

# Merry Christmas

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### Holiday Bump, Spring Slump for Charities

Charities ready for post-December decline in donations.

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**TWIN FALLS** • Thanks to generous donations to local charities, Magic Valley families who have fallen on hard times won't go hungry or cold on Christmas.

But what happens to the donations after the holiday season? For some charities, January and February mean a drop in giving.

Kim Milloy of Helping Hearts and Hands in Gooding said the slowdown is predictable. That allows them to ration Christmas season donations through late winter.

After those run out, "we just hope and pray," she said, "hope it comes in."

Prayer isn't the only tool Milloy uses. When donations get low, Helping Hearts and Hands sends notes to churches to seek help from sympathetic congregations.

If that doesn't work, they send out less food in the food boxes.

In Kimberly, East End Providers also sends notes to churches when they need help, said Cecille Griffith. The need isn't just for the holidays, she pointed out.

The charity needs food, blankets and clothes for needy families throughout the year.

In Mini-Cassia, Cody Thornton of Helping Hands said he avoids asking for help, even if donations are low. He would rather take money out of his wallet, he said, though he does specify what the charity needs in an annual newsletter to donors. Even if

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A group of students with the International Student Exchange sing a Christmas carol Sunday outside Safe Haven Assisted Living in Gooding.

## 'Dashing through the Snow'

Gooding carolers bring Christmas cheer to seniors.

BY ALISON GENE SMITH  
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**GOODING** • The weather outside was frightful, but the Christmas carols of a few dozen merry

singers were still delightful.

Originally, about 100 people were scheduled to go caroling with the Gooding United Methodist Church, said Pastor Jeffrey Rickman. When the snow

started dumping late Sunday afternoon, that number dwindled to about 40 brave but chilly souls.

"It's going to be a mess," Rickman warned the group before departing.

Rickman then said a prayer, asking God to keep the carolers

safe and warm as they sang.

"Thank you for people to sing joyfully," he said. "When we come back to eat, let no one have frost-bite."

The group was carried through the snowy streets by two open

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IF YOU DO ONE THING TODAY ...

Merry Christmas! Enjoy a cheerful and reflective day with your families.

#### THE FORECAST

High 34°  
Low 22°

Partly Cloudy.  
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Emily Petersen makes crafts with her daughters, Ellie and Emma, Thursday at Head Start in Twin Falls.

### PETERSEN WINS NATIONAL HEAD START AWARD

BY JULIE WOOTTON  
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**TWIN FALLS** • When Emily Petersen was 20 weeks pregnant, she found out her daughter, Ellie, would have spina bifida.

"After she was born, it was really overwhelming," she said, and it changed the family's lives immediately.

While navigating new challenges, Petersen knew she needed to find a preschool program for her 4-year-old daughter, Emma.

One of her friends worked at Head Start and suggested looking into the program. After finding out she met the eligibility requirements and applying, Emma started preschool.

"I instantly fell in love with the program,"

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THE MARKET AT A GLANCE

Stocks Dip with Budget Deal in Doubt at Year’s End

**NEW YORK (AP)** • Stocks fell in light trading Monday during a shortened holiday trading session with lawmakers running out of time to reach a budget deal that would prevent the U.S. from going over the so-called fiscal cliff.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 52 points to 13,139.08. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index gave up 3 points to 1,426.66 The Nasdaq composite slipped 8.4 points to 3,012.60.

In more than a dozen interviews with The Associated Press, conservative activists said they would rather see the country fall off the cliff than agree to any tax increases for any Americans, no matter how wealthy.

With many in Washington away for the holidays, that scenario appears increasingly likely.

“There is starting to become a little bit of an acceptance that we fall off the fiscal cliff,” said JJ Kinahan, chief derivatives strategist for TD Ameritrade. “People are starting to think about how they may plan their portfolio if that does happen.”

Stocks fell sharply Friday, with the Dow logging its biggest drop in more than a month, after House Republicans called off a vote on tax rates. That left federal budget talks in disarray just days before sweeping tax increases and government spending cuts are scheduled to take effect.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

AlliantEgy	1.80	16	44.43	-.10	+.7	Keycorp	.20	10	8.44	...	+.98
AlliantTch	1.04f	8	63.52	+.08	+.11f	Lee Ent	...	...	1.12	-.01	+.589
AmCasino	.50	11	26.56	+.06	+.536	MicronT	...	...	6.23	-.09	-.10
Aon plc	.63	18	56.63	...	+.210	OfficeMax	.08	2	9.68	-.05	+.1132
BallardP h	...	...	59	-.00	-.454	RockTcn	.90	19	69.49	+.07	+.204
BkofAm	.04	30	11.25	-.04	+.1023	Sensient	.88	14	36.11	+.28	-.47
ConAgra	1.00	19	29.78	-.02	+.128	SkyWest	.16	35	12.81	-.06	+.17
Costco	11.0a	24	99.44	-.05	+.193	Teradyne	...	14	16.54	-.21	+.213
Diebold	1.14	12	30.82	-.12	+.25	Tupware	1.44	18	63.02	-.51	+.126
DukeEn rs	3.06	18	64.58	+.07	...	US Bancrp	.78	11	32.31	-.17	+.194
DukeRlty	.68	...	13.87	-.05	+.151	Valhi s	.20	17	12.75	-.08	-.367
Fastenal	.84f	33	46.36	+.28	+.63	WallMart	1.59	14	68.57	-.08	+.147
Heinz	2.06	19	58.36	-.35	+.80	WashFed	.32	13	16.43	-.49	+.174
HewlettP	.53	...	14.01	-.33	-.456	WellsFargo	.88	11	34.42	-.06	+.249
HomeDp	1.16	22	61.57	+.25	+.465	ZionBcp	.04	21	21.41	-.08	+.315
Idacorp	1.52	14	44.03	-.20	+.38						

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Dec	Live cattle	133.35	133.25	133.25	-.33	Jun	J-Pen	1.1944	1.1885	1.1885	+.0022
Feb	Live cattle	136.95	136.88	136.88	-.45	Mar/Euro-currency		1.3261	1.3170	1.3187	-.0065
Jan	Feeder cattle	152.10	151.88	152.15	.xx	Jun Euro-currency		1.3251	1.3188	1.3204	-.0060
Mar	Feeder cattle	154.68	154.68	154.68	-.10	Mar Canada dollar		1.0108	1.0028	1.0045	-.0065
Feb	Lean hogs	87.35	86.70	87.35	+.45	Jun Canada dollar		1.0063	1.0009	1.0030	-.0058
Feb	Lean hogs	91.70	91.45	91.45	+.18	Mar Swiss Franc		1.0991	1.0915	1.0028	-.0056
Mar	Wheat	796.25	791.25	792.50	+.50	Jun Swiss Franc		1.0983	1.0983	1.0983	-.0020
May	Wheat	806.25	801.25	801.75	-.25	Mar U.S. Dollar		79.74	79.34	79.71	+.40
Mar	KC Wheat	845.75	840.00	842.25	+.25	Dec Comex gold		166.05	163.63	165.73	+.114
May	KC Wheat	855.00	850.25	851.25	-.75	Feb Comex gold		166.25	163.87	165.95	+.115
Mar	MPS Wheat	885.00	880.00	880.75	-.75	Mar Comex silver		30.33	29.67	30.11	+.43
May	MPS Wheat	894.50	890.00	890.00	-1.75	Jul Comex silver		30.33	29.90	30.18	+.42
Mar	Corn	707.25	700.50	703.00	+.100	DecTreasury bond		147.2	146.1	147.1	+.03
May	Corn	709.25	703.00	705.25	+.50	MarTreasury bond		xxx.x	xxx.x	145.8	.xx
Jan	Soybeans	1443.50	1428.50	1439.75	+.900	Mar Coffee		146.85	141.85	146.60	+.365
Mar	Soybeans	1441.25	1425.00	1435.25	+.600	May Coffee		149.50	144.75	149.35	+.355
Dec	BFP Milk	18.59	18.12	18.36	+.06	Mar Cotton		76.28	75.29	76.18	+.35
Jan	BFP Milk	18.30	17.72	18.11	+.31	May Cotton		76.92	75.95	76.76	+.28
Feb	BFP Milk	18.42	17.90	18.21	+.19	Jan Unleaded gas		2.7609	2.7180	2.7365	-.0178
Mar	BFP Milk	18.59	18.22	18.36	+.06	Jan Heating oil		3.0601	3.0183	3.0297	-.0278
Mar	Sugar	19.35	19.08	19.25	.xx	Jan Natural gas		3.508	3.425	3.438	-.024
May	Sugar	19.47	19.22	19.40	+.04	Jan Crude oil		90.07	87.96	88.82	-.131
Mar	B-Pound	1.6276	1.6148	1.6160	-.0119						
Jun	B-Pound	1.6218	1.6148	1.6148	-.0126						

GRAINS & METALS REPORT

VALLEY BEANS

Prices are net to growers, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges. Prices subject to change without notice. Producers desiring more recent price information should contact dealers.

Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture, pintos, \$35-\$36; pinks, \$40-\$42; small reds, \$40-\$42; garbanzos, \$40-\$42. Quotes current Dec. 19.

VALLEY GRAINS

Prices for wheat per bushel; mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundredweight. Prices subject to change without notice.

Barley, \$13.10; oats, \$12.30; corn, \$14.00 (15 percent moisture). Prices are given by Rangen's in Buhl. Prices current Dec. 19.

Corn, \$14.00; barley, \$13.25 (cwt); wheat, \$45 (bushel) delivered to Gooding. Prices quoted by JD Heiskell. Prices current Dec. 19.

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange

Barrels: \$1.6550, nc; Blocks: \$1.7400, nc

GOLD

Selected world gold prices, Monday.

London morning fixing: \$1762.50 up \$11.00. London afternoon fixing: closed-holiday .

NY Handy & Harman: closed-holiday .

NY Handy & Harman fabricated: closed-holiday .

NY Engelhard: closed-holiday .

NY Engelhard fabricated: closed-holiday .

NY Merc. gold Nov Mon \$1658.60 off \$0.50.

NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m. Mon. \$1659.00 up \$2.00.

SILVER

NEW YORK (AP) Handy & Harman silver Monday closed-holiday .

H&H fabricated Closed-holiday .

The morning bullion price for silver in London \$30.190 up \$0.300.

Engelhard Closed-holiday .

Engelhard fabricated Closed-holiday .

NY Merc silver spot month Monday \$29.839 off \$0.303.

NONFERROUS

NEW YORK (AP) – Spot nonferrous metal prices M.

Aluminum - \$0.9232 per lb., London Metal Exch.

Copper - \$3.5236 Cathode full plate, LME.

Copper \$3.5340 N.Y. Merc spot Fri.

Lead – \$2276.00 metric ton, London Metal Exch.

Zinc – \$0.9216 per lb., London Metal Exch.

Gold – \$1662.50 Handy & Harman (only daily quote).

Gold – \$1658.60 troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot Fri.

Silver – n.a. Handy & Harman (only daily quote).

Silver – \$29.839 troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot Fri.

Platinum - \$1542.00 troy oz., N.Y. (contract).

