. They needed only a spot to lie on and come together in the ultimate fellowship of death."

I'll be the first to admit that Vardis Fisher isn't for everyone, but I think it's important to know about him because he is our author. He wrote here. He was influenced by this landscape and the culture of southern Idaho.

He never had the career or the fame of Hemingway, even though the two men were often compared. Because Fisher struggled publicly with his faith. He grew up in the Church of the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and rejected it as an adult. But he never really walked away. He spent his life obsessing about it, poking it, studying and mocking it.

After capturing the literary world's imagination, he shunned success to write a 12-volume version of history called "Testament of Man." It ended his career, and is most likely the reason his former home sits as nothing more than a poorly marked pile of rubble.

We ran a story in Wednesday's paper letting people know the Parks and Rec Department that owns the Vardis Fisher property has plans to sell it to a private owner. So visit now while it's still open to the public. It's strange to see but worth the trip.

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From the Editor

Mr. Governor; It's Time to Lead

Dear Governor Otter: Just two years ago, you defeated your Democratic opponent by nearly a two-to-one margin. It's likely that those who voted for you thought that you would, well, govern. That you would take this 59 percent mandate out for a spin and see what you could accomplish.

Well Mr. Governor, with respect to the State of Idaho setting up a state-based Health Exchange, the time to lead is now.

We get that you don't like the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. How could Idahoans have missed your displeasure? You've only stated it every single time you've made a pronouncement regarding the state setting up its own exchange. Heck, you even have an "Idaho Health Care Timeline" in the upper right corner of your website homepage gov.idaho.gov that provides a five-year chronology of your greatest hits in railing against Obamacare.

If no one else already has, we suggest that you "get

over it!"

This past Monday you announced that Idaho would indeed implement a state-run health insurance exchange. Well, sort of. Your announcement concluded with the words "my decision today can be rescinded if the Legislature disagrees or (is) withdrawn by me if circumstances warrant — a real possibility on such a constantly moving target."

This, of course, after using earlier paragraphs in the announcement to say:

"This is not a battle of my choosing"

"This decision does not signal support for the law"

"Obamacare is not the answer" and

"It is an unfortunate and unwelcome reality"

So much for getting over it.

Our local legislators Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley, worked tirelessly last session on legislation that would have set up a state

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YOUR VOICE



ASSOCIATED PRESS

A woman comforts a young girl during a vigil service for victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting on Friday at St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church in Newtown, Conn.

What Local Readers Are Saying about the Connecticut Shooting

On Friday, we asked our Facebook friends, "People are using the news from Newtown, Conn. to talk about gun control. What do you think?"

Lacey Swainston Loughmiller

This time should be spent praying for the families and not as a political soapbox!

Deb Bergh

Making guns against the law will work just as well as making drugs against the law.

Carrie Heitz

Do not make this tragedy a political venue. That is a disgrace to these victims.

Darrell Scheer

It wasn't the gun's fault. To blame the guns or the manufacturers is not the way to go.

Todd Eccles

I've been watching the mass shootings for the last few years and there is always a reason and that reason seems to be proposed laws and Congressional hearings. ...

One person quoted in an article on the school shooting today ... they said ... "We thought this was the safest place in the world." Why? Because of the laws? Safe Zones, aren't safe zones..... they seem (like the Mall in Oregon) to become shooting zones.

Tara Marie

Praying for the families doesn't stop this from happening. If we continue to sweep it under the rug and just use praying as our action at times like these, we are doing no one any good including the people that continuously keep losing their lives because no one wants to have a REAL conversation about how to solve the problem. Pretending it's a political issue instead of a society issue is a majority of the problem.

Anna Arnett

Instead of focusing on the method

of destruction we really need to see WHY. I have seen a pattern of Mental Illness/Issues in the people who are committing these tragic crimes. If we focus on mental wellness in our country we could very well prevent the destruction that keeps playing out.

Marcus Montoya

If there is an evil to be done the evil person will find a way to do it.

Morghan Reid

It's time to arm teachers!

Dusti Nelson

This topic understandably always comes up after these "happenings". But obviously what we're doing isn't working, something needs to change.

Penny Shockey

Maybe mental health issues are more important than taking the guns away. Take the guns away and you will keep them away from the honest people, but the criminals don't mind breaking the law. There are many killed by drunk and or just wreckless drivers, should we take the cars away and go back to horse and buggy?

Michael DeLand

The mental illness that causes people to want to arm themselves with automatic weapons must be addressed, as must the collective mental illness of a society that allows them to.

Reshell Bingham

First of all we all need to mourn and pray...second of all if it weren't a gun it would be something else.

Wayne Smith

We could consider putting God back in everyday life.

Rebecca Brehm-Birrell

If an individual is set on doing something like this, they'll find a way. Look at the guy in Beijing, China who slashed 22 kids with a knife.

Bill Blake

I agree with Wayne. Maybe we shouldn't have taken out the

Pledge of Allegiance and many other things (religious/God related). We can try and blame one thing or another. In the end it was 1 or 2 MESSED up persons who did this. No one and nothing else. Could have been a homemade flame thrower or a pipe bomb. Can't blame the tool. Blame the individual.

Maria Delgado

Praying and getting a permit for concealed weapon is what people need to be doing.

Paulette Jackson

I think people blame guns every-time these things happen. Why don't we talk about the video games these young kids watch, the movies they watch, the music they listen to. People talk gun control, but you watch the world news any night and see the countries that have no guns. All those people have to protect themselves is rocks and sticks.

Rachell McCreary

It's a mental health issue. Gun control has nothing to do with it. Heroine and meth are illegal, people die every day from using them. Do people honestly think that making guns illegal will stop criminal from using them? If sick people want to kill, gun control won't stop them. They will find other ways!

Tara Marie

I'm not saying outlaw guns entirely. I understand we can't keep punishing people that legitimately have guns. I live in a house with a gun. I am NOT against guns, but as an evolving society, we cannot continue to ignore the huge problems guns cause, because of their ease to get and the increasingly mental people that have access to them. Most of the people that have caused these mass shootings have not obtained their guns illegally, so the thought only criminals have guns is a myth. The argument to own a gun to stop a home invasion, is not supported by actual evidence of the crimes being committed.

Please see YOUR VOICE, O6

READER COMMENT

Clean Energy Will Make Idaho a Wealthy State

In July 2007, I wrote a letter to this newspaper about a crop that could make Idaho a wealthy state and that didn't need water. That crop was clean energy: geothermal, wind, solar, bio-digesting and biomass. I mentioned at the time that Idaho has a tremendous natural abundance of this crop but a lack of political will to encourage development of this crop through state policy and incentives. Where state policy has encouraged development, investment money has followed. Idahoans might be interested to learn what has happened since 2007. Warren Buffett's MidAmerican Energy Holdings invested \$2 billion in solar projects in 2011, but none in Idaho. Google invested \$1 billion in solar projects in 2011, but none in Idaho. In 2006, \$100 billion was invested globally in clean energy. Investment increased to \$246 billion in 2011 for solar and wind installations and bio-fuels alone.

Has Idaho benefitted from this global trend? The American Wind Energy Association tracks wind energy project installations and as of the end of 2011, AWEA noted that Idaho added 471 megawatts of wind power production in 2010 and 2011, increasing annual property tax payments to Idaho counties by \$2.3 million each year and with annual land lease payments going to Idaho landowners of almost \$2 million. That sounds pretty good until you look at our neighbors. As of end of 2011, Washington State had 2,573 MW of installed wind, Oregon had 2,513 MW, Wyoming has 1,412 MW and California 3,927 MW. An estimated 2,000 jobs have been created in Washington and up to 3,000 estimated in Oregon. Annual property tax payments by wind projects in Oregon are more than \$14 million each year, \$13.5 in Washington. Author Paul Herman notes that "jobs in the positive impact subsectors of the U.S. economy have grown by 21 percent (in the past decade) while total private industry jobs (less impact sector) have fallen by 3.7 percent."

As Idaho Power runs an anti-wind power campaign (maybe financed with ratepayers' money?), it is also spending half a billion dollars in coal plant upgrades to be able to continue to use these plants. As the newest natural gas-fired plant to come online will cost ratepayers \$13 per MW hour, Idaho Power tells us in their IRP, while wind power costs ratepayers half of that.

There has been amazing technology developed since 2007 to help utilities deal with the intermittency and forecasting of wind. Now wind can be closely predicted as to when it will be generating power and other generation sources can be ramped up and down to take advantage of least cost and cleanest generation. The smart meters that Idaho Power has installed across its service territory in Idaho can be much more fully utilized to incorporate more renewable generation. As Idaho is constrained in power production today and constrained in transmission for more out-of-state power purchase, the possibility of blackouts and brownouts is very real. Idahoans deserve better vision from Idaho Power than an anti-wind campaign.

Kiki Tidwell is a resident of Hailey.

Mr. Governor

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health exchange a year ago. A *Times-News* story dated Feb. 20 indicated the Mini-Cassia legislators felt "their work has paid off." They were wrong; the bill was written but never introduced.

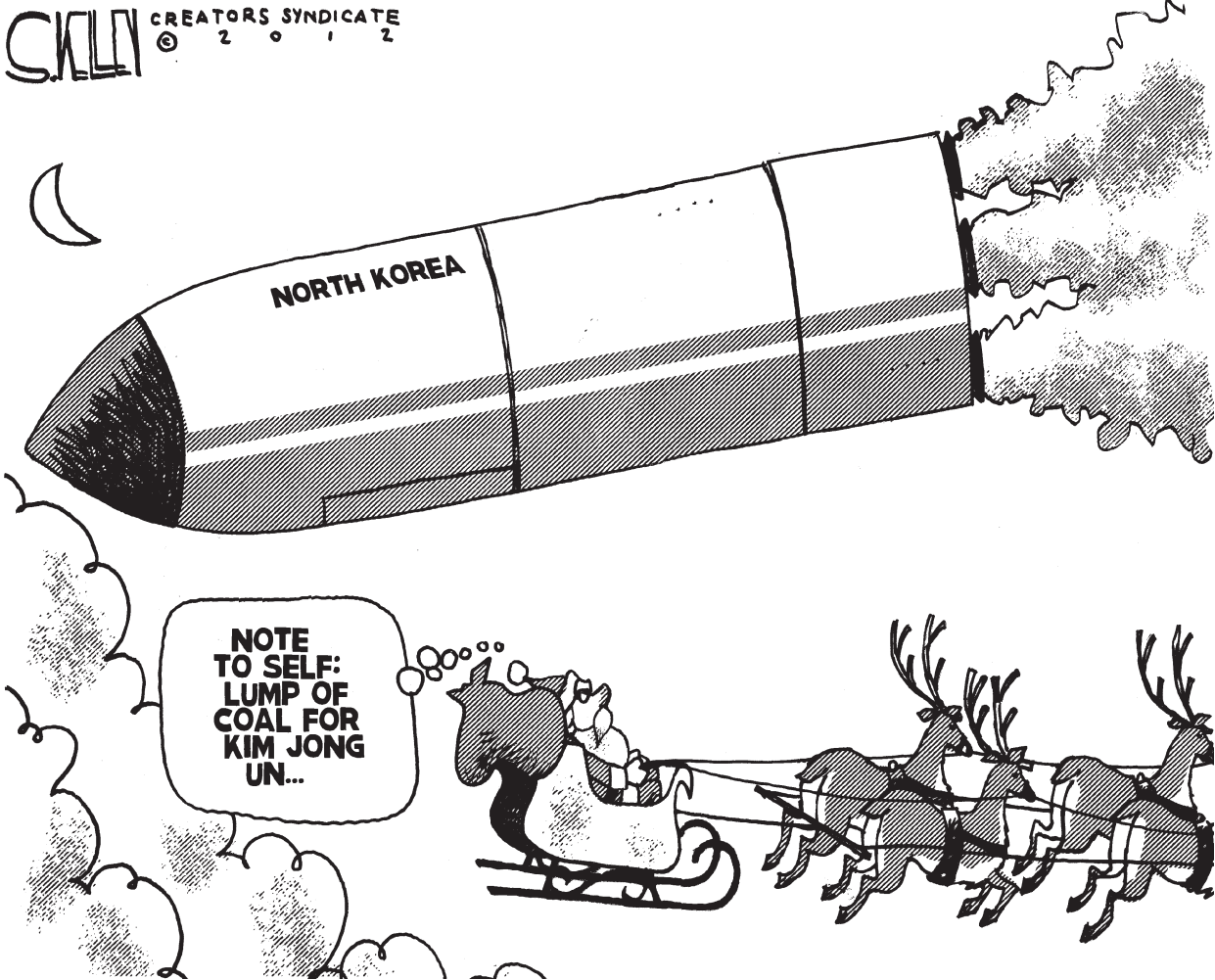
You and the legislature then waited for the Supreme Court to overturn the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. They didn't, and you responded with "I was surprised by the U.S. Supreme Court ruling." Surprised? Maybe. Hopeful? Absolutely. You then proceeded to appoint a 13-member workgroup to make a recommendation as to whether or not the state should set up our own exchange or let the Federal government impose one on us.

The recommendation from the committee would no doubt serve as political cover for your next move. The time spent by the committee in making their recommendation served the purpose of helping both you and the legislature to "tread water" for a couple of extra months in the hope that Mitt Romney would become President, Republicans would gain control of the Senate, Obamacare would be repealed and fade slowly into the night. Obama was re-elected and Democrats maintained solid control of the Senate. Foiled again.

A week before the election the workgroup advised you to set up the state-based exchange. And still you delayed. Finally, fi-

nally, you made your wishy-washy, subject-to-revision, "endorsement" of the state exchange on Monday. We're sorry, that's just not good enough. It's time to exert leadership — the leadership 59 percent of Idahoans wanted you to exert when they voted to keep you in office. We completely agree with an earlier statement from Wood. "Why would anyone in their right mind ever want the federal government to manage the exchange?" ... Looking at the federal government's past history, why would you ever want them in charge of your exchange?"

Governor Otter, we urge you to put your shoulder into this issue and convince our legislators and our electorate that Wood is correct; that a state-run exchange is absolutely the way to go. And if anyone ever confuses that leadership as an indication that you think Obamacare is the way to go, don't worry; we'll have your back.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congress Has Fallen Into Partisan Trap

I am writing this letter to get Sen. Crapo's attention due to the fact that Congress has apparently fallen into the political trap of defending Republican leadership and the (R) party and ignoring the issues and their constituents at home.

There has been much debate on cutting Social Security and Medicare but no discussion on cutting Congress' wages, benefits or retirement or adding them to the same Social Security pool as their constituents, all of which would help balance the budget. I would hope after the election you would erase the (R) from behind your name and represent all of your constituents whether (R) or (D).

I am not worried about the so-called fiscal cliff. We have been edging nearer and nearer to that cliff for the past 10 years or more. A lot of people already went over it in the past four years. Ask the thousands that have lost their homes. No congressman in that group, so Congress just didn't notice. Good old Harry Reid left Washington a month early for the Thanksgiving break with 42 proposed pieces of legislation in his desk drawer so the (D's) would not have to make any decisions before the election. That sure made the (R's) happy, and they left town under Reid's coattails for the same reason. Congress wanted to get home to raise a few more million for the mudslinging event we now call elections.

This weekend Congress is so concerned they are all taking a long weekend to rest up. John Boehner did stay in Washington to stand in front of the cameras and tell the world the Republicans will not compromise on any issues. What an outstanding leader!

Congress will have to hurry back to Washington from its long weekend or it might miss the Christmas break. If you are sincerely looking for ideas on how to balance the budget, call Warren Buffet. He has some great ideas. But first you will have to find out if he is a

(D) or an (R) to determine if his ideas are worth listening to.

WILLIAM J. BROCKMAN
Kimberly

Author Has No Interest in Recall Effort for Luna

The landslide of no votes for the three "Luna Laws" propositions pleased and amazed me. Butch and Luna got massacred statewide by the voters. Not a single one of the 44 counties voted yes.

I volunteered on the 2011 Luna recall. In 2012, I attempted a second Luna recall but found little if any support. Everyone seemed focused on the three propositions. The "no" folks seem to be a little naive. Butch and Luna remain as arrogant and disconnected as they were in 2011 when the "Luna Laws" were introduced. I saw no reason why they would pay the slightest attention to the voters in 2012.

Barely a month after Butch and Luna were soundly defeated, they are already talking about reintroducing their "reforms." I suppose I should be happy that I was proven right, but I wish that I had been wrong. If Butch and Luna continue to ignore the will of the people, we may see a firestorm of outrage that dwarfs anything we saw in 2011 or 2012.

I have grown weary of all of this and want no part of a third Luna recall. I know what works and what does not. If a cabal with fresh faces, new tactics and better organization was formed, I would be happy to share a few recall ideas with them. I have even written a book, "Recall For Dummies" (soon to be found on amazon.com). Best wishes.

PETE PETERSON
Boise

Where Can I Learn this Washington Math?

I keep trying to find who caused all this mess. The ones in Washington keep blaming someone else. Also I want to learn the new Washington math so I can spend a third more

that I earn.

Now we have those who want an unlimited credit, no need for vote on a bigger and bigger national debt. Maybe do it by Executive Order. As we get more and more things mandated by the White House, without a vote to approve the action, it starts to sound like dictatorship. With the thinking of let the rich pay for it, it starts to sound like socialism.

My outdated math skill tell me that this spending path will not work, but those in Washington think we are mindless idiots who can't figure out what is happening. Notice that there never has been a suggestion to a cut to benefits, trips, conferences or salaries at the top. But when you work hard at fooling the public, maybe you deserve a multimillion-dollar vacation.

FREDDIE TATE
Jerome

Give Credit Where Credit Is Due at Rupert Animal Shelter

I am glad the animal shelter is doing well under new management, but in light of the recent newspaper article, the reporter seemed to have gotten a few things wrong.

First, the shelter was in trouble in 2010 and by 2011, it was in better shape than its ever been thanks to the management running it at the time. Have you all forgotten who that was? Anybody remember Steve Mani and his wife MJ, who, through Steve's devoted work for years and years as our animal control officer under the city and then the county and his wife's tireless devotion to turn that shelter in to an adoption facility? It

required lots of work and devotion to keep that facility up and make it something to be proud of.

