

LIGHTING THE HOLIDAYS

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TWIN FALLS • In the still of the night, a thousand splendid lights burst across Max Casperson's street. Some form the shape of the Statue of Liberty, others replicate Santa's sleigh, and multiple lights line up to greet visitors with a "Merry Christmas."

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Christmas lights on display along Twin View Lane on Friday in Twin Falls. Max Casperson and his neighbors use thousands of lights for their displays.

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EDUCATION

School Dist. seeks state aid to build new schools

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second installment of a three-part series examining public school funding in Idaho.

BY NATE SUNDERLAND
Post Register

SALMON • If there is a poster child for the argument that Idaho's legislators are not meeting their constitutional duty "to establish and maintain a general, uniform and thorough system of public, free common schools," it is here.

Salmon School District 291's aging schools are crumbling.

School officials say new buildings are needed to ensure student safety. They've tried seven times to pass multimillion dollar bond levies to rebuild the facilities, but each bond has been overwhelmingly defeated by voters.

Located in one of Idaho's most-isolated areas, District 291 certainly isn't a rich district, but it isn't Idaho's poorest either.

Nonetheless, most community members feel Salmon's economy just

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Tablet Technology

Paul Elementary iPad program may offer a glimpse of what's next for Idaho education.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN
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PAUL • One month after voters rejected a program providing laptops to high-schoolers, a Paul Elementary School classroom provided a glimpse of what Idaho educators may see next.

State government and education leaders gathered Friday at Paul Elementary to celebrate the iSchool Campus program, which puts iPads in elementary school classrooms. The school is the first in Idaho to participate in the program.

And on the heels of the Nov. 6 defeat of Propositions 1, 2 and 3, the pilot project may signal a change in how Idaho approaches technology in schools.

Among other uses, the elementary school employs the iPads to increase student participation. Instead of calling on individual students to

answer questions, for example, all students can answer a question using their iPads, and the answers come up on a screen, explained Principal Colleen Johnson.

The iPads also help students with classwork. In one fifth-grade class, Kylee McManus, Dapne Rodriguez, Christian Vega and Sarah Gallup showed visitors how they used iPads to make slideshows and practice spelling. Kindergartner Morgan Kossman played a number-matching game, and fifth-graders Liberty Schaeffer,

Megan Graf, Brittany Mortensen, Karla Gomez and Greyson Harwood practiced math problems.

Those are all activities the students could do without iPads, Johnson said, but the technology increases student enthusiasm and participation.

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Sen. Dean Cameron talks with Dapne Rodriguez, a fifth-grade student at Paul Elementary School, on Friday. The school is part of an iPad pilot program that the state hopes to replicate.

Wreaths Across America Day Honors Veterans

BY KIMBERLEE KRUESI
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WENDELL • In the middle of the quiet South Central Idaho Veterans Park hang small but symbolic wreaths.

The park's newest decorations, however, aren't there to celebrate the holiday season. Instead, the wreaths were placed for the community to remember the service and sacrifice of soldiers, sailors, airmen and airwomen, and marines.

The wreaths were part of the annual Wreaths Across America Day the community of Wendell

honored on Saturday.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2974 and the American Legion Post 41 conducted the WAA ceremony.

Some of the wreaths were specifically designated to honor the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Close to 750 locations across the country participated in the WAA ceremony on Saturday. It's estimated that close to 400,000 wreaths will be placed by more than 150,000 volunteers to help promote the ceremony's mission — Remember,

Honor, and Teach, according to a news release.

The WAA ceremony began almost 20 years ago when the Maine-based Worcester Wreath Co. started donating and placing wreaths on the headstones of fallen servicemen and women at the Arlington National Cemetery.

Worcester Wreath Company continues to donate wreaths to this day. Last year, the company donated more than 30,000 wreaths for WAA ceremonies.

Wreaths will be placed in all 50 states and 24 national cemeteries in countries outside the United States.

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TO DO FOR YOU

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 1-7 p.m. today, noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls.

Information or to schedule an appointment: Sharla Warren, 734-4566.

Chronic Pain Support

Chronic Pain Support Group named HOPE (Help Overcome Pain Every day) meets at 3 p.m. today.

The group provides positive emotional support, shares coping strategies and experiences with different healing modes, along with information about reputable medical resources for understanding and managing pain. Affiliated with the American Chronic Pain Association.

For meeting location: facilitator Donna Erickson, 736-1036.

'Baby and Me'

St. Luke's Jerome is offering "Baby and Me" classes, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E.

This week's topic: what comes after milk. The session is educational support for parents and babies. A lactation consultant and a baby scale are available each week.

Free; 324-6133.

C-sections

Caesarean childbirth class, 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday in the Oak Room on the lower level of St. Luke's, 801 Pole Line Road W., Twin Falls.

Topics: Caesarean deliveries, pain management, non-conforming labors and hospital procedures.

Free. Preregistration required; 814-0407.

Alzheimer's Support

Alzheimer's Support Group meeting, 10:30 a.m.

to noon Wednesday at River Ridge Care and Rehabilitation Center, 640 Filer Ave. W, Twin Falls.

Open to Twin Falls-area residents who have family members with Alzheimer's.

Free. Information: Cynthia Nixon or Patti Dennis, 734-8645.

Infant Safety, CPR

Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday in the Oak Room on the lower level of St. Luke's, 801 Pole Line Road W., Twin Falls.

New parents, grandparents and caregivers learn CPR and what to do if a baby chokes.

No registration required; free; 814-0407.

Grief Support

Suicide Prevention Action Network's Grief Support Group, 7 p.m. Wednesday at Episcopal Church of the Ascension,

371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls.

Grief support for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one by suicide.

Information: Lori Stewart, 539-1853, or Donna Stalley, 420-9208.

Grief Support

Visions of Hope Support Group, 5 p.m. Thursdays at the Hospice Visions building, 1770 Park View Drive, Twin Falls.

Support for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

Free; 735-0121.

Mental Health Support

Mental Health Support Group, 5-6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Family Health Services/Behavioral Health, 1102 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls.

Open to individuals in Magic Valley with a mental health diagnosis.

Free; 734-1281.

Asthma Education

Asthma education class for patients and caregivers to assess and manage asthma, 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the Pine Room on the lower level of St. Luke's, 801 Pole Line Road W., Twin Falls.

Free. Preregistration required; 814-8765.

Childbirth

St. Luke's Magic Valley prepared childbirth classes, 6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, this week through Jan. 17, in the Oak Room on the lower level of St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, 801 Pole Line Road W., Twin Falls.

Topics: wellness of the mother; labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques; care of the postpartum mother and newborn; breastfeeding and bottle feeding; and a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Bring a

labor support person if possible.

Cost is \$60, and preregistration is required; 814-0407.

Childbirth Refresher

Childbirth refresher course, 6:30-9 p.m. Dec. 27 in the Oak Room on the lower level of St. Luke's, 801 Pole Line Road W., Twin Falls.

Topic: Review of childbirth preparation and breathing techniques and a video tour of the Women and Infants Center. Bring a labor support person, if possible.

Cost is \$20 and preregistration is required; 814-0407.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Submit information by noon Thursday for publication in the following Monday's edition: ramona@magicvalley.com.

Christmas in the Park



Christmas revelers brave snow and freezing temperatures Sunday during the 28th annual Christmas In The Park celebration at City Park in Twin Falls.

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Supporters Rally Behind UT Native Killed in Conn.

OGDEN, Utah (AP) • Strangers are joining family and friends in rallying behind the family of a 6-year-old Ogden native who was gunned down in the Connecticut school shooting.

Emilie Parker was among the 20 children who died Friday in one of the worst attacks on schoolchildren in U.S. history.

She was born in Ogden and moved with her parents, Robbie and Alissa Parker, and two younger sisters to Connecticut a year ago, said Brad Schultz, a close family friend.

Robbie Parker, who moved for his job as a respiratory therapist, grew up with his wife in Ogden and met her at high school there.

Emilie's body will be returned to Utah and laid to rest in Ogden, where the couple has family, Schultz said. Plans for funeral services were pending.

"She's such a sweet little angel and they're such a great family," Schultz told the Deseret News. "It's just a really tragic loss."

Schultz and another family friend, Alan Prothero, set up a memorial fund to help defray costs of the funeral and travel for the family.

The Emilie Parker Fund had taken in more than \$12,000 in donations from people around the world as of Saturday night, The Salt Lake Tribune reported. The fund is set up at American First Credit Union.

"There's a lot of immediate need there," Schultz said.

It's the second tragedy experienced by the family in recent months. In September, Alissa Parker's father, Douglas Cottle, died from injuries suffered in a bicycle race from Utah to Wyoming. Cottle, 62, suffered facial fractures.

The girl's aunt and un-

One Collision with Injuries, Several Minor Accidents Sunday

BY PAUL DUNN
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TWIN FALLS • A two-car collision in Jerome County, Sunday, caused unknown injuries to the occupants, though little other information about the accident could be confirmed Sunday night.

According to Dep. William Vorrasi with the Jerome County Sheriff's Office, the incident occurred about 1 p.m. at the intersection of 100 South and 300 West in Jerome County. Vorrasi could not confirm if anyone was transported to the hospital or describe the models of the vehicles involved in the collision. He said more information would be available today in the completed accident report. Vorrasi was not sure if the area's snow showers played a part in the accident.

Elsewhere across the Magic Valley, the roads were more calm.

As the skies spit some up- until- now rare snowflakes, Sunday, Magic Valley drivers must have been especially careful. Despite the day's inhospitable weather, area officials said the sloppy mush caused only several minor vehicle accidents.

Sue Spain, a communications dispatcher with the Twin Falls Police Department, said several cars hit barriers earlier in the morning, one at the intersection of Falls Avenue and Eastland Drive, the other at the intersection of Falls Avenue and Washington Street.

"The police responded just to get the cars going again, but there were no injuries," Spain said.

Another car slid off the

road about 11 a.m. at milepost 32 on Highway 93 in Twin Falls County, said a dispatcher with the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center. The Idaho State Police responded to the scene, he said, but an ISP dispatcher had no knowledge of the incident or any others by early evening Sunday.

Dispatchers at the sheriff's offices in Minidoka and Cassia counties also reported no traffic problems.

In the 12 hours leading up to 5 p.m., Sunday, the area had received about an inch of snow, said Les Colin, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Boise.

"The temperatures in the area were slightly above freezing," he said, "and that limits the amount of snow accumulation the area had."

Over the next seven days, Colin predicted area temperatures will be slightly above normal. He expected an inch or two of wet snow to fall overnight in the Magic Valley but melt by morning. Colder temperatures, though, could cause another inch of snow predicted for Monday to stick around awhile.

Thursday through Sunday could see more snow showers, "but that's by no means a major storm," he said.

And Christmas? Sorry folks, but Colin doesn't see much chance right now for a white one, "but that's by no means a very long range point of view, and those tend to change as the days get closer," he said. "The last few days before Christmas, though, will probably be warmer than usual."

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Tompkins

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Lights

Continued from the front page

With more than 200 light fixtures spanning across a quarter-mile-long cul-de-sac, Casperson is one of the few individuals who take holiday lights to a whole other level.

Casperson's display includes three different themes, which include patriotic fixtures, nativity scenes and Santa's toy land.

"It grows each year," he said. "We do a little more here and there every time."

Holiday light displays began popping up days before Thanksgiving. Since then, most have remained modest in size. Strands outline the corners of houses, and a few homes branch out to decorate trees or windows.

And then, there are those like LaMar Gorton's displays.

Gorton transformed the majority of his five-acre botanical garden by complimenting the garden with wreaths, lights and light-up fixtures.

"It's got a little out of hand," he said. "But it's pretty spectacular."

Putting on an impressive lights display requires tremendous amounts of time, energy and money to



Thousands of Christmas lights adorn the neighborhood on Twin View Lane in Twin Falls.

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Visit the Lights

• **Max Casperson's display:**
2507 Twin View Lane, Twin Falls

• **LaMar Gorton's display:**
867 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls

COMING THURSDAY

Clay, Skeet, Trap

Reporter Tetona Dunlap spends an afternoon at the Jerome Gun Club as a local shooting team hones its clay, skeet and trap shooting.