Man Sentenced for Shooting Another

**BY ALISON GENE SMITH**  
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**TWIN FALLS** • A Buhl man was sentenced Friday for aggravated battery after pleading guilty to shooting another man in August.

Daniel D. Thomas, 36, will spend at least four years in prison for shooting John Valenciano Jr., 20, in the neck. At the time of the shooting, Valenciano was a fugitive from police.

Both Thomas and Valenciano have lengthy criminal histories.

After medical treatment, Valenciano was taken into custody on a warrant related to an aggravated assault case.

At the hearing Friday,

Thomas was sentenced to spend four to 15 years in prison. He must also pay court costs and restitution, which will be determined later.

The sentence will run at the same time as a combined two to 10 years in prison Thomas was sentenced to in two other cases.

In the first case, Thomas was accused of helping Stefanie Contreras enter the Pierce Street residence of her child's father on the morning of Nov. 30, 2011. Contreras entered to take her 4-year-old son, Brandon, while two other men — Thomas, who carried a pistol, and Kelvin Milo Jr. — accompanied her. Jason Bearce, the father, told police that when he went to confront Contreras in the

living room, Thomas shot at him.

Thomas was originally charged with custodial interference, burglary, aggravated assault and unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon. All but the weapon possession charge were dismissed by prosecutors. Thomas was sentenced to one to five years in prison in that case.

While awaiting court hearings in that case, Thomas was arrested for theft by acquiring lost property after he used a credit card accidentally left in an ATM in October 2011. Police say the card was used nine times and more than \$1,200 was spent. Thomas was also sentenced to one to five years

in prison in that case. The sentences for those two cases run consecutively.

Valenciano, meanwhile, pleaded guilty in November to robbery and kidnapping charges. He, Dylan Contreras 20, Luis Sotelo, 20, and a 16-year-old boy were all arrested on charges relating to a robbery at the home of Leo and Judy Ray in Buhl. The Rays own Fish Processors of Idaho.

An additional kidnapping charge for Valenciano in that case and charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a controlled substance, both separate cases, were dropped by prosecutors.

Valenciano is scheduled to be sentenced on Jan. 2.

Curious Mind  
Is the Snake River Canyon Stable?

**How stable is the Snake River Canyon rim with the growth of development since there are fault lines in the area?**



Curious Mind

In part, it depends on whom and how you ask.

“The rim of the Snake River Canyon is unstable almost everywhere,” said David Mead, a former Twin Falls banker who served on a past canyon advisory committee examining the stretch from the Hansen Bridge to Rock Creek Canyon. “Rocks fall everyday.”

Mead participated in studies in 1975 and 1994, both as part of the Twin Falls County committee and as part of a group called Canyon Inc. The group’s purpose was to study, encourage, and support the orderly development and preservation of land located in the Magic Valley.

He describes the potential for landslides and rock-falls due to individual lava flows of jointed rock. Structures can be disturbed by the opening of cracks near or beneath them, and can be damaged by falling rock. These problems can be eliminated by placing structures well back from the canyon rim. Tension

cracks do occur as much as 75 feet from the rim. A site analysis should be made for structures.

“I’m still concerned about how close the buildings are to the rim,” Mead said.

Geologist Art Small answers the question from the broad view of Idaho geological history.

“I believe the canyon rim is very stable and safe from our perspective of the tiny window in time that makes up recorded history,” Small said.

The land surrounding the canyon is capped with a thick, strong, durable and nearly flat-lying layer of basalt, which is very resistant to erosion. The Snake River expands the canyon by undercutting the softer sedimentary rocks below the basalt and allowing the basalt to break and tumble into the canyon. “This is a very slow process,” said Small.

“We must remember that the job of all rivers in the world is to remove all solid material from above sea level and carry it to the

ocean where it is deposited on the ocean floor. And that will continue to happen,” he said. “Within the next 10 million years the Snake River and its erosive action will win the battle here and the Snake River Plain will become a broad gently sloping river valley with a gentle meandering Snake River plodding along in a peaceful tree covered plain at about 1,000 feet lower in elevation than the current plain.”

“There are relatively few large faults in the Snake River Plain and there has been little mountain building activity in the past 10 million years,” said Small. There are many joints in the basalt, but they are not active like faults. They could contribute to the crumbling of the rim during the natural erosive process. And a moderate earthquake along the faults in the Twin Falls area could cause a landslide of the canyon rim.

Counties and cities along the rim started including building setbacks in their ordinances as early as the 1970s, one result of the studies. Renee Carraway, zoning and development manager for the city of Twin Falls, said structures in the city’s Canyon Rim Overlay Zone must have a

minimum 100-foot setback from the rim. The only exception is builders who submit an approved geological study.

“Both Canyon Crest and Elevation 486 submitted building permits including the required geological study and upon completion of the construction received a certificate of occupancy,” Carraway said.

But recent construction still concerns Mead.

“What scares me the most is reverse drainage,” he said. Instead of draining over the canyon rim, water drains behind and under the jointed rock, thus destabilizing the rock. Reverse drainage increases displacement and results in a landslide. “This whole thing could come off. You can’t tell where it is. That’s the main thing I worry about.”

“The canyon needs to be protected,” Mead said. “I still think we have become rather liberal on the canyon.”

*Have a question? Just ask and we’ll find an answer for you. Email your question to Kimberly Williams-Brackett at timesnewscuriousmind@gmail.com with “Curious Mind” in the subject line.*

SNOWPACK

Watershed	Seasonal percentage	% of Avg.	peak	Little Lost	151%	58%
Salmon	132%	47%		Henry's Fork/Teton	125%	45%
Big Wood	163%	58%		Upper Snake Basin	124%	44%
Little Wood	184%	64%		Goose Creek	82%	31%
Big Lost	201%	71%		Salmon Falls	76%	27%
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ASHLEY SMITH • TIMES-NEWS

**A dusting of snow covers antique farm equipment near Twin Falls on Monday. Today's forecast for the Magic Valley is a high in the low 30s and a small chance of snow.**



## Award

Continued from the front page

Petersen said.

She got involved as the chairwoman of south-central Idaho's Head Start Policy Council.

She also advocates for children with special needs through the J. Rodie Hope Alliance. The organization is working to raise money for the Petersen family to build a wheelchair accessible home for Ellie.

The National Head Start Association recently recognized Petersen as "Parent of the Year Beating the Odds."

She's one of just two recipients nationwide. In April, she'll travel to Washington, D.C., to receive the award.

Mancole Fedder, director of the College of Southern Idaho's Head Start program, said he's proud of Petersen.

"She exemplifies not only what good parents do for their children and for the community, but she also exemplifies what Head Start does for families and children nationwide," he said.

Petersen said it has been a whirlwind experience ever since Ellie's Early Head Start teacher nominated her for the award.

"I didn't think it would lead to all of this," she said.

In August, Petersen found out she'd won an award at the state and regional levels. But the big news came at the end of October.

In her role as chairwoman of the Head Start Policy Council, she joins other parents to make decisions on "everything related to the program," she said.

Petersen said Head Start programs help to teach parents leadership skills and they're growing along with their children.

Ellie isn't the only one in the family with a medical condition. Petersen said her husband has a rare condition and their oldest daughter is showing signs of having it.

## A Two-year-old's Journey

The morning after Ellie was born, she underwent brain and back surgery.

One month later, the family learned Ellie has auditory neuropathy, a condition that causes hearing loss.

Petersen said they'd already knew Ellie wouldn't be able to walk, so the news came as another big blow.

As a voice teacher, she knew her daughter might not be able to hear music.

Petersen said there was a 1 percent chance that Ellie would be able to hear. And she beat the odds.

Her hearing improved. Now, it's above normal.

Ellie, who is now 2 years old, goes to therapy sessions each week. That's in addition to doctor's appointments and appointments with specialists in Boise.

She has gone through multiple surgeries and received a pediatric wheelchair when she turned 2.

Petersen said her daughter has come a long way. She couldn't use her legs, but



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Ellie Petersen, 2, smiles Thursday at Head Start in Twin Falls.

now she kicks during water therapy.

Petersen said Ellie is a blessing and has made her stronger.

"Ellie thinks she's as normal as anyone else," she said.

## Head Start Experience

Head Start is a federally funded program that provides educational, health, nutritional and social services to children in low-income families.

The Early Head Start program is for pregnant women, infants and toddlers up to age 3.

There are 11 centers in

south-central Idaho.

Petersen said teachers help children learn through play.

And she noticed how the program helped Emma learn and grow after she

enrolled.

When south-central Idaho's Head Start chapter launched an Early Head Start program two years ago, Ellie was one of the first children in

the program.

Petersen said the process included setting goals for Ellie that coincided with what doctors and therapists recommended.

## Giving Back to the Community

For Petersen, teaching voice lessons is a passion and a way of "finding my normal" in the midst of taking care of her family's needs.

She doesn't charge for lessons, and there's a waiting list.

"It's my way to give back to the community," she said.

Petersen's scholarship studio has been up and running for three years. And she has been teaching voice lessons for seven years.

She has also been on the board of the Dilettante Group of the Magic Valley — a community theater group — for about five years.

Petersen is active with the Parent Teacher Association at Emma's school — Harrison Elementary. It's also the second year she has helped organize a school talent show.

Receiving a national award through Head Start was a different and unexpected experience, she said. But for Petersen, her focus remains on her children.

She and her husband work as a team, she said.

Even though they're dealing with a lot, "we try to keep life as normal as possible."

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# FOOD PANTRY TO OPEN AT UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

**MOSCOW (AP)** • The University of Idaho plans to open a food pantry next month amid concerns about low-income student nutrition.

The *Moscow-Pullman Daily News* reported that the pantry on the first floor of the Student Union building is tentatively set to open Jan. 15 and has more than 650 pounds of food donations from university food drives.

"The concerns about poverty in the city and county are largely invisible" Dean of Students Bruce Pitman said. "We have many examples of students coming forward and needing additional financial assistance for a wide range of issues."

Paying rent and buying food are some of the most common problems students face because they underestimate the cost of going to school, he said.

"This is a hugely impor-

tant and necessary service that every college and university should be providing," said Bruce Mann, coordinator for the Center for Volunteerism and Social Action.

Maggie Hand, an outreach and recruitment student coordinator at the Center for Volunteerism, said rising tuition costs and an increase in first generation students trying to understand the financial challenges of paying for college increased the need for the food pantry.

"We started hearing stories about kids missing class in order to get food for their families or themselves," Hand said.

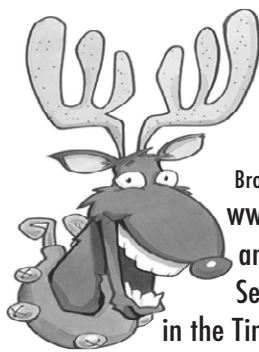
The UI Parents Association, which pays for programs to improve the quality of life for students, spent about \$2,000 to get the pantry started.

Many of the foods donated

will be beans, potatoes and dried peas and lentils. The university's dietitian, Marissa Lucas, will offer recipes and advice for students using the pantry. She also has a monthly cooking class at the Student Recreation Center on cooking meals on a tight budget.