I think the reporter that wrote the recent article needs to get a few more facts straight before giving all the credit away to the newbies who have only been there for a couple months. I'm not saying they are not doing a good job, I'm just saying that if you go to the city council meetings and listen to Kelly Anthon give his report to the other members, he only tells half of the story and conveniently leaves out a lot of important facts.

Kind of like lying to the rest by omitting the facts. Same thing in my book. Personally, I would like to see the stories and pictures of the animals that were adopted and rescued and be able to interact on Facebook. I would like to see posts of the animals that have been reunited with owners. You can't interact with them or post lost animals for the exposure in order to help owners find their dogs.

I recently took in a dog that was turned down at the shelter. I also worked with other volunteers at the Mani's along with Christine Spelius DVM to ready 28 dogs for transport and adoption to 11th Hour Rescue last Tuesday night (Dec. 4). We had to vaccinate, take blood for heartworm testing, worm and give DHLPPC vaccinations and rabies to 28 dogs. MJ is currently in Washington working with 11th Hour Rescue and Steve Mani is home taking care of other rescues. Thanks again to Steve and MJ for continuing the work and including me so I can help.

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Michigan Labor’s Watershed Moment

Rick Snyder, who is hardly a human cactus, warned Michigan’s labor leaders. The state’s mild-mannered Republican governor, currently in his first term in his first public office, has rarely been accused of being, or praised for being, a fire-breathing conservative. When unions put on Michigan’s November ballot two measures that would have entrenched collective bargaining rights in the state Constitution, Snyder told them they were picking a fight they might regret.

Both measures lost resoundingly in the state with the fifth highest rate of unionization (17.5 percent, down from 28.4 percent in 1985) and, not coincidentally, the sixth highest unemployment rate (9.1 percent). And Republicans decided to build upon that outcome by striking a blow for individual liberty and against coerced funding of the De-



mocratic Party. Hence the right-to-work laws passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature to prohibit the requirement of paying union dues as a condition of employment.

The unions’ frenzy against this freedom is as understandable as their desire to abolish the right of secret ballots in unionization elections: Freedom is not the unions’ friend. After Colorado in 2001 required public employees unions to have annual votes reauthorizing collection of dues, membership in the Colorado Association of Public Employees declined 70 percent. After Indiana’s government in 2005 stopped collecting dues from unionized public employees, the number of

dues-paying members plummeted 90 percent. In Utah, the automatic dues deductions for political activities was ended in 2001; made voluntary, payments from teachers declined 90 percent. After a similar measure in Washington state in 1992, the percentage of teachers making contributions fell from 82 to 11. The Democratic Party’s desperate opposition to the liberation of workers from compulsory membership in unions is because unions are conveyor belts moving coerced dues money into the party.

Nationwide, resentment of union power has been accumulating like steam in a boiler. The Wall Street Journal reports that in the last four years “nearly every state ... has enacted some form of pension changes” clawing back unsustainable benefits promised to unionized government employees. The most conspicuous battle was in Wisconsin,

where Republican Gov. Scott Walker survived organized labor’s attempt to recall him as punishment for restricting collective bargaining by unionized government workers. After Walker’s reforms, Indiana under Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels became the 23rd right-to-work state, and the first in the industrial Midwest.

By becoming the 24th right-to-work state, Michigan is belatedly becoming serious about what Daniel Boorstin, the late historian and Librarian of Congress, called entrepreneurial federalism. This is the wholesome competition among states to emulate others’ best practices, and to avoid and exploit others’ follies.

Indiana and Wisconsin are, fortunately for them, contiguous to Illinois, where Democratic power is completely unrestrained and spectacularly unsuccessful. Indiana noticed

Wisconsin’s competitive advantage in attracting businesses from Illinois and elsewhere. Michigan also has noticed. Yet unions call what Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin have done a “race to the bottom.” This flappedoodle and folderol come from unions that have contributed mightily to Michigan’s painful acquaintance with the bottom.

If you seek a monument to Michigan’s unions, look, if you can without wincing, at Detroit, where the amount of vacant land is approaching the size of Paris. And where the United Auto Workers, which once had more than 1 million members and now has about 380,000, won contracts that crippled the local industry — and prompted the growth of the non-unionized auto industry that is thriving elsewhere. Detroit’s rapacious and oblivious government employees unions are parasitic off a near-corps of a city that has lost 25 percent of its population just since 2000. The

Wall Street Journal reports that because some government workers with defined-benefit pensions can retire in their 40s, “many retirees living into their 80s are drawing benefits for nearly twice as long as they work.”

Many liberals who, with solemn self-congratulation, call themselves “pro-choice” become testy when the right to choose is not confined to choosing to kill unborn babies. They say the right to choose is not progressive when it enables parents to choose their children’s schools, or permits workers to choose not to fund unions’ political advocacy.

Democrats who soon will celebrate two of their party’s saints at Jefferson-Jackson Day dinners should jettison either their opposition to right-to-work laws or their reverence for Jefferson, who said: “To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.”

READER COMMENT

Burley Needs to Show Pride in the Airport it Has

I have been a private pilot since 1997 and have enjoyed the use of the Burley Airport for the last 33 years without any problems. I currently fly a Cessna 206 and a Piper Super Cub for both business and recreational use.

Mike Wheeler

When the Flight Service was located on the field, it was a busy and fun place to stop for fuel, snacks, file a flight plan or just to watch students do touch-and-go landings.

It’s sad how things change over a few years. Fewer students, higher costs with fuel and maintenance, buildings in need of major repair and improvements, etc.

How many of you remember the last air show organized at Burley? Aerobatic performers like Patty Wagstaff were here, aircraft from all over the state were on display, and I remember a mink coat being given away to a lucky pilot flying in.

It is obvious the city of Burley has lost pride in a valuable asset. The first impression made by a visitor flying in can simply turn them away and/or make them feel unwelcome.

The Flight Line does a great job of maintaining our aircraft, but I think improving a pilot’s break area and some decent restrooms should be immediately addressed. How about a courtesy car? When someone flies in, it would be an incredible welcome to have transportation available. I would suggest we promote our airport and community as a fly-in destination for golf, dining, recreation, etc.

When I hear the myth about the Burley Airport being unsafe, it simply shows how uneducated some people are about general aviation. Pilots are required to know and understand the limitations of their aircraft, runway requirements, density altitude factors and especially crosswind components.

A long single runway is great, but pilots are taught to land “into” the wind, and many times a crosswind will exceed the aircraft design limitations. Burley’s airport was designed with three runways to accommodate varying winds that are constantly changing (back then most aircraft had tail wheels and were more difficult to control in strong crosswinds). Currently, two runways are in use; the third is used to taxi to Runway 06.

People ask me if I think Burley needs a new airport. The simple answer is “no.” If a business owner needs to land their Learjet or similar type aircraft, Twin Falls is only a few short miles to the west. The owners of Coors Brewing Company are a good example. They have utilized both the Burley and Twin Falls airports for 30-plus years. The current location is perfect for Life Flight transports, UPS, Fed Ex, Civil Air Patrol activities, search and rescue flights, aerial application businesses and most general aviation activities.

I personally don’t see how the city of Burley can afford or justify a new airport. The costs to residents have not been fully explained, and the costs outweigh the current needs. Twin Falls is simply too close if longer runways are needed.

Mike Wheeler is the owner of Flying W Farms in Declo.

Legacy

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downtown Hagerman, turn right onto Tupper Road. Drive 1 mile and you’ll see the turn on your left. If you reach Billingsley Creek Farm Road, you’ve gone too far. There is a parking area immediately on your left and an interpretive sign about Vardis Fisher. From there, it’s hard to tell where to go. Walk toward the fish farm and pass the pools. Walking along the dirt road, you’ll have water

flowing on your right. Somewhere between the lake and the fish farm, you’ll see an unmarked foot path heading up a hill through the grass. This is the trail to what remains of the Vardis Fisher house.

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Rice: Withdrawing from Consideration Was the Right Thing to Do

On Thursday I asked that President Barack Obama no longer consider me for the job of secretary of state. I made this decision because it is the right step for this country I love. I have never shied away from a fight for a cause I believe in. But, as it became clear that my potential nomination would spark an enduring partisan battle, I concluded that it would be wrong to allow this debate to continue distracting from urgent national priorities — creating jobs, growing our economy, addressing our deficit, reforming our immigration system and protecting our national security.

These are the issues that deserve our focus, not a controversy about me. On Sept. 16, when Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was unavailable after a grueling week, the White House asked me to appear on five Sunday talk shows to discuss a range of foreign policy issues: the protests against our diplomatic facilities around the world; the attack in Benghazi, Libya; and Iran’s nuclear program.

When discussing Benghazi, I relied on fully cleared, unclassified points provided by the intelligence community, which encapsulated their best current assessment. These unclassified points were consistent with the classi-

Susan Rice

Special to the Washington Post

fied assessments I received as a senior policymaker. It would have been irresponsible for me to substitute any personal judgment for our government’s and wrong to reveal classified material. I made clear in each interview that the information I was providing was preliminary and that ongoing investigations would give us definitive answers. I have tremendous appreciation for our intelligence professionals, who work hard to provide their best assessments based on the information available. Long experience shows that our first accounts of terrorist attacks and other tragedies often evolve over time. The intelligence community did its job in good faith. And so did I.

I have never sought in any way, shape or form to mislead the American people. To do so would run counter to my character and my life of public service. But in recent weeks, new lines of attack have been raised to malign my character and my career. Even before I was nominated for any new position, a steady drip of manufactured charges painted a wholly false picture of me. This has interfered in-

creasingly with my work on behalf of the United States at the United Nations and with America’s agenda.

I grew up in Washington and I’ve seen plenty of battles over politics and policy. But a national security appointment, much less a potential one, should never be turned into a political football. There are far bigger issues at stake. So I concluded this distraction has to stop.

This was the right call, for four reasons.

First, my commitment to public service is rooted in the belief that our nation’s interests must be put ahead of individual ones. I’ve devoted my life to serving the United States and trying to mend our imperfect world. That’s where I want to focus my efforts, not on defending myself against baseless political attacks.

Second, I deeply respect Congress’s role in our system of government. After the despicable terrorist attacks that took the lives of four colleagues in Benghazi, our government must work through serious questions and bring the perpetrators to justice. We must strengthen security at our diplomatic posts and improve our intelligence in a volatile Middle East. Accomplishing these goals is far more important than political fights or personal attacks.

Third, the American people expect us to come

together to keep our nation safe. U.S. leadership abroad is and always has been strengthened when we transcend partisan differences on matters of national security. America is seriously weakened when politics come first. If any good can come out of the experience of the past few months, I hope that it will be a renewed focus on the business of the American people — and a renewed insistence that the process of selecting potential candidates for high national security office be treated in the best bipartisan traditions of our country.

Finally, I have a great job. It’s been my highest honor to serve as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. I’m proud that President Obama has restored our global stature, refocused on the greatest threats to our security and advanced our values around the world.

I’m equally proud of the many successes of my tremendous team at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations: saving countless civilians from slaughter in Libya, imposing the toughest sanctions ever on Iran and North Korea, steadfastly defending Israel’s security and legitimacy, and helping midwife the birth of the world’s newest nation, South Sudan.

These efforts remind us that we can do so much more when we come together than when we let ourselves be split apart. That’s a lesson I will carry with me as I continue the work of the American people at the United Nations.

Susan Rice is U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

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Men Dumber Around Women, and Other News

lections come and go, but social science marches on. Here are some recent research findings that struck my fancy.

Organic foods may make you less generous: In a study published in Social Psychology and Personality Science, Kendall J. Eskine had people look at organic foods, comfort foods or a group of control foods. Those who viewed organic foods subsequently volunteered less time to help a needy stranger and they judged moral transgressions more harshly.

Men are dumber around women: Thijs Verwijmeren, Vera Rommeswinkel and Johan C. Karremans gave men cognitive tests after they had interacted with a woman via computer. In the study, published in the *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, the male cognitive performance declined after the interaction, or even after the men merely anticipated an interaction with a woman.

High unemployment rates may not hurt Democratic incumbents as much: In the *American Political Science Review*, John R. Wright looked at 175 midterm gubernatorial elections and four presidential elections between 1994 and 2010. Other things being equal, high unemployment rates benefit the Democratic Party. The effect is highest when Republicans are the incumbents, but even when the incumbent is a Democrat, high unemployment rates still benefit Democratic candidates.

Judges are toughest around election time: Judges in Washington state are elected and re-elected into office. In a study for The Review of Economic Statistics, Carlos Berdejo and Noam Yuchtman found that these judges issue sentences that are 10 percent longer at their end of the political cycle than at the beginning.

New fathers pay less: In a study for the Administrative Science Quarterly, Michael Dahl, Cristian Dezzo and David Gaddis Ross studied male Danish CEOs before and after their wives gave birth to children. They found that male CEOs generally pay their employees less generously after fathering a child. The effect is stronger after a son is born. Female employees are less affected than male employees. CEOs also tend to pay themselves more after the birth of a child.

Affluent neighborhoods challenge mental equilibrium: In a study for the Journal of Research on Adolescence, Terese J. Lund and Eric Dearing found that boys reported higher levels of delinquency



cy and girls reported higher levels of anxiety and depression when they lived in affluent neighborhoods compared with middle-class neighborhoods. Boys' delinquency and girls' anxiety-depression levels were lowest when they were from affluent families living in middle-class neighborhoods.

Premarital doubts are significant: In a study in the *Journal of Family Psychology*, Justin Lavner, Benjamin Karney and Thomas Bradbury found that women who had cold feet before marriage had significantly higher divorce rates four years later. Male premarital doubts did not correlate with more divorce.

Women use red to impress men: In a study for the *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, Andrew Elliot, Tobias Greitemeyer and Adam Pazda found that women expecting to converse with an attractive man were more likely to select a red versus green shirt than women expecting to converse with an unattractive man or another woman.

It's always worth emphasizing that no one study is dispositive. Many, many studies do not replicate. Still, these sorts of studies do remind us that we are influenced by a thousand breezes permeating the unconscious layers of our minds. They remind us of the power of social context. They're also nice conversation starters. If you find this sort of thing interesting, you really should check out Kevin Lewis' blog at National Affairs. He provides links to hundreds of academic studies a year, from which these selections have been drawn.

Raising Federal Revenue the Libertarian Way

Anthony Randazzo & Marc Joffe

Bloomberg News

Reality-check time. By returning the same political alignment to Washington in the last election, the American people in effect decided that solving the country's budget problems will involve increasing revenue.

As Republicans in Congress negotiate with the White House to forge a long-term budget deal, we would like to suggest a bargain that will allow for more revenue while also ensuring that the new money actually - for once - goes toward deficit reduction. In our perfect world, the budget would be balanced by drastically cutting excessive spending. That looks unlikely in this political atmosphere. But a major reason to oppose new federal revenue is the government's well-established history of spending any money it can get its hands on now, and then borrowing or printing more when it runs out, leaving the bill to future generations.

That's why any agreement that adds revenue should include some kind of restraint on spending. Of course, such restraints haven't had much success in the past. The line-item veto was declared unconstitutional in 1998. Sequestrations enacted by statute have proved malleable and thus ineffective. A balanced-budget amendment wouldn't be politically achievable, and whether it would be good policy remains heavily contested in academic circles.

There is an alternative plan that could restrain spending and be palatable to both Democrats and Republicans: a "Pay As You Go" constitutional amendment.

A Pay As You Go (or PAYGO) mechanism is intended to prevent Congress from passing legislation that isn't paid for. It requires that any revenue increases coming from tax reform or as part of a congressionally approved budget would have to go toward deficit and debt reduction - and couldn't be spent on future legislative projects. A PAYGO amendment wouldn't address the need to drastically reduce spending, but it would at least ensure deficit-reducing measures do what they're intended to

tive. With this in mind, we propose the language be simple, straightforward and free of political exceptions. A strong PAYGO amendment would require that all

new legislation be deficit neutral (or negative) over periods of two and 10 years, as scored by the CBO and approved by the special court's budget office.

do while providing a restraint on future spending. PAYGO was initially put in place by a divided government in 1990. It remained on the books until 2002, and is often associated with the elimination of deficits in the late 1990s.

A PAYGO constitutional amendment, however, couldn't be altered or abolished on a political whim, would never sunset, and couldn't be evaded through statutory exemptions. Moreover, any violations of a PAYGO amendment would be addressed by the judicial branch, providing a check on the free-spending branches. A PAYGO amendment could thus serve as a powerful break on political tendencies to shift costs onto future generations.

The language of such an amendment would be the subject of negotiation, and this opens a can of worms. Given the ways Congress manipulates legislative wording, the amendment could be rendered ineffec-

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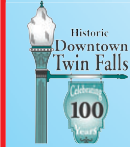
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Foreign Policy: Six Things to Know about the Future of Manufacturing

The news that several manufacturing giants are planning to bring some of their production back to the United States has dominated the headlines in recent months. Perhaps that's because Americans see it as a bellwether of economic recovery, or perhaps it simply reflects their collective yearning for America's past industrial dominance. Either way, the interest in these moves demonstrates the unique hold that manufacturing has on the public imagination.

But precisely because it captures our imagination, a powerful belief system has grown up around manufacturing that limits the policy debate as well as the range of strategic options Americans are willing to consider. This will need to change if U.S. business leaders and policymakers are going to make the most of emerging opportunities. Meanwhile, the global manufacturing sector continues to diversify and evolve in surprising ways — as the return of some manufacturing production to the United States indicates. Understanding this evolution is the key to the future.

1. Manufacturing is dynamic.
The role of manufacturing in any economy isn't static. By providing the tools to raise agricultural productivity, build critical infrastructure and lift populations out of rural poverty, manufacturing remains the clear path to economic development. But once countries climb from developing to middle-income status (around \$10,000 in GDP per capita), their economies become more diverse. At later stages of development, more consumers can afford to spend money on services, making that sector the fastest-growing sector in the economy.