Thursday in Outdoors

set up.

So why do it?

For Casperson, setting up the display is a way to give back to the community. As it gets closer to Christmas, Casperson said he's had up to 300 cars drive the street to see the display.

However, it wouldn't be possible without the help and participation of his neighbors, Casperson said.

"Our family is a very Christmas oriented fami-

ly," he said. "It's a great deal for the family. But the community has also been very good to us, so this is our little gift to the community."

Setting up a holiday lights display in a garden is not your typical location, which Gorton says enhances the display's uniqueness. The plants are wrapped in different colored lights and highlight the area's native plants.

"We (Gorton and his wife) kind of enjoy it, and it looks pretty cool at night," he said. "So we thought it would add interest to the garden during the winter."

Overall, both holiday light enthusiasts said it's watching the visitors' reactions that keeps them setting up and expanding their displays each year.

"We get buses of kids go through here," Casperson said. "I really enjoy that."

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Letters to Santa Claus

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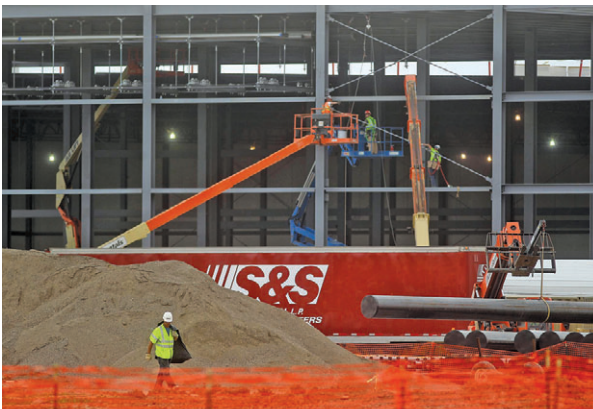
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Bomb Threat Follows Massacre



Connecticut State Police officers respond to a bomb threat outside St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church Sunday in Newtown, Conn. Worshipers hurriedly left the church Sunday, not far from where a gunman opened fire Friday inside the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown. Police later said nothing dangerous was found.

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Questions of 'Why' Fill Pews



A woman hugs a young girl as they arrive for services at Trinity Church on Sunday in Newtown, Conn. A gunman walked into Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown Friday and opened fire, killing 26 people, including 20 children.

'This is not an act of God. This is an act of a crazy man'

BY ALLEN G. BREED
AND PAT EATON-ROBB

Associated Press

NEWTOWN, Conn. • Six-year-old Jennifer Waters came to Mass on Sunday at Saint Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church with a lot of questions.

"The little children, are they with the angels?" she asked her mother as she fiddled with a small plastic Sonic the Hedgehog figurine on a pew near the back of the church. "Are they going to live with the angels?"

All across this postcard-perfect New England town, children and adults alike had questions: How could a merciful and just God allow something like Friday's massacre at the Sandy Hook Elementary School, which claimed the lives of 20 children — none older than 7 — and six adults?

Rabbi Shaul Praver of Congregation Adath Israel wanted to make one thing clear to the classmates of 6-year-old victim Noah Pozner: "This is not an act of God. This is an act of a crazy man."

As police work to learn why 20-year-old Adam Lanza would kill his mother and attack an elementary school, residents of this close-knit town of 27,000 sought solace in each other's company and in the presence of God.

The Rev. Kathleen Adams-Shepherd, rector at Trinity Episcopal Church on Main Street, was at the Sandy Hook firehouse with the families who lost children and has conducted services and counseling sessions since. Her church will host two children's funerals this week, but on Sunday she projected calm as she spoke of questions unanswerable "in human terms."

She began a sermon with thanks in many directions — for far-flung clergy "who just got in the cars and drove here to help," for congregation members who pitched in, for the town's first responders who rushed to the school. Her own son is a firefighter who was there.

She called for prayers for all of them, for those injured — and for the gunman's family — but most for the families of "those lovely little children now gone from this place and their teachers who shielded them."

"Your tears and questions of faith have moved me," Adams-Shepherd said in a quiet voice. She told of receiving innumerable calls and emails, mentioning in particular a 16-year-old church member who urged all not to lose faith.

"Was God absent from our world on Friday? Indeed not," she said, citing the people all over the world moved by Newtown's ordeal and "flocking to churches and temples and mosques."

A theologian once counseled "not to give simple solutions to life's tragedies" like the school massacre, Adams-Shepherd noted. "It is inexplicable in human terms."

"None of us will find answers alone to this unfathomable crisis," she said. "Keep loving and praying."

Later in the service, saying "we pray especially for," Adams-Shepherd slowly read the victims' first names, which echoed off the tall gothic arches and stained-glass windows of the small stone church.

Across town at Saint Rose, an overflow crowd of more than 800 people attended the 9 a.m.

service.

Lanza and his mother, Nancy, worshipped there, and the son attended the Saint Rose school for a time. Now, the church staff are preparing for eight children's funerals later this week.

Boxes of tissues were placed strategically in each pew and on window sills. The altar was adorned with bouquets, one in the shape of a broken heart, with a zigzag of red carnations cutting through the white ones.

The Rev. Jerald Doyle, the diocesan administrator, officiated. Letters of condolence from the pope and Archbishop William Lori, who left the Bridgeport diocese this year to become archbishop in Baltimore, were read at the start of Mass.

In his homily, Doyle tried to answer the question of how parishioners could find joy in the holiday season with so much sorrow surrounding them.

"You won't remember what I say, and it will become unimportant," he said. "But you will really hear deep down that word that will finally and ultimately bring peace and joy. That is the word by which we live. That is the word by which we hope. That is the word by which we love."

The noon Mass was interrupted and the church evacuated after someone phoned in a threat. Police said nothing dangerous was found.

A spokesman for the diocese said someone called and "threatened to disrupt the mass." About halfway through the service, the priest stopped and told everyone to leave the church.

About an hour later, the all-clear was given. Police said the church would be in lockdown for the rest of the day.

High Court Fight Looms over Right to Carry a Gun

MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON • The next big issue in the national debate over guns — whether people have a right to be armed in public — is moving closer to Supreme Court review.

A provocative ruling by a panel of federal appeals court judges in Chicago struck down the only statewide ban on carrying concealed weapons, in Illinois. The ruling is somewhat at odds with those of other federal courts that have largely upheld state and local gun laws, including restrictions on concealed weapons, since the Supreme Court's landmark ruling declaring that people have a right to have a gun for self-defense.

In, 2008, the court voted 5-4 in District of Columbia v. Heller to strike down Washington's ban on handgun ownership and focused mainly on the right to defend one's own home. The court left for another day how broadly the Second Amendment may protect gun rights in other settings.

Legal scholars say the competing appellate rulings mean that day is drawing near for a new high court case on gun rights.

The appeals court ruling in Chicago came early in a week that ended with the mass shooting in Connecticut that left 28 people dead, including 20 children at an elementary school and the presumed gunman.



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Gun owners and supporters participate in an Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day rally in March at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield.

Laurie Levenson, a professor at the Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, said that along with theory legal issues, "we have the overlay of these tragedies hitting us on a somewhat regular basis."

The author of a book that traces the battle over gun control in the U.S. said he thinks Supreme Court intervention is likely in the

short-term. "Since the Heller case, the next great question for the Supreme Court to decide was whether there is a right to carry guns in public," said UCLA law professor Adam Winkler, whose book "Gunfight" was published last year.

Roughly 40 states make it easy for people to carry a gun in public. But in California, New York and a few other states, local and state regulations make it difficult, if not impossible, to get a license to carry a weapon. Illinois and the District of Columbia have been the only places to refuse to allow people to be armed in public.

"In some of our most populated states, the right does not exist either because it's completely forbidden or practically forbidden," said Alan Gura, the lawyer who won the Heller case at the Supreme Court.

Gun rights advocates and gun control supporters are as split over the issue of having guns in public as they were over whether the Constitution protected gun ownership at all — and along the same lines.

Jonathan Lowy, an attorney with the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, said, "If law enforcement makes a determination that somebody would increase the danger to the public by carrying a loaded gun on the streets, then that person should not be carrying a loaded gun. Some people in the gun lobby want to tie the hands of law enforcement."

BRIEFS

Death Toll from Philippine Typhoon Reaches 1,000

MANILA, Philippines (AP) • The death toll from a typhoon that devastated mountainous and coastal towns in the southern Philippines with ferocious winds and flash floods this month has risen to more than 1,000.

Benito Ramos, who heads the government's main disaster-response agency, said Sunday that previously unreported deaths have brought the toll wrought by Typhoon Bopha to 1,020. A massive search for 844 other people, including hundreds of fishermen and villagers who went missing in flood-swept mountainside towns, is to continue through the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Ramos said army troops, police and government personnel have canceled Christmas celebrations to help survivors deal with losses and search for missing loved ones, especially in the worst-hit provinces of Davao Oriental and Compostela Valley, where international aid groups have descended.

Police: Man Cooperative after Firing Shots at Mall

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) • Police say a suspect who fired about 50 shots in the parking lot of a Southern California shopping mall was cooperative when officers took him into custody.

Witnesses say they ran, screaming and ducking for cover, when 42-year-old Marcos Gurrola fired into the air and onto the ground Saturday afternoon at Fashion Island in Newport Beach.

Police Lt. John Lewis says Gurrola offered no resistance when bicycle officers arrested him around 4:30 p.m. Police recovered a handgun and ammunition.

Gurrola has been charged with shooting at an inhabited dwelling. He is being held Sunday on \$250,000 bail.

Officials say one person suffered a minor injury while running away, and was treated at the scene.

Syrian Vice President: Both Sides Losing

BEIRUT (AP) • Syria's longtime vice president says both sides are going down a losing path after 21 months of civil war, as rebels fighting to topple President Bashar Assad advance on the battlefield.

Farouk al-Sharaa told a Lebanese newspaper that neither the rebels nor the Assad regime can "decide the battle militarily."

Al-Sharaa spoke to the newspaper Al Akhbar as rebel forces were moving closer to Damascus, Assad's seat of power. He appeared to be trying to show that the rebels are not the solution to the Syrian conflict, and their victory might bring chaos to the country.

Balancing that, he said the Assad regime "cannot achieve change."

Excerpts of the interview were posted on Al-Akhbar's English-language website late Sunday.

The newspaper says the full interview will be published on Monday.

Man Charged in Attack on Three Mennonites

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) • A 22-year-old man attacked three elderly Mennonite sisters because of their faith, shocking them with a stun gun and vandalizing their home during an hours-long ordeal, police said Sunday.

Dereck Taylor Holt was charged with aggravated assault, ethnic intimidation, burglary and other offenses for the assault in rural central Pennsylvania that sent all three women to the hospital, according to police.

Holt did not know the women, but it appears he targeted them because they were Mennonite, said Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Chief David Steffen.

Holt railed against the religion during the attack, reading various passages from their Bible and then damaging it, police said.

OBITUARIES

SERVICES

Lillian Welch of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

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

Jorge Arevalo of Jerome, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Douglas Patrick Harper of Hazelton, open house at 6 p.m. today at the Snug Lounge in Eden (Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

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).

Sharon Kay Cutler of Mountain Home, memorial service at 11 a.m. Dec. 29 at Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

DEATH NOTICES

Anna Elizabeth McKee

GOODING • Anna Elizabeth McKee, 92, of Gooding, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012 at the North Canyon Medical Center in Gooding.

Funeral arrangements are pending under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service — Gooding Chapel.

Kent E. Womack

TWIN FALLS • Kent E. Womack, 63, of Buhl, died Dec. 16, 2012 at St. Luke's Magic Valley Hospital in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Joseph Ashby Coffman

TWIN FALLS • Joseph Ashby Coffman, 85, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012 at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rosenau Funeral Home.

Albert Hirschman, Influential Social Scientist, Dies at 97

BY EMILY LANGER
The Washington Post

In a wide-ranging professional life, Albert Hirschman worked at prestigious colleges and institutes, wrote some of the most perceptive works of social science in his era, and acquired a devoted following of economists, political scientists and journalists.