"While fast food and the dollar menu can be really tempting, it can be just as affordable to eat healthy foods, and we're trying to change that way of thinking," she said. "Students are struggling to make ends meet and fill their refrigerator. It's definitely something I see, and I'm concerned about, so I'm grateful and excited for this food pantry."

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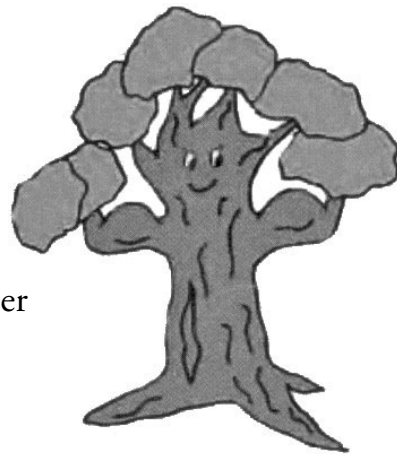
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OBITUARIES



William Levi Coates

April 26, 1922-Dec. 22, 2012

**FILER** • William Levi Coates, better known as Bill, was born April 26, 1922, and returned to his Father in Heaven on Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012.

Bill was born in Carey, Idaho, and grew up in Richfield, Idaho. He served his country in World War II as a member of the U.S. Army fighting in the Pacific. Following the war, he married Wanda Cobeaga on March 1, 1948. The couple settled in Filer, where they raised their five children. Bill earned his living as a farmer and dairyman. He loved fishing and hunting and went on many camping trips. He also loved to ride motorcycles. He was good to everyone he met and was known for his sense of humor, which he carried with him to his 90th year of life.

Bill is survived by his children, Bill Jr., Robert Lynn (Deana), Mike



(Sandie), Melanie and Merilee (Michael); and was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda; son, Jimmy; and grandchildren, Brian and Chase Coates and Julie Marie Coates.

Bill's funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Filer 1st Ward meetinghouse and will be preceded by a viewing at 10 a.m. Interment will be in the Filer City Cemetery.

Leigh Donald McLean

May 14, 1981-Dec. 18, 2012

**TWIN FALLS** • Leigh Donald McLean, born May 14, 1981, died peacefully in his sleep Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012.

Leigh was a devoted father, extremely proud of his family. He was raised in Elko, Nev., and, after graduating from Elko High School, he attended college at CSI in Twin Falls. He enjoyed snowboarding, repelling and other outdoor sports but could also be found reading an epic adventure. His passion for his occupation as a surveyor with JUB Engineers Inc. during the last 10 years never dimmed. His adventurous approach to life and the twinkle in his eye was always uplifting to everyone around him. He will be severely missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kristian McLean; and children, Trevor (9), Alecia (7) and Erik (4). He is also survived by his parents, Sharon and Don McLean;



and brother, Colin of Elko, Nev. In-laws include Regina and Lance Whitehead of Clear Lake, Calif.; and brothers-in-law, Kevin and Justin.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Leigh's name at Pioneer Federal Credit Union, 1439 N. College Road, Twin Falls ID 83301. Messages of support may be left at [www.reynoldschapel.com](http://www.reynoldschapel.com).

SERVICES

**Joseph "Joe" Bernard Sellers** of Wendell, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel; visitation begins at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the mortuary.

**Randy Lete Brown** of Jerome, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Jerome First Baptist Church, 308 First Ave. E. (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

**Dorothy Rue Spencer** of Gooding and formerly of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Wendell LDS Church; visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the church (Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel).

**Jack Allen York** of Carey, graveside service at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at the Carey Cemetery; visitation at 11 a.m. Thursday at the LDS Church in Carey (Anderson Family Funeral Home in Arco).

**Colleen Baird** of Jerome, memorial service at 1 p.m. Thursday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

**Marian R. Butterworth** of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel.

**Marjory Coleman** of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the LDS South Stake Center, 851 Harrison St. S. in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and one hour before the funeral Dec. 31 at the church.

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Ottis Anderson

June 20, 1934-Dec. 21, 2012

**RUPERT** • Frank Ottis Anderson, age 78, of Rupert, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, returned to our loving Father in Heaven on Friday, Dec. 21, 2012.

Ottis was born on June 20, 1934, in Burley, Idaho. He was the fourth child born to Frank Oscar and Amy Smith Anderson. On Aug. 3, 1952, Ottis married his high school sweetheart, LaRene Broadhead. They spent the next 60 years together raising their family. Ottis spent 24 years serving in the National Guard and loved the experiences he had with his men. Ottis was a hard worker and loved working with his hands. One of his greatest loves was working in the Scouting program. He spent 34 years teaching and leading numerous young men. He completed the Wood Badge training and was awarded Scout Leader of the Year and also received an award of merit. His final accomplishment in the Scouting program was being awarded the Silver Beaver Award. He was an avid bowler and enjoyed many years of bowling with his family and friends. He loved hunting, camping and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, LaRene; three daughters, Alicia (Robert) Bywater, Kathy (Jerry) Uker and Diana (Kendall) Warr; his grandchildren, Shon (Jeni) Bywater, Stacy (Rick) Hieb, Erik (Erica) Bywater, Tiff-nay (Byron) Hager, Richie (Shannon) Koyle, JC Koyle, Clint (Dani) Koyle, Shane (Sierra) Koyle, Cheyenne Uker (Kyle Miller), Lisa



Warr, Leslie Warr, Tammy Warr, David (Britney) Warr, Kellie Warr, and Christopher (Brianna) Warr; 27 great-grandchildren with two more on the way; and nieces, Sherry (Greg) Munther, Patricia (Phil) Packer and Marla (Rick) Aldinger. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Dennis Anderson; two sisters, Donna Hilling and Norma Ralls; one son, Randy; a granddaughter, Shannon Bywater; and Tinker the family dog.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Idaho Home Health and Hospice and to Melissa, Melinda, Toni and Donna for all the loving care you gave to Ottis. Also, to his granddaughter, Stacy Hieb, and grandson, JC Koyle, for all the special care they provided.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at the Rupert LDS 1st Ward Church, 806 G St. in Rupert, with Bishop Mark D. Sanderson officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Jon Hurst

**NAMPA** • Jon Hurst, 62, of Nampa and formerly of Burley, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, at the Christian Faith Center in Nampa; visitation begins at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the center (Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel in Nampa).

Chelsea Sorensen

**TWIN FALLS** • Chelsea Layne Sorensen, 22, of Twin Falls and formerly of Nampa, died Friday, Dec. 21, 2012, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at the LDS Stake Center, 3904 Greenhurst Road in Nampa; visitation from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the church (Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell).

Rockland Judd

**BURLEY** • Rockland K. Judd, 59, of Burley, died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012, at the St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, at the Pella LDS Church, 160 W. 400 S. of Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at

the church.

Douglas Slatter

**TWIN FALLS** • Douglas D. Slatter "Stubby," 49, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, at home.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, at the Slatter family farm, 2332 E. 3700 N. in Filer (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Phyliss Moore

**BUHL** • Phyliss Lorraine Moore, 75, of Buhl, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2012, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral

Laura Ethel Troxell Bristol

Sept. 3, 1916-Dec. 19, 2012

**ALBION** • Laura Ethel Troxell Bristol, 96, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012, at the home of her son in Las Cruces, N.M.

Laura was born Sept. 3, 1916, in Wagner, S.D., the oldest for four children born to Ethel Blanche Strayer and Jacob Lee Troxell. She attended schools in Wagner and Martin, S.D., and spent much of her summers in the Black Hills. At the age of 19, she moved with her family to San Perlita, Texas, where she graduated from high school in 1936. Laura married Randle "Tex" Bristol on Dec. 16, 1936, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1986. Randle died Aug. 18, 1994. To this union was born a daughter who died at birth and three sons.

The Bristols lived in Raymondville, Texas, until 1950, when they moved to Filer, Idaho. While in Filer, Laura worked in food service for the Central School and part-time for a while at Courtesy Market. After living in Filer for 13 years, they moved to Ketchum, where they ran the Etchens Lodge for six months. They then moved to Twin Falls. Laura moved to Albion in August of 2003. She spent the winters in New Mexico.

A member of the Church of Christ, Laura taught children's Bible classes for many years. She read her Bible every day, reading through the Bible several times a year. One of her favorite activities was correspondence courses with the many foreign students she taught through World Bible School. She also loved to attend Ladies In-



spiration Days. Through the years Laura had several hobbies, which included crocheting, cooking, watching certain television game shows, collecting photos, writing and writing journals of her trips. She welcomed many visitors into her home.

Laura is survived by her sons, Bruce (Mary Lynne) of Albion, Andrew Lee (Lenora) of Las Cruces, N.M., and Cary Grant of Burley; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one sister-in-law, Lois Troxell of Twin Falls. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Raymond "Bud" and Lee Troxell; one sister, Eleanor Dessenberger; her daughter, Lenora; a daughter-in-law, Tammy Bristol; and a grandson, David Andrew Bristol.

The funeral for Laura will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at the Morrison-Payne Funeral Home, 321 E Main Street in Burley, Idaho, with Darrel Black officiating. A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, and one hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Albion Pleasant Hill Cemetery at a later time.

Faith Howard

**TWIN FALLS** • Faith Howard, 73, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 22, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

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

Duane McDonald

**TWIN FALLS** • Duane McDonald, 77, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, at his residence.

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# The Christmas Tree

**Jerry Evenson**  
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The Christmas tree is a great representation of Jesus Christ: I believe in getting an evergreen tree that has been cut down, because Jesus was cut down when he was young. The tree is put into a stand because the cross of Jesus was put into a stand when they crucified the King of Kings on that great day when Jesus laid down his life for us. We put lights on the tree because Jesus is the light of the world that shines into the darkness and the darkness doesn’t understand. On the first day God said, “Let there be light and there was light!” I call it “Spiritual Illumination.” If we walk in the light as he is in the light. We hang beautiful decorations on it because the most beautiful person in all creation was hung on a tree for us. The angel we put on the top is the heavenly host that announced his birth. The star represents the star that God put in the heavens to lead the wise men to Jesus. We only put the tree up for a season because Jesus only hung on the cross for a season, then went into Hell and took the keys to death and Hell, ascended into Paradise and preached to the spirits there. They welcomed him, because they were looking forward to that day and he lead captivity captive and ascended into Heaven, and with his own blood made sacrifice once and for all, and then sat down on the right hand of God.

Every time I look at the Christmas tree I think of our precious Savior and all he’s done for me. He came to the stable as the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world. The same stable that the high priest would come every year to the flocks that the shepherds would bring and pick out one lamb, a pure lamb without blemish that would become the sacrificial offering for the sins of the people. He would take that lamb to the manger wrap it in swaddling clothes and lay it in that manger. When the angels appeared to the shepherds that night, and told them fear not for I bring you tidings of great joy for unto to you is born this day, a Savior which is Christ our Lord. You will find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

The wise men who came later in his life to the house where he was living, following a star in the East they came from afar to worship this baby whose creation we are. They brought to him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. They financed this trip to Egypt that year when Herod the king brought to every parent fear.