2. Manufacturing still has a productivity and innovation edge.
Even as manufacturing's contribution to growth slows in advanced economies, the sector continues to make outsize contributions in productivity, innovation and trade. In the United States, for example, manufacturing contributes more than twice the expected rate of productivity growth for its level of GDP and employment. One result of this productivity advantage is a massive consumer surplus. While services counted in the U.S. Consumer Price Index have risen by more than 150 percent over the past 25 years, prices of consumer durables (such as cars and refrigerators) have risen by one-tenth of that rate.

3. Manufacturing and services are more intertwined than you think.
The notion that manufacturing and services are two completely different economic realms has become increasingly anachronistic. Much of what goes into getting a new kind of soap on the supermarket shelf or putting a new car in the showroom requires a growing number of services. Today in the United States, for every dollar of output, manufacturers purchase 19 cents of services — everything from trucking and logistics to advertising.

Moreover, more than one-third of manufacturing sector employees work in service-type jobs, such as design, marketing and office support. In globally traded high-tech industries such as semiconductor manufacturing, the number is more than half. If all the service jobs created by manufacturing outsourcing are counted, manufacturing employs more service workers in the United States (9 million) than production workers (7 million). Meanwhile, some service industries are beginning to resemble manufacturing in the way they compete globally and contribute to exports.

4. Manufacturing is diverse
A full understanding of manufacturing means knowing the subsectors. Manufacturing is not monolithic, and one-size-fits-all approaches — by manufacturing leaders and by nations — are not likely to succeed. We break manufacturing into five broad categories based on how labor, capital or research and development (R&D) intensive they are, and how dependent they are on low-cost transportation or high-skill talent. The five categories vary considerably in

sources of competitive advantage and necessary conditions for success.

5. The future consumers are in the developing world
Manufacturing is entering a dynamic new phase. Over the next 15 years, McKinsey and Company projects that 1.8 billion people — mainly in developing economies — will join the global consuming class, bringing the total number of people with disposable income to around 4 billion and raising annual consumption to \$64 trillion. By 2025, we project that emerging markets will account for fully half of global consumption. These new consumers will demand everything from mobile phones to soft drinks, expanding markets for established manufacturers that can figure out how to compete for these new customers.

6. Old ways of thinking about manufacturing are increasingly risky
The manufacturing opportunities of the post-Great Recession world are considerable, but making the most of them will require changing old ways of thinking. Not only do manufacturers have to figure out how to serve billions of new consumers, they also need to meet the growing demand for variation, customization, and after-sales service. At the same time, manufacturers must navigate a minefield of new uncertainties — including volatile resource costs, greater supply-chain risks, upward wage pressures, and the difficulty of locating high-skill labor. In the coming era, following the path of low-cost labor — as numerous multinationals did in the 1990s and 2000s — is unlikely to pay off.

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Your Voice

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Brian Stone

If more people had concealed weapons the shooter would have less opportunity to get a mass shooting accomplished. More guns means less crime.

Laura Green

This is nothing to do with gun control and all about a specific individual making a very bad choice.

Barbie Stone

I think it goes back to the saying, guns don't kill people, people kill people. If not guns they will find something else. I agree with your comment Brian.

Brittnee Turner Horting

We have told God to get out of our schools. Maybe it's time to invite Him back in. And I agree about the video games too. So much killing and cutting and blowing up, it's so fun when it's a game and then the mental health issue comes in and suddenly the game isn't enough. I have watched my brother play those games, I won't allow my children to be in the room while he is. Assassins Creed has to be one of the most senseless games ever created!

Debbie Phillips

It's NOT the guns!!!!

Barbie Stone

This will probably piss some people off, but I personally don't see a reason to sell semi automatics, unless your part of the swat team or something. But then whos to say there not going to become the nut that does this sort of stuff.

Terry Jones

Close all the hardware stores.They all sell parts to make bombs. Stop selling cars, as they allow people to drive drunk. Stop making knives, as they are used to stab people. I could go on an on. Let's blame the person holding the gun, driving the car, and holding the knife. None of these things would have hurt anyone if some human wasn't the driving force.The deadliest animal on earth is the human.

Proven fact.

Michael DeLand

Buddhist teachings of non-violence should be taught to students and meditation as well.

Logan Everill

Personally I disagree with gun control but if these insane shootings keep happening we will have to implement it to protect everyone and some monster Is going to run our right to bear arms

Myrna Bowman

"Guns don't kill people..." Nutcase, lawless, GOD-LESS people do! Just what does the government, the anti-religion, anti God activists think will happen when public and eventually private, if they have their way, respect for God and Godly morality is on it's way to being against the law?

Without God, there are no moral absolutes, leaving a large faction, sometimes gleefully, sometimes confusedly, often angrily, with the perceived option or need of making their own rules. Even leaving God out, the Ten Commandments have a majority of mandates on how people should behave. Most of these commandments are now of no effect, thanks again to those same morality of whatever name is not the thing to practice. Without spiritual guidelines these things will continue to happen and law-abiding and Godly people will NEED their guns to protect themselves from just those violent factions who, right now, have much power with the liberty of law backing their behavior, and many who don't know better are wringing their hands, saying "We just don't understand?"

Keith Thomas

As a nation we were founded buy people who believed in god. Our money has it printed on it our pledge of allegiance says "ONE NATION UNDER GOD" WE SALUTE OUR FLAG WITH HONOR yet we stand by and let the government tell us how to live and what we are allowed to beleive and wor-

ship because it offends SOMEONE, when are we as AMERICANS going to STAND UP AND SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. This is our country and if you choose to live live buy the rules or leave.

Kim Olson

I think that for today ... I'm tired of talking ... let's table this discussion for now ... bring it up again ... right after I feel the pain of today, grab my babies and cry for what woulda ... coulda ... shoulda been.

David Roundy Sr.

The gun was already illegal as it was taken onto school grounds. We need to be supportive of the victims now. Pass judgement after the investigation is completed.

Liz Mandelkow

Not the time ... too much emotion.

Jacque Okelberry Herfel

Tell me again how criminals follow the laws.

Mo Sharpsteen Nugen

I think if more people had conceal/carry license, like these teachers today, less children would have died.

Paulette Jackson

I blame the video games these young people have grown up watching. Gun control is not the answer. Watch the world news about any night and see the poor country's that have gun control. I don't want the people of the usa trying to protet ourselves with rocks and sticks .

Sharon Sauer

Guns don't kill people, People kill people. They aren't going to stop the criminals from having guns, they will get them if they want them bad enough.

Camie Beazer James

Gun control laws are not going to help ... Unfortunately, it is much easier for a criminal to get a gun, than it is for the average law abiding citizen. The gun alone can not fire itself, it takes a willing individual to pull the trigger. So sorry for the families and communities involved in today's tragedy

in Connecticut!

Cindy Branson Carter

It's the troubled kid that killed those poor kids in CT. Not the guns themselves. More gun control will not help. If these people want guns they will find away to get them.

Steve Scott

Let's talk about and figure out away to get more lawful citizens to carry.

Elizabeth Buckway Bennett

Just like the media to bring up gun control at a time like this! The focus should be on the families and children. They man was troubled and gun control will only make things worse. Pray for the victims and their families!!

Tavis Steen

Let's herd several hundred people into an area where they can't defend themselves. Only law breakers can. Who thinks this is a good idea.

Stacy Mcdrummond

I agree its not the guns, cars, hardware, or knives it is the bad people.

Adam Pearson

A society where only the criminals & the government are armed? No thanks.

Nicole L Merrick

I think since the first school shooting every school in the Nation should have metal detectors.

Linda Fausett Jentzsch

Gun control is not an answer. They will always end up in the wrong hands.

JoLynne McDonald

I don't think that the guns made him kill those children...something in his heart made him want to do this terrible, evil thing.

Tyson Damron

GUNS DONT KILL PEOPLE!!! SICK PEOPLE KILL OTHERS! Guns are not meant for that and that is why I believe that a strict background check should be done on every person that wants a weapon, and then and only then should it be sold.



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Cuomo Faces Black Opposition Over Senate

BY MICHAEL GORMLEY
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. • Gov. Andrew Cuomo is facing opposition by some black, Hispanic and progressive leaders over the latest power play in the state Senate that has forced most senators of color into the nearly powerless minority party.

The question is: Does it matter?

The state Senate cemented an unprecedented power-sharing plan a week ago that extended majority control to the all-white Republican conference with the closely allied breakaway Independent Democratic Conference. Just hours before the deal was announced, the IDC welcomed its first non-white member, Sen. Malcolm Smith, a black Queens Democrat.

That leaves eight black and six Latino senators in the traditional Democratic conference that actually won a majority of Senate seats in the November election but will be without a share of majori-

ty power.

The new alliance includes Republican and Democratic leaders who were among those initially in charge during the 2009 Senate coup and its ensuing chaos and gridlock. Smith and the other IDC members, however, say this new coalition will avoid a re-

peat of that chaos. Cuomo has insisted he is staying out of the Senate power struggle, but he played a major role in the politics leading to it. He approved new election district lines that Republicans drew this year, a much-maligned tool used to protect power that the GOP and Cuomo had once prom-

ised to end. He also refused to campaign for a Democratic majority this fall.

"The governor has seen fit to hand the keys to hand the

keys to the Senate back to these jokers," said Michael Benjamin, a former assemblyman from the Bronx, a black leader and now a political commentator. "In doing so, he alienates loyal black, Hispanic and progressive Democrats — many of whom weren't in of-

fice" during the coup.

Cuomo says a functioning Senate is most important. He holds the messy 2009 Senate coup against Democrats who were in the majority after decades of Republican rule, but doesn't include members of the IDC in his criticism.



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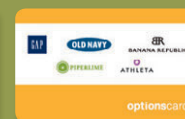
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St. Gregory’s to Commence Restoration After ’11 Quake

SHAWNEE, Okla. (AP) • Work is expected to begin in January on the restoration and renovation of St. Gregory’s University in Shawnee, about 14 months after the largest earthquake in recorded Oklahoma history resulted in major damage to the small campus’ main building.

The 5.6 magnitude earthquake on Nov. 5, 2011, toppled one of the four turrets on each of the four corners of

Benedictine Hall and caused significant damage to the building, opened in 1915, that houses administrative offices, the university library and most of the school’s classrooms.

The building is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

A second turret was so badly damaged that it had to be demolished by pushing it over, while the other two were dismantled brick-by-brick and

will be reconstructed, said St. Gregory’s President Greg Main. The university did not have earthquake insurance, Main added.

The building, referred to by local residents as “the castle,” has the spires that rose from the turrets at the top of the four-floor building cropped off at the roof. There was also damage to the outer brick structure of the building and to the

stone stairway that leads from the parking lot into the lobby. Main said the stone used in the original stairway construction has been traced to a quarry in St. Louis that will be reopened to provide an original replacement for the steps and that aluminum window siding added in the 1960s will be replaced with wood, as was in the original structure, Main said.

NEWLY FOUND TALE COULD BELONG TO HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

BY JAN M. OLSEN
Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark

• For years, the somber fairy tale about a lonely candle that wanted to be lit dwelt in oblivion at the bottom of a box in Denmark’s National Archives. Its recent discovery has sent ripples through the literary world because it is believed to be one of the first tales ever written by Hans Christian Andersen.

The famed Dane wrote nearly 160 fairy tales in his life, including classics such as “The Ugly Duckling” and “The Little Mermaid.” The tale of the candle may have been written when he was still a teen, experts say.

Retired historian Esben Brage said Thursday that he found the six-page text on Oct. 4 while searching through archive boxes that had belonged to wealthy families from Andersen’s hometown of Odense in central Denmark.

The handwritten copy of the tale, titled “Tallow Candle,” and dedicated to a vic-

ar’s widow named Bunkelod who had lived across from Andersen’s home, had been left seemingly untouched at the bottom of one of the boxes. “I was ecstatic,” Brage said. “I had never imagined this.”

The short story tells the tale of how a tallow candle seeks help from a tinder box to be able to ignite itself. A senior curator at the Hans Christian Andersen Museum in Odense said the

work is likely one of the author’s earliest, written at the age of 18 — seven years before his official debut in 1830.

“I often get calls about stuff thought to have been of Andersen’s hand. Most of the time, it is not. This time I was thrilled,” Ejnar Stig Asgaard told The Associated Press. “This is a very early attempt at prose by Andersen, who was then 18.”

Asgaard said Andersen

regularly visited the Bunkelod widow, reading to her and borrowing books from her, even after he moved to Copenhagen to attend university.

“The text is not at the level of the more mature fairy tales that we know from Andersen’s later writing,” Asgaard said. But “we see traces of Andersen’s history in the text, the language and the themes in the manuscript... It all fits with him, it all bears his fingerprint.”

The Danish language “Doedningen” from 1830 had long been considered Andersen’s first fairy tale. That story was later rewritten and published again in 1835 as “The Traveling Companion” — a grim tale about death.

Andersen was born in 1805 in Odense, 105 miles west of Copenhagen, to a cleaning lady and a shoemaker. While famed for his many fairy tales, he also wrote dozens of novels, poems and travel journals. His works have been widely translated. He died in 1875.

CATEURA, Paraguay (AP)

• The sounds of a classical guitar come from two big jelly cans. Used X-rays serve as the skins of a thumping drum set. A battered aluminum salad bowl and strings tuned with forks from what must have been an elegant table make a violin. Bottle caps work perfectly well as keys for a saxophone.

A chamber orchestra of 20 children uses these and other instruments fashioned out of recycled materials from a landfill where their parents eke out livings as trash-pickers, regularly performing the music of Beethoven and Mozart,

Henry Mancini and the Beatles. A concert they put on for The Associated Press also featured Frank Sinatra’s “My Way.”

Rocio Riveros, 15, said it took her a year to learn how to play her flute, which was made from tin cans. “Now I can’t live without this orchestra,” she said. Word is spreading about these kids from Cateura, a vast landfill outside Paraguay’s capital where some 25,000 families live alongside reeking garbage in abject poverty. The youngsters of “The Orchestra of Instruments Recycled From Cateura” performed in Brazil, Panama and Colombia this

year, and hope to play at an exhibit opening next year in their honor at the Musical Instrument Museum in Phoenix, Arizona.

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Israeli Election Downplays Palestinian Issue

BY AMY TEIBEL
Associated Press

Peacemaking with the Palestinians, once the main issue by far in Israeli politics, has been strikingly absent from the campaign for next month's general election. After years of public frustration with failed peace efforts, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's badly divided challengers are trying instead to tap the economic angst of the middle class and a widespread resentment of perks enjoyed by fervently devout Jews.

Shelly Yachimovich, the ex-journalist leader of the Labor Party, traditionally the main grouping on the center-left, has appeared especially determined to ignore the Palestinian issue in favor of socialist-tinged economic proposals — and she has started to draw fire from her allies as polls show Netanyahu and his allies maintaining a significant lead.

The calculation appears to be that too many Israelis have concluded that the gaps with the Palestinians are unbridgeable. From the Israeli perspective, twice in the past 12 years the Palestinians have been presented with exceedingly reasonable territorial offers, without result. The Palestinians reject that narrative — but it has set in within Israel, making peace advocates seem naive and out of touch to many.



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In this Nov. 17 photo, an explosion rises from an retaliory Israeli forces strike in Gaza City.

"Most politicians think, rightly so, that Israelis don't believe in peace anyway," said Tom Segev, a left-leaning historian who has chronicled regional events for decades. "This is a generation of Israelis who have been talking about peace for the last 45 years and not much has happened. So they don't believe in it anymore."

Israeli lawmaker Danny Danon

of Netanyahu's Likud Party found himself in rare agreement with Segev on the issue.

"The public in Israel has understood that no matter who leads the country, there won't be a peace process in the near future ... so the issue isn't even on the agenda," Danon said. "We have to focus on conflict management instead of conflict resolution."

Netanyahu has complicated the equation by accepting, in a 2009 speech shortly after he was elected, the principle of a Palestinian state. In appearing to reverse his long-standing position, he stole the left wing's thunder. But he risked little because his terms, far less generous than those offered by his more accommodating predecessors fell well short of Palestinian demands.

They have never been tested in his four years of power, typified by deadlock and the absence of real negotiations.

On the other hand, Netanyahu's tough persona strikes many as appropriate in a region that has grown increasingly uncertain and dangerous given the turbulence sweeping the Arab world, the rise of Islamists in neighboring countries, and fears about Iran's nuclear program. Israel, the U.S. and allies believe Tehran is seeking to develop atomic arms, although Iran insists its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes.

Yachimovich and others on the left appear to have concluded that under these circumstances, the prime minister is more vulnerable on social issues. In particular, she is trying to tap the frustrations caused by the fact that while the country has a per capita income that is on par with Western Europe, many people feel impoverished.

The reasons for that include high inequality, a soaring cost of living and high taxes caused by extraordinary expenses including security needs and benefits enjoyed by privileged sectors like the burgeoning ultra-Orthodox population whose sectarian parties support Netanyahu. Mass social protests erupted last summer against Israel's high cost of living and the erosion of social welfare safeguards.

Lack of Food Stunts Growth, Damages Minds, in Chad

LOURI, Chad (AP) • One morning, a little girl called Achta sat in the front row of this village's only school and struggled mightily with the assignment her teacher had given her.

She grasped a piece of chalk in her tiny fingers. Her face tense with concentration, she tried to direct the chalk clockwise across her slate. She'd been asked to draw a circle. What she drew looked more like a lopsided triangle. After half a dozen tries, her teacher took away her slate and tried to hide his frustration as he wiped it clean with his palm of his hand. He held her miniature hand in his and traced a circle, then a second, then a third. "Like this," he said. "Like an egg. See?"

Drawing a circle is considered a developmental marker. It tests fine motor skills, the use of the small muscles that control the fingers, allowing us to eat spaghetti with a fork or cut a piece of cardboard with scissors. Children who are developing at a normal rate can trace a circle by age 3, and Achta doesn't look much older. She is so small that you can hoist her up on one hip easily, as her mother sometimes does when she carries her to school. She is so small that when she sits on her bunk in class, her feet dangle a foot off the ground. But Achta isn't three. School records show she is 7 years old.

In this village where malnutrition has become chronic, children have simply stopped growing. In the county that includes Louri, 51.9 percent of children are stunted, one of the highest rates in the world, according to a survey published by UNICEF. That's more than half the children in the village.