Through his books, lectures and essays, Hirschman, who died Dec. 10 at 97, sought to apply rigorous and rational social-science scholarship to clashes of political ideology and economic impasses — conflicts that have often fueled violence and repression. Having learned the stakes firsthand, he devoted his career to advancing economic development and the spread of democracy.

Raised in Germany in the aftermath of World War I, Hirschman witnessed the rise and spread of fascism in Europe in the 1930s and was credited with helping save hundreds of lives through his work with the anti-fascist underground before and during World War II.

His admirers found him remarkable in part because he maintained a fundamentally optimistic view of human nature despite the tumult he had seen. He rejected the notion that societal problems are intractable. His life, his biographer Jeremy Adelman once wrote, "can be seen as a parable of the horrors and hopes of the 20th century."

Otto Albert Hirschmann — his name later would be changed — was born April 7, 1915, in Berlin to an assimilated family of Jewish origin. He was baptized a Protestant.

His father, a surgeon, died of cancer in 1933, the year that brought Adolf Hitler to power as German chancellor. Hirschman left Germany to pursue studies in France and later at the London School of Eco-

nomics. At the start of the Spanish Civil War in 1936, he put his education on hold to join the anti-fascist forces that ultimately lost to Gen. Francisco Franco.

"I could not just sit and look on without doing anything," he once told an interviewer.

He eventually returned to his studies and received a doctorate in economics from the University of Trieste in Italy in 1938 — the year Benito Mussolini's regime enacted anti-Semitic laws.

Hirschman served in the French army at the start of World War II and went underground after the French surrender to the Germans in 1940. He made his way to Marseille, where he became second-in-command to Varian Fry, an American journalist who orchestrated the escape from Europe of 2,000 Jews and other refugees, including the artists Marc Chagall and Max Ernst.

Hirschman's nickname was "Beamish," Fry recalled in an account of their exploits, "because of his impish eyes and perennial pout, which would turn into a broad grin in an instant."

Fry credited Hirschman with being a crucial member of the rescue network. "Beamish" rustled up fake identification documents for refugees and, having studied in detail the vagaries of black markets, devised new ways to smuggle money into France.

When fascist authorities learned of Hirschman's activities, he, too, had to flee. He crossed into Spain over the Pyrenees on foot, Adelman said in an interview, bringing with him extra socks and a two-volume collection of the works of Montaigne.

Hirschman arrived in the United States in 1941 and worked briefly at the University of California at Berkeley before joining the Office of Strategic Services, the precursor of the CIA.

'Hobbit' Bests 'Rings' with \$84.8 Million Opening

NEW YORK (AP) • Peter Jackson's "The Hobbit" led the box office with a haul of \$84.8 million, a record-setting opening better than the three previous "Lord of the Rings" films.

The Warner Bros. Middle Earth epic was the biggest December opening ever, surpassing Will Smith's "I Am Legend," which opened with \$77.2 million in 2007, according to studio estimates Sunday. "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" also passed the December opening of "Avatar," which opened with \$77 million. Internationally, "The Hobbit" also added \$138.2 million, for an impressive debut well north



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This film image shows Ian McKellen as Gandalf in a scene from the fantasy adventure 'The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey.'

of \$200 million.

Despite weak reviews, the 3-D adaptation of J. R.

R. Tolkien's first novel in the fantasy series was an even bigger draw than the

last "Lord of the Rings" movie, "The Return of the King." That film opened with \$72.6 million. "The Hobbit" is the first of another planned trilogy, with two more films to be squeezed out of Tolkien's book.

While Jackson's "Rings" movies drew many accolades — "The Return of the King" won best picture from the Academy Awards — the path for "The Hobbit" has been rockier. It received no Golden Globes nominations on Thursday, though all three "Rings" films were nominated by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association for best picture.

Palestinian Premier: Boycott Israeli Goods

BY MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH
Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank • The Palestinian premier called on his people Sunday to boycott Israeli products, the latest step in an economic battle between Palestinians and Israelis spurred by the Palestinians' status upgrade last month at the United Nations.

Palestinian Prime Minister Salaam Fayyad, a U.S.-educated economist, told reporters the call for a boycott is a protest against Israel's withholding of funds to the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority.

Israel is holding \$100 million in taxes it collects on behalf of the Palestinians, based on an interim peace accord. It cut off the funds to protest the Palestinians' successful bid last month at the United Nations, which granted the Palestinians non-state observer status. Israel said the Palestinian move was an attempt to bypass peace negotiations. Palestinians deny that.

Israel has briefly withheld tax transfers on previous occasions to pressure the Palestinians.

The Palestinian Authority government in the West Bank uses the money to pay salaries to its tens of thousands of civil servants and security forces. Israel said it is using the money to pay down huge debts Fayyad's government owes to Israeli firms, including its electricity company.

Fayyad admitted a Palestinian boycott of Israeli goods would violate an interim peace agreement with Israel, in which the two sides pledged economic cooperation.

Suicide Notes Tied to Casper College Slaying

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) • Investigators say they have found two suicide notes written by a man who killed his father in front of a computer science class at a Wyoming community college.

The Casper Star-Tribune reports court documents indicate an officer found one note in 25-year-old Christopher Krumm's car and a second note at Casper College. The documents don't specify exactly where the second note was found or the contents of either note.

Police say Krumm barged into a classroom at the college Nov. 30 and shot his father, 56-year-old James Krumm, with an arrow in front of a handful of students. As the students fled, the Vernon, Conn., man stabbed his father with a knife, then killed himself.

Before the campus slaying, the younger Krumm stabbed his father's girlfriend, 42-year-old Heidi Arnold, at the home she and James Krumm shared.



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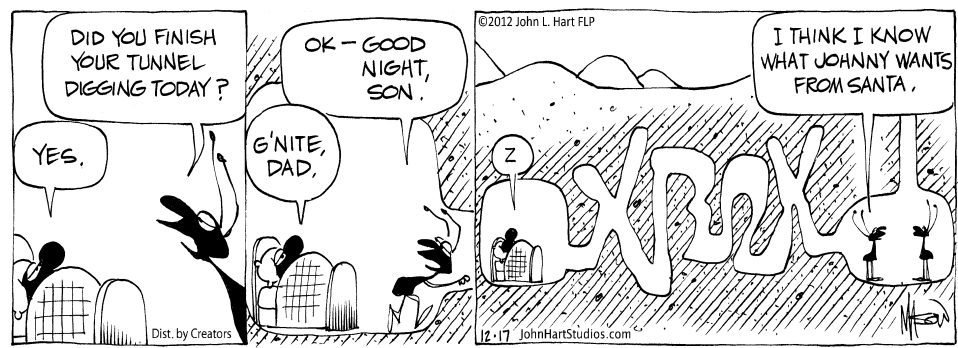
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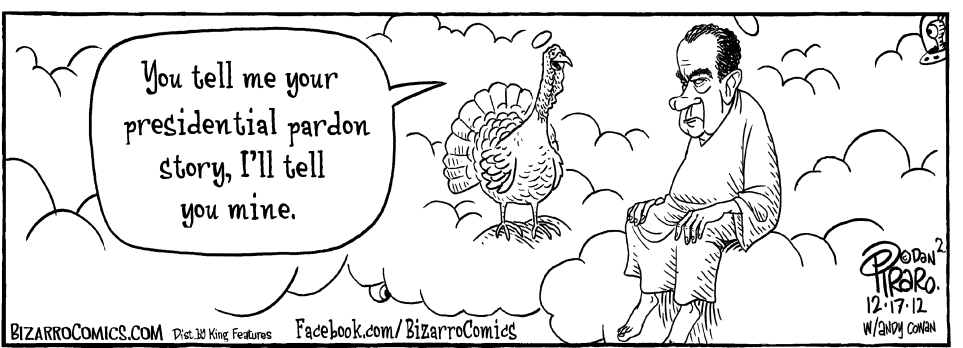
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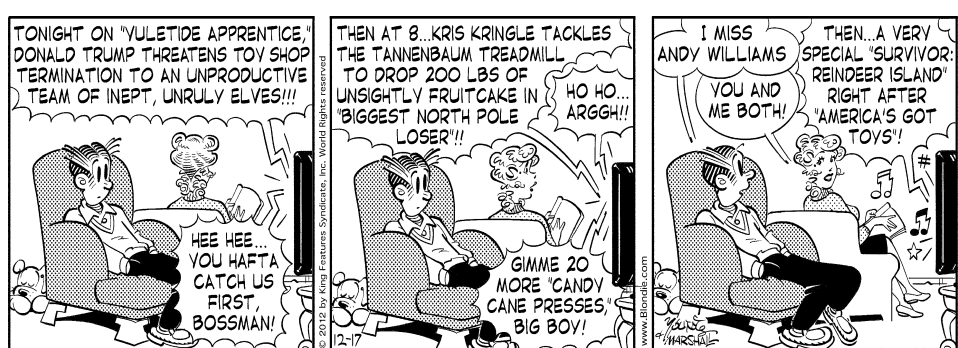
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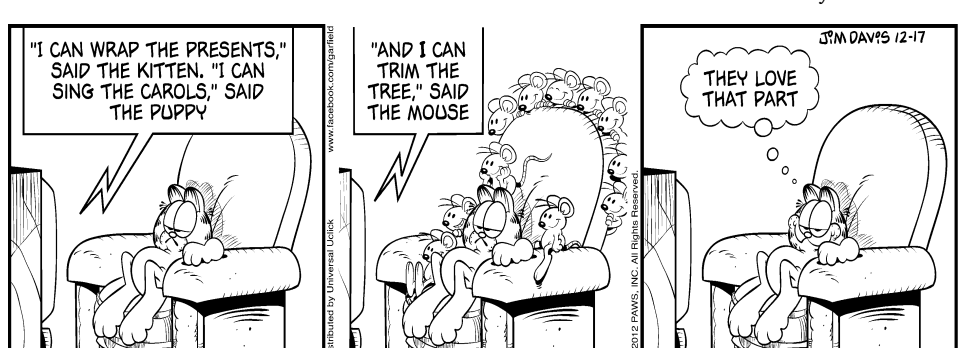
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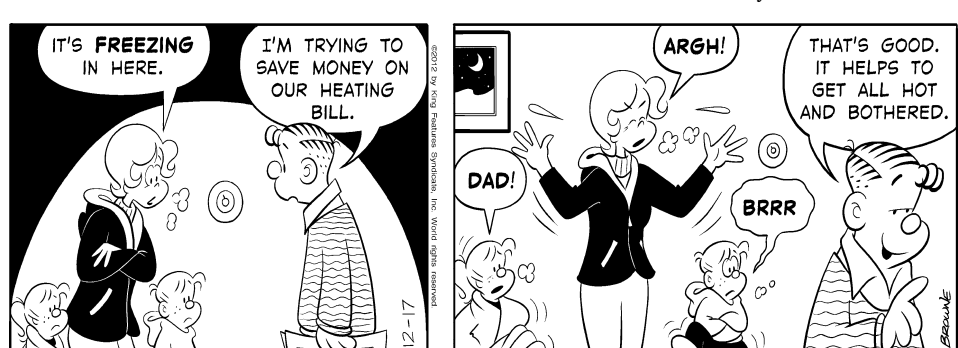
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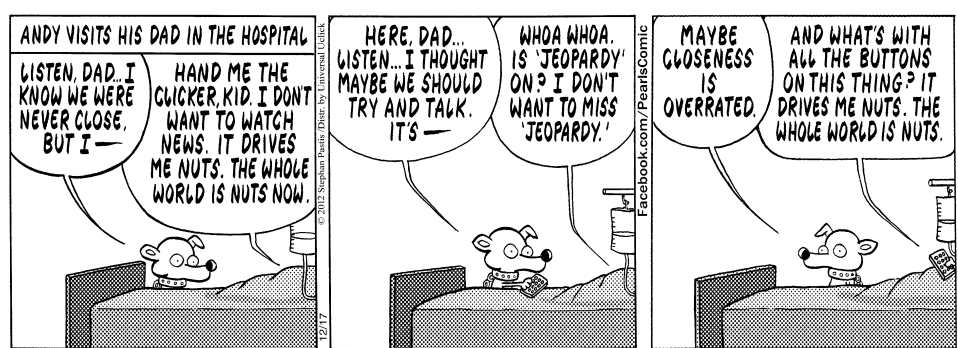
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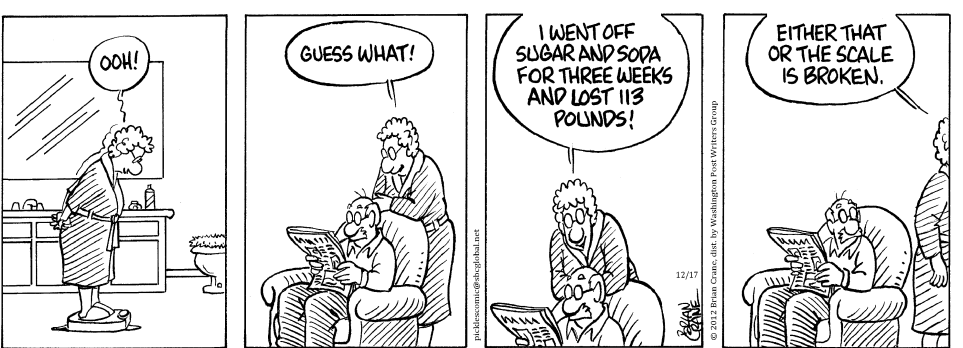
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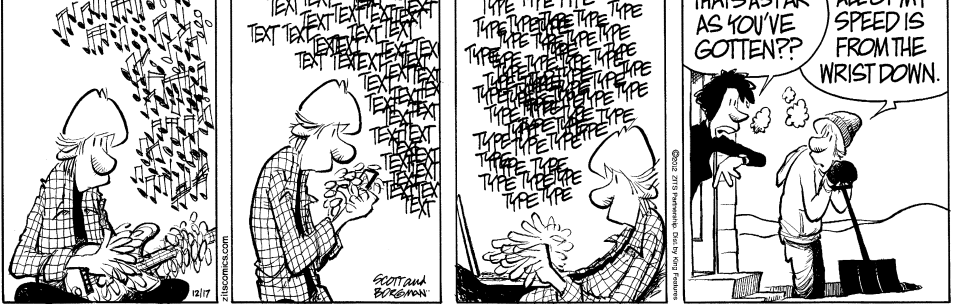
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OPINION