I look at the tree with a thankful heart, that God sent his son so I could have part of his wonderful kingdom of his love and power and then I’ll go with him in my final hour. I gave Him my life it was all I could do. I gave him my heart and all my will too. What he gave me back in return for my life was joy unspeakable even in the night. The peace that I have that I don’t understand is beyond comprehension for this lowly man.

Happy birthday Jesus!

# The Milk Cliff

THE WASHINGTON POST

We interrupt the drama over the “fiscal cliff” to bring you news of yet another scary precipice: the “milk cliff.” Congress has not yet passed a new five-year bill reauthorizing agriculture programs. If lawmakers do not pass a bill by Dec. 31, the country will revert to 1949 dairy price support law. Under those 63-year-old rules, the Agriculture Department would be required to buy dairy products at \$40 per hundred-weight, or about twice the current market price. That would deliver a windfall to producers but drive milk prices up to as much as \$8 per gallon in the super-market.

The conventional wisdom is that this pending mess is yet another symptom of congressional gridlock — for which dairy policy itself is blameless.

The Democratic-controlled Senate has passed a farm bill, and the Republican-controlled House Agriculture Committee has passed one, too, though it has not yet come to the floor. Supporters of the Senate bill argue that it would reform the most egregious direct-payment subsidies for crop farmers, thus saving at least \$23 billion over what would have been spent absent the changes. This is a compelling argument, if you accept the warped logic of subsidized agriculture. The supposed savings would come from replacing direct payments with a lush “crop insurance” program that some economists believe could end up costing as much or more as the old system under certain circumstances.

In other words, the true cause of the “milk cliff” is Congress’ endless attempts to manipulate markets in favor of the various farm lobbies.

## TIMES-NEWS

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# The Story of Christmas

Following our Christmas Day custom, the Times-News editorial board is pleased to surrender this space for a seasonal and eternal holiday message from St. Luke. Merry Christmas.

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taxed. This first census took place while Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called

Bethlehem — because he was of the house and family of David — to register, together with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone round about them, and they

feared exceedingly. And the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace among men of good will.”

And it came to pass, when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shep-

herds were saying to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and they found Mary and Joseph and the baby, lying in a manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child.

And all who heard marvelled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

— Luke 2:1-20

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thank You for Responding

I would like to say thank you for the overwhelming response to my previous letter, do you know someone from my biological family?

Although my information was not exact, there were enough clues to get several replies that all helped lead to finding some members of my biological family. It amazes me that people are still willing to take time out of their busy schedules to help a complete stranger.

For each person who sent me an email, from the bottom of my heart, thank you!

DREA SALLEE  
Arlington, Ore.

### Thank You

I was the winner of the “Dine On Us” drawing the week of Nov. 21 for the Peking Restaurant.

Thank you, *Times-News*, for giving me the opportunity to try a new dining experience — which was awesome! I really appreciate it!

SHIRLEY GARRETT  
Buhl

### Medical Care Is Expensive

Ms. Requa is not the only

one who has something on her mind concerning St. Luke’s charges.

My wife went to St. Luke’s for a minor outpatient surgery and was at the hospital for about five hours. Her bill was \$11,000. That’s more than \$2,000 per hour. Since we have only major medical, we have to pay the entire bill. This doesn’t include the physicians and other fees. This amount is almost a full year of my Social Security checks.

I talked to another man who was there for about eight hours and his bill

was \$30,000. Wow!

A nurse makes about \$25 per hour and every time she comes in the room and asks, “Is everything OK?” that’s a \$500 charge.

Let’s take this a little further. If a soldier is wounded on the battlefield, he is operated in the field or a tent. The lobby area of St. Luke’s is large enough to house the urgent care facility located on Falls Avenue. Come on St. Luke’s, reply if you can.

But on the upside, the service we received was very good.

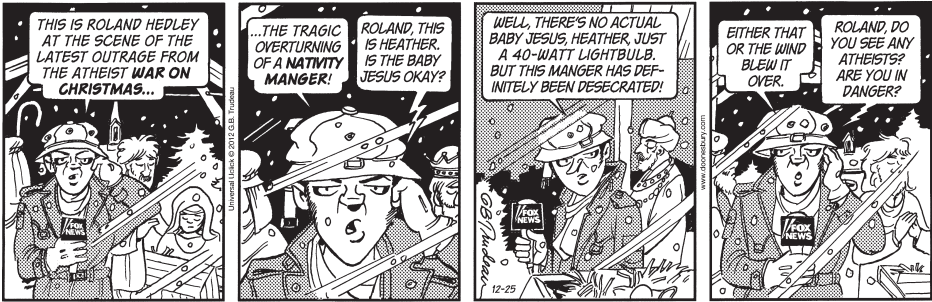
JACK W. KRUSE  
Twin Falls

## QUOTE

“I am deeply sorry for the actions that resulted in this circumstance. I made a mistake for which I apologize to my family, my Idaho constituents and any others who have put their trust in me. I accept total responsibility and will deal with whatever penalty comes my way in this matter. I will also undertake measures to ensure that this circumstance is never repeated.”

A statement by Sen. Michael Crapo of Idaho after he was arrested and charged with driving under the influence in a Washington, D.C., suburb.

### Doonesbury by Garry Trudeau



### Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley





# Montana Considers ND Request for Sage Grouse

**BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)** • The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission has approved looking into a plan to send 80 female sage grouse to North Dakota to bolster dwindling populations.

The *Billings Gazette* reported that the commission on Thursday gave the OK for biologists to look into sending 40 female sage

grouse to North Dakota in 2014 and another 40 in 2015.

"It's a fairly well thought-out plan," said George Pauley of FWP's wildlife division. "They've gone to pretty significant lengths to come up with the best possible practices to ensure it's a success."

North Dakota Department of Game and Fish officials made the

request because the state's population of sage grouse has plummeted since an outbreak of West Nile virus in 2007, and biologists are concerned that natural reproduction might not be covering natural mortality.

"One of the thoughts is that with the population as low as it is, we may be experiencing a genetic

bottleneck where bringing in new genes from Montana may help," said Aaron Robinson, an upland bird biologist with North Dakota Game and Fish.

But it's unclear if Montana will be able to help following a wet spring two years ago and a dry summer this year that depressed sage grouse numbers in Region 7

in the southeastern part of the state.

"The numbers continue to be down in that part of the world," said Rick Northrup, former FWP upland bird manager. "We're supportive of helping North Dakota out, but it might be one of those things where the timing is off."

## Sierra Resorts Benefit from Holiday Snow

**RENO, Nev. (AP)** • A string of powerful storms has dumped a mountain of snow in the Sierra Nevada and provided top-notch conditions for what traditionally is one of the busiest weeks of the skiing season.

Squaw Valley USA near Lake Tahoe reported receiving more than 3 feet of new snow between Friday and early Sunday morning, and forecasters expected another 1 to 2 feet by Monday morning.

The storms have set the stage for a busy holiday week on the slopes, resort spokeswoman Amelia Richmond said, and have assured Squaw Valley of its second largest Christmas Day snowpack since 1970.

"The conditions are phenomenal, especially for those who like fresh snow," Richmond told The Associated Press. "It's an incredible setup (for the holidays), and we're looking forward to a very white Christmas."

The resort has received some 200 inches of snow so far this season, compared with nearly 250 inches of snow on Christmas Day, 2010, when the region was en route to a snowpack twice the normal average. Squaw Valley averages 450 inches of snow a year.

The heavy snowfall was expected to allow many, if not most, Sierra resorts to kick in to full operation.

On Sunday, Sierra-at-Tahoe near the lake's south shore reported 44 of 46 trails and 10 of 14 lifts were open.



The Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort near Lake Tahoe, Calif.

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As much snow has already fallen this season as did by April 1 of last season when the Sierra snowpack finished about half of the normal average, said resort spokesman Steven Hemphill.

"We are extremely excited about the snow that is coming in," Hemphill told the *Tahoe Daily Tribune*. "It's going to make for a great powder-filled holiday for all the guests coming up."

While skiers and snowboarders rejoiced over the snow, holiday travelers in the Sierra cursed it.

Tire chains were mandatory most of the weekend on all three major trans-Sierra

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## Snow

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wagons, one pulled by two horses, the other by two mules.

The goal of the night was to bring a little Christmas cheer to seniors at Safe Haven Health Care, DeSano Place and Bennett Hills Care and Rehabilitation Center.

At each stop, the mules and horses shook the snow off their backs while the singers rubbed their hands together and shook the snow from their coats and hats.

Then, they burst into song — We Wish You a Merry Christmas, Little Drummer Boy and Jingle Bells were just a sampling from their repertoire.

As they sang, the group huddled under hoods, hats and blankets. When each performance was finished, the singers returned to their soggy hay bale seats and rode on through the snow.

Johan Sjosten, 18, an exchange student from Gothenburg, Sweden, joined the group even though he admitted to knowing few of the lyrics to the carols.

Sjosten attends Hagerman High School where he was able to join the football team, despite never playing American football. In Sweden, Sjosten said, he grew up playing soccer, and now he's been placed on an all-conference special team as a kicker.

Back home, Stjosten's family celebrated Christmas and his birthday without him. He and his twin brother were born on Dec. 24, he said.

"He turned 18 eight hours before me," he said.

Dec. 24 is also the day people celebrate Christmas in Sweden, Sjosten said.

Lola Wang is an exchange student from China. Her friend, Rida Dehra, is from Pakistan. The two attend North Valley Academy.

Wang said she had never been caroling before Sunday night, and Dehra said her first caroling experience was Saturday at the Jerome Senior Center.

Brandy Sweet, a regional director for the International Student Exchange program that

hosted most of the exchange students who went caroling Sunday evening, stressed the importance of host families.

Without host families, most of the students would never be able to come to the Idaho or the United States, she said.

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## Christmas Gifts from Sports

TIMES-NEWS STAFF

It's Christmas morning and the presents are about to be unwrapped. Much like Santa's elves, the *Times-News* sports staff has been hard at work making (theoretical) gifts for the local sports scene.

This is all in good fun, so no naughty lists, just nice. No grinchers here!

Let's see what's under the tree:

**Camas County athletic director Randy Jewett:** three or four more allies in his quest to make 6-man football a permanent fixture in Idaho. There's plenty of room on the train.

**College of Southern Idaho volleyball coach Heidi Cartisser:** another year of eligibility for all those sophomores.

**Declo football coach Kelly Kidd:** a hat. After winning the state championship, Kidd allowed his players to shave his head.

**Gooding football coach Cameron Andersen:** an eighth-week game. Too much can go wrong with a bye before playoffs, assuming you get there.

**The Twin Falls boys basketball team:** a season's supply of whatever the Bruins did against Madison last week.

**The Mountain West, Big West and Big East conferences:** a definitive answer from Boise State.

**Raft River football/boys basketball coach**

**Brian Poole:** a vacation. One of the few remaining head coaches in multiple sports, he's earned his keep and then some so far this school year.

**Burley senior Jackson Kunz:** a speedy recovery from injury and a healthy baseball season.

**The Glenns Ferry's boys basketball team:** a lifetime supply of that magic dust they sprinkled over the state tournament last March.