The struggle that is on display every day in Louri's one-room schoolhouse reveals not only the staggering price these children are paying, but also the price it has exacted from Africa. Up to two in five kids across the continent are stunted, researchers estimate, which means that they fall short physically and, even more devastating, mentally. It's a slowdown that creeps down the human capital, leaving behind a generation of people unable to attain their potential.

Stunting is the result of having either too few calories, or too little variety in the types of calories consumed, or both. When a child doesn't receive enough calories, the body prioritizes the needs of vital organs over growth. What this does to the brain is dramatic. A 2007 medical study in Spain compared the CAT scan of a normal 3-year-old child and that of a severely malnourished one.

The circumference of the healthy brain is almost twice as large. Presented side by side, it's like looking at a cantaloupe sitting next to a softball. This delay in the maturation of the nervous system imposes a stunning price on society. The World Bank estimates that individuals stunted as children lose more than 10 percent of lifetime earnings. The countries in which they live lose between 2 to 3 percent of GDP per year due to low labor productivity.

Under the microscope, the permanent damage done to the brain is unmistakable. In an often-cited survey done in Chile, researchers compared brain cells from healthy and malnourished babies. A brain cell from a healthy child looks like a tree in bloom. The one from a stunted infant looks like a tree in winter.



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In this Nov. 6 photo, a girl walks past spices displayed for sale in the market in Mao, Chad.

Myanmar Government Apologizes for Crackdown

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) • Myanmar's government formally apologized Saturday to the country's Buddhist monks for its recent crackdown on protesters at a copper mine that injured more than 100 of their monastic colleagues.

President's Office Minister Hla Tun led other officials in apologizing to senior and injured monks in the central city of Mandalay.

Police used water cannons, tear gas and smoke bombs on Nov. 29 to break up an 11-day occupation of the Letpadaung mine project in northwestern Myanmar, a joint venture between a military-owned holding company and a Chinese company. Protesters want the project halted, saying it is causing environmental, social and health problems.

The monks had been holding protests to demand an apology for the violence, with hundreds marching peacefully this past Wednesday in Yangon and Mandalay, the country's two biggest cities, along with Monywa, the town closest to the mine, and at least six other towns.

Shin Wirathu, one of the monks leading the protests, said Saturday's action satisfied their demands for a formal apology. The monks had rejected previous apologies by officials as inadequate and directed at the wrong people. Officials in attendance Saturday included Health Minister Pe Thet Khin, Police



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Activists with paper masks to hide their identities create a human chain by holding hands as they march alongside the Buddhist monks during a protest against a violent crackdown on monks by Myanmar police at Letpadaung copper mine in Monywa, Dec. 8 in Yangon, Myanmar.

Chief Kyaw Kyaw Tun and Sagaing Region Chief minister Thar Aye.

"We are now satisfied as they made the apology publicly and legally," said Shin Wirathu. "And it's pleasing that the ones who had the main responsibility for the crackdown apologized to the injured monks. We acknowledge it as a historic day but it's a matter of forgive, not forget."

He added that the officials also promised not to let anything like the crackdown

happen again.

According to Shin Wirathu, 34 injured monks and 3 lay people are still at hospitals in Mandalay, and one person was sent to Thailand for medical treatment.

Most of those hurt suffered burns that protesters said were caused by incendiary devices hurled by police.

The crackdown was reminiscent of those the country faced under military rule, which formally ended when an elected government took power last year. It stirred

particular anger because of the violence against monks, who are held in high regard in this reverent Buddhist country.

The heavy-handed action indicated the government is still unsure where to draw the line on public protests, even though elected President Thein Sein's government has been hailed for releasing hundreds of political prisoners and for implementing laws allowing public demonstrations and labor strikes.

MILITANTS ATTACK AIRPORT IN PAKISTAN

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) • Suicide bombers armed with rockets attacked the military side of a Pakistani airport in the northwestern city of Peshawar Saturday, killing four civilians and wounding more than 30, officials said. Five militants also were killed.

Peshawar is on the edge of Pakistan's tribal region, the main sanctuary for al-Qaida and Taliban militants in the country. The city has frequently been attacked in the past few years, but Saturday was the first strike against the airport, which is jointly used by the air force and civilian authorities.

The militants fired three rockets at the airport, two of which hit a wall ringing the premises, said Mian Iftikhar Hussain, the information minister in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, where Peshawar is the capital. The third landed near a government building outside the wall, Hussain said.

The militants also set off a car bomb outside the wall

around the airport, causing civilian casualties, said the military. The dead and wounded civilians from the attack came from neighborhoods located near the airport, said Umar Ayub, a local hospital official. The 36 wounded included six women and three children, and several people were in critical condition, said Ayub.

Five militants were killed in a gunbattle with security forces during the attack, said the military. However, Zahid Khan, a police explosives expert, said it appeared that three of the militants were accidentally killed when the car bomb they used to try to break through the airport wall exploded. Four of the attackers who were killed were wearing suicide vests that have been defused, said the air force.

The air force side of the airport was the target of the attack and authorities were searching the area for any remaining attackers, said Defense Minister Naveed Qamar. No air force personnel were wounded in



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A Pakistani girl, injured in the rocket attack by militants, talks on her cellular phone after receiving initial treatment at a hospital in Peshawar, Pakistan, on Saturday.

the attack and none of the service's equipment was damaged, the air force said.

Local TV footage showed people in the neighborhoods near the airport rushing for safety as the attack occurred. One car was damaged in the attack and another was set on fire.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but suspicion will likely fall on the Pakistani Taliban. The militant group has been waging a bloody insurgency against the government for the past several years and has attacked Peshawar many times in the past.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Some rain and light snowfall. High 37.

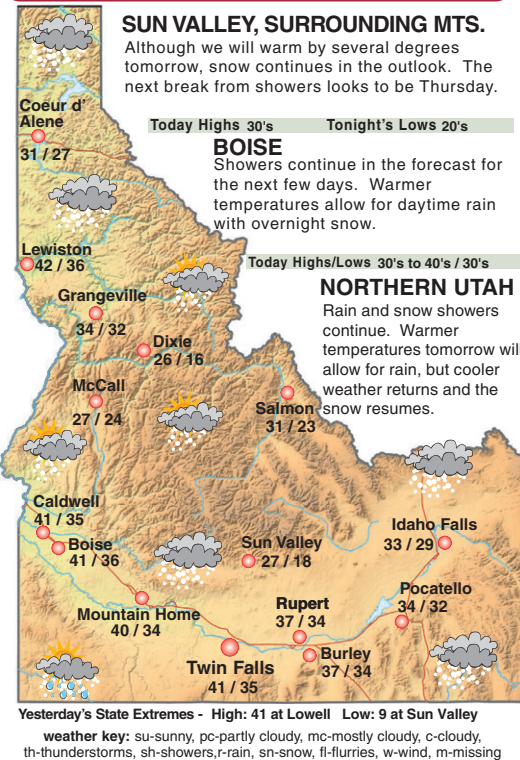
Tonight: More moisture overnight. Low 34.

Tomorrow: Another wet day. High 43.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	n/a*	Yesterday's	Trace
Yesterday's Low	n/a*	Month to Date	1.77"
Normal High / Low	38° / 19°	Avg. Month to Date	0.52"
Record High	54° in 1979	Water Year to Date	3.24"
Record Low	-3° in 1972	Avg. Water Year to Date	2.25"

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 41°	Low 35°	45° / 26°	36° / 21°	33° / 18°	37° / 18°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity		Barometric Pressure		Sunrise and Sunset	
Yesterday's High	36°	Yesterday's	0.00"	Yesterday's High	75%	5 pm Yesterday	29.82 in.	Today	Sunrise: 8:02 AM
Yesterday's Low	29°	Month to Date	1.80"	Yesterday's Low	52%			Monday	Sunrise: 8:02 AM
Normal High / Low	37° / 20°	Avg. Month to Date	0.65"	Today's Forecast Avg.	76%			Tuesday	Sunrise: 8:03 AM
Record High	54° in 2006	Water Year to Date	2.88"					Wednesday	Sunrise: 8:04 AM
Record Low	-8° in 1972	Avg. Water Year to Date	2.66"					Thursday	Sunrise: 8:04 AM

Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5 pm yesterday

Moon Phases		Moonrise and Moonset	
First	Dec. 20	Today	Moonrise: 10:34 AM
Full	Dec. 28	Monday	Moonrise: 11:08 AM
Last	Jan. 5	Tuesday	Moonrise: 11:38 AM
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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	41° 36°	48° 28°	36° 28°
Bonnors Ferry	35° 26°	36° 25°	31° 25°
Burley	37° 34°	43° 27°	29° 27°
Challis	32° 23°	40° 15°	27° 15°
Coeur d'Alene	31° 27°	38° 25°	30° 25°
Elko, NV	36° 26°	42° 23°	30° 23°
Eugene, OR	47° 42°	47° 36°	41° 36°
Gooding	36° 33°	42° 24°	33° 24°
Grace	30° 24°	35° 20°	32° 20°
Hagerman	42° 36°	47° 28°	38° 28°
Hailey	33° 23°	37° 16°	25° 16°
Idaho Falls	33° 29°	39° 23°	29° 23°
Kalispell, MT	34° 25°	32° 26°	29° 26°
Jerome	38° 32°	42° 24°	34° 24°
Lewiston	42° 36°	45° 28°	38° 28°
Malad City	32° 28°	37° 22°	28° 22°
Malta	34° 31°	41° 26°	28° 26°
McCall	27° 24°	32° 13°	23° 13°
Missoula, MT	33° 27°	38° 27°	34° 27°
Pocatello	34° 32°	40° 26°	29° 26°
Portland, OR	44° 41°	45° 36°	40° 36°
Rupert	37° 34°	43° 26°	30° 26°
Rexburg	31° 26°	35° 22°	26° 22°
Richland, WA	42° 36°	45° 34°	36° 34°
Rogers	27° 26°	32° 21°	26° 21°
Salmon	31° 23°	43° 28°	33° 28°
Salt Lake City, UT	40° 33°	46° 34°	42° 34°
Spokane, WA	34° 30°	39° 24°	31° 24°
Stanley	26° 17°	30° 8°	18° 8°
Sun Valley	27° 18°	31° 12°	20° 12°
Yellowstone, MT	20° 11°	26° 14°	17° 14°

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	61° 54°	69° 43°
Atlantic City	53° 50°	53° 50°
Baltimore	50° 45°	55° 44°
Billings	35° 21°	37° 24°
Birmingham	65° 60°	66° 41°
Boston	38° 36°	46° 41°
Charleston, SC	69° 58°	68° 55°
Charleston, WV	63° 49°	62° 42°
Chicago	48° 34°	41° 30°
Cleveland	58° 46°	51° 39°
Denver	46° 20°	50° 23°
Des Moines	39° 25°	36° 25°
Detroit	54° 40°	43° 35°
El Paso	55° 36°	59° 39°
Fairbanks	-34° -36°	-5° -12°
Fargo	22° 2°	20° 10°
Honolulu	78° 68°	78° 68°
Houston	76° 54°	73° 44°
Indianapolis	58° 39°	49° 32°
Jacksonville	47° 31°	46° 33°
Kansas City	47° 31°	46° 33°
Las Vegas	53° 38°	54° 44°
Little Rock	70° 43°	62° 36°
Los Angeles	64° 50°	65° 53°
Los Angeles	70° 51°	69° 38°
Memphis	79° 69°	81° 68°
Miami	61° 33°	64° 32°
Milwaukee	44° 33°	38° 28°
Nashville	68° 54°	65° 39°
New Orleans	74° 61°	74° 49°
New York	49° 43°	49° 42°
Oklahoma City	61° 33°	64° 32°
Omaha	40° 25°	38° 25°

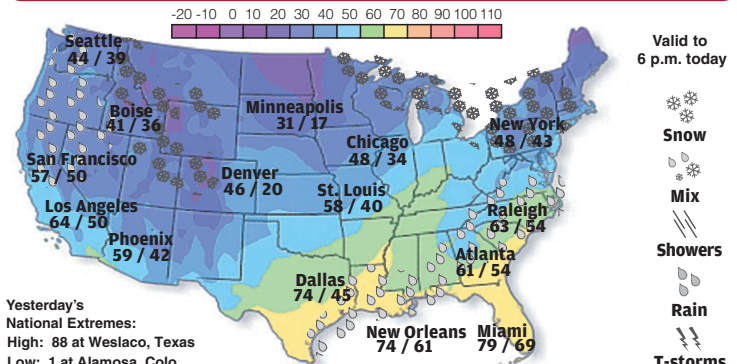
CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	25° 12°	19° -2°
Crabbrook	23° 13°	24° 2°
Edmonton	18° 9°	15° 3°
Kelowna	21° 15°	25° -12°
Lethbridge	30° 18°	32° 8°
Regina	23° 14°	21° 11°
Saskatoon	20° 3°	16° 0°
Toronto	42° 39°	45° 37°
Vancouver	37° 32°	36° 26°
Victoria	43° 39°	44° 37°
Winnipeg	21° 4°	15° 8°

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Moscow	6° 0°	6° -2°
Nairobi	76° 51°	75° 52°
Oslo	34° 24°	32° 21°
Paris	50° 41°	49° 40°
Prague	36° 31°	35° 31°
Rio de Janeiro	81° 72°	81° 72°
Rome	60° 52°	58° 48°
Santiago	86° 52°	82° 51°
Seoul	35° 25°	33° 18°
Sydney	93° 62°	93° 62°
Taipei	64° 63°	66° 66°
Tokyo	61° 43°	47° 43°
Vienna	39° 33°	39° 32°
Warsaw	34° 30°	33° 30°
Winnipeg	21° 4°	15° 8°
Zurich	34° 28°	34° 24°

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Bicycles are covered in snow in front of Milan's Duomo gothic cathedral in Italy on Friday.

Bulgaria: 3 Dead as Bitter Cold Hits Country

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) • A 56-year-old homeless man has died of exposure to the cold in Bulgaria and another man has frozen to death in Kosovo — the latest victims of a snap of freezing and snowy weather that has engulfed the Balkans since last weekend.

In the past week, blizzards have blocked roads, stranded villages, and disrupted power supplies and traffic across the Balkan states, killing at least nine people as the temperatures plunged to minus 22 Celsius (minus 8 Fahrenheit) in some areas.

Though by Friday temperatures were rising in parts of the region, large swaths of the

Balkans still remained gripped by the snowy and cold weather.

In Bulgaria, the victim was found unresponsive Friday morning on a street in the southwestern town of Dupnitsa, said emergency official Anelia Georgieva.

This was the third cold-related death this season in Bulgaria. The bodies of a 70-year-old woman and a 59-year-old man were recovered Thursday from snowdrifts in the north of the country.

In Kosovo, police said the body of a 50-year-old man was found in the snow on Thursday in the northern part of the country.

At least nine deaths had been reported elsewhere in the Balkans earlier in the week.

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SPORTS

Early Deadlines, Late Games

Because of an early press deadline, some game coverage will be reported exclusively at **Magicvalley.com**.

Boys Basketball



RYAN HOWE/TIMES-NEWS

Filer's Logan Beard (1) drives by Minico's Nevin Gonzales during their nonconference boys basketball game Saturday at Minico High School. Filer beat Minico 69-37 shortly before press time. For a full recap visit magicvalley.com/sports.

LOCAL BRIEFS

JHS Boys Basketball Camp

The Jerome High School Boys Basketball Camp will be December 20-21 at the high school gymnasium. Grades 2-5 are from 9 to 11 a.m. Grades 6-8 are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration on-site is \$25 and includes t-shirt.

Youth Tennis Lessons

The E Street YMCA will stage youth tennis lessons for all skill levels through Dec. 21. Beginners (ages 5-7) will run Wednesdays, intermediates (8-13) on Mondays and Thursdays, and advanced (11-18) on Tues-

days and Fridays. All sessions are from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$50 for beginner lessons, \$100 for intermediate and advanced. Information: 420-5302.

Southern Idaho Baseball Camp

The 30th annual Southern Idaho Baseball Instructional Camp will be held Dec. 27-29 at the College of Southern Idaho. Campers will receive quality instruction in pitching, hitting, fielding and catching from pro, college and high school coaches. The camp will be held indoors at the Eldon Evans Expo Center. Information: 732-6491.



PHOTOS BY DREW NASH•TIMES-NEWS

Canyon Ridges Kaleb Price lifts Caldwell's Brooks Nye during the 152 pound championship match at the Bear-Cat Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday at Jerome High School in Jerome. Price won the match.

Five Locals Win at Bear-Cat

BY NICK RULAND
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JEROME • Buhl's Stephen Mejia wants to know how he's supposed to get respect.

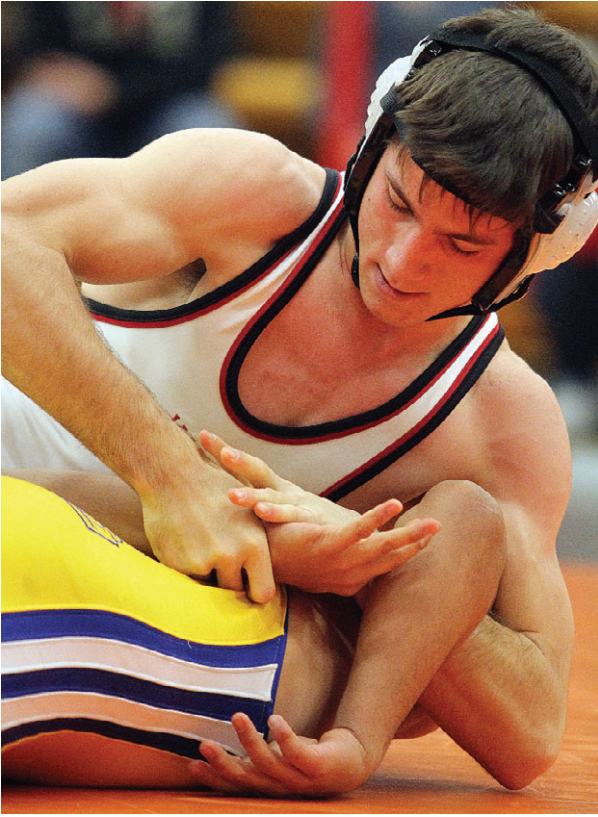
Last year's 3A second place finisher in the 152-pound division went through the Bear-Cat Invitational as a low seed last year, upsetting two higher seeds on his way to a first-place finish.