"It's alarming, especially in Newtown, Connecticut, which we always thought was the safest place in America."

Stephen Delgiadice, whose 8-year-old daughter heard two big bangs during the Connecticut school rampage that killed 26 people, 20 of them children. Delgiadice's daughter was uninjured.

THEIR VIEW

Lawmakers and the Political Cliff

The following editorial appeared in Sunday's Washington Post:

The end of 2012 is just two weeks away, and President Barack Obama and House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, have yet to sign to a deal that would avoid a scheduled \$520 billion in tax increases and \$130 billion in spending cuts next year. The "fiscal cliff" could harm the already-weak economy; according to a new analysis from Deutsche Bank, output could shrink by 2 percent in the first half of the year, and unemployment could grow by at least a percentage point.

"... Neither side can solve its own problems without also making a credible, good-faith effort to solve the country's problems. They do not have to like this situation, but they do have to deal with it — and with each other."

Politicians should be aiming for a compromise that avoids short-term disaster while laying the basis of long-term fiscal stability. That's what they all say they want.

Lately, though, it appears some Republicans may see the problem differently — not as a matter of avoiding a short-term disaster but of avoiding the blame for it.

Hence reports that some Senate Republicans are floating a plan that would essentially give up on the admittedly difficult negotiations with Obama while passing a bill in the Republican-controlled House that would protect all taxpayers except the top 2 percent from higher tax rates for the next year. It would be up to the Democratic-controlled Senate and the president to accept this fait accompli — after all, the Senate passed the same bill last year — or risk getting blamed for a middle-class tax increase themselves. Then, early next year, the GOP could return to discuss entitlement spending restraint, unburdened by the tax rate issue and empowered by the looming need to raise the federal debt ceiling.

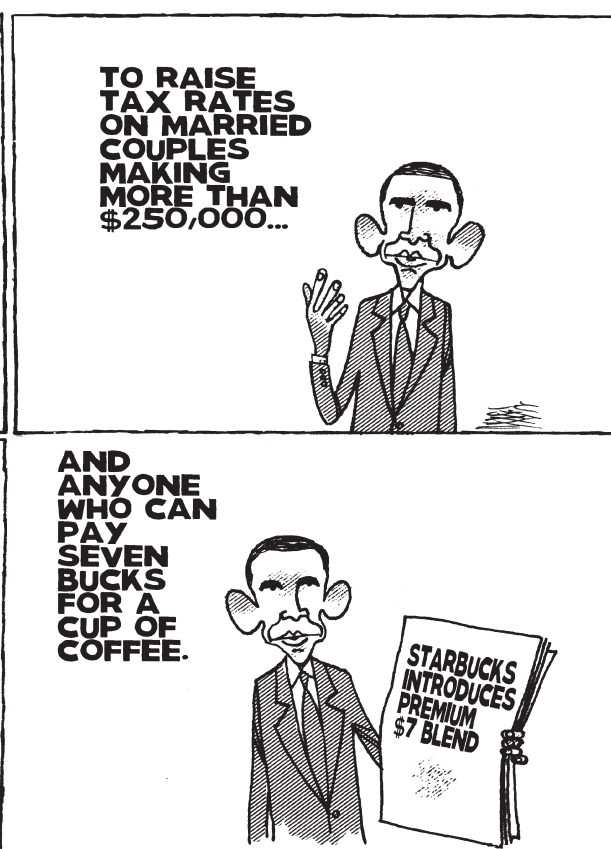
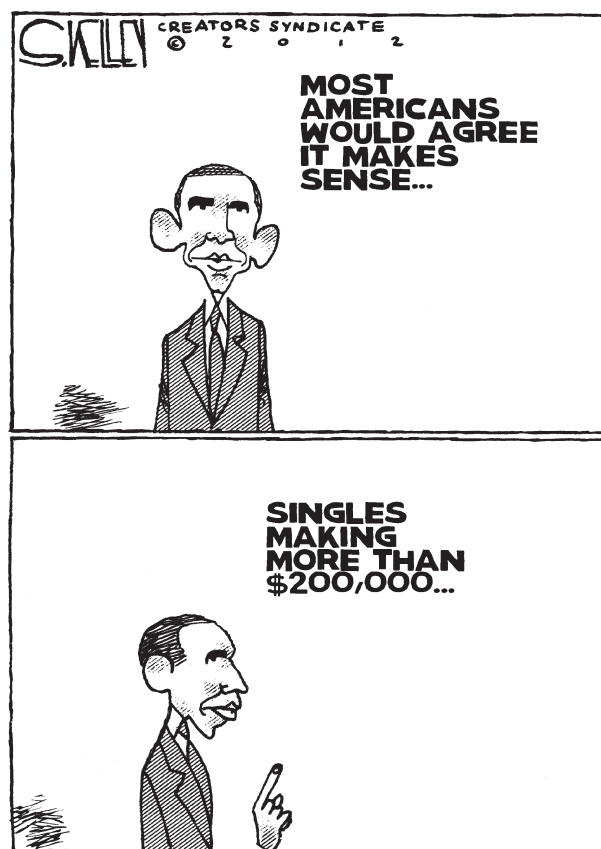
This strikes us as too clever by half. No doubt Republicans are over a barrel, politically, on the tax issue; polls show that most Americans agree with the president on raising upper-income rates. And they have a right to be frustrated over the White House's refusal to engage in a serious discussion of entitlement.

But the reported GOP backup plan would raise only \$440 billion in new revenue over 10 years, only about half the amount Boehner has publicly embraced and far too little to dent the debt. It would not affect such vital aspects of the fiscal cliff as \$55 billion in defense cuts, a \$31 billion increase in the estate tax or a 27 percent reduction in Medicare reimbursement rates to doctors. There's still enough fiscal contraction in those measures to set the economy back.

Meanwhile, the inevitable Democratic backlash would make it harder for the two parties to strike a broad deal early next year, the GOP's debt-ceiling leverage notwithstanding. Indeed, given the likelihood that using the debt ceiling to extract spending cuts would also be unpopular, the Republicans might succeed only in both postponing a crisis and getting the blame.

To be sure, both parties face a temptation to treat the fiscal cliff as an opportunity for political gain rather than national progress. Some Democrats think it wouldn't be so bad to go over the fiscal cliff, because it reduces the deficit through massive tax hikes and defense cuts while leaving cherished entitlements alone. They aren't playing a constructive role.

But neither side can solve its own problems without also making a credible, good-faith effort to solve the country's problems. They do not have to like this situation, but they do have to deal with it — and with each other.



How to Keep All of Huck Finn in Classrooms

Mark Bauerlein

Common Core, the new national standards for math and English language arts, is a rarity in U.S. public life: a federal undertaking with bipartisan support.

Developed by the National Governors Association and Council of Chief State School Officers, it has been adopted by 45 states. It has the support of the Obama administration and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, former Florida governor Jeb Bush and Randi Weingarten of the American Federation of Teachers.

Top research groups such as the Fordham Institute and Achieve Inc. are involved, and consortia financed by the U.S. Department of Education have formed to assess the standards from state to state.

But a battle may break out once states and districts develop curricula and administer tests that align with Common Core's standards on English language arts. The clash revives the so-called canon wars from 25 years ago, when multiculturalists in high school and college demanded an end to the dead-white-male dominance of the humanities. Less Hawthorne and Melville and more Toni Morrison and popular culture, they said.

Common Core's standards weigh in on the side of classics. The language in the document is unambiguous: "The standards mandate certain critical types of content for all students, including classic myths and stories from around the world, foundational U.S. documents, seminal works of American literature, and the writings of Shakespeare."

One standard decrees that 11th- and 12th-graders "Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth-, nineteenth-, and early-twentieth-century foundational works of American literature."

gender, race, and ethnicity," too. Responding to PARCC's call for items, Pearson, the leading textbook publisher, guaranteed that its passages would avoid stereotypes and be "free from religious references." The Educational Testing Service did the same, promising to omit "subject matter that is controversial or emotionally charged" or that "reflects a gender, racial or ethnic bias."

But in trying to make the experience of every test-taker free of conflict, in removing virtually all racial, sexual or religious elements from the readings, test developers can't properly assess Common Core's literary-historical mandates. A full sample of the classics would upset the balance demanded of bias review — too many white men — and many canonical works display scenes charged with racism and sexism.

Think of all the central episodes that wouldn't survive — Shylock's speech, Hester Prynne emerging from her cell brandishing a sparkling golden "A," Douglass fighting back against the sadistic slave-breaker Mr. Covey, and hundreds more. If reading tests genuinely addressed the classics, bias and sensitivity reviewers would denounce them outright.

What will happen? Developers will probably collect some neutral words from Shakespeare, a few sentences from Poe, a paragraph from John Locke and so on, and mix them with contemporary writings that fit sensitivity benchmarks, producing a sanitized, ahistorical exam that fails the spirit of Common Core.

This is what Common Core's architects wished to circumvent when they inserted language of "foundational texts" and "American classics" in the standards.

They aimed to preserve our literary inheritance, including works that don't reflect today's social values.

Rather than rehearsing the canon wars circa 1989, we have an alternative. Test developers can create two tests: one, a general test of reading skills that meets bias stipulations and ignores Common Core's literary-historical standards; the other, a test on literary-historical knowledge, including open questions that make students draw on Twain, Shakespeare, ancient myths, Edith Wharton and so on.

The general reading test would look much like other reading assessments, relying on multiple choice and short-answer responses to passages selected in such a way that they don't presume knowledge of the material in advance.

The literary-history exam would be an essay test, raising a theme, style, genre or other topic and asking students to draw copiously from literary history, for instance, asking students to address the theme of individualism in six foundational works of American literature.