**The Declo wrestling team :** one more title.

**Idaho Vandals:** a conference to play football in.

**Minico baseball coach Jared Price:** The same gift as his predecessor. Price, a former Minico catcher who was the 2000 Idaho Player of the Year before being drafted in the seventh round of the 2000 draft by the Dodgers and had a 12-year career in the minors. He takes over the Minico baseball head coaching position from Ben Frank, who leaves big shoes to fill. In 10 seasons at the helm, Frank had a 221-76 overall record (.744 winning percentage) as the Spartans earned seven state tournament trophies, including two state championships.

**B.J. Christenson:** some competition. The Heyburn native has won four Spudman Triathlons in a row...

**Everyone:** the very best of Christmases.

### LOCAL BRIEFS

#### 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.

#### CSI Christmas Hoops Camp

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball program will host its annual Christmas basketball camp Dec. 27-28 from 9 a.m. to noon in the CSI main gym. All participants will work directly with the CSI staff and players while learning in a variety of drills and games. Every participant

will also receive a free T-shirt and team poster. Cost is \$45 before Dec. 18, \$55 after.

Information: Colby Blaine at 340-7588 or Alex Wells at 316-5905.

#### 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.

#### GHS Volleyball Tournament

The Gooding Girls Basketball team is hosting a co-ed volleyball tournament on Jan. 19, starting at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$120 per team. Information: Brittanie Toone at 358-1332.

— Staff reports

# Story of the Year: No. 6



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*Declo's Kage Osterhout (back) wrestles teammate Luis Rios in the 2A 220-pound weight class during the 2012 State Wrestling Championships on Feb. 25 at Holt Arena in Pocatello.*

## Hard work, determination and a little luck helps win a championship.

*Editor's note: The following is the fifth in a series of stories written from the perspective of someone involved in a story voted by Times-News readers as the top local stories of 2012. Stories will appear in reverse order each day until No. 1 is unveiled Dec. 30.*

### Why It Was a Big Story

To win a state championship, vision, time, determination, sacrifice, and luck is necessary.

The Declo wrestling team's journey to victory began in junior high. We all set a goal to win districts in wrestling. With just a little drive and help from a willing coach, we were able to win districts not just one year but every junior high year. This success sparked something in all of us. We all loved to win and planned on having more success. High school wrestling as freshmen was a different story. We had to pay our dues, get experience, and learn plenty. It didn't end as well as we wanted, but we kept working hard and improved as the season went by. We were able to win the District IV championship, but only finished ninth in the state tournament.

We only lost a few seniors that year and had lots of young talent back. We knew we could do something in 2011 to be remembered. We worked extremely hard in practice. Even though we hated it at the time, we kept pushing through. The season went by with some success but we wanted more. Districts came around and everyone gave it their all and we were able to win the title again. State was just around the corner, but we were ready. Everyone wrestled hard and didn't leave anything on the mat. Not everyone was completely satisfied with their personal performance, but happy enough. The tournament came to an

end and we had won the state championships in something of a surprise. It was a great experience and the feeling was amazing. Soon the 2012 wrestling season started and most of our team was back. Practice was immediately harder than ever, but we had to raise the bar to defend our title. Along with the hard practices we added some mental preparation. We focused on our dreams, improving our skills, maintaining our drive, and working harder. Our first tournament of the season was the North Fremont duals. We all came out with fire and it came down to us and North Fremont for the tourney title. North Fremont is known as a "wrestling school" and had won state numerous times. After a very intense and thrilling dual we won in the last match by three or four points. To have a win like that sparked the fire in

everyone. The next week was the Malad Tournament and again we left everything on the mat and came home with another team first place. This type of beginning fueled our thirst for victory. A few times we relaxed during the season and learned if we don't have a drive, and most importantly if we don't work hard, then we won't have success. We had to work for what we wanted.

The season flew by and practices got very intense as district and state approached. Our hard work paid off as we won districts and doubling the second-place score. Next was state. We showed up nervous as normal, but ready to give it our all and take what was ours. Some kids suffered hard losses but others had huge wins. As the end came near we knew that we had a lead and were close to our fame. Several Declo kids were in the finals and even though we only had one state champion, our team effort gave the Declo Hornets the great prize of a state championship for the second year in a row. It was amazing. It was a feeling that very few people will ever get to feel. It is hard to describe the payoff for times of working so hard you can't move, or times of weakness, sweating, and bleeding yet you know you must keep pushing. All the dedication, discipline, hard work, and will power paid off. We were the 2A team champions in heart, soul, and on the mat.

— Declo wrestler Stirland Zollinger

## Magic Valley's Athletes of the Past Week

**Boys basketball:**

Garrett Sant, Shoshone. Sant was a one-man wrecking

crew Tuesday, scoring 34 points against Carey, though it wasn't enough as the Indians fell by two points.



**Girls basketball:**

Marlee Mussman, Valley. Mussman scored 23 points and mixed in seven steals on Thursday as the Vikings beat Oakley in Canyon Conference play.



**Wrestling:** Stirland Zollinger, Declo. The 138-pounder breezed through his week, registering a technical fall and a decision against two district rivals, and pinning his way through everyone else.





# Q&A: Osborne Says He Did Best He Could at Nebraska

BY ERIC OLSON  
*Associated Press*

**LINCOLN, Neb.** • Though he's most recognized as Nebraska's longtime Hall of Fame coach, Tom Osborne's record extends far beyond the 255 games and three national football championships from 1973-97.

He served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives after he retired from coaching, founded a successful youth mentoring program and oversaw an ambitious agenda as the university's athletic director the past five years.

Osborne, 75, will retire on Jan. 1. He'll be athletic director emeritus through July 31 to ease the transition to new athletic director Shawn Eichorst.

In a recent interview with The Associated Press, Osborne discussed Nebraska's 2010 decision to move from the Big 12 to the Big Ten, the state of the football program and the state of college athletics, among other topics.

**AP: When you announced your retirement in September, you mentioned that you sensed there was a perception that your age was beginning to work against you. Do you feel you could stay on longer and be effective, if you chose to?**

**Osborne:** I think the time was probably growing short. We have a lot of projects going on now and I think some people thought I would stay around to cut the ribbons. All these projects are pretty much on auto-pilot now. Once you get past the planning and the financing and the Board of Regents approval, then things are going to happen.

**AP: What will you do through the summer to help Shawn Eichorst?**

**Osborne:** Be a resource, and be available should any questions arise concerning any contract negotiations or previous agreements on the building projects, and if coaches have any concerns about any issues that I can help with — recruiting, fundraising. Above all, I want to make sure Shawn Eichorst is as well-positioned and informed as possible. Then I think my job will be done.

**AP: How visible do you plan to be around here after July?**

**Osborne:** Probably not very visible. I think I'll really focus on TeamMates (mentoring program) at that point. There is no question Nancy has paid a pretty good price over the years. With things I've done, they've have taken me away from her quite a bit. We'll try to do a few more things on her time schedule and her agenda.

**AP: You'll still attend contests, right?**

**Osborne:** I'll still be a fan. Yep.

**AP: How much time have you spent with Shawn Eichorst?**

**Osborne:** Quite a bit. We meet fairly regularly, and he's moving around the department getting acquainted with people. I've tried to give him whatever information I can about where things stand on various contracts, on any information I think would be helpful to him.

**AP: Do you get a sense of whether things continue the same way at Nebraska, as far as culture?**

**Osborne:** My perception is that Shawn has a good appreciation for how things are here. Obviously, he would be his own person and will have to make his own decisions. Undoubtedly there will be some change. You'd have to ask him about those things. My job is to make sure he's as well informed

and as well-prepared as possible, and I think that has happened and is happening. He'll be in a good place, I think, when change comes.

**AP: As you look back on it now, did you have to put some personal feelings aside when the move to the Big Ten was made in 2010, just because of your deep ties to Big Eight-Big 12 country?**

**Osborne:** I felt more tied to the old Big Eight schools, so (they) were always in my thoughts. But we had to look where we were, which was in a league that appeared to be on the verge of falling apart. The Big Ten represented stability and some very positive things academically. Geographically it wasn't that much of a stretch.

**AP: Is the jury still out on the move to the Big Ten or are you feeling pretty good about it now?**

**Osborne:** The jury is still out, to some degree, but you make decisions based on the information you have at the time. At the time the decision had to be made, the Big 12 gave us a week and said we want to know what your intentions are. We could say we're staying and then have six schools bolt and have no league. So it wasn't a hard decision on my part at that point. It's what needed to happen.

**AP: Did you ever see the day when Nebraska would be in the same conference with Maryland and Rutgers?**

**Osborne:** I didn't envision that. I knew there was some conversation in the past about expansion, and you would occasionally hear Rutgers' name come up, but I hadn't heard much about Maryland until recently.

**AP: Kind of the new age of college athletics, isn't it?**

**Osborne:** Yeah, the expansion is driven largely by television. People are looking at bigger television audiences, bigger television contracts and more revenue to distribute. So the dollars have progressively gotten bigger. There are some good things about that and there are some things I'm not so sure about because sometimes you attend NCAA meetings and conference meetings and you're not sure you're at an athletic-related meeting or at a bank meeting.

**AP: You've always advocated for student-athletes. Where do they fit into the picture?**

**Osborne:** I don't want to pour cold water on the finances and money. I think those things all can be used to great benefit. But on the other hand, it seems to be driving the ship right now to a very large degree. I would hope student-athletes can be put somewhere at the forefront of the agenda. I find it odd that you see the escalation of dollars yet there seems to be a lot of controversy over providing student-athletes with a \$2,000 stipend. It doesn't quite compute. It seems to me that the athletic scholarship should be cost of attendance, not just room, board, books, tuition and fees. I don't believe in making athletes employees. I would hope in the process of all this that we don't lose sight of the original purpose of college athletics, which is primarily the growth and maturation of student-athletes.

**AP: Do you think the Big Ten is going to stop at 14 teams?**

**Osborne:** I have no idea. I haven't heard any further talk about immediate expansion, but I would say at this point most anything is possible.

## Santa Hits the Slopes



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*After a busy night of delivering presents to good little boys and girls around the world, Santa has some fun on his snowboard at Pomerelle.*

# Heat's LeBron James Talks about 2012, What's Ahead

BY TIM REYNOLDS  
*Associated Press*

**MIAMI** • Pat Riley has a theory why LeBron James' journey to basketball's mountaintop took so long.

Growth, he said, takes time.

"I always use the analogy of the Chinese bamboo tree," said the Miami Heat president. "You plant the seed in the ground and it just sits there and 10 years later it grows 100 feet in one year. Over the 10 years, there's a root structure and a taproot that is growing deeper and deeper and deeper and is embedded in the ground. And when that thing starts growing, it ain't going anywhere but up."

That is, much like James did in 2012.

It was practically a year beyond compare. James got his first NBA championship, was the league's MVP for the third time, a unanimous choice as MVP of the NBA Finals, and collected a second Olympic gold medal. And in perhaps the last marquee moment of his year, James and the Heat play host to Oklahoma City on Tuesday, a Finals rematch on Christmas.