And again this weekend, Mejia wasn't seeded No.1. Saturday in the championship round, he made the seeding mistake known, winning a 5-3 decision over Rocky Mountain's top-seeded Kaden Steingruber, also a state finisher last year, late in the third round.

"It was nice coming back to win again, but not being a one seed again gave me a chip on my shoulder," Mejia said. "I obviously didn't get enough respect last year."

Mejia showed his mental fortitude against the 5A opponent, managing to squirm himself out of trouble and

Please see **WRESTLING, S2**



Kimberly's Jacob Herman, top, wrestles Caldwell's Alawnzo Manzanares during the 126 pound championship match at the Bear-Cat Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday at Jerome High School in Jerome. Herman won the match.

IDAHO POTATO BOWL

Utah State's Chuck Jacobs (10) runs against the defense of Toledo's Ben Pike (30) during the first half of an NCAA college football game on Saturday in Boise.

ASSOCIATED PRESS



Utah State Routs Toledo 41-15

BY TODD DVORAK
Associated Press

BOISE • Kerwynn Williams ran for 235 yards and three touchdowns and No. 18 Utah State won a bowl game for the first time in nearly 20 years, beating Toledo 41-15 on Saturday in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

The victory capped the best season in Utah State history. The Aggies finished 11-2, won the Western Athletic Conference title outright and had their first bowl victory since 1993.

Chuckie Keeton scored on a 62-

yard run to put Utah State up 7-3, and Williams, the game's MVP, sparked a 28-point fourth quarter for Utah State when he broke through the defense and raced 63 yards for a touchdown to put the Aggies up 20-9. Williams, who had 18 carries, followed that with TD runs of 5 and 25 yards. Keeton ran for 92 yards and was 21-of-31 passing for 229 yards.

Toledo (9-4) was able to move the ball and made five trips inside the red zone. But penalties and miscues forced the Rockets to settle for Jeremiah Detmer's three field goals.

The Rockets' only touchdown

came when Bernard Reedy returned a fourth-quarter kickoff 87 yards. Reedy was the only big producer on a Toledo offense held to 315 total yards. Reedy had 51 yards rushing and caught six passes for 62 yards.

Toledo quarterback Austin Dantin, who started in place of the injured Terrence Owens, was 12 of 21 passing for 132 yards. Dantin threw an interception in the third quarter to end a promising scoring drive and was replaced by Owens in the fourth quarter.

Owens moved the Rockets on his first possession, but another

Please see **POTATO BOWL, S2**

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LOCAL ROUNDUP

Wendell Girls Snap Long Losing Skid

TIMES-NEWS

WENDELL • For the first time in three seasons, Wendell won a girls basketball game.

Lupita Vargas scored a game-high 21 and Hannah Lancaster added 18 as the Trojans beat Jackpot, Nev., 55-34 on Saturday to snap a 46-game losing streak.

The last time Wendell (1-5) tasted victory before Saturday was Feb. 2, 2010, an elimination-game win over Buhl in the 3A District IV Tournament.

The Trojans host Valley on Tuesday.

WENDELL 55, JACKPOT, NEV. 34
Jackpot
Wendell
Jackpot (34)
Avile 9, Cortez 8, Hall 2, Garrett 15. Totals 12 7-17 34.
WENDELL (55)
Wert 4, L. Vargas 21, Lancaster 18, Slade 8, E. Vargas 2, Andrus 2. Totals 23 9-14 55.
3-point goals: Jackpot 3 (Cortez 2, Avile). Total fouls: Jackpot 11, Wendell 17. Fouled out: none.

BUTTE COUNTY 77, HANSEN 19

HANSEN • Korbin Traugher scored a game-high 28 as Butte County cruised to the win.

Brandi Huizar led Hansen (4-6, 0-2 Snake River) with six points.

The Huskies hosts Raft River on Thursday.

Butte County
Hansen
Butte County (77)
Shaffer 9, Traugher 28, Pearson 2, Collins 10, Coburn 11, Taylor 5, Blattner 7, Bates 5. Totals 33 8-13 77.
HANSEN (19)
K. Urena 3, I. Urena 3, Huizar 5, Valles 4, Ree. Peters 4. Totals 8 2-6 19.
Butte County 2 (Shaffer, Taylor); Hansen 1 (I. Urena). Total fouls: Butte County 11, Hansen 8. Fouled out: none.

Boys basketball
VALLEY 41, SHOSHONE 33

SHOSHONE • Justin Johnson scored 16 to lead Valley to the win.

Cole Lickley added 10 for the Vikings (6-0), who trailed at halftime but wore Shoshone down in the second half.

Garrett Sant scored 13 and Trey Waite added 11 for the Indians (4-2), who visit Carey on Tuesday.

Valley
Shoshone
Valley (41)
Johnson 16, Lickley 10, Reed 2, Nelson 6, Carlquist 5, Rife 2. Totals 13 13-24 41.
SHOSHONE (33)
Sant 13, Waite 11, Diaz 2, Bench 4, Wallace 3. Totals 13 9-12 33.
3-point goals: Valley 2 (Johnson); Shoshone 4 (Sant 3, Waite). Total fouls: Valley 17, Shoshone 21. Fouled out: none.

BUTTE COUNTY 68, HANSEN 35

HANSEN • Butte County improved to 6-1 with a comfortable road win. No other details were available at press time.

Hansen (1-6, 0-2 Snake River) visits Raft River on Tuesday.

Wrestling
HIGH COUNTRY
CONFERENCE DUALS,
IDAHO FALLS

AMERICAN FALLS 48, MINICO 26
MINICO 47, PRESTON 27
MINICO 48, CHALLIS 36
MINICO 48, TETON 40
MINICO 57, EMMETT 24
MINICO 58, SHELLEY 18
MOUNTAIN HOME 45, MINICO 36
SNAKE RIVER 47, MINICO 34
SUGAR-SALEM 42, MINICO 36

Individual bouts unavailable at press time.



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Boston Celtics' Jason Terry (4) tries to pass the ball as San Antonio Spurs' Boris Diaw, left, of France, and Tim Duncan (21) defend during the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game on Saturday in San Antonio. San Antonio won 103-88.

Noah, Bulls Hold off Nets 83-82

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO • Joakim Noah had 12 points and 10 rebounds, and helped force a key turnover Saturday night as the Chicago Bulls held off the Brooklyn Nets 83-82.

Deron Williams missed a jumper with five seconds for the Nets that would've tied it. Chicago won for the fifth time in six games.

Noah and Luol Deng trapped Joe Johnson late in the game, resulting in one of Brooklyn's 18 turnovers. Deng turned the mistake into a basket that tied it at 79.

Brook Lopez had 18 points and 10 rebounds in 25 minutes for Brooklyn, which played for the fourth time in five days. The Nets won at home Friday night, beating Detroit 107-105 in double overtime.

KNICKS 103, CAVALIERS 102

NEW YORK • Raymond Felton scored 25 points, Tyson Chandler had 23, and the New York Knicks overcame Kyrie Irving's career-high 41 points and the absence of Carmelo Anthony.

The Knicks won their fourth straight when Anderson Varejao missed the second of two free throws with 1 second left.

MAGIC 107, BOBCATS 98
CHARLOTTE, N.C. • Glen Davis and Arron Afflalo each scored 20 points as the Orlando Magic handed the Charlotte Bobcats their 11th straight loss.

Jameer Nelson added 16 points and six assists and J.J. Redick had 14 points, including a big 3-pointer down the stretch for the Magic, who've won three of

their past four.

TIMBERWOLVES 114, MAVERICKS 106, OT
MINNEAPOLIS • Ricky Rubio made a triumphant return to the court with nine assists and eight points in 19 minutes, energizing the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Andrei Kirilenko scored five of his 14 points in overtime while Rubio watched from the bench because of a minutes restriction on his surgically repaired left knee.

PACERS 88, PISTONS 77
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. • David West had 23 points and George Hill added 18 points and seven assists to lead the Indiana Pacers.

The win put the Pacers two games over .500 for the first time this season.

WARRIORS 115, HAWKS 93
ATLANTA • David Lee had

20 points and 11 rebounds, and the Golden State Warriors completed an impressive road trip.

Stephen Curry collected 18 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds for Golden State, which went in front to stay in the second quarter. Harrison Barnes and Carl Landry each had 19 points.

HEAT 102, WIZARDS 72
MIAMI • LeBron James had 23 points and 10 rebounds, and the Miami Heat never trailed on the way to beating the Washington Wizards.

Udonis Haslem and Dwyane Wade each scored 13 for Miami, which outscored Washington 29-10 in the third quarter to build a 33-point lead.

SPURS 103, CELTICS 88
SAN ANTONIO • Tony Parker had 22 points and eight assists to lead the Spurs to victory.

CSI ROUNDUP

CSI Women Lose at CNCC

TIMES-NEWS

RANGELY, Colo. • It was almost a historic comeback.

The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team came back from a 25-point second half deficit to close to the deficit to four points late in the game, but fell to Colorado Northwestern Community College 74-68 Saturday, its first Scenic West Athletic Conference loss of the season.

Facing a Spartans team much better and more athletic than it's been historically, the Golden Eagles gave up easy points in a 2-3 zone, but scraped their way back by forcing close to 30 turnovers, most coming in the final 10 minutes of the game.

"We let ourselves get into such a hole with an uninspired first half," head coach Randy Rogers told 102.9 FM. "I thought we turned the intensity up and the energy in the second half was really good. (CNCC) is good and it was my fault to play in the zone."

CSI (6-7, 1-1) will travel to Tucson, Ariz. to take on Central Arizona College Dec. 27.

Men's Basketball
CSI 83, COLORADO NORTHWESTERN 62

RANGELY, Colo. • CSI bounced back from a poor conference opener to get its first conference win of the season.

"We settled in tonight, got some stops defensively and got transition baskets," head coach Steve Gosar said on 102.9 FM. "Our defense was outstanding tonight and I was really happy with our guys. We pounded the ball inside and made simple plays. When you have guys like Billy Reader, Juwan Newman and Kennedy Esume, and guards who can make shots, we have to make it simple basketball."

The Golden Eagles played without Montigo Alford. But in the game after Gosar questioned his team's toughness on Thursday, CSI played stifling defense, at one point getting a stop on 15 of 18 possessions, and shooting over 50 percent from the floor.

CSI (12-3, 1-1) will host Idaho Select Dec. 29.

CNCC 74, CSI 68
CSI (68)
Grinsell 7, Tounson 1, Dent 11, Toston 14, Prestwich 2, Dufferrena 2, Tanner 6, Vehlweg 4, Tanner 6, Saint-Felix 8, Roussas 8, Wirth 1. Totals 25-62 21-31 68.
CNCC (74)
Grayer 21, Blanton 11, Vile 9, Graham 8, Anderson 8, Peterson 5. Totals 28-59 8-13 74.

CSI 83, CNCC 62
CSI (83)
Johnson 8, Reid 10, Reader 16, Storey 9, Newman 2, Alford 4, Paige 21, Ritchie 10, Michineau 7. Totals 32-62 14-19 61.
CNCC (62)
Terni 7, Fuentes 11, Marcello 1, Powers 16, Smith 7, Trost 10. Totals 19-65 20-29 62.

Potato Bowl

Continued from Sports 1

red-zone opportunity was squelched when the Aggies snuffed Owens for no gain on a fourth-and-1 play from the 9.

Toledo played without two top players. Linebacker Dan Molls, the nation's leading tackler, had a concussion on the opening kickoff and didn't return. Minutes later, running back David Fluellen, the nation's eighth-leading rusher, went down

with an ankle injury.

The Aggies pulled away in the fourth quarter when Williams, held in check much of the game, broke off several long runs. After his 63-yard TD run, Williams broke through the line on the next Utah State possession, dashing 56 yards before being tackled at the 5. He scored one play later, then scored his final touchdown 1:30 later.

Utah State rolled up 582 yards on offense, including 353 yards on the ground.

Wrestling

Continued from Sports 1

bouncing back to attack despite a strong defense built on counter-moves.

"I knew he was strong," Mejia said. "I knew he would be a great match. Every move I had, he had something back. I knew it would take three shots to finish one, but it ended up taking 12 shots to finish one."

It was a stellar day for local talent, with five first place finishers and 18 in the top four.

Canyon Ridge's 152-pounder Kaleb Price, a fifth place finisher last season, was named the meet's Most Outstanding Wrestler, defeating Brooks Nye from Caldwell 5-3 in what may have been the best championship battle of the day, decided late in the final round.

"We were both tired, but it was about who would keep moving," Price said. "I kept moving. It was the first tournament of the year and I wanted to start it with a bang and get my name out there."

Price believes with an improved stance that allows him to shoot more quickly, he's primed for a state title run.

The Riverhawks' Price wasn't the only one who felt like he had made enough gains from last season to make a February run.

Take Jerome's 182-pounder Joseph Maicke, who started last year at junior varsity. Up against the sculpted and strong Koltin Howe from Elko, Nev., Maicke waited to make his move, eventually edging him



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS

Rocky Mountain's Kaden Steingruber, left, wrestles Buhl's Stephen Mejia during the 160-pound championship match at the Bear-Cat Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday at Jerome High School in Jerome. Mejia won the match.

4-3 in the final seconds.

"I was very nervous to start the match and we wrestled very defensively in the first round," Maicke said. "I went out there with plan to sprawl on him and get him to his back, get him on the ground and break him down, but that didn't work very well. He got to his escape and two points. In the third round I had to get my points so I started attacking."

"The last 30 seconds I saw clock and knew I had to start something. I finally got one on him."

Burley's 195-pound Juan Labra is another late bloomer. Finishing fourth in last year's Bear-Cat tournament and third in state, Labra showed off the spoils of his improved work ethic, edging out Juan Lopez of Ontario, Ore., 5-3 in another grind match.

"My new coach has

helped me so much," Labra said.

That new coach is Sean Anderson, who was quick to reciprocate the compliments for his top dog.

"Juan has improved his overall effort," Anderson said. "He takes time to set things up and doesn't lose his head when things go wrong. It pays off on the mat."

But perhaps the most dominant wrestler over the weekend was Kimberly's 126-pound Jacob Herman. The aggressive wrestler once again made quick work of his opponent in the championship round, pinning Caldwell's Alawnzo Manzanares in 59 seconds.

"I feel a lot better when I jump on them quick, but I'm conditioned to last much longer," Herman said. "I try to analyze everything as quickly as possible. (Manzanares') center of gravity

was much lower, so getting to his legs was a priority. I got him off-balance."

Fruitland won the team title with 192.5 points, ahead of Caldwell and Highland. Jerome and Twin Falls tied for fifth.

2012 BEAR-CAT INVITATIONAL
At Jerome HS
Saturday's results
Final team standings
1. Fruitland 192.5, 2.-tie Caldwell, Highland 174.5, 4. Boise 147.5, 5.-tie Jerome, Twin Falls 110, 7.-tie Vallivue, Rocky Mountain 105.5, 9. Ontario (Ore.) 100.5, 10. Kimberly 90, 11. Canyon Ridge 88.5, 12. Elko (Nev.) 60.5, 13. Burley 60, 14. Buhl 51, 15. Shoshone 11.
Championship match results
98 pounds: Fletcher (FRU) p. Pierson (JER), 106; Manzanares (CALD) p. Velasquez (CR), 113; Barrera (ONT) p. Sapient (BOI) p. Cordingley (HIGH), 113; Gomez (CALD) p. Statner (VAL), 120; Buffalo (HIGH) d. Kenner (CR) 6-6, 126; Herman (KIM) p. Manzanares (CALD), 132; Contreras (CALD) d. Laris (TF) 6-5, 138; Fry (ELKO) tf. Lookingbill (TF) 17-1, 145; Wardian (RM) md. Andres (VAL) 15-4, 152; Price (CR) d. Nye (CALD) 7-5, 160; Mejia (BUH) d. Steingruber (RM) 5-3, 170; Walton (BOI) p. Corona (FRU), 182; Maicke (JER) d. Howe (ELKO) 4-3, 195; Labra (BUR) d. Lopez (ONT) 5-3, 220; Purcell (BOI) d. Escobedo (CALD) 5-3, 285; Gonzalez (ONT) d. Addison (BOI) 4-1.
Third-place match results
98 pounds: Runnels (CALD) p. Lopez (ONT), 106; Manzanares (CALD) p. Velasquez (CR), 113; Barrera (ONT) d. Sapient (BOI) 6-3, 120; Bright (KIM) p. Prieto (VAL), 126; Parke (BUR) d. Sletten (CR) 9-7, 132; Mulberry (WIM) d. Campbell (BOI) 7-4, 138; King (FRU) d. Cook (HIGH) 5-4, 145; Bumgarner (FRU) md. Diederich (VAL) 11-1, 152; Roman (BOI) d. Fagen (FRU) 4-2, 160; Hunt (VAL) p. Friedley (FRU), 170; Nailon (CALD) p. Miller (TF), 182; Connell (TF) p. Stark (RM), 195; Ketchu (FRU) p. Hatch (TF), 220; Larson (FRU) p. Gilbert (JER), 285; Diehl (HIGH) p. Dickerson (FRU).