The first test is being developed; the second must be added. With the latter, we retain literary history as a field of its own, with specific material that students study in the same way they study history and chemistry. This test would not be a skill measure or a literacy assessment. It would test how much knowledge students have of the best works of American civilization, a special duty of public schooling necessary to the formation of responsible, independent and informed citizens.

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Thanks for Being So Generous, Feds

I want to personally thank our most generous government for my "whopping" big raise in my Social Security.

According to them, there has been no cost of living in-

crease. Is that why Medicare went up by \$6 and my supplemental insurance went up \$24? Oh, and don't forget gas and groceries! What world are they living in?

I think I'll take my big \$18 raise and spend the night at the Holiday Inn in Tuttle. Yeah — believe that one, too!

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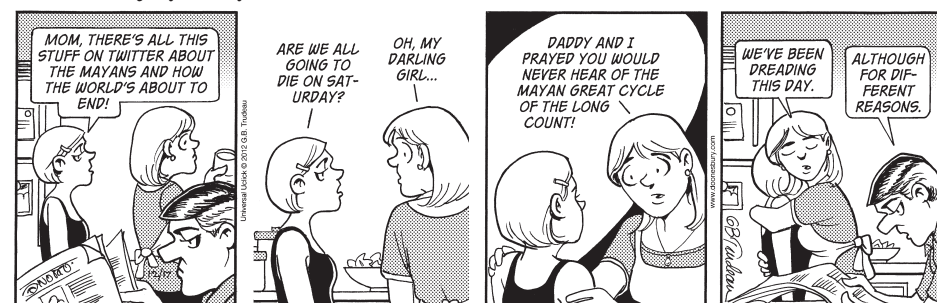
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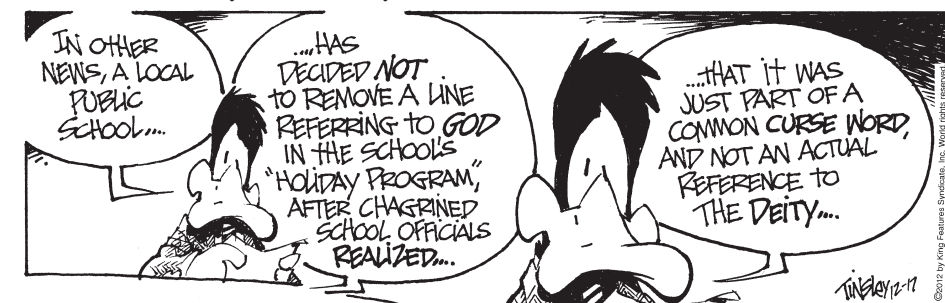
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TF High Schools Looking for Change to Help Those in Need

BY JULIE WOOTTON
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TWIN FALLS • Student leaders at Twin Falls and Canyon Ridge high schools are raising money to help local families during the holiday season.

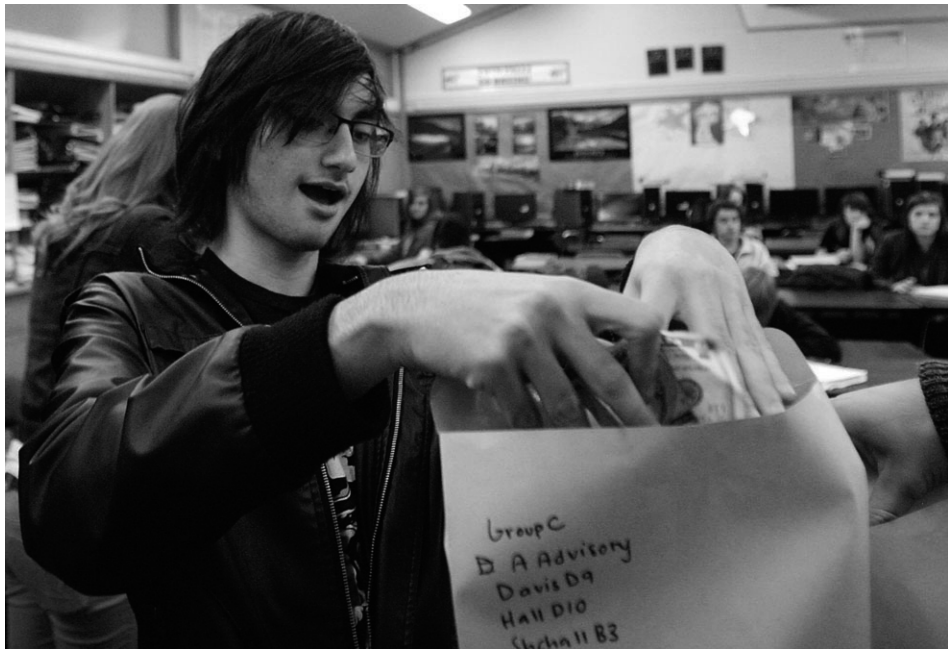
Both fundraisers collect change, and students use the change to buy items for those in need.

At Canyon Ridge High School, student council adviser Jeremy Bellison said money from the yearly "Pennies for Possibilities" fundraiser will be used to help about five families with basic necessities.

"We identify families that are really struggling," he said.

Bellison said when Canyon Ridge High opened in 2009, students wanted to do a fundraiser modeled after Twin Falls High School's "Change for Change" fundraiser.

Twin Falls High's fundraiser began in 2002 after a student came up with



Brian McFarland, 15, gives money to Change for Change, a fundraiser Friday at Twin Falls High School in Twin Falls.

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the idea. Students raised \$2,000 that year.

Mike Federico, athletic director and student council adviser, said the fundraiser has grown from there. Last year, students

raised \$12,000.

Students at Twin Falls High are helping nine families from different Twin Falls elementary schools.

Student council members will spend Dec. 20 shop-

ping, wrapping items and delivering presents. It's a process that usually stretches from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

In past years, students have paid for a family's power bill. One year, they

even bought a washer and dryer for one family.

"It's unbelievable to see our kids give," Federico said.

He recalls when students bought a bed for a family. Three young boys were excited to share it, he said, instead of sleeping on the floor.

At Canyon Ridge High, Bellison said it can be an eye-opening experience for student council members to see the need that exists in their own community.

Bellison said information about the family — including names — is kept confidential. He and a school counselor are the only people who know the families are.

On Wednesday, student leaders at Canyon Ridge will go shopping and then wrap presents. That night, they'll visit each family's house, stack presents on their porch, ring the doorbell and run around the corner.

Once they can't see the family, they'll sing Christmas carols for them.

So how are the high

school students raising the money?

Besides asking local businesses for donations, they're going around to different classes to collect change.

Twin Falls High senior Whitney Wright, who's on student council, said there's a competition between advisory classes to see who can bring in the most money.

Whitney said a lot of the money raised is through students donating change.

"Everyone's contributing, which is awesome," she said.

At Canyon Ridge High, the grade level that collects the most money will earn part of the day off March 22 — meaning an extended spring break.

Also, student leaders are selling "hour lunch" passes for Monday and Tuesday for \$5 each. The passes allow students to have twice as long for lunchtime those days.

"We tell the community to watch out because the restaurants are going to be busy," Bellison said.



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Students work on their iPads during class on Friday at Paul Elementary School.

iPads

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"We're using iPads to enhance the curriculum," Johnson said.

The iSchools program was championed by both House Speaker Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, and Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. The pair visited a school in Park City, Utah before the election to see how the program worked.

Both were impressed and worked to bring it to Paul Elementary.

The two lawmakers disagreed on the Students Come First education reform laws, with Bedke voting for the package and Cameron voting against. On Friday, Cameron said he likes the idea of small pilot programs across the state, with schools opting in voluntarily. That will likely work better than a top-down mandate, he said.

Lt. Gov. Brad Little and Idaho Department of Commerce Director Jeff

Sayer also attended the ceremony.

Little supports technology in the classroom, but acknowledges that Proposition 3's approach was likely too aggressive for voters.

"Person after person told me 'I don't like how Proposition 3 is, but I still like technology in the schools,'" he said.

Little said though he's not involved in any pending laws — that's the Legislature's job — he said Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter is sitting down with stakeholders like teachers and parents to see what type of technology programs they'd like for Idaho classrooms.

Paul's iPad program will likely be cited as one of the success stories, Little added.

Minidoka County School District Superintendent Scott Rogers said he was proud that Paul Elementary School was the first in the state to participate in the program.

"We think this is exciting," Rogers said.

Legislature

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can't support the added property taxes from a bond.

Superintendent Joey Foote admits that, while the district is poor, there are plenty of districts surrounding Salmon that are worse off.

Few of those districts, however, face the conundrum that exists here.

As long as the deadlock remains on school bonds, the district's students are not receiving the educational opportunities they are entitled to by Idaho's Constitution, Foote said.

"The state has a responsibility to provide a safe environment that also provides equal access and opportunity," Foote said. "(But) our kids don't have equal access and opportunity; there is no question about it."

A major impediment to the district's hope of being elevated to a level playing field with more affluent school districts is the state of its buildings. The district's central concern is the condition of Pioneer Elementary School built in 1956 and Salmon Middle School built in 1938.

"We believe these (schools) are an imminent hazard for our students and in the event of mild to moderate earthquake or snowfall they are at risk of structural failure," Foote said.

Both schools are marred by gaping cracks in walls and foundations, crumbling cement, leaning walls, poor heating and air quality and weak roofs.

School officials have struggled to keep the buildings in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act because of tiny bathroom stalls, narrow entrances, few ramps and no elevators.

The middle school had to abandon use of its second floor because it wasn't in compliance.

Foote pointed to a 2008 inspection report of the middle school which indicates "there are serious building safety problems in the building." The 2008 inspection of Pioneer states "the continual deteriora-

Idaho Constitution, Article Nine, Section One

"...It 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

tion of the exterior foundation on the north wall presents a serious building safety hazard."

Everyone here is aware of the plight of the schools and agrees something needs to be done.

But there's no consensus on how to make improvements.

Lloyd Jones, a local carpenter, is an outspoken critic of the bond efforts.

In an ideal world a new school would be great, he said, but Salmon's economic conditions don't allow the population to support it.

"It's hard to convince people in a declining economy with a declining school population that somehow you need new schools," Jones said. "We're dealing with a limited tax base that is getting smaller every year."

Local unemployment is high and the community's population is aging.

"A good portion of the population here are retired and live on a fixed income," Salmon resident Mel Domko said. "Those folks don't have any kids in school and so when the district asks for a new school they say 'hold on a minute!'"

Jones suspects a bond will only pass if it's small and only used to make repairs.

"The patrons need to see the district making some effort to do what patrons do — make due with what you have to work with, repair it or patch it," Jones said. "As unrealistic as that may sound to people from better economically fixed areas, that's the way it has always been here."

Salmon's school board, however, maintains that the best long-term solution is to build new schools. The board is un-

plish the fund.

This is only the second application to the fund. Three years ago, the state spent nearly \$11 million to build the new Lakeside Elementary School in the Plummer-Worley Joint School District 44.

The inadequacy of District 291's buildings affect more than just the safety of students and staff.

The buildings' electrical systems are taxed to their maximum.

"We're maxed out on the number of computers we can have," Salmon Middle School Principal Shawn Hendrickson said. "Our technology is out of date ... students don't have equal access to technology because we can't add the technology we need because our buildings won't handle it."

The district's technological limitations mean students here don't have access to curriculum and technology such as that offered to students in Idaho Falls School District 91 or Bonneville Joint School District 93.

"The challenge of a small community passing a levy opposed to a large community passing a levy is much greater," Foote said. "We make due, but why do we have to make do? Why don't we get to have the same technology (and resources) Idaho Falls has?"

For now Foote is optimistic about the state application, because he believes it's clearly evident that Salmon students are not receiving the uniform educational opportunities promised them by the state.

"Are our kids getting a good education? Yes they are, but are they getting what they could be getting? No, because we are limited by the tools we have," he said.

BYU Student Starts Puppy Rental Business in Utah

PROVO, Utah (AP) • Brigham Young University students can now receive the unconditional love of dogs without breaking rules prohibiting pets in university housing.