James is center stage with the Heat-Thunder showdown part of the NBA's Christmas slate of nationally televised games including: The Boston Celtics vs. the Brooklyn Nets, New York Knicks against the Los Angeles Lakers, Houston Rockets taking on the Chicago Bulls and the Denver Nuggets squaring off against the Los Angeles Clippers.

But no NBA player had a year like James.

No longer uncomfortable with the fallout for the way he exercised his right in 2010 to choose his own future, he enjoyed a year loaded with triumphs. James allowed himself to be in the public eye more, heard booing in most road arenas return to normal levels and insists he's as content as ever.

"I'm driven," James said, "by something greater."

He has money. He would figure to contend for several more championships if he remains healthy. He has



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*Miami Heat's LeBron James (6) is defended by Golden State Warriors' Draymond Green, left, during an NBA game on Dec. 12 in Miami. The Warriors won 97-95.*

enormous fame. He is on top of his game and in his prime. The 27-year-old James is averaging 25.4 points, 8.5 rebounds and 6.8 assists and the Heat are leading the Eastern Conference with an 18-6 record.

What's left is legacy, him attempting to ensure he truly becomes one of the greatest.

"You look at some of the greatest companies," James said. "As great as McDonald's is, they don't stop. As great as Nike is, they don't stop. They keep trying to be innovative and make new, great things for consumers. They don't stop. They could. They've got enough. I look at that as well, as motivation. I want to keep getting better. I want to put myself in position to maximize every little thing that I have."

That starts with putting himself out there more.

A few weeks ago, James decided to join some friends for an evening bike ride. They pedaled about 20 miles, an outing that proved James has completed a much longer journey.

That night, without any trepidation, James was part of a group of 3,000 people who strapped on helmets and rode through Miami in

an effort to promote safety and awareness for bicyclists.

"Two years ago," James said, "I don't know if I would have been ready for that."

There's no way he would have been ready for that. Not after The Decision and the criticism and all that came with it, part of what he now calls his transformation from the person he was to the person he is.

Turns out, they're nearly the same, although today's version may have just wrapped up one of the best years by any athlete.

"He's still hungry and thirsty for more," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "And I think that's what separates the great ones and the ultimate competitors. He came off of a historic year, able to win the MVP and crown it with the ultimate team goal. ... He wants to continue to reinvent himself, get better and drive this team, push this team for a bigger legacy than just a one-title team."

James recently starred in a commercial for Samsung, one of many companies that pay him for endorsements. This particular spot, though, was more like a snapshot of James' life, in that it was as genuine as any ad he's ever done.

There are no actors in the

primary roles — his fiancée, his friends, his children, his barber, his teammates, even the kids from the LeBron James Family Foundation, they're all playing themselves in the spot. Two years ago, James never would have asked any of them to be part of an ad campaign, simply to spare them from potential scorn.

That's no longer a problem. "I wanted to be real," James said. "I wanted to go out and say, 'This is who I am' and I wanted to do it in commercial form. It's a commercial, but it's also actuality. There's nothing fake about it. I was blessed that we were able to put it together the right way, the way we actually envisioned it."

Funny how those words now apply to what the Heat did in 2010.

They signed James and Chris Bosh, kept Dwyane Wade, added pieces around them and — albeit a year later than they planned — became NBA champions. When that moment came, when James knew his wait to become a champion was at last about to end, the first thing he did was bury his head in Bosh's chest, trying not to cry.

# Texas Tech Pulls 3 from Bowl for Breaking Rules

**HOUSTON (AP)** • A Texas Tech official says three Red Raiders won't be playing against Minnesota in Friday's Meineke Car Care Bowl because they violated team rules.

Football program spokesman Blayne Beal on Monday

would not divulge the rules violated. He says Red Raiders starting defensive back Cornelius Douglas, Chris Payne, a linebacker who played mostly on Texas Tech's special teams, and backup defensive tackle Leon Mackey won't

play in the bowl game.

The Red Raiders (7-5) take on the Gophers (6-6) about three weeks after Tommy Tuberville unexpectedly left to take the head coaching position at Cincinnati. Interim head coach Chris Thomsen,

who handled the offensive line under Tuberville, will coach the bowl game.

Former Red Raiders standout quarterback Kliff Kingsbury was hired as Tuberville's successor Dec. 12.



## Odds

x-Houston	12	3	0	.800	400	303
x-Indianapolis	10	5	0	.667	329	371
Tennessee	5	10	0	.333	292	451
Jacksonville	2	13	0	.133	295	406
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Baltimore	10	5	0	.667	381	321
y-Cincinnati	9	6	0	.600	368	303
Pittsburgh	7	8	0	.467	312	304
Cleveland	5	10	0	.333	292	344
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Denver	12	3	0	.800	443	286
San Diego	6	9	0	.400	326	329
Kansas City	4	11	0	.267	269	419
Kansas City NATIONAL	2	13	0	.133	208	387
EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	9	6	0	.600	408	370
Dallas	8	7	0	.533	358	372
N.Y. Giants	8	7	0	.533	387	372
Philadelphia	4	11	0	.267	273	402
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Atlanta	13	2	0	.867	402	277
New Orleans	7	8	0	.467	423	410
Tampa Bay	6	9	0	.400	367	377
Carolina	6	9	0	.400	313	325
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	11	4	0	.733	399	299
Minnesota	9	6	0	.600	342	314
Chicago	9	6	0	.600	349	253
Detroit	4	11	0	.267	348	411
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-San Francisco	10	4	1	.700	370	260
y-Seattle	10	5	0	.667	392	232
St. Louis	7	7	1	.500	286	238
Arizona	5	10	0	.333	237	330
x-clinched playoff spot						
x-clinched division title						
Saturday's Game						
Atlanta 31, Detroit 18						
Sunday's Games						
Green Bay vs. Tennessee 7						
Indianapolis 20, Kansas City 13						
New Orleans 34, Dallas 31, OT						
Minnesota 23, Houston 6						
Carolina 17, Oakland 6						
Miami 24, Buffalo 10						
Cincinnati 13, Pittsburgh 10						
New England 23, Jacksonville 16						
Washington 27, Philadelphia 20						
St. Louis 28, Tampa Bay 14						
San Diego 27, N.Y. Jets 17						
Denver 34, Cleveland 12						
Chicago 28, Arizona 13						
Baltimore 33, N.Y. Giants 14						
Seattle 42, San Francisco 13						
Sunday, Dec. 30						
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 11 a.m.						
Carolina at New Orleans, 11 a.m.						
N.Y. jets at Buffalo, 11 a.m.						
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.						
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.						
Houston at Indianapolis, 11 a.m.						
Philadelphia at N.Y. Titans, 11 a.m.						
Chicago at Detroit, 11 a.m.						
Oakland at Atlanta, 11 a.m.						
Tampa Bay at San Diego, 2:25 p.m.						
Arizona at St. Louis, 2:25 p.m.						
St. Louis at Seattle, 2:25 p.m.						
Kansas City at Denver, 2:25 p.m.						
Green Bay at Minnesota, 2:25 p.m.						
Miami at New England, 2:25 p.m.						
Dallas at Washington, 6:20 p.m.						
COLLEGE BOWL GLANCE						
Wednesday, Dec. 26						
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl						
at Detroit						
Central Michigan (6-6) vs. Western Kentucky (7-5), 5:30 p.m.(ESPN)						
Thursday, Dec. 27						
Military Bowl						
at Washington						
Bowling Green (8-4) vs. San Jose State (10-2), 1 p.m.(ESPN)						
Belk Bowl						
Duke (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 4:30 p.m.(ESPN)						
Holiday Bowl						
at San Diego						
Baylor (5-5) vs. UCLA (9-4), 7:45 p.m.(ESPN)						
Friday, Dec. 28						
Independence Bowl						
at Shreveport, La.						
Louisiana-Monroe (8-4) vs. Ohio (8-4), Noon(ESPN)						
Russell Athletic Bowl						
at Orlando, Fla.						
Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Rutgers (9-3), 3:30 p.m.(ESPN)						
Pineapple Car Care Bowl						
at Houston						
Minnesota (6-6) vs. Texas Tech (7-5), 7 p.m.(ESPN)						
Saturday, Dec. 29						
Armed Forces Bowl						
at Fort Worth, Texas						
Rice (6-6) vs. Air Force (6-6), 9:45 a.m.(ESPN)						
Fight Hunger Bowl						
at San Francisco						
Arizona State (7-5) vs. Navy (8-4), 2 p.m.(ESPN2)						
Pinstripe Bowl						
at New York						
Syracuse (7-5) vs. West Virginia (7-5), 1:15 p.m.(ESPN)						
Alamo Bowl						
at San Antonio						
Texas (8-4) vs. Oregon State (9-3), 4:45 p.m.(ESPN)						
Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl						
at Tempe, Ariz.						
Michigan State (6-6) vs. TCU (7-5), 8:15 p.m.(ESPN)						

Monday, Dec. 31  
**Music City Bowl**  
 At Nashville, Tenn.  
 Vanderbilt (8-4) vs. N.C. State (7-5), 10 a.m.(ESPN)  
**South Bowl**  
 At El Paso, Texas  
 Georgia Tech (6-7) vs. Southern Cal (7-5), Noon(CBS)  
**Liberty Bowl**  
 At Memphis, Tenn.  
 Iowa State (6-6) vs. Tulsa (10-3), 1:30 p.m.(ESPN)  
**Chick-fil-A Bowl**  
 At Atlanta  
 (11-2) vs. Clemson (10-2), 5:30 p.m.(ESPN)  
**Tuesday, Jan. 1**  
**Heart of Dallas Bowl**  
 At Dallas  
 Purdue (6-6) vs. Oklahoma State (7-5), 10 a.m.(ESPN)  
**Gator Bowl**  
 At Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Northwestern (9-3), 10 a.m.(ESPN2)  
**Capital One Bowl**  
 At Orlando, Fla.  
 Georgia (11-2) vs. Nebraska (10-3), 11 a.m.(ABC)  
**Outback Bowl**  
 At Tampa, Fla.  
 South Carolina (10-2) vs. Michigan (8-4), 11 a.m.(ESPN)  
**Rose Bowl**  
 At Pasadena, Calif.  
 Stanford (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (8-5), 3 p.m.(ESPN)  
**Orange Bowl**  
 At Miami  
 Northern Illinois (12-1) vs. Florida State (11-2), 6:30 p.m.(ESPN)  
**Wednesday, Jan. 2**  
**Sugar Bowl**  
 At New Orleans  
 Florida (11-2) vs. Louisville (10-2), 6:30 p.m.(ESPN)  
**Thursday, Jan. 3**  
**Fiesta Bowl**  
 At Glendale, Ariz.  
 Kansas State (11-1) vs. Oregon (11-1), 6:30 p.m.(ESPN)  
**Friday, Jan. 4**  
**Cotton Bowl**  
 At Arlington, Texas  
 Texas A&M (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 6 p.m.(FOX)  
**Saturday, Jan. 5**  
**BBVA Compass Bowl**  
 At Birmingham, Ala.  
 Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Mississippi (6-6), 11 a.m.(ESPN)  
**Sunday, Jan. 6**  
**Goodyear.com Bowl**  
 At Mobile, Ala.  
 Kent State (11-2) vs. Arkansas State (9-3), 7 p.m.(ESPN)  
**Monday, Jan. 7**  
**BCS National Championship**  
 At Miami  
 Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Alabama (12-1), 6:30 p.m.(ESPN)  
**Saturday, Jan. 19**  
**RAYCOM College Football All-Star Classic**  
 At Montgomery, Ala.  
 Stars vs. Stripes, 1 p.m.(CBSSN)  
**East-West Shrine Classic**  
 At St. Petersburg, Fla.  
 East vs. West, 2 p.m.(NFLN)  
**Saturday, Jan. 26**  
**Senior Bowl**  
 At Mobile, Ala.  
 North vs. South, TBA (NFLN)