SCOREBOARD

Odds

NCAA FOOTBALL

Polynesian Bowl					
FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG	
BYU	2½	2½	(49)	at San Diego St.	
Friday					
Beef 'o' Brady's Bowl at St. Petersburg, Fla.					
UCLA	7	7	(61½)	Ball St.	
Saturday					
New Orleans Bowl					
La-Lafayette	4½	6	(64½)	East Carolina	
Las Vegas Bowl					
Boise St.	7½	5	(46)	Washington	
Dec. 24					
Hawaii Bowl at Honolulu					
Fresno St.	11½	12	(59)	SMU	
Dec. 25					
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl at Detroit					
W. Kentucky	6	5½	(58)	Cent. Michigan	
Dec. 27					
Military Bowl at Washington					
San Jose St.	7½	7	(47)	Bowling Green	
Dec. 28					
Belk Bowl at Charlotte, N.C.					
Cincinnati	11	7½	(60)	Duke	
Holiday Bowl at San Diego					
UCLA	+1	1	(79½)	Baylor	
Dec. 28					
Independence Bowl at Shreveport, La.					
Louisiana-Monroe	6	7	(60)	Ohio	
Dec. 29					
Russell Athletic Bowl at Orlando, Fla.					
Virginia Tech	1	2½	(41½)	Rutgers	
Dec. 29					
Meineke Car Care Bowl at Houston					
Texas Tech	13	12½	(57)	Minnesota	
Dec. 29					
Armed Forces Bowl at Fort Worth, Texas					
Air Force	1	(61)		Rice	
Dec. 29					
Fight Hunger Bowl at San Francisco					
Arizona St.	13	14½	(56)	Navy	
Dec. 29					
Pinstripe Bowl at New York					
West Virginia	3½	4	(73½)	Syracuse	
Dec. 30					
Alamo Bowl at San Antonio					
Oregon St.	1	2	(56½)	Texas	
Dec. 30					
Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl at Tempe, Ariz.					
TCU	1	2½	(41)	Michigan St.	
Dec. 31					
Music City Bowl at Nashville, Tenn.					
Vanderbilt	5	6½	(52)	NC State	
Dec. 31					
Sun Bowl at El Paso, Texas					
Southern Cal.	10	10	(64)	Georgia Tech	
Dec. 31					
Liberty Bowl at Memphis, Tenn.					
Tulsa	3	Pk	(51)	Iowa St.	
Dec. 31					
Chick-fil-A Bowl at Atlanta					
LSU	3	4	(59)	Clemson	
Dec. 31					
Heart of Dallas Bowl at Oklahoma St.					
Oklahoma St.	18	16½	(70)	Purdue	
Dec. 31					
Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla.					
Mississippi St.	2	2	(52)	Northwestern	
Dec. 31					
Outback Bowl at Tampa, Fla.					
South Carolina	4	5	(48)	Michigan	
Dec. 31					
Capital One Bowl at Orlando, Fla.					
Georgia	8	10	(60)	Nebraska	
Dec. 31					
Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif.					
Stanford	6	6½	(47½)	Wisconsin	
Dec. 31					
Orange Bowl at Miami					
Florida St.	15	13½	(58½)	N. Illinois	
Dec. 31					
Sugar Bowl at New Orleans					
Florida	13½	13½	(45½)	Louisville	
Dec. 31					
Fiesta Bowl at Glendale, Ariz.					
Oregon	9½	9	(75½)	Kansas St.	
Dec. 31					
Cotton Bowl at Arlington, Texas					
Texas A&M	3	4½	(72)	Oklahoma	
Dec. 31					
Compass Bowl at Birmingham, Ala.					
Mississippi	1½	3½	(52½)	Pittsburgh	
Dec. 31					
Goldaddy.Com Bowl at Mobile, Ala.					
Arkansas St.	+1	4	(61½)	Kent St.	
Dec. 31					
BCS National Championship at Miami					
Alabama	7½	10	(41½)	Notre Dame	
NFL					
Today					
FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG	
Green Bay	3	2½	(43)	at Chicago	
at Atlanta	1	1½	(50½)	N.Y. Giants	
at New Orleans	3	3½	(54)	Tampa Bay	
at St. Louis	3	3½	(54)	Minnesota	
Washington	1	1	(45)	at Cleveland	
at Miami	7	7½	(37½)	Jacksonville	
Denver	2½	3	(48)	at Baltimore	
at Houston	8	9½	(47½)	Indianapolis	
at San Diego	3	3	(45)	Carolina	
Seattle	3	3	(43)	at Buffalo	
Detroit	6½	6½	(43½)	at Arizona	
Pittsburgh	+1	1½	(44½)	at Dallas	
at Oakland	2½	3	(43½)	Kansas City	
at New England	3	4½	(46½)	San Francisco	
Tomorrow					
at Tennessee	1	1½	(41½)	N.Y. Jets	
at Toronto					

NCAA BASKETBALL

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
at Rutgers	6½	UAB
at Villanova	5	Delaware
at DePaul	19	N. Illinois
at Pepperdine	9	Cent. Michigan
at Mo.-Kansas City	4	Appalachian St.
at James Madison	5½	UNC Greensboro
at Fairleigh St.	10½	at Murray St.
at Arkansas St.	11½	W. Kentucky
at Fairplay	3	Drexel
at Illinois	17	E. Kentucky

at Tennessee	1	1½	(41½)	N.Y. Jets
x-at Toronto				

Basketball

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTIC				
New York	18	5	.783	—
Brooklyn	19	10	.656	5½
Philadelphia	11	11	.522	6
Boston	12	11	.522	6
Toronto	5	19	.208	13½
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	15	6	.714	—
Atlanta	14	7	.667	1
Orlando	10	13	.435	6
Charlotte	7	16	.304	9
Washington	3	18	.143	12
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	13	9	.591	—
Milwaukee	12	9	.571	½
Indiana	13	11	.542	1
Detroit	7	19	.269	8
Cleveland	5	20	.200	9½
WESTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	19	6	.760	—
Memphis	14	6	.700	2½
Houston	11	11	.500	6½
Dallas	11	13	.458	7½
New Orleans	5	17	.227	12½
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	19	4	.826	—
Minnesota	12	9	.571	6
Utah	13	11	.542	6½
Denver	12	12	.500	7½
Portland	10	12	.455	8½
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	16	6	.727	—
Golden State	16	8	.667	1
L.A. Lakers	10	14	.417	7
Phoenix	9	15	.375	8
Sacramento	7	15	.318	9

Friday's Games

Toronto	95	Dallas	74
Indiana	95	Philadelphia	85
Oregon	93	Golden State	85
Denver	102	Washington	96
Milwaukee	90	Cleveland	86
Brooklyn	107	Detroit	105,20T
Houston	101	Boston	89
Minnesota	113	New Orleans	102
Oklahoma City	113	Sacramento	103
Phoenix	99	Utah	84
San Antonio	99	Memphis	94

Saturday's Games

Golden State	115	Atlanta	93
New York	103	Cleveland	102
Orlando	107	Charlotte	98
Indiana	88	Detroit	77
Miami	102	Washington	72
Chicago	83	Brooklyn	82
Minnesota	114	Dallas	106
OT San Antonio	103	Boston	88
L.A. Clippers	at Milwaukee	late	
Memphis	at Utah	late	

Sunday's Games		Houston		at Toronto, 11 a.m.	
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at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.		New Orleans		at Portland, 7 p.m.	
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Detroit		at New York, 5:30 p.m.		L.A. Clippers	
at Houston, 5:30 p.m.		Chicago		at Memphis, 6 p.m.	
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at Phoenix, 7 p.m.					

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3-Point Goals—Dallas 7-14 (Fisher 3-5, Carter 2-2, Mayo 2-3, Crowder 0-1, Beaubois 0-1, Collison 0-2), Minnesota 6-23 (Shved 3-5, Barea 2-3, Ridnour 1-7, Williams 0-2, Kirklenko 0-3, Rubio 0-3). Fouled Out—Carter, Fisher. Rebounds—Dallas 48 (Marion 10), Minnesota 60 (Kirklenko 10). Assists—Dallas 24 (Mayo 6), Minnesota 28 (Rubio 9). Total Fouls—Dallas 29, Minnesota 18. A-18,173 (19,356).				

Arizona Overcomes Nevada 49-48 in New Mexico Bowl

BY RUSSELL CONTRERAS
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. • Matt Scott threw two short touch-down passes in the final 46 seconds and college football's post-season started with a wild one when Arizona rallied past Nevada 49-48 Saturday in the New Mexico Bowl.

Overcoming a slow start and three big turnovers, Arizona (8-5) recovered an onside kick in the last minute, setting up Scott's 2-yard toss to Terrence Miller with 19 seconds left for the winning score.

Arizona trailed 21-0 in the first quarter and was down 45-

28 entering the final period. Scott threw for 382 yards and marched his team back into the game despite two earlier interceptions.

The nation's rushing leader, Ka'Deem Carey, gained 172 yards for the Wildcats and but fell short of becoming only the 16th running back in NCAA history to reach 2,000 yards in a season.

The teams combined for 1,237 total yards, the second most of any bowl game.

Cody Fajardo threw for three touchdowns and ran for another score to lead the Wolf Pack (7-6). He had 256 yards passing and 140 yards rushing and controlled

most of the game, completing 22 of 32 throws.

Stefphon Jefferson, the nation's second-leading rusher, ran for 180 yards for Nevada and also seemed unstoppable as the Wolf Pack took a 21-0 lead and held on to it for most of the game.

But after forcing Nevada to kick a field goal with 1:48 left, Scott drove the Wildcats down 75 yards in about a minute. Arizona then recovered an onside kick and Scott marched Arizona into the end zone after three plays and 51 yards.

Rich Rodriguez, in his first season as Arizona head coach, is now 3-5 in bowl game appearances.



Arizona quarterback Matt Scott runs for a first down as Nevada's Albert Rosette pursues during the second half of the New Mexico Bowl NCAA college football game in Albuquerque, N.M., Saturday.

Seven Leaving Big East to Build Basketball Conference

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

The seven Big East schools that don't play major college football are separating from the conference many of them founded so they can build a league focused on basketball.

The presidents of the seven schools made the announcement Saturday, two days after their intentions were first reported.

"Earlier today we voted unanimously to pursue an orderly evolution to a foundation of basketball schools that honors the history and tradition on which the Big East was established," a statement said. "Under the context of conference realignment, we believe pursuing a new basketball framework that builds on this tradition of excellence and competition is the best way forward."

The seven schools venturing out on their own are: Georgetown, St. John's, Villanova, DePaul, Marquette, Seton Hall and Providence.

"The institutions that have been committed to

men's basketball have made a decision that they are going to continue to stay committed to men's basketball," Marquette coach Buzz Williams said after the Warriors beat Savannah State in Milwaukee.

Georgetown, St. John's, Seton Hall and Providence helped form the Big East, which started playing basketball in 1979. Villanova joined in 1980, and Marquette and DePaul in 2005. The Big East began playing football in 1991.

The basketball schools gave no details about their plans, such as when they want to depart and whether they will attempt to keep the name Big East.

"St. John's would love to keep the Big East name," said the Rev. Donald J. Harrington, the president of St. John's, who emphasized he was speaking only for his school. "I would like to hear what the football schools think and then try to make a compromise."

Big East bylaws require departing members give the conference 27 months' notice, but the league has ne-

gotiated early departures with Syracuse, Pittsburgh and West Virginia over the past year. Those schools all had to pay exit fees. Big East rules do allow schools to leave as a group without being obligated to pay exit fees.

"I think what the statement basically says is within the structure of the Big East conference we have the opportunity as a group to exercise a right to, in an orderly fashion, separate from the conference," Georgetown athletic director Lee Reed said after the Hoyas played in Washington. "The details of all the questions that you're thinking about, those things have been considered, but now is certainly not the time to discuss those in a public setting."

There also are millions of dollars in NCAA basketball tournament money and exit fees collected recently that will need to be divvied up.

The latest hit to the Big East leaves Connecticut, also a founding member, Cincinnati, Temple and South Florida — the four current members with FBS

football programs — as the only schools currently in the Big East that are scheduled to be there beyond the 2013-14 school year.

"The basketball institu-

tions have notified us that they plan to withdraw from the Big East," Commissioner Mike Aresco said in a statement. "The membership recognizes their contribu-

tions over the long distinguished history of the Big East. The 13 members of the conference are confident and united regarding our collective future."

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Sean Chuma BASE jumps from the Perrine Bridge in Twin Falls.

The Man Whose Injury Won't Keep Him from Falling

BY TETONA DUNLAP

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When We Met

I unofficially met Sean Chuma on Facebook after he responded to a message I sent back in July. I was new to town then, and one of my first memories of Twin Falls was watching in horror as a man jumped from the Perrine Bridge. Of course I didn't know then that Twin Falls and the bridge were epicenters for BASE jumpers around the country and internationally.

I was intrigued and placed some phone calls hoping to talk with a local BASE jumper for a potential story. Chuma was one of those people, and I was surprised when five months later I received a response.

Chuma said he had been injured while BASE jumping in June and had received a number of messages at the time. He finally noticed my inquiry in the stack of old messages, and Dec. 12 we met in person at Java in Twin Falls.

Chuma was wearing a brown stocking hat and a gray sweatshirt with the initials RDS on the front. That stands for Red Dragon Skate, a clothing company based in Canada.

How You Might Know Him

Chuma moved to Twin Falls six years ago from San Diego. Chuma, 33, started skydiving at 16 and came to Twin Falls to perform his first BASE jump from the Perrine Bridge.

He described that jump as "sensory overload." Instead of a 50-second free fall he was used to with skydiving, he found himself falling for only three to four seconds.

"I'm a lot more calm now than I was," Chuma said. "I was ... nervous, but I was there to do it. I had been waiting all my life to do it, and there was no way I was going to back down."

After Chuma literally fell for the sport, he moved to Idaho and now calls Twin Falls his "headquarters for life."

"This is the only place that's so BASE friendly. It's a good place to learn, and the community is totally supportive here," he said.

As of Dec. 12 he had logged 1,770 BASE jumps and about 1,600 skydives. He said he is known for aerial tricks or flips he does while free-falling.

"You progress like in any sport and you become more in tune and you can break down time better, three or four seconds, time slows down. I'd equate it to being a ninja."

In June, Chuma said, his leg was almost torn off when a parachute wrapped around it before opening. It was the second time he's been injured while BASE jumping or skydiving.

He had a seven-hour surgery and was on crutches for months. But just last month he BASE jumped for the first time since being hurt.

What's Next for Him

Chuma is an instructor at TandemBASE in Twin Falls but spends a lot of time traveling the country and the world BASE jumping and skydiving.

After our interview Chuma had to pack for a drive to Boise to catch a flight to Texas. He will be there for five days filming a commercial for Onnit Labs LLC, a company that specializes in supplements, with Joe Rogan, who hosted "Fear Factor," and his friend Donald Schultz, who hosted Animal Planet's series "Wild Recon" and "Venom in Vegas."

Chuma and Schultz became friends after Schultz took BASE jumping lessons in Twin Falls and Chuma was his instructor. The two are currently working together on a documentary film; "Vertical Playground" is about BASE jumping, with scenes filmed in Twin Falls, and Red Dragon Skate is among the sponsors.

Is this what he imagined doing when he was younger? Chuma said it was close. He wanted to be a stuntman when he was 8. He said his younger self wanted to do fun stuff and get paid for it.

In Texas, he said, the plan is to BASE jump out of a hot air balloon for the commercial.

It sounds like his childhood dream has already come true.

Tell Tetona Dunlap whom she should meet next for her weekly column: 735-3243 or tdunlap@magicvalley.com.



Gloria Johnson works on a woodcarving Wednesday night in Kathy Peterson's shop in Twin Falls.

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WHEN THE Carvers GET TOGETHER, THE chips FLY

BY PAUL DUNN

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TWIN FALLS • The cheeks of the eight woodworkers glowed Christmas red.

Makes sense: They were sitting close to a huge, simmering cast-iron furnace inside Kathryn Peterson's backyard carving studio Wednesday night.

It's possible, too, they were glowing from sheer artistic concentration, holiday cheer and delicious homemade cookies.

Though officially retired, Peterson buries her fingers in a lot of pies these days: In warmer months, the military veteran runs a pontoon safety boat for BASE jumpers and other Snake River-area outdoor enthusiasts, commands the Stradley 5 chapter of the Twin Falls Disabled American Veterans, is on the honor guard for military funerals, and is an active member of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

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A wood giraffe that Kathy Peterson carved on display at her home.

Keeping Poinsettias Happy to Be in Idaho

If you follow two simple guidelines you can keep your poinsettias looking good through the holidays.



Susan Harris

All the Dirt

Back in the day, rumors and myths used to spread slowly until they grew into commonly accepted truths. We can look back at that time with derision, realizing how much better informed we are now. Thanks to the Internet we have the resources to rise above these foolish traditions and be truth seekers.

All of which sounds noble in theory, but in practice we often prefer to ignore our access to verification and accept random misinformation. As an example, despite years of rebuttal many still believe poinsettias to be poisonous. They are not. They also are not edible, so don't include the leaves in your Christmas salad.

The persistence of this rumor may be in part due to poinsettias being related to some plants that are

toxic. But being related to something toxic doesn't make you toxic. At least that's what I tell myself when witnessing familial behavior at holiday gatherings. Although some still assume they are dangerous, poinsettias continue to be a Christmas favorite — and thanks to extensive breeding, have become much more durable.

If you follow two simple guidelines you can keep your poinsettias looking good until the last piece of tinsel is vacuumed out of the carpet.

1) **Protect from cold.** Don't transport poinsettias outside without a sleeve (the wrap-

pers they are usually sold with); this is especially important in keeping the cold, dry Magic Valley wind off of them. Don't leave them in an unheated car for more than just a few minutes; poinsettias will be damaged if exposed to temperatures below 40 degrees. They will tolerate 40 degrees for a short time but prefer temperatures of at least 60 degrees.

2) **Watch the water.** Most poinsettias come with a pot cover that keeps them from dripping water onto your table or floor. However, don't allow water to stay in the bottom of this cover for

Please see DIRT, P3



Curt Steen, right, created this bark carving of a house.

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Carving

Continued from People 1

“I kind of do this as a community service,” she said, referring to her safety boat activities. But the statement could just as easily define her other activities — such as her informal weekly carving classes in the 1,200-square-foot wood building behind her small Twin Falls home on Filer Avenue.

Though she’s a bit hard to pin down on dates, Peterson, 64, said she has been carving seriously since about 1980. It wasn’t until 1991, however, that she learned one of her craft’s most valuable lessons.



Peterson

While stationed in Germany near the end of her 12 years in the U.S. Navy — she’d been in the U.S. Air Force for eight years before her Navy stint — she was having trouble carving a plaque for a Navy chief.

“It was just harder than it should have been,” she said.

Turns out, she hadn’t recognized the most basic of woodcarver skills — one she said novice and some veteran carvers alike often overlook.

“I’d been sculpting all my life, but I didn’t know how to sharpen tools,” she recalled.