Jenna Miller started her Puppies for Rent business in the Provo area as a way for students and others to rent puppies by the hour.

"College students aren't allowed to have pets, and a lot of students really miss that, their pets back home," she told the *Deseret News*.

The pups have been rent-

ed for first dates and surprise parties, she said, and by mothers rewarding their children. After signing a contract, customers can rent them for \$15 an hour, \$25 for two hours and \$10 for each additional hour.

"They're legally protected. We see where they are going and that they are going to a good place," Miller said.

The idea came after Miller heard about Yale Law School's pilot program last year allowing students to check out a "therapy dog" for 30 minutes at a time.



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Magic Valley's Athletes of the Week



Boys basketball: Alec Meyerhoeffer, Twin Falls. Meyerhoeffer averaged 22 points per game last week, scoring 23 in a win over Century on Tuesday and 21 in a win over Jerome on Thursday.



Girls basketball: Karli McHone, Glens Ferry. McHone scored a game-high 22 points against Hagerman on Thursday, a game which the Pilots won to hand the Pirates their first loss.



Wrestling: Jacob Herman, Kimberly. Herman made quick work of his opposition in the 126-pound bracket at the Bear-Cat Invitational, pinning his way to being one of five local champions.

Sportsweek for Dec. 17

Monday

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.
Buhl at Burley

Tuesday

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.
Twin Falls at Jerome

Wednesday

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING
4 p.m.
Jerome, Bonneville, Hillcrest at Minico

Thursday

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
6 p.m.
Challis at Hagerman

Friday

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.
Madison at Twin Falls

Saturday

No local events scheduled.

MAGIC VALLEY 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 Tuesdays 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.

Frozen Stones Event. The Scottish American Athletic Association is hosting the sixth annual "Frozen Stones" Highland Games at Shoshone Falls Park on Jan. 1. The event is free to the public and begins at 10 a.m.

— Staff reports



Utah State's Brian Suite (21) celebrates after a fumble recovery against Toledo during the second half of an NCAA college football game on Saturday in Boise. Utah State went on to win the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl game 41-15. The victory is Utah State's first win in a college football bowl game since 1993.

ICYMI: Streaks, Droughts and Other Odds and Ends

One girls basketball team saw a long streak end. Another kept its own lengthy run alive. A football team with a good-sized rooting interest from the area capped off a season to remember, and another one might have had its future thrown into chaos yet again. That and more, analyzed now.

Wendell girls basketball team breaks 46-game losing skid. It doesn't really matter that it came against Jackpot, which is the equivalent of a 1A-II school. When you haven't won a game since 2010, you'll take them however you can get them. Even when a program is as down as Wendell has been the last few years, you'd think that a combination of a great night for you, a bad night for the other team and a little bit of luck would have converged somewhere along the line before Saturday. The Trojans will be glad that this nightmare streak is over and, while nobody suggests they'll go on and rip off a big winning streak now (especially with Valley and Declo right around the corner), there's got to be a certain measure of belief (and relief) injected into the team. Sometimes that's all it takes to make a flagging program more competitive.



David Bashore
Sports Editor

Dietrich girls basketball team wins 36th straight game. Just like you'd think that at some point Wendell's losing streak would have ended at some point before 46 games, you'd think that Dietrich would have had an off night where the other team was on fire and clipped the Blue Devils. Hasn't happened. That's a testament to exactly what kind of run Dietrich is on. The Blue Devils' 2011 state title was won in triple overtime, and since then they've had a couple of stiff tests but passed with flying colors. Now, without two-time division player of the year Moriah Dill, Dietrich's beat has just kept rolling along. It's much harder to reload the farther down the classification chain you go, just because the pool of available players is so small. But Dietrich's in the middle of a good cycle, and fans of big streaks should enjoy this one as long as it lasts.

Utah State football team wins first bowl game since 1993. I wrote after last year's loss to Ohio in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl that Utah State

was in good position for a future run. I didn't exactly envision 11-2 this season, but Gary Andersen is on the way to building in Logan what Boise State has up in the Treasure Valley. I'm not saying Utah State is the "next Boise State" (heaven knows there have been too many pretenders for that honor), but the Aggies seem to be following the same model. The only difference is that Andersen is both building the program and sticking around to see it through. Before Chris Petersen took the reins in Boise, the Broncos were already a Top 15 football team (at least as far as rankings go) but he took them to an even higher level. Neither Petersen nor Andersen seems to be in a hurry to leave his current gig, so it stands to reason — with the Broncos earning some respect for a 10-win season post-Kellen Moore and Utah State continuing to build — the region might have two gatecrashers at the football blue-blood gathering for the next few years at least.

Beleaguered Big East has mass exodus on basketball side. Considering Boise State is soon to be a football-only member of the Big East, this shouldn't be such a big deal. But one of the reasons the Broncos joined the conference in any capacity was

an increased cut of television contract money. Now the Big East's biggest marketing asset was its basketball conference, which annually was the best in the country but now has been essentially reduced Connecticut, Cincinnati and half of Conference USA. Whether that has a substantive affect on the TV negotiations remains to be seen, but it's believed that the Big East contract would give Boise State more money than a Mountain West contract in either case. The Broncos are essentially committed to the conference for at least the 2013 season, if for no other reason than the Big East's automatic bid into the final season of the BCS. After that, the BCS 2.0/playoff/call-it-what-you-will puts the Big East and the Mountain West on equal footing. With the Big East's football footprint including California, Texas and Florida, greater possibilities in recruiting are also on the table by remaining in the Big East. In short there are pros and cons to whatever the future holds for Boise State. I don't have any inside information, but my gut says the Broncos have made a big commitment to the Big East and will continue to make every effort toward making the arrangement work.

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Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson (3) runs for a touchdown ahead of Buffalo Bills defensive tackle Kyle Williams (95) during the first half of an NFL football game in Toronto Sunday.

Russell Wilson Soars as Seahawks Rout Bills 50-17

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TORONTO • Seattle rookie quarterback Russell Wilson ran for three touchdowns and threw for another in leading the Seahawks to their second straight win.

Wilson scored on runs of 14, 25 and 4 yards and then hit Zach Miller for a 4-yard touchdown in helping the Seahawks score 31 points on their first five possessions. The defense forced three consecutive turnovers to start the second half, including Earl Thomas scoring on 57-yard interception return.

A week after a 58-0 win at home against Arizona, the Seahawks (9-5) inched closer to clinching a playoff berth and became the NFL's third team to score 50 points on consecutive weekends. The Bills (5-9) were knocked out of playoff contention for a 13th consecutive season.

PACKERS 21, BEARS 13

CHICAGO • The Green Bay Packers clinched their second straight NFC North title with a 21-13 victory over the archrival Chicago Bears on Sunday.

James Jones caught all three touchdown passes thrown by the Packers' Aaron Rodgers. Green Bay has now won six straight in the NFL's oldest — and fiercest — rivalry.

The Packers (10-4) have won 12 straight against NFC North opponents, the longest streak in the NFL.

Brandon Marshall had a 15-yard TD catch for the Bears, who have lost five of six and are in danger of missing the playoffs after beginning the year 7-1. Clay Matthews continued his torture of Jay Cutler with two sacks, and Alshon Jeffery hurt the Bears (8-6) with three offensive pass interference calls late in the second half.

TEXANS 29, COLTS 17

HOUSTON • The Houston Texans are AFC South champions for the second straight year.

Andre Johnson had 151 yards receiving and a touchdown, Bryan Braman scored on a blocked punt and Shayne Graham kicked five field goals.

The Texans (12-2) grabbed their first AFC South title last season after the Colts nosedived without injured quarterback Peyton Manning. Manning is gone and Andrew Luck couldn't do much against Houston's defense.

The Colts (9-5) had won three straight and needed a win to clinch a playoff berth a year after going 2-14.

J.J. Watt had three sacks as Houston's defense got back on track a week after a 42-14 loss to New England.

The Texans will have home-

field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs in they win out.

REDSKINS 38, BROWNS 21

CLEVELAND • Rookie Kirk Cousins threw for 329 yards and two touchdowns filling in for injured star Robert Griffin III, leading Washington to its fifth straight win.

Cousins connected with Leonard Hankerson for both TDs in his first career start and the Redskins (8-6) barely missed a beat without the talented and multi-dimensional RG3, who sat out with a sprained knee.

Last week, Cousins came off the bench after Griffin got hurt. Cousins was behind center from the start of this one and delivered a performance that extended Washington's longest winning streak since 2007 and moved the Redskins into a tie for first in the NFC East.

Rookie Trent Richardson had a pair of TD runs for the Browns (5-9).

VIKINGS 36, RAMS 22

ST. LOUIS • Adrian Peterson ran for a season-best 212 yards, including an 82-yard touchdown that fueled the Minnesota's big second quarter.

Peterson has 1,812 yards rushing, leaving him 294 shy of breaking the NFL's single-season record of 2,105 by Eric Dickerson of the Los Angeles Rams in 1984. Peterson, less than a year removed from a serious knee injury, has two games left — at Houston and home against Green Bay — to top Dickerson.

The Vikings (8-6) scored 10 of their 23 points in the second quarter off turnovers by Sam Bradford, including a 29-yard

interception return by defensive end Everson Griffen.

The Rams fell to 6-7-1.

FALCONS 34, GIANTS 0

ATLANTA • Matt Ryan threw three touchdowns passes and Atlanta handed the Giants their first regular-season shutout since 1996.

Julio Jones caught a couple of scoring throws from Ryan, who broke his own franchise records for completions and passing yards in a season. He finished 23 of 28 for 270 yards.

The Falcons (12-2), who have already clinched the NFC South, moved a step closer to locking up home-field advantage throughout the conference playoffs. One more win would lock it up.

Eli Manning threw two interceptions for New York (8-6), which came into the game with a one-game lead over Washington and Dallas in the NFC East.

BRONCOS 34, RAVENS 17

BALTIMORE • Chris Harris returned an interception 98 yards for a momentum-turning touchdown, and Denver won its ninth straight.

Peyton Manning threw for 204 yards and a score in his ninth consecutive win against Baltimore, the first with the Broncos (11-3).

Down 10-0 late in the first half, the Ravens had a first-and-goal at the Denver 4 when Harris stepped in front of Anquan Boldin, picked off a pass by Joe Flacco and sprinted down the right sideline en route to the longest regular-season interception return in Broncos history.

The Ravens (9-5) were playing their first game under offensive coordinator Jim

Caldwell, who replaced the fired Cam Cameron.

COWBOYS 27, STEELERS 24

ARLINGTON, Texas • Brandon Carr intercepted a pass from Ben Roethlisberger to set up Dan Bailey's 21-yard field goal in overtime.

The Cowboys won a Bailey kick on the final play for the second straight week since practice squad linebacker Jerry Brown was killed in a one-car accident that led to manslaughter charges against teammate Josh Brent.

Carr intercepted Roethlisberger's pass along the sideline and returned it 36 yards to the 1. Bailey's kick came after Tony Romo took a 2-yard loss to put the kicker in better position.

The Cowboys (8-6) moved into a three-way tie for the NFC East lead with the Giants and Redskins. The Steelers (7-7) lost for the fourth time in five games.

CARDINALS 31, LIONS 10

GLENDALE, Ariz. • Greg Toler returned an interception 102 yards for a fourth-quarter touchdown as Arizona ended a nine-game losing streak.

The Cardinals (5-9) intercepted Matthew Stafford three times, returning two for touchdowns and setting up a TD with the other. The Lions (4-10) lost their sixth straight. Rashad Johnson brought back a pick 53 yards for a touchdown to cap Arizona's 21-point second quarter. Patrick Peterson's interception set up another score.

Detroit's Calvin Johnson became the first player in NFL history with consecutive 1,600-yard receiving seasons and tied an NFL record with

his seventh straight 100-yard receiving game.

PANTHERS 31, CHARGERS 7

SAN DIEGO • Mike Tolbert scored twice against his former team and DeAngelo Williams turned a tipped pass from Cam Newton into a 45-yard touchdown reception.

Carolina (5-9) won consecutive games for the first time since last December. The loss knocked the Chargers out of playoff contention for the third straight year.