# Basketball

## NBA

### EASTERN

ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	20	7	.741	-
Brooklyn	14	12	.538	5½
Toronto	13	13	.500	6½
Philadelphia	13	15	.464	7½
Boston	9	19	.321	11½
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	18	6	.750	-
Orlando	16	9	.640	2½
Atlanta	12	15	.444	7½
Charlotte	3	20	.259	12½
Washington	7	22	.190	15½
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	15	11	.578	-
Indiana	16	12	.571	-
Milwaukee	14	12	.538	1
Detroit	9	21	.300	8
Cleveland	6	23	.207	10½
WESTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	21	8	.724	-
Memphis	18	7	.720	1
Houston	14	12	.538	5½
Dallas	12	16	.429	8½
New Orleans	5	22	.185	15
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	21	5	.808	-
Denver	15	13	.536	7
Minnesota	13	12	.520	7½
Utah	14	14	.500	7½
Portland	13	13	.500	8
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	21	6	.778	-
Golden State	18	10	.643	3½
L.A. Lakers	11	14	.481	8
Phoenix	11	17	.393	10½
Sacramento	9	18	.333	12

### Sunday's Games

Brooklyn 95, Philadelphia 92

## On T.V.

**5:30 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — Diamond  
Head Classic, third  
place, at Honolulu

**7:30 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — Diamond  
Head Classic, champi-  
onship, at Honolulu

**NBA**

**10 a.m.**  
ESPN — Boston at  
Brooklyn

**1 p.m.**  
ABC — New York at L.A.  
Lakers

**3:30 p.m.**  
ABC — Oklahoma City  
at Miami

**6 p.m.**  
ESPN — Houston at  
Chicago

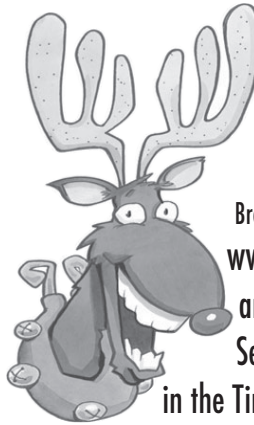
**8:30 p.m.**  
ESPN — Denver at L.A.  
Clippers



*Los Angeles Lakers' Dwight Howard (12) goes up for a dunk next to Golden State Warriors' Draymond Green (23) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Oakland, Calif. Dec. 22. Los Angeles won in overtime 118-115.*

Garrett Granitz, INF Matt Greener, RHP Cody Hallahan, OF Michael Hurv, INF Carlos Luciano, INF Ted Oregon, RHP Drew Rucinski, C Michael Thomas, C Greg Van Horn, LHP Ziggy VanderWall, INF Trevor Whyte, RHP Jordan Cudney, LHP Jon Gulbransen, LHP Nick Cicio, LHP Darrin Tew, LHP Alex Szymanski, LHP Brad Schnitzer, OF Devin Szymedra and RHP Brett Scarpetta. Declined options on INF Justino Cueva, RHP Tyree Hayes and OF Rudy Wilson.

and RHP Steven Grite to River City to complete earlier trades. **FOOTBALL** National Football League **BUFFALO BILLS** – Placed TE Scott Chandler on injured reserve. **CHICAGO BEARS** – Signed LS Patrick Mannally to a one-year contract extension. **COLLEGE ARKANSAS** – Named Joel Thomas running backs coach. **TEXAS TECH** – Suspended CB Cornelius Douglas, LB Chris Payne and DT Leon Mackey from the Meineke Car Care Bowl.



# Where are all the “reindeer games”?

Browse the online calendar at  
[www.magicvalley.com/calendar](http://www.magicvalley.com/calendar)  
and  
See our print edition every Friday  
Times-News Entertainment section

## Transactions

**BASEBALL Frontier League**  
**RIVER CITY RASCALS** – Exercised the 2013 contract options on INF Will Block and RHP Steven Grife.  
**ROCKFORD RIVERHAWKS** – Exercised the 2013 contract options on OF Brandon Anderson, RHP Nick Anderson, LHP Andrew Armstrong, INF Evan Button, RHP Mickey Cassidy, RHP Nelson Curry, RHP Jordan Goldschmidt, RHP

## Wishing well throughout the year

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# Positive Momentum

*The News from  
St. Luke's*

At St. Luke's Magic Valley and St. Luke's Jerome, we're doing great work every day to improve the health of people in our region and enhance communication with our community. I'd like to fill you in on the latest at St. Luke's:

## St. Luke's Magic Valley

Thanks to all who attended the 28th Annual Festival of Trees. This year's Festival events were a resounding success, raising more than \$100,000! Presented by St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation, the Festival raises funds every year to meet an important community need. This year's proceeds benefit the Air St. Luke's air ambulance hangar project, which when completed will allow our emergency transport helicopter to be housed at the medical center helipad during the winter months, enabling the most rapid response time possible.

## St. Luke's Jerome

I'd like to welcome six new providers to St. Luke's Clinic Jerome Family Medicine:

**James Irwin, MD**

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## Brian Johnson, MD

**Elizabeth Jo Johnson, MD**

**Joshua Kern, MD**

## James Lohmann, MD

**Alice Trabert, FNP**

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Here's to your best health.

James R. Hughes

James L. Angle, CEO

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*A Catholic pilgrim looks at lit candles outside of the Grotto at the Church of the Nativity, traditionally believed by Christians to be the birthplace of Jesus Christ, Monday in the West Bank town of Bethlehem.*

# Thousands Enjoy Merry Christmas in Bethlehem

**BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP)** • Christians from around the world over packed Manger Square in Bethlehem Monday to celebrate the birth of Jesus in the ancient West Bank town where he was born.

For their Palestinian hosts, this holiday season was an especially joyous one, with the hardships of the Israeli occupation that so often clouded previous celebrations eased by the United Nations' recent recognition

of an independent state of Palestine.

In his annual pre-Christmas homily, the top Roman Catholic cleric in the Holy Land, Latin Patriarch Fouad Twal, said the road to actual freedom was still long, but this year's festivities were doubly joyful, celebrating "the birth of Christ our Lord and the birth of the state of Palestine."

"The path (to statehood) remains long, and will require a united effort," added

Twal, a Palestinian citizen of Jordan, at the patriarchate's headquarters in Jerusalem's Old City.

Then he set off in a procession for the West Bank city of Bethlehem, Jesus' traditional birthplace. There, he was reminded that life on the ground for Palestinians has not changed since the U.N. recognized their state last month in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and east Jerusalem and the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip.

Twal had to enter the biblical town through a massive metal gate in the barrier of towering concrete slabs Israel built between Jerusalem and Bethlehem during a wave of Palestinian suicide bombings in the last decade. The Israeli military, which controls the crossing, said it significantly eased restrictions for the Christmas season.

Israel, backed by the United States, opposed the statehood bid, saying it was a Palestinian ploy to bypass

negotiations. Talks stalled four years ago.

Hundreds of people greeted Twal in Manger Square, outside the Church of Nativity. The mood was festive under sunny skies, with children dressed in holiday finery or in Santa costumes, and marching bands playing in the streets.

After nightfall, a packed Manger Square, resplendent with strings of lights, decorations and a 55-foot Christmas tree, took on a festival

atmosphere.

A choral group from the Baptist Church in Jerusalem performed carols on one side of the square, handing out sheets of lyrics and encouraging others to sing along with songs such as "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

Festivities led up to the Midnight Mass at St. Catherine's Church, next to the fourth-century Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto where tradition says Jesus was born.

## 2 Firefighters Die in Ambush at House Fire

**WEBSTER, N.Y. (AP)** • A gunman ambushed four volunteer firefighters responding to an intense pre-dawn house fire Monday morning outside Rochester, N.Y., shooting four and killing two before ending up dead himself, authorities said.

The gunman fired at the firefighters when they arrived shortly after 5:30 a.m. at the blaze near the Lake Ontario shore in Webster, town Police Chief Gerald Pickering said. The first Webster police officer who arrived exchanged gunfire with the suspect, authorities said.

One of the two dead firefighters is also a town police lieutenant; it wasn't clear whether he returned fire. An off-duty police officer who was driving by has injuries from shrapnel, Pickering said.

Two wounded firefighters were in critical condition at a Rochester hospital, authorities said.

The fire started in one home and spread to two others and a car, officials said. The gunfire initially kept firefighters from battling the blazes. Police say four homes were destroyed and four damaged.

The West Webster Fire District learned of the fire early Monday after a report of a car and house on fire on Lake Road, on a narrow peninsula where Irondequoit Bay meets Lake Ontario, Monroe County Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn said.

The fire appeared from a distance as a pulsating ball of flame glowing against the early morning sky, flames licking into treetops and reflecting on the water, with huge bursts of smoke billowing away in a brisk wind.

Monday's shooting and fires occurred in a neighborhood of seasonal and year-round homes set close together across the road from the lakeshore.



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*Afghan policemen stand guard outside of Kabul police headquarters, where an American advisor was killed Monday in Kabul, Afghanistan.*

# AFGHAN POLICEWOMAN KILLS U.S. ADVISER IN KABUL

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)** • An Afghan policewoman walked into a high-security compound in Kabul on Monday and killed an American contractor with a single bullet to the chest, the first such shooting by a woman in a spate of insider attacks by Afghans against their foreign allies.

Afghan officials who provided details identified the attacker as police Sgt. Nargas, a mother of four with a clean record. The shooting was outside the police headquarters in a walled compound which houses the governor's office, courts and a prison in the heart of the capital.

A police official said she was able to enter the compound armed because she was licensed to carry a weapon as a police officer.

The American, whose identity was not released, was a civilian adviser who worked with the NATO command.

He was shot as he came out of a small shop, Kabul Governor Abdul Jabar Taqwa

told The Associated Press. The woman refused to explain her motive for her attack, he said.

The fact that a woman was behind the assault shocked some Afghans.

"I was very shaken when I heard the news," said Nasrullah Sadeqizada, an independent member of Parliament. "This is the first female to carry out such an attack. It is very surprising and sad," he added, calling for more careful screening of all candidates, male and female, for the police force.

According to NATO, some 1,400 women were serving in the Afghan police force mid-year with 350 in the army — still a very small proportion of the 350,000 in both services. Such professions are still generally frowned upon in this conservative society but women have made significant gains in recent years, with most jobs and education opportunities open to them, at least by law if not always in practice.

This is in stark contrast to

the repression they suffered under the former Taliban regime, which forced women to be virtual prisoners in their homes, and severely punished them for even small infractions of the draconian codes.