A master carver in a small German town nearby showed her the error of her ways, and



G. Schmidt works on a house he’s carving Wednesday night in Kathy Peterson’s shop. At right is novice carver Desiree Kuhn.

Peterson ended up with a masterpiece.

“They (the Navy chief and others) were stunned,” she said. “They hadn’t known someone to go through that much work to make a plaque for someone.”

The local carvers in Peterson’s studio Wednesday night — beginners and veterans — know all about the rigors of woodworking, and they love it. Observe the carvers for just a short time, and you’ll come away with this concept: Dexterity, concentration and patience — the basic tenants required for any craft — are for these artisans also soothing,

satisfying and challenging.

Carving-class participant Desiree Kuhn, 24, has been carving for a couple of years. She had completed about 75 percent of her current project, a rose fashioned inside an oval basswood frame. Her delight was obvious.

“The joys of doing this is to see the finished product and what you have accomplished,” she said. “As a beginner, my biggest challenge is making deep enough cuts, though amazingly it doesn’t take much strength.”

A table away, World War II veteran G. Schmidt, 86 — the elder statesman of the group — quietly observed.

The longtime Twin Falls resident has been carving since 1988 and has earned the distinction “master carver,” a designation applied to his work, he said, by other carvers of equal stature.

“I like to carve large relief wall plaques about 28 inches by 40 inches,” Schmidt said. “Mostly I’m into Old European subjects. The designs have to flow, or I don’t like them.”

Carving is a challenge, Schmidt said, but the results justify the work.

“Every carving is a challenge to the carver, but they all feel real good when you

finish,” he said. “And then, you can’t wait to begin the next one.”

Along the way, the friendships made with other carvers accentuate the positive attributes of the craft, he added.

“Carvers are a great bunch of people, and it’s a great hobby,” Schmidt said. “Learning is free. You just have to put your time in.”

Peterson certainly has.

Though her veteran’s activities have taken much of her time lately, the dedicated carver — who, by the way, doesn’t consider herself a “master” — carved her first large piece, a gorgeous solid

mahogany curio cabinet, in 1992. But she’d honed her skills on a variety of whimsical subjects well before then.

Living in and on the shelves in her living room are replica carousel horses, tiny human-like caricatures and peeled-back golf balls, the innards whittled to represent subjects far and wide. She even carves pattern in gun stocks.

She estimated her carvings can take anywhere from several hours to weeks depending on their size and complexity.

Another Peterson protege, Twin Falls resident Curt Steen, 72, has been carving for four years. On display Wednesday was one of his favorite pieces, a minutely detailed cabin carved from cottonwood tree bark. The piece took him three weeks to finish.

“I enjoy working with my hands,” said Steen, who figures he carves an average of two days a week. “Starting the projects are the most challenging.”

Over in a corner, Twin Falls native Gloria Johnson, 67, was painstakingly gouging away on a wall hanging of a flower out of basswood, a soft wood ideal for carving, Peterson said.

“The most challenging part of this is carving something that actually looks like something,” said Johnson, who took up the craft about three years ago. “We have some disasters, but Kathy somehow gets us through them.”

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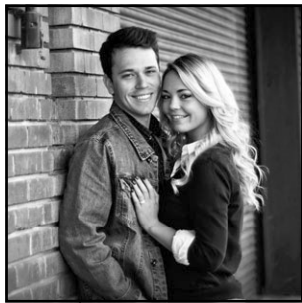
Engagements

Broadhead-Redder

Glen and Tammy Broadhead are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Macy, to Kace Redder, son of Guy and Karen Redder.

Macy graduated from Minico High School and is currently attending Utah Valley University in Orem, UT where she is majoring in modern dance. She also teaches dance at The Pointe in Highland, UT.

Kace graduated from Burley High School and served a mission for the LDS Church in the Iowa Des Moines Mission. He is currently studying business at Brigham Young University in Provo, UT.



Macy Broadhead
and Kace Redder

Their marriage is planned for Friday, the 21st of December in the Salt Lake City Temple. A reception will be held in their honor on Saturday, the 22nd of December at the Burley Inn. Kace and Macy will reside in Provo to continue their education.

Weddings

Crouch-Gilbert

Peter and Audra Gilbert of Malta, Idaho are pleased to announce the marriage of their son Colten Gilbert to Abby Crouch, the daughter of Joel and Sarah Crouch of Weston, Idaho on Saturday, December 15, 2012 in the Logan LDS temple.

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Tolkien Class Proves Popular

MILWAUKEE (AP) • The vast collection of J.R.R. Tolkien manuscripts initially sold senior Joe Kirchoff on Marquette University, so when the school offered its first course devoted exclusively to the English author, Kirchoff wanted in. The only problem: It was full and he wasn't on the literature track. Undaunted, the 22-year-old political science and history major lobbied the English department and others starting last spring and through the summer and "kind of just made myself a problem," he said. His persistence paid off. "It's a fantastic course," said Kirchoff, a Chicago native. "It's a great way to look at something that's such a creative work of genius in such a way you really come to understand the man behind it." He and the 31 other students can now boast of their authority about the author who influenced much of today's high fantasy writing. The course was taught for the first time this fall as part of the university's celebration of the 75th anniversary of "The

Hobbit" being published. And class wrapped up just before the film, "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," was released Friday. The class, which filled up fast with mostly seniors who had first dibs, looked at Tolkien as a whole, not just the popular "Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit." Students took their final exam this week, and the course was so well received, Marquette is considering more in the future. "It's the best class I've had in 27 years here ... for student preparation, interest and enthusiasm," said English professor Tim Machan. "And I can throw out any topic and they will have read the material and they want to talk about the material." Marquette is one of the main repositories of Tolkien's drafts, drawings and other writings — more than 11,000 pages. It has the manuscripts for "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit," as well as his lesser-known "Farmer Giles of Ham" and his children's book "Mr. Bliss." Marquette was the first institution to ask Tolkien for the

manuscripts in 1956 and paid him about \$5,000. The university acquired the collection after it hired William Ready in 1956 to build its literary collection. Ready, who became interested in Tolkien after reading "The Hobbit," in turn hired Bertram Rota, a London rare book dealer, to serve as the agent for Marquette. Rota wrote to Tolkien and asked for his original manuscripts. Tolkien happened to be worried about his retirement finances and agreed to the sale. Tolkien died in 1973. Ready left Marquette in 1963 to head the library at McMaster University in Ontario. The department of special collections and archives is now named for him. Ready died in 1981. Other significant collections are at the Bodleian Library at Oxford University in England and Wheaton College in Illinois. Though Tolkien classes aren't unusual nationwide, Marquette students had the added bonus of being able to visit Tolkien's revisions, notes, detailed calendars,

maps and watercolors on site at the school's archive. And they got a lesson from the school's archivist Bill Fliss. "One of the things we wanted to impress upon the students was the fact that Tolkien was a fanatical reviser," said Fliss said. "He never really did anything once and was finished with it." Chrissy Wabiszewski, a senior English major, described Tolkien's manuscripts as art. "When you get down and look at just his script and his artwork in general, it all kind of flows together in this really beautiful, like, cumulative form," Wabiszewski said. "It's cool. It is just really cool to have it here." The class also looked at Tolkien's poetry, academic articles and translations of medieval poems.

Dirt

Continued from People 1

over 30 minutes. Depending on the temperature of the room they are displayed in, poinsettias should be watered one to three times a week; usually every four to five days is enough. It's OK if the soil surface becomes slightly dry, but don't allow the soil to become any dryer than that. After the New Year I recommend putting the stale sugar cookies and the poinsettia in the same

place: the garbage. Some people have successfully re-bloomed a poinsettia for the following Christmas, but then some people have climbed mountains over 20,000 feet. In my opinion both of these projects have costs far outweighing the benefits. To get a poinsettia to re-bloom on schedule you need to provide 14 hours of uninterrupted darkness each night and bright light for the other 10 hours. And you need to do this faithfully for six to eight weeks starting Oct. 1. I have never tried to get a poinsettia to bloom at home,

but then I have never tried performing heart surgery at home either. After working for years in commercial greenhouses in Idaho and Utah, Susan Harris of Shoshone is a garden designer and garden coach. Reach her at colormygarden@caleone.net.

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Senior Center Sells Cookies for the Holidays

JEROME • Just in time for Christmas. The Jerome Senior Center will be selling homemade frosted holiday cookies. They are \$3.50 per dozen and orders must be placed by December 19. For more information or to place your order please call Ada Carter at 324-5642.



Kiefer Starks, left, and Jake Packham are seen.

Local Students Make Honor Choir

TWIN FALLS • Canyon Ridge High School students Kiefer Starks and Jake Packham and Twin Falls High School students Jocey Taylor, Michael Kezele and Rachael Wilkinson have been selected to participate in the biennial National Association for Music Education All-Northwest Mixed Honor Choir.

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TWIN FALLS • The Magic Valley Detachment of the Marine Corps League will have its Toys for Tots train at the Magic Valley Mall by Shopko in the Magic Valley Mall this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15 and 16.

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Nursing student Lottie Lucas, left, received one of the \$500 Fall Cassia Regional Volunteer scholarships from Laurell Adams, Volunteer Scholarship chairman.

LOTTIE LUCAS AWARDED NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

BURLEY • Cassia Regional Medical Center Volunteers recently selected nursing student Lottie Lucas to receive one of their \$500 fall scholarships.

Lucas is a nursing student at the College of Southern Idaho, with plans to graduate in May 2013. After graduation, she would like to work in a rural Idaho hospital setting such as Cassia Regional Medical Center. “I have a great love

for the older generation, and would like to work with the elderly sometime in the future as well,” Lucas said.

Cassia Regional Medical Center Volunteers accept applications for scholarships that are submitted by Nov. 1 and June 1 of each year and awarded for spring and fall semesters. Applications are available at the Cottage Gift Shop located in the lobby at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

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Gooding Duplicate Bridge

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Unit 400 Christmas Party

TWIN FALLS • Flight A: 1. Barbara and Gary Carney, 2. Edna Pierson and Sue Skinner, 3. Renee Bulcher and Jessie Lingnaw, 4. Peggy Hackley and Shirley Tschannen, 5. Joyce Johnston and Doris Finney, 6. Janet Wirth and Sue Carver. Flight B: 1. Carney, 2. Johnston and Finney, 3. Wirth and Carver, 4. Beverly Reed and Betty Jeppesen, 5. Billie Park and Wilma Shockey. Flight C: 1. Park and Shockey, 2. Pa and Dennis Hill, 3. Candace and Ted Witt, 4. Duane Schneberger and Dan Meehl.

Twin Falls Duplicate Bridge

Flight A: 1. Riley Burton and Marilyn Nesbit, Duane Schneberger and Max Thompson; 2. Kathy Rooney and John Larimer, Bobette Plankey and Beverly Burns; 3. Marilyn Botkin and Renee Bulcher, Ruth and Don Rahe. Flight B: 1. Veeta Roberts and Dottie, Miller and Pat Dearborn.

BJ Duplicate Bridge

The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert has announced the results of play for Dec. 11.

North-South: 1. Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey, 2. Duane Schneberger and Shirley Tschannen, 3. Steve and Nancy Sams.

East-West: 1. Marlene Temple and Shirley Harris, 2. Gary and Barbara Carney, 3. Eunice Merrigan and Vera Mai.

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Lost and Found

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Terrier cross black male

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Pit cross pup black and white male

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Border Collie black and white male

Collie cross tan with white feet female

Schnauzer terrier black and gray female

Shepherd cross tan male

Collie Chow blond male name Stryker

Border Collie cross black and white fluffy pup male

Cocker Spaniel cross brown and tan neutered male

Lab chocolate male

Cocker Spaniel cross black female

Terrier Lab cross pup white with tan female

Pit chocolate spayed female name Mystique-long timer

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Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I know that if I am on lead against no-trump and my partner has doubled dummy's suit bid that I must lead that suit (unless I have a very good reason not to). However, say that I bid one heart over one club and LHO bids diamonds, RHO ending up in three no-trump, doubled by my partner. Does my partner's double demand that I lead diamonds, or does it show that he has something in hearts and thinks that we can set three no-trump? (I led a heart, and my partner didn't approve!)

Dick Deadeye, Marco Island, Fla.

ANSWER: Here is a simple rule: Double asks opening leader to lead his suit if the doubler has not had a chance to support cheaply. But if he did have a chance and didn't take it — as here — it demands an alternative lead. On the auction shown I'd guess diamonds.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

In fourth chair, I held ♠ Q-J-4, ♥ Q-7-4, ♦ 10-9-2, ♣ A-10-8-7. My partner opened one heart. I chose to raise to two hearts, rather than bid one no-trump, but when my partner bid three diamonds, I thought I had nothing extra and rebid three hearts, missing a game. Was I wrong?

Slow Developer, Toronto, Ontario

ANSWER: Your raise to two hearts looks right — support with support is a sound principle. Over three diamonds you might have tried three no-trump with your solid black-suit stops, but your actual choice of three hearts is reasonable too.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Can you please explain what you mean by "attitude" signals? How does this interact with what my friends call the obvious shift?

Last Call, Palm Springs, Calif.

ANSWER: Attitude signals mean that third hand plays a high card to encourage continuation of the suit (or to suggest NOT switching) and a low card to discourage

or ask for the obvious shift. High says Ay, Low says No, as English International Andrew Robson says. Defining the obvious shift is not as easy as it might sound, though...

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I opened one diamond, holding ♠ J-7, ♥ A-4, ♦ A-K-8-4-3, ♣ Q-J-7-5, and my partner responded one spade. When I rebid two clubs, he supported me to two diamonds. Should I bid three diamonds, or two no-trump now, or explore with two hearts?

High Hopes, Boulder, Colorado

ANSWER: When partner gives preference to two diamonds, he typically has only two or three diamonds and 6-10 points. To my mind, passing two diamonds is the percentage action — any advance may get you uncomfortably high. But perhaps the diamond 10 might be enough to persuade me to make a slightly pushy game-try of two no-trump?

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I notice that the lead in partner's suit is typically the smallest card in that side's bid suit. Many years ago when I learned to play I was taught always to lead the highest card in my partner's bid suit, if for no other reason my partner "would know where that card was" since it is our suit. Please help me understand what the downside is in leading my highest card in our suit on the opening lead.

Jungle Jim, Indianapolis, Indiana

ANSWER: The danger of leading high (especially the ace, king or queen) from three cards when your partner has five or six cards is that you give up an honor unnecessarily when declarer has length with a top honor and the jack such as K-J-x or A-J-x. Also, partner may think you have two cards only and switch prematurely, or try to give you a ruff and cost a trick or a tempo.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, email him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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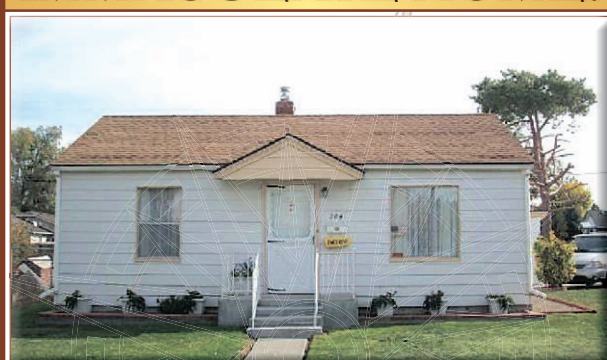
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On Dec. 16, 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea into Boston Harbor to protest tea taxes.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became lord protector of England, Scotland and Ireland.

In 1809, the French Senate granted a divorce decree to Emperor Napoleon I and Empress Josephine (the dissolution was made final the following month).

In 1811, the first of the powerful New Madrid earthquakes struck the central Mississippi Valley with an estimated magnitude of 7.7.

In 1907, 16 U.S. Navy battleships, which came to be known as the "Great White Fleet," set sail on a 14-month round-the-world voyage to demonstrate American sea power.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise attack against Allied forces in Belgium (the Allies were eventually able to beat the Germans back).

In 1951, a Miami Airlines Curtiss C-46 Commando crashed just after takeoff from Newark Airport in New Jersey, killing all 56 people on board.

In 1960, 134 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-8 and a TWA Super Constellation collided over New York City.

In 1962, Nepal's Panchayat Constitution was proclaimed.

In 1976, the government halted its swine flu vaccination program following reports of paralysis apparently linked to the vaccine.

In 1982, Environmental Protection Agency head Anne M. Gorsuch became the first Cabinet-level officer to be cited for contempt of Congress for refusing to submit documents requested by a congressional committee.

In 1987, the romantic comedy-drama "Moonstruck," starring Cher and Nicolas Cage, was released in New York City, the film's setting.

In 1991, the U.N. General Assembly rescinded its 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism by a vote of 111-25.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush named former New Jersey Governor Thomas Kean (kayn) to replace Henry Kissinger as head of the panel investigating the September 11 terror attacks. Senate Republican leader Trent Lott, in an interview on Black Entertainment Television, asked black Americans to forgive his seeming nostalgia for segregation. Canada ratified the Kyoto Protocol on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. A threatened New York City transit strike was averted. A jury in Baltimore acquitted former altar boy Dontee Stokes of attempted murder in the shooting of a Roman Catholic priest he'd claimed molested him a decade earlier.

Five years ago: British forces formally handed over to Iraq responsibility for Basra, the last Iraqi region under their control. Turkish warplanes hit Kurdish rebel targets in northern Iraq, the largest aerial attack in years against the separatist group. Singer-songwriter Dan Fogelberg died in Deer Isle, Maine, at age 56.

One year ago: Former Penn State graduate assistant Mike McQueary testified that he believed he saw ex-assistant coach Jerry Sandusky molesting a boy and that he fully conveyed what he had seen to two Penn State administrators; a judge sent the cases of Tim Curley and Gary Schultz, accused of lying to a grand jury, to trial. An investigative report showed that thousands of children suffered sexual abuse in Dutch Roman Catholic institutions over the past 65 years, and that church officials failed to adequately address the abuse or help the victims. In San Francisco, eight years of being investigated for steroid allegations ended for home run king Barry Bonds with a 30-day sentence to be served at home.