The Chargers (5-9) clinched their first losing season since 2003, when they were an NFL-worse 4-12. Coach Norv Turner is expected to be fired at season's end, most likely along with general manager A.J. Smith.

Tolbert capped Carolina's first two drives with 1-yard scoring runs. His second TD was set up when Philip Rivers lost a fumble, his 21st turnover this season and 46th in less than two full seasons.

SAINTS 41, BUCCANEERS 0

NEW ORLEANS • Drew Brees passed for 307 yards and four touchdowns, and New Orleans posted its first shutout since 1995.

Brees connected on his scoring passes with tight end David Thomas, running back Darren Sproles and receivers Lance Moore and Joe Morgan. Mark Ingram added an 11-yard touchdown run.

Josh Freeman endured one of his worst outings of the season for Tampa Bay (6-8), throwing four interceptions and losing a fumble. Jabari Greer made two interceptions, Rafael Bush and Isa Abdul-

Quddus the others. Cameron Jordan forced Freeman's fumble on a sack and recovered it.

New Orleans (6-8) also bottled up standout rookie running back Doug Martin, holding him to 16 yards on nine carries.

DOLPHINS 24, JAGUARS 3

MIAMI • Miami kept former teammate Chad Henne out of the end zone, made three fourth-down stops deep in its own territory and benefited from an odd penalty.

Henne, playing in Miami for the first time since he departed as a Dolphins bust last offseason, threw for 221 yards with no turnovers. But the Dolphins turned back three scoring threats, and a go-ahead touchdown for the Jaguars came off the board because of an illegal-substitution penalty.

Ryan Tannehill went 22 for 28 for 220 yards and two scores with no interceptions to help Miami (6-8). The Jaguars (2-12) helped their chances of getting the No. 1 draft pick next April.

RAIDERS 15, CHIEFS 0

OAKLAND, Calif. • Sebastian Janikowski kicked five field goals, Darren McFadden rushed for 110 yards and the Oakland Raiders shut out Kansas City for the second time ever, beating the Chiefs 15-0 on Sunday.

The Raiders (4-10) overwhelmed the undermanned Chiefs (2-12) to snap a six-game losing streak. Sandwiched around those losses are a pair of wins over Kansas City, a rare bright spot in this disappointing season in Oakland.

There has been little to cheer for this season for the Chiefs, who have lost 10 of 11 games and are tied for the second most losses in franchise history behind a 2-14 mark in 2008.

49ERS 41, PATRIOTS 34

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. • The San Francisco 49ers earned a playoff berth by withstanding a stunning comeback by New England from a 28-point deficit to beat the Patriots 41-34 on Sunday night in the rain.

Michael Crabtree took a short pass and sped around cornerback Kyle Arrington for a 38-yard touchdown with 6:25 to go, then David Akers made a 28-yard field goal to clinch it.

New England (10-4) trailed 31-3 at one point and lost for the first time at home in December in 21 games. They also had won 21 in a row in the second half of the schedule before San Francisco (10-3-1) somehow regrouped late in a game it seemingly had clinched long before.



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A sticker showing a black ribbon to honor the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings in Newtown, Conn., is affixed to the helmet of New England Patriots defensive end Trevor Scott before an NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers in Foxborough, Mass., Sunday.

Jesse Wright Wins Saddle Bronc Season Title

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LAS VEGAS • Jesse Wright edged Cody DeMoss by \$797 in the saddle bronc season standings for his first world title, finishing fourth with an 80.5-point ride on Pedro on Saturday night in the 10th and final round of the National Finals Rodeo.

"I didn't have that great of a finals, but to come down to the end of it and to ride my horses and win the world title without being high up in the average (NFR aggregate) feels outstanding," Wright said. "I had a great regular season and everything panned out enough here for it all to work out."

Wright, from Milford, Utah, earned \$226,887.

"This is better than what I ever thought it would feel like," he said. "It hasn't come close to sinking in yet, and I can't comprehend it. To be classified as a world champion and to be in the same category as my brother (Cody), who is a great bronc rider, is a dream I've had since I've started riding broncs."

DeMoss, from Heflin, La., won the round with an 86 on Painted Feather and earned a \$46,821 bonus by topping the NFR aggregate standings with 798.5 points for 10 rides.

Cody Wright led the NFR saddle bronc earnings race with \$121,322. He was second with an 85 on Resistol's Top Hat, and finished second in the aggregate with 740.5 points for nine rides.

In bull riding, Cody Teel of Kountze, Texas, passed J.W. Harris of Mullin, Texas, in the final round to take the title. Teel earned \$11,484 with the sixth-place NFR aggregate standings bonus to take the title with \$201,978. Harris was second with \$200,922. Both were bucked off in the final round.

"This is what you work all year to do and I think right now that it doesn't matter how you do it, as long as you get the job done," Teel said. "It's my first gold buckle and I just couldn't stop staring at it when they handed it to me."

Beau Schroeder of China,



Jesse Wright of Milford, Utah stays aboard Pedro during the saddle bronc event of the National Finals Rodeo on Saturday in Las Vegas. Wright won the gold buckle for the 10 rounds of saddle bronc riding.

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Texas, won the aggregate race with five rides for 423 points.

Defending world champ Shane Proctor of Grand Coulee, Wash., won the round with an 86.5 on Squawk Box.

In barrel racing, 53-year-old Mary Walker of Ennis, Texas, won the season title in her first NFR, finishing sixth in 14.01 seconds. She earned \$274,233, and finished with an event-best \$146,941.

Carlee Pierce of Stephenville, Texas, won the round in 13.57.

In bareback riding, Kaycee Feild of Payson, Utah, repeated as the champion and aggregate standings winner by tying for third with an 85.5 on Scarlett's Web. Feild earned \$276,850, and Will Lowe of Canyon, Texas, was second with \$220,269. Feild is the first bareback rider to

win consecutive titles since Lowe in 2006-07.

"I'm friends with a lot of past world champions, and they always say the second one is a little more tough than the first one," Feild said. "I don't know why, but I found that to be true. To come here and stay on top the whole time in Vegas and stay strong was tough. Bareback riding is simple. It's just having the right mindset."

J.R. Vezain of Cowley, Wyo., won the round with an 86.5 on Top Flight.

In steer wrestling, Luke Branquinho of Los Alamos, Calif., won his second straight season title and fourth overall, finishing with \$147,184. He tied for fifth in the round with a 4.2.

Branquinho is the first to win two straight titles since Ote Berry in 1990-91, and

tied Berry and Jim Bynum for second place on the career steer wrestling title list with four.

"You hear that stuff coming up before you even get in that situation," Branquinho said. "It's great. You just don't think about it. You just go out there and try to win as much money as you can. Now, to be able to say that I'm in that elite group, it's an honor. Four is just unbelievable."

Les Shepperson of Midwest, Wyo., won the aggregate standings race at 48.60.

Gabe Ledoux of Kaplan, La., won the round in 3.3.

In team roping, there was a split world championship for the first time since 2007 when Chad Masters of Cedar Hill, Tenn., won the header title with \$196,099, and Jade

Corkill of Fallon, Nev., took

the heeler crown with \$190,797. Clay O'Brien Cooper of Gardnersville, Nev., who is Masters' partner, was second for heelers with \$189,666, while Kaleb Driggers of Albany, Ga., who ropes with Corkill, was second among the headers with \$194,888.

Driggers and Corkill won the round in 4.0, and Masters and Cooper finished fifth in 5.2. Masters and Cooper won the aggregate standings race at 73.40 to earn the \$46,821 bonus.

Header Trevor Brazile of Decatur, Texas, and heeler Patrick Smith of Lipan, Texas, who led for the first nine rounds, broke the barrier and failed to earn a check after finishing outside the top six.

Brazile, who was seeking his NFR record-tying 18th

gold buckle, finished with \$182,903, and Smith ended up with \$184,403, which put both of them in third place in the world standings.

In tie-down roping, Tuf Cooper of Decatur, Texas, won the title by finishing sixth in 7.9.

Cooper earned \$232,885, while second-place Justin Maass of Giddings, Texas, made \$197,594.

Adam Gray of Seymour, Texas, was the aggregate standings champion with a time of 87.80 over 10 rounds. Cooper was second at 90.60.

Five-time world champion Cody Ohl of Hico, Texas, won the round in 7.0.

In all-around, Brazile clinched his record 10th world championship and seventh in a row Monday night, and finished with \$298,626.

NBA ROUNDUP

NHL Lawsuit Assigned to Former Federal Prosecutor

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NEW YORK • The NHL's lawsuit against its players was assigned to a relatively new federal judge who is a longtime New York Yankees fan and a former federal prosecutor.

The sides didn't talk Sunday, the 92nd day of a lockout that is threatening to wipe out an entire NHL season for the second time in nine years. NHL players started voting on whether to have their union give up collective bargaining rights, a "disclaimer of interest" that could be a precursor to an antitrust suit.

The league argued in a 43-page suit Friday in federal court in Manhattan that the union's actions were a bargaining maneuver and asked that the lockout be declared legal. The case was assigned to U.S. District Judge Paul A. Engelmayer, who joined the bench in July 2011.

The 51-year-old is a graduate of Horace Mann School, Harvard College and Harvard Law School.

He spent a year between college and graduate school as a reporter for The Wall Street Journal. After clerking for Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, he had two stints in the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan, rising to chief of the major crimes unit. He also worked in the Solicitor General's office in Washington, D.C.

One of his more promi-

nent cases occurred in 1999, when he led the prosecution of Lawrence X. Cusack III, convicted on 13 counts on mail and wire fraud stemming from the sale of forged documents claiming President John F. Kennedy paid hush money to keep secret an affair with Marilyn Monroe. Cusack was sentenced to 10 years, 3 months in prison and ordered to pay \$7 million restitution.

Two years earlier, Engelmayer prosecuted a Los Angeles woman, Autumn Jackson, who was convicted of conspiracy and crossing state lines to commit a crime for threatening to tell tabloids she was Bill Cosby's out-of-wedlock child unless he paid her \$40 million. Jackson was sentenced to 26 months in prison. Cosby denied he was Jackson's father but admitted having an affair with her mother and providing more than \$100,000 in financial support.

Engelmayer worked from 2000-11 with the New York law firm now known as WilmerHale before he was nominated for the bench by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the Senate. In his most notable decision thus far, Engelmayer ruled a provocative ad that equates Muslim radicals with savages is protected speech under the First Amendment. New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority initially refused to run the ad, saying it was "demeaning."

Bryant Helps Lakers Top 76ers 111-98

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PHILADELPHIA • Kobe Bryant scored 34 points, Metta World Peace added 19 points and a career-high 16 rebounds, and the Los Angeles Lakers won consecutive games for the first time in nearly a month with a 111-98 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Sunday.

Dwight Howard had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Lakers, who led 60-50 at halftime. Darius Morris had a career-high 15 points, all in the first half, and Chris Duhon scored 14.

The Lakers (11-14), who beat Washington 102-96 on Friday night, won two in a row for the first time since a three-game streak from Nov. 16-20.

Even without injured stars Steve Nash and Pau Gasol, the Lakers hardly resembled the team which entered the night four games below .500.

Nick Young paced the reeling Sixers (12-12) with 30 points, while Spencer Hawes and Evan Turner added 16 apiece. Thaddeus Young had 14 points for Philadelphia, which dropped a third straight game for the first time this season.

RAPTORS 103, ROCKETS 96

TORONTO • Jose Calderon had 18 points, 14 assists and 10 rebounds, and Toronto won consecutive games for the first time in eight months with a victory over Houston.

Alan Anderson had 24 points and DeMar DeRozan added 19 for the Raptors (6-19), who hadn't won consecutive games since April 13 and 15 of last season.

James Harden scored 28 points for the Rockets and Marcus Morris added 19.

Former Raptors sharpshooter Carlos Delfino drained



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Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant (24) shoots over Philadelphia 76ers' Spencer Hawes (00) during the second half of an NBA basketball game on Sunday in Philadelphia. The Lakers won, 111-98.

two baskets in the final 1:04 to pull the Rockets within two points, but Calderon sunk two free throws to put Toronto back up by four.