The NATO command said that while the investigation continued, there might be "some temporary, prudent measures put into place to reduce the exposure of our people." But a NATO spokesman, U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Lester T. Carroll, said the vital mission of training the Afghan police "remained unchanged."

There have been more than 60 insider attacks this year against foreign military and civilian personnel. They represent another looming security issue as President Barack Obama and Afghan President Hamid Karzai prepare to meet early next year to discuss the pullout of NATO troops from Afghanistan by 2014 and the size and nature of a residual force the United States will keep in the country.

## Russia, India Sign New Weapons Deal Worth Billions

**NEW DELHI (AP)** • Russia and India signed weapons deals worth billions of dollars Monday as President Vladimir Putin sought to boost ties with an old ally.

Putin and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh hailed cooperation between their countries as officials signed a \$1.6 billion deal for 42 Sukhoi Su-30 fighter jets that will be license-built in India from Russian components and a \$1.3 billion contract for the delivery of 71 Mil

Mi-17 military helicopters.

"We agreed to further strengthen the traditions of close cooperation in the military and technical areas," Putin said after the signing.

Singh said the talks included discussions on the security situation in the region, including Afghanistan.

"India and Russia share the objective of a stable, united, democratic and prosperous Afghanistan, free from extremism," Singh said after the talks.



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*Lizzie Solano, center, and her sister, Sarah, take phone calls from children asking where Santa is and when he will deliver presents to their house on Monday at Peterson Air Force Base, in Colorado Springs, Colo.*

## Volunteers at Base Help Track Santa's Progress

**PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AP)** • Volunteers at a Colorado Air Force base monitoring maps showing Santa Claus' progress are several hours into their goodwill mission and have answered more than 24,000 phone calls from people asking about the jolly old elf.

Phones have been ringing nonstop Monday at Peterson Air Force Base, headquarters of the North American Aerospace

Command's annual Santa-tracking operation.

Dozens of helpers at NORAD are taking calls and tracking Santa's location on large projection screens.

They're posting updates for nearly 1.2 million Facebook fans and 104,000 Twitter followers.

The volunteers started taking calls at 4 a.m. Mountain time and will keep updating until 3 a.m. on Christmas morning.



BUSINESS

BUREAU MAILS OUT ECONOMIC CENSUS

**TWIN FALLS •** If you're a business owner in south-central Idaho, chances are you've already received economic census forms in the mail. If not, you probably will soon.

The U.S. Census Bureau is mailing nearly four million forms to American businesses, as the official twice-a-decade measure of the economy continues rolling out.

Economic census forms began to be mailed in October, though the majority were mailed last week. Most U.S. businesses with paid employees will receive a form in the coming weeks. The Census Bureau will collect responses until Feb. 12, unless an extension is filed.

"The economic census provides accurate benchmark statistics that are fundamental building blocks of economic indica-

tors, such as the gross domestic product, monthly retail sales and the producer price index," said Thomas Mesenbourg, acting director of the Census Bureau. "Information about the economy available only from the economic census helps businesses plan and grow, and helps guide government policies."

The 2012 Economic Census covers more than 1,000 industries in all sectors of the private, nonfarm economy. To create a snapshot of the American economy, the census asks businesses to provide basic information on revenue, employment and payroll, and industry-specific topics such as the products and services they provide.

To learn more, visit [www.census.gov/econ/census](http://www.census.gov/econ/census).

Local Gas Prices

AAA Idaho cited the following averages prices for regular gasoline as of Monday:

**Twin Falls:** .....\$3.11  
**Burley:** .....\$3.11  
**Gooding:** .....\$3.17  
**Hailey:** .....\$3.46  
**Jerome:** .....\$3.18  
**Rupert:** .....\$3.20  
**Shoshone:** .....\$3.16

For more information:  
<http://aaa.opisnet.com/index.aspx>



Customers shop for Rudsak shoes at Macy's shoe department in New York.

More Shoes Show Up Under Christmas Tree

**NEW YORK (AP) •** Shoes are coming out of the closet and landing under the Christmas tree. They're a top seller this holiday season — a big feat considering most years they don't even make gift lists.

Laranda Williams, 39, used to buy clothing, tools and electronics as presents for her family. This year, though, she looked at their feet and got inspired. She bought some Vans sneakers for one of her sons, two pairs of stilettos for a girlfriend of another son, and Nike running shoes for her husband.

"Electronics and clothing get redundant," said Williams, who lives in Clarksville, Tenn. "Shoes are just the wow. I know they're going to use it, and I know they're going to love it."

The shoe-gifting fetish is part of a larger trend of shoppers buying loved ones gifts that they not only like, but also use. It's this

habit of practicality that Americans have been clinging to throughout the economic downturn.

This holiday season, it's meant that mom might not buy Molly an extravagant evening gown she'll maybe wear once. But mom may splurge on \$600 Jimmy Choo pumps if Molly needs work shoes or \$150 Nike sneakers if her daughter's an avid runner.

"It's about practicality and splurging at the same time," said Marshal Cohen, chief research analyst at NPDI Inc., a market research firm. "There's a sense of, 'I know what you need but you haven't gotten it for yourself.'"

As a result, footwear was the fifth most popular gift on shoppers' lists on the day after Thanksgiving known as Black Friday, the biggest shopping day of the year, according to NPDI. A year ago, shoes didn't even make it into the top 10 gifts for the season.

Jobless Rate Drops below 7 Percent

Chobani, holiday work helps south-central Idaho.

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**TWIN FALLS •** More than a thousand of Idaho's idle workers found new jobs in November, dipping the jobless rate below 7 percent for the first time in more than three years.

The two-tenths of a percentage point decline to 6.8 percent might not seem significant on the national scale, said Jan Roeser, regional economist with the Idaho Department of Labor, but it's a big deal for the Magic Valley.

"What we're looking at is a continued lowering, so to us it's great," she said.

Thirty-six of 44 counties posted declines in their jobless rates from October, according to preliminary numbers released Friday by the Idaho Department of Labor. All but Custer County had rates lower than a year ago.

By the Numbers

Here's how preliminary unemployment data for November compare to past figures:

	Nov. 2012	Oct. 2012	Nov. 2011
Blaine	6.3	6.7	8.4
Cassia	5.4	5.7	6.8
Gooding	5.2	5.3	6.4
Jerome	6.2	6.1	7.3
Lincoln	9.0	10.0	11.3
Minidoka	6.1	6.0	6.8
Shoshone	11.4	12.0	12.7
Twin Falls	6.2	6.5	8.0

The jobless rate was 7 percent in October, and 8.5 percent in November 2011.

A couple of reasons might account for the decline in south-central Idaho, Roeser said: temporary holiday work and Chobani coming to town.

"We always have high employment because of the holidays and ag teachers going back to work," she said. "And the Chobani impact is still continuing. We normally would see more layoffs this time of year because of the end of seasonal work such as landscaping, but Chobani is

filling that gap."

The company promised to bring 400 jobs to the Magic Valley.

Other areas that helped, Roeser said, were Amalgamated Sugar, Jerome Cheese, St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, Sun Valley Resort and the trucking industry.

At least 400 more people work for Sun Valley Resort during winter than they do in summer, said the resort's director of marketing, Jack Sibbach.

The resort staffs between

1,100 and 1,200 people during the off season, he said. But when the snow flies the number jumps to about 1,600.

This is the sixth time in 13 months the jobless rate has fallen by more than a single tenth, according to the Idaho Department of Labor. Total employment was up 1,500 from October to more than 722,200, the highest total since mid-2008 and 14,000 ahead of a year ago.

For those still looking for work, an underutilized job search listing may help. Hundreds of jobs are listed on the Idaho Department of Labor's website, <https://labor.idaho.gov>. Find the link "Job Seekers" and then "Job Search." Click on "Browse Jobs" or enter your Social Security number for more detailed information.

Don't see your dream job listed? At least it's a paycheck, Roeser said.

"If you're not working, it's better to get out there in front of people."

YOUR BUSINESS

Moon Promoted to Executive Secretary

**BURLEY •** Cassia Regional Medical Center promoted Mary Moon to the position of executive secretary for Nursing Administration and Finance.

Mary has been working at Cassia Regional since December 1998 in the medical imaging department, most recently as the medical imaging scheduler, secretary, and transcriptionist. She has played a key role in the operations of medical imaging as a receptionist, billing specialist, Tumor Board secretary, and Medical Necessity and Insurance Verification specialist.



Moon



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*The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors hosted a ribbon-cutting at Magic Cuts, 407 E. Main St., Burley, to commemorate the grand opening. The business is owned and managed by Drew Arausa, pictured cutting the ribbon. Magic Cuts specializes in male haircuts only for \$8. Business hours are 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 219-9873.*

Annie's Lavender Honored with Best in Show

**TWIN FALLS •** Annie's Lavender and Coffee Cafe, formally Valley View Lavender Farm, 591 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls, won the "Best in Show" category for the second year in a row at the Tempe Festival of the Arts in Tempe, Ariz.

Best of show winners are judged on booth presentation, product presentation and interaction with their customers. Out of 13 years doing the show, Annie's has won eight times.

The festival is home to more than 700 vendors from all over the United States and has about 400,000 in attendance.



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*The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon-cutting at Nancy's Rupert Floral, 508 6th St., Rupert, to celebrate new ownership. The business is owned and managed by Korena Redder and Leslie Garner, pictured cutting the ribbon. The company makes floral arrangements for all occasions as well as cookie and fruit baskets. Store hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays; 436-5335.*

Donate Your Christmas Tree

**TWIN FALLS •** Now that Christmas is over, what should you do with your tree?

You can throw it out to the curb and let the trash collector take it to the landfill, but why not put it to one more good use?

For the fourth year in a row come Saturday, Snake River Tree Service will collect used trees to grind into mulch for use in gardens and flower beds.

The service is free to anyone who brings a tree to the DL Evans Bank parking lot at the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Falls Avenue between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday.

Donations for the service are welcome. Money raised will be given to the United Way of South Central Idaho and used to fund area nonprofit programs and senior centers' Meals on Wheels programs.

Can't bring your tree? You also can arrange for your tree to be picked up. Call Bret Dixon at 316-5759 or United Way at 733-4922.



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*Annie Doyea, David Ahrens and Larry Bateman cut the red ribbon for Comfort Inn & Suites, 379 Crossroads Point Blvd., Jerome. Comfort Inn, a pet-friendly hotel, is a member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and offers spacious accommodations, free breakfast, a meeting facility, free high-speed Internet and a fitness center with pool. It also has a banquet room. To reserve the facility, call 644-2181.*



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*Chris Sterner, Travis Mesheski and Francisca Lopez cut the red ribbon for Magic Wash, 808 Cheney Drive, Twin Falls. Magic Wash features a complete detail car wash with towel dry, Rain-X, tire polish, streak-free window cleaning, degreasing and steam-cleaning for engines. Gift certificates available. Stop by or call, 735-9274.*

United Way Receives Check

The US Bancorp Foundation recently awarded a check for \$7,522.35 to United Way of South Central Idaho to help fund its operational expenses in the eight-county region and Jackpot, Nev., in which it serves.



Pictured, US Bank