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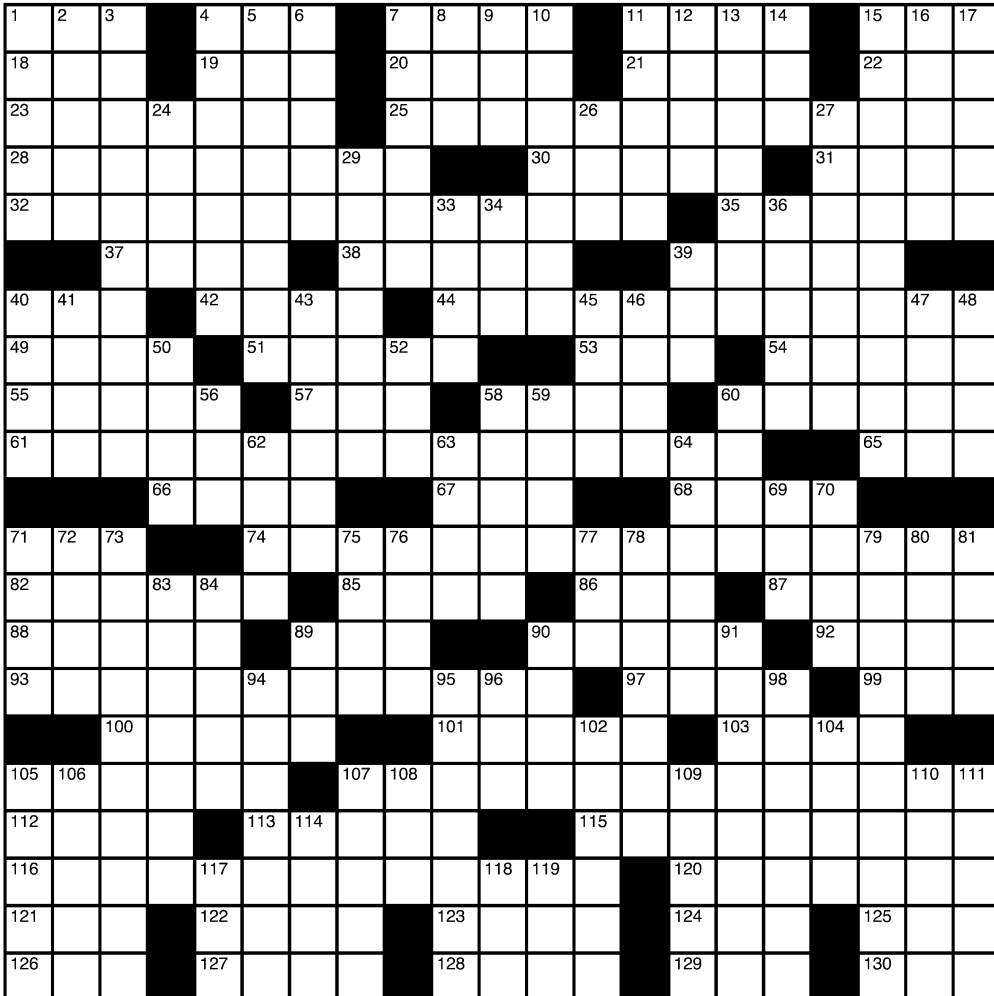
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ACROSS

- 1 PC core
- 4 NYC airport
- 7 Shia holy man
- 11 Short
- 15 Driver's economy meas.
- 18 ___ Tin Tin
- 19 Its "Concise" version has more than 1,700 pgs.
- 20 Orkan sign-off half
- 21 Sailing, say
- 22 Uncommon size
- 23 Nine-circles literary locale
- 25 Coward's path?
- 28 Oregon's Douglas fir, e.g.
- 30 Uncertain
- 31 General ___ chicken
- 32 Sleeping watchman, say?
- 35 "Dead parrot" sketch actor
- 37 London's ___ Modern
- 38 Secret supply
- 39 Roman naturalist
- 40 Letters for a British princess
- 42 Tennis legend
- 44 Bro who cracks insensitive jokes?
- 49 Clumsy types
- 51 Uncle's mate
- 53 "Telephone Line" gp.
- 55 Vatican masterpiece
- 55 Cute cases
- 57 Grasp
- 58 White hat, in oaters
- 60 Skewed
- 61 Chores done altruistically?
- 65 Oolong or souchong
- 66 Jam cause, maybe
- 67 Subway opposites
- 68 Like much lore
- 71 "That's refreshing!"
- 74 Cruel school assistant?
- 82 Capital affected by typhoons
- 85 "The Highwayman" daughter
- 86 Theta preceder
- 87 Like a good guess
- 88 Powerful god
- 89 Classic Pearl Jam album
- 90 "Inside the NBA" analyst
- 92 'Tis the season
- 93 Naive Romeo?
- 97 Latin trio word
- 99 Psalm 23 comforter
- 100 "Under the Redwoods" author
- 101 AMD rival



- 103 Kitten's plaything
- 105 Playground retort
- 107 Pixie whose dust lacks potency?
- 112 Cub with records
- 113 Necklace gem
- 115 One-legged ballet pose
- 116 Stairway to heaven?
- 120 Is connected
- 121 Old MGM rival
- 122 Meat
- 123 Put a handle on
- 124 Vague time frame indicator
- 125 Sargasso swimmer
- 126 German sunrise direction
- 127 Small bills
- 128 Beethoven's nine: Abbr.
- 129 First name in comics villains
- 130 QB's coups

- 7 Put away
- 8 Egyptian ___
- 9 Army unit
- 10 Muslim theologians
- 11 Examined, as a joint
- 12 1979 Afghanistan invader: Abbr.
- 13 Use color-coded cans, say
- 14 Lao Tzu principle
- 15 British Invasion genre named for Liverpool's river
- 16 Mexican change
- 17 Honkers
- 24 Sicilian high point
- 26 Ballad's end?
- 27 Spork, for one
- 29 Reputed Dead Sea Scrolls transcribers
- 33 Concert receipts
- 34 Ryder Cup team
- 36 Imitates Daffy
- 39 Arafat's org. until 2004
- 40 Breaks ground
- 41 Assign stars to
- 43 Annoyance
- 45 Bird that migrates from the Arctic to Antarctica
- 46 Sci-fi people

- 47 ___ Reader: eclectic magazine
- 48 Facts and figures
- 50 Baker's verb
- 52 Noir hero
- 56 City NW of Santa Barbara, to locals
- 58 "___ Kitchen": Gordon Ramsay show
- 59 No trouble at all
- 60 Farming prefix
- 62 Comprehensive, gradewise
- 63 "Shall we?" reply
- 64 Polite reply
- 69 RSA ruling party
- 70 Showy bloom
- 71 "___ girl!"
- 72 "What a Piece of Work Is Man" musical
- 73 Fulfill an urgent desire
- 75 Explorer Tasman
- 76 Nevada casino city
- 77 Cong. member
- 78 Rickey Henderson, notably
- 79 Ambulance bandage
- 80 1952 Olympics city
- 81 Oboe component

- 83 Like tongue-against-roof-of-the-mouth consonants
- 84 Febrero preceder
- 89 Mao ___-tung
- 90 Surg. branch
- 91 Exposures
- 94 Makes a call
- 95 Orchestra section
- 96 Foe of Saruman, in Tolkien
- 98 Controversial high school health lesson
- 102 Makes happy
- 104 Throaty sound
- 105 Space age
- 106 Corner pieces
- 107 First family before the Wilsons
- 108 Magic, on scoreboards
- 109 Saharan region
- 110 Held power
- 111 Cheerleaders' repertoire
- 114 In ___: truly
- 117 Group decision-making challenge
- 118 In high spirits
- 119 "Let me think ..."

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DEAR ABBY: I have been separated for three years and am now going through a divorce. I have started a new relationship, and, for the first time, I know what being in love feels like.



“Mason” is a remarkable man with many great qualities. However, when we go to my friends’ parties, they often make comments and belittle him because he didn’t graduate from college. Mason is a security guard. It doesn’t bother me, but I feel bad when people ask him why he didn’t become a police officer “instead.”

My friends are all professionals who married other professionals. They don’t realize that they can sometimes be snobs. I don’t know how to approach this subject without getting into an awkward confrontation. Mason’s feelings were hurt before by a prior girlfriend whose family and friends thought he was a loser because he’s a security guard.

I love him and want this to work. Why do I let other people’s comments affect me? And how can I approach them about this matter?

— **UNHAPPY IN NEW YORK**

DEAR UNHAPPY: You may be affected because your friends are unable to see the wonderful qualities in Mason that you do. Please understand that they may feel they are trying to look out for your best interests after what has to be a traumatic disappointment — the long, depressing slog through your divorce. If your friends persist in making comments to Mason about his job, you should ask them to please stop because they are making BOTH of you uncomfortable.

However, I would be remiss if I didn’t caution you: After someone has experienced a divorce, it is not unusual to experience a rush of adrenaline — a kind of “high” — during the next relationship. While it seems idyllic, the problem is that it usually doesn’t last, which is why rebound relationships often don’t work out. This is not to imply that there is anything wrong with Mason, only that you would be wise to take your time before rushing into another marriage.

DEAR ABBY: I want to be at home on Christmas! Am I so bad? Every year, my mother-in-law pushes us to be at her house on Christmas. My husband and I have even discussed this issue with a marriage counselor. Together, we agreed to always be in our home on Christmas Day. I am happy to have my in-laws over, but not bothered if they choose not to come.

My husband talked to his mother, and everything was worked out last year. However, when I told him she was starting up again, he got mad at ME! It makes me sad that he is more worried about pacifying his mother than making memories with me.

I want to fix dinner and do special things in my home because I didn’t have that when I was a child. Am I so terrible to want that? She had her time. Now I want MY time.

— **WANTS MY TURN IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR WANTS YOUR TURN: Your husband got mad at you because he has been on the receiving end of heavy pressure from his mother. She’s alive and kicking, so in her mind her “time” is not yet over.

While I sympathize with your desire to establish traditions of your own, you will encounter less resistance and resentment if you do it gradually. A way to do that would be to alternate Christmas holidays between your home and your in-laws’ — a suggestion I hope you will take to heart.

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IF DECEMBER 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Be at peace with the world and the world will be at peace with you. Focus on networking and friendships for the next six to eight weeks. Strategic business, financial and career moves should be placed on the back burner until May. If you wish to start an important project of any kind, your judgment and business sense will be at a peak in May, and you may have prayers answered if there is a deep need. Be alert and take advantage of any opportunities that arrive during that month. Loved ones may resent being in a relationship that is treated with businesslike efficiency in March. Be patient and wait until May to make a romantic commitment.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Rolling stones gather no moss. Expect to be moss-free in the week to come as you get a chance to visit a variety of places and spend time making the rounds with friends. Steer clear of investment advisers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be patient. Relationships may experience ups and downs or be stalemated by a businesslike attitude, but are sure to change for the better by the middle of the week. Focus on pleasing a special someone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Throw enough darts and eventually you will hit the target. This could be a good week to address ongoing problems and issues. You see what you should be aiming for rather than acting on blind faith.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stiff white collars and white gloves went out of fashion quite some time ago. You might be called upon to attend formal functions this week, but can relax your standards. No one will judge you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You've got the moves. Holiday spirits and an optimistic outlook may spur you on when challenged to gamble. Avoid unnecessary risk in the early part of the week. Concentrate on fun; defer business decisions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Learn by doing. There is nothing to compare with a hands-on approach when you want to learn a new subject thoroughly. This week, you will be successful in whatever topic piques your passions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Bring along extra binoculars. Sharing your vision of the future can open doors within a key relationship in the week ahead. Travel, explorations or studies with a congenial other could widen horizons.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): When traveling through the forest, do not feed the bears. When traveling through life, do not feed the fears. In the week ahead, your mood may lighten up as you embrace a philosophy of positivity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Enjoy the long and winding road. Take advantage of a generally jolly mood in the week to come — but where business is concerned, leave the driving to the experts. You can overcome negativity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The mouse that roared was brave, but perhaps foolhardy. You could be brave when caution is called for — and vice versa. Avoid making changes or crucial business decisions in the first half of the week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): All work and no play is a recipe for boredom. You may spend too much face time with business associates in the early part of the week. Develop better plans rather than accepting what is offered.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Nurture the needy. A relationship can experience tensions unless you consciously strive to make the other person feel loved. Put business matters on the back burner during the first half of the week.

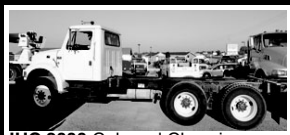
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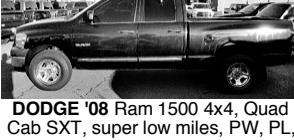
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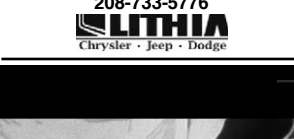
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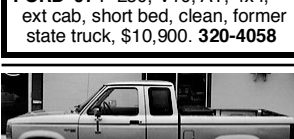
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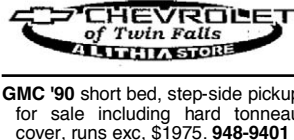


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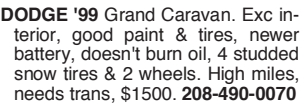


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College

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University, said visiting campuses is the best way a student can make a decision about where to go to college. Niki Callison, associate director of admissions for Boise State University, agreed — noting students shouldn't just go off of a college's marketing materials with photos of its campus. "A student really needs to experience it for themselves," she said.

3. Find a Good Fit

High school seniors have lots of college options — including community colleges, four-year universities and technical schools. "At this time of year, they should really be thinking about what they want in a school," Callison said. Cezar Mesquita, director of admissions for the University of Idaho, said students making a college decision should define what they're looking for academically. Student life is another factor, including opportunities for athletics, Greek life, community service and other activities. And Mesquita said loca-

tion should be a consideration. Students looking for a big city experience are "perhaps not going to be looking at Moscow, Idaho." "At the end of the day, colleges and universities want to bring students who they feel are going to be successful in their setting," he said. A big part of that is a student's academic preparation, including a high GPA, taking rigorous classes in high school and going beyond the minimum graduation requirements.

4. Gather Information for the FAFSA

Students can file their Free Application for Federal Student Aid starting Jan. 1. But Marston said families don't have to wait until then to start getting information together. "We encourage families to be getting their financial stuff collected and in order," he said.

5. Consider Retaking the SAT or ACT

It's a bit too late for seniors, but younger students should consider retaking the SAT or ACT, Marston said. He encourages students to

take both tests as juniors and then retest during the fall semester of their senior year. A lot of colleges use students' best test score from any date. Spending the extra money and part of a Saturday to retake the test can pay off, Marston said. For instance, a higher score could mean \$1,000 or \$2,000 more in scholarship money.

6. Look for Outside Scholarships

Students and families are often anxious about affording higher education, Mesquita said. But they sometimes overlook possible sources of help. In addition to academic or activity-based scholarships awarded by colleges, there are lots of outside scholarship options through organizations, government agencies and businesses. "That's one that goes largely untapped," Mesquita said. "Sometimes, there aren't even enough applicants."

Websites such as fastweb.com and scholarships.com allow students to search for scholarships based on their interests and activities. For example, the Idaho State Board of Education of-

fers scholarships for students staying in the Gem State. There are scholarships out there for practically every interest, high school activity and ethnic background.

7. Look Beyond the Sticker Price

When it comes to private colleges, Marston said students should apply if they're interested and wait to see what financial aid package they're offered. "A lot of families immediately disregard private schools as an option because of sticker price," he said. Marston — who works at Northwest Nazarene University — encourages students and families to use net price calculators on college websites to estimate how much they'd pay. And Mesquita said it's important for students to look at their planned career or graduate school outlook and how they'll pay back loans.

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A view of the CSI campus on Wednesday in Twin Falls.

For the scholarship application, Culum recommends that students fill in their major of interest, even if it might change. • **Tests:** Students applying to CSI aren't required to take the SAT or ACT. If students do have scores from the tests, they're used for class placement. Otherwise, students need to take the COMPASS placement test. • **Campus visits:** Culum said some area high-schoolers feel like they have a lot of information about CSI already. But she encourages prospective students to visit campus and meet with a program adviser.

"Going and actually seeing it makes a world of difference," she said.

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Sydney Sneddon, right, a College of Southern Idaho ambassador, leads a tour for future student Cheyenne Oleson, left, with her aunt Jennifer Langley and mother Christie Oleson on Wednesday in Twin Falls.

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More Students Look Out of State for College

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TWIN FALLS • Kimberly High School senior Hayden Gunnell started applying to colleges in August.

But even then, there was still a rush to get things done before college deadlines. The process included filling out lots of forms and writing essays.

“It kind of consumed my life for a couple of weeks,” he said.

Gunnell is applying to a number of schools, including the University of Chicago and Case Western Reserve University. He wants to study economics.

Kimberly High School counselor Debbie Klug said quite a few students are applying to out-of-state schools this year.

Last year, Utah State University and Brigham Young University were popular choices for Kimberly seniors.

“A lot of times, kids are thinking out of state,” Klug said.

That’s also true this year at Jerome High School.

Counselor Christi Gilmore said that in the past, most students stayed in the area and went to the College of Southern Idaho. This year, she’s seeing more students applying to colleges further away.

“It seems like this year there’s a lot of kids who want to get out of the state,” she said.

Though more south-central Idaho students are looking at schools out of state, staying close to home is still the most popular option.

Over the years, about 45 percent of graduating seniors at Kimberly High have continued on to CSI.

Klug said it’s an affordable option for students.

Also, a number of high school seniors have already earned college credits from

CSI through dual-credit classes.

Twin Falls High senior James Petruzzelli will graduate from high school with a lot of college credits under his belt.

He already finished a semester through CSI’s electrical engineering program and plans to complete a degree once he graduates from high school.

Sharee Hamilton, counselor at Twin Falls High School, said continuing on to CSI after graduation makes the transition “more seamless.”

And with the rising cost of college, Hamilton said some families are taking a second look at the expense of sending their teenager away to school.

Karen Konrad, counselor at Minico High School in Rupert, said CSI is popular since it’s so close.

Utah State University is also a common choice since the school waives out-of-

state tuition for students who hail from fewer than 150 miles away.

Konrad said some students are also looking into colleges affiliated with the Western Undergraduate Exchange. It allows students to pay reduced tuition fees at out-of-state colleges in western states.



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