The teams traded free throws for most of the final minute.

NUGGETS 122, KINGS 97

SACRAMENTO, Calif. • Reserve JaVale McGee scored 19 points, Danilo Gallinari had 18 and Denver built a big lead in the first half to cruise past Sacramento.

The Nuggets scored 16 straight points to snap a first-quarter tie and take control.

Denver has won seven in a row against the Kings. Sacramento has lost four straight overall.

Isaiah Thomas had 20

points and DeMarcus Cousins had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Kings. Sacramento's Aaron Brooks committed a hard foul against Andre Miller late in the first quarter and a mild altercation ensued involving Cousins and Kenneth Faried of the Nuggets. All four players were given technical fouls.

TRAIL BLAZERS 95,

HORNETS 94

PORTLAND, Ore. • Rookie Damian Lillard hit a 3-pointer with 0.3 seconds left and the Portland Trail Blazers handed New Orleans its sixth straight loss with a 95-94 victory over the Hornets on Sunday night.

After trailing by as many as 16, Austin Rivers hit a 3-pointer for the Hornets to tie it at 92

with 50.9 seconds left. The Blazers then absorbed a blow when LaMarcus Aldridge suddenly came up limping and headed to the locker room with what appeared to be a left ankle injury, but Lillard came through to give Portland the win.

The winning shot appeared to come at the buzzer but a review put the fraction back on the clock. Lance Thomas made a layup for the Hornets as time ran out for the final margin.

J.J. Hickson had a season-high 24 points and added 16 rebounds for the Blazers. Ryan Anderson had 26 points for New Orleans.

SATURDAY'S LATE GAME

GRIZZLIES 99, JAZZ 86.

SALT LAKE CITY • Zach Randolph scored 25 points and grabbed 16 rebounds and the Memphis Grizzlies defeated the Utah Jazz 99-86 on Saturday night to halt a three-game losing streak.

The win was Memphis' first in Salt Lake City since an overtime victory on Jan. 24, 2007, as the Grizzlies had dropped nine straight in Utah until Saturday.

The Grizzlies outscored Utah 28-10 in the third quarter to turn a 10-point halftime deficit into a 72-64 lead entering the fourth. The Jazz shot just 15 percent (3 of 20) in the quarter after shooting 56.4 percent at halftime.

Al Jefferson led Utah with 21 points. Paul Millsap added 12 and Gordon Hayward 11 for the Jazz (13-12), who have lost two straight.

Memphis held a 48-35 advantage on the boards, including an 18-7 edge on the offensive end. Marc Gasol added 16 points for Memphis (15-6), including nine in the decisive third.

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Today is Monday, Dec. 17, the 352nd day of 2012. There are 14 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight: On Dec. 17, 1992, President George H.W. Bush, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari signed the North American Free Trade Agreement in separate ceremonies. (After approval by the legislative bodies of the leaders' respective countries, the treaty came into force on Jan. 1, 1994.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date: In 1777, France recognized American independence.

In 1830, South American patriot Simon Bolivar died in Colombia.

In 1865, Franz Schubert's Symphony No. 8, the "Unfinished" (because only two of its movements were completed) was performed publicly for the first time in Vienna, 37 years after the composer's death.

In 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio, conducted the first successful manned powered-airplane flights near Kitty Hawk, N.C., using their experimental craft, the Wright Flyer.

In 1925, Col. William "Billy" Mitchell was convicted at his court-martial in Washington of insubordination for accusing senior military officials of incompetence and criminal negligence; he was suspended from active duty.

In 1939, the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee was scuttled by its crew, ending the World War II Battle of the River Plate off Uruguay.

In 1944, the U.S. Army announced it was ending its policy of excluding Japanese-Americans from the West Coast.

In 1957, the United States successfully test-fired the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile for the first time.

In 1961, an arson fire at a circus in Niteroi, Brazil, killed 323 people.

In 1975, Lynette Fromme was sentenced in Sacramento, Calif., to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Gerald R. Ford. (She was paroled in Aug. 2009.)

In 1979, in a case that aggravated racial tensions, Arthur McDuffie, a black insurance executive, was fatally injured after leading police on a chase with his motorcycle in Miami. (Four white police officers accused of beating McDuffie were later acquitted, sparking riots.)

In 1981, members of the Red Brigades kidnapped Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, the highest-ranking U.S. Army official in southern Europe, from his home in Verona, Italy. (Dozier was rescued 42 days later.)

Ten years ago: Insurance and finance company Conseco Inc. filed for Chapter 11 (Conseco emerged from bankruptcy protection the following year). The government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, rebels and opposition parties signed a peace agreement to end four years of civil war. Playwright Frederick Knott, who wrote "Dial M For Murder" and "Wait Until Dark," died in New York City at age 86.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush, addressing a Rotary Club meeting, tried to reassure an edgy public that the economy was "pretty good" despite the mix of a failing housing market, a national credit crunch and surging energy costs. Iran received its first nuclear fuel from Russia, paving the way for the startup of its reactor. Gov. Jon S. Corzine signed a measure making New Jersey the first state to abolish the death penalty in more than 40 years. NBC announced that Jay Leno and Conan O'Brien were planning to return to their late-night shows in early 2008, even as the writers' strike continued.

One year ago: North Korean leader Kim Jong Il died after more than a decade of iron rule; he was 69, according to official records, but some reports indicated he was 70. Advocates for immigrants gathered outside Alabama's state Capitol in Montgomery to call for repeal of a controversial law they said harkened back to the state's segregationist past.

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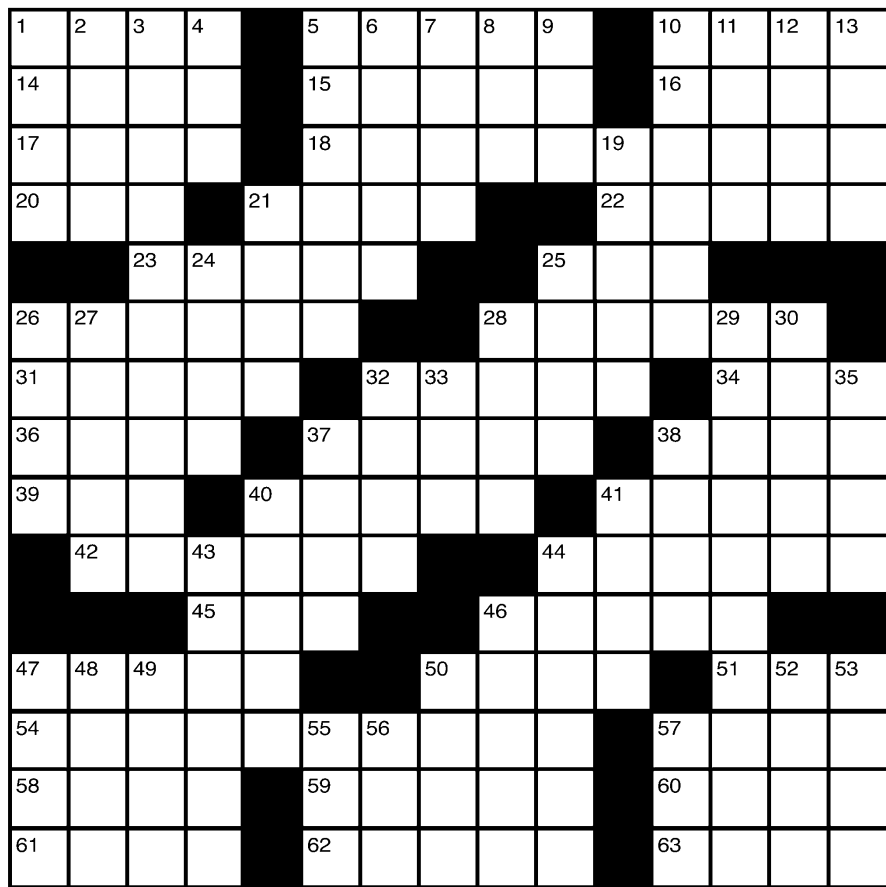
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- 5 Bundle of grain
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- 14 Muscle cramp
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- 17 Promote; talk up
- 18 ___ in; fascinated by
- 20 Conjunction
- 21 Pinky & Spike
- 22 Counts calories
- 23 Paper delivered each morning
- 25 Fish's propeller
- 26 Gushed forth
- 28 Shrink back in fear
- 31 Went public with
- 32 ___ over; recall with malicious satisfaction
- 34 Bumped into
- 36 Sudden attack
- 37 Constructed
- 38 Ship's pole
- 39 Hostel
- 40 Caffè ___; order at Starbucks
- 41 Stockholm resident
- 42 Fairy tale heavy
- 44 Few and far between
- 45 "___ Maria"
- 46 Concrete strips
- 47 Frighten
- 50 Read quickly
- 51 Fall month: abbr.
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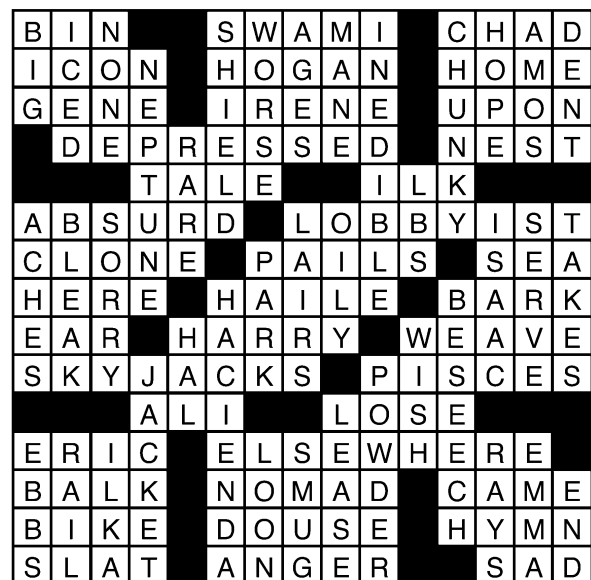
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- 2 Piece of Greek Orthodox art
- 3 Trembling
- 4 Collection
- 5 Blue Cross Blue ___
- 6 Sweetheart
- 7 Gobbles up
- 8 "Blessed ___ the meek..."
- 9 ___, HST, DDE, JFK...
- 10 Gambling hall
- 11 Opening bet
- 12 Robert Frost or Joyce Kilmer
- 13 Finales
- 19 King's order
- 21 Fibbed
- 24 Floored
- 25 Heroic act
- 26 Indian garment
- 27 Liberace's instrument
- 28 Acting part
- 29 Cold and businesslike
- 30 Goes first
- 32 Courage

- 33 Enkindled
- 35 Birch or beech
- 37 Foundation
- 38 Q-tip, for one
- 40 Pry bar
- 41 Reach across
- 43 Most unusual
- 44 Inclines
- 46 Move over a bit

- 47 Narrow board
- 48 Concern
- 49 Performs
- 50 Indication
- 52 Jailbird's room
- 53 Poet's "it was"
- 55 Alphabet's start
- 56 Even score
- 57 Get older

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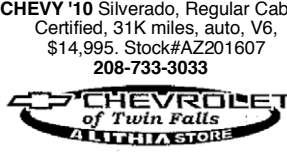
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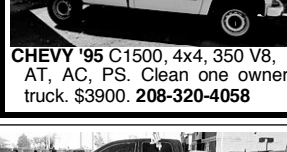
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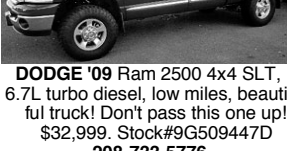
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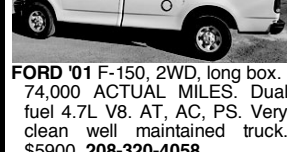
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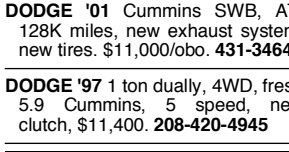


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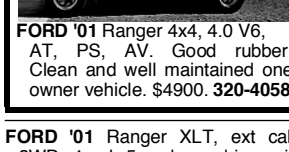
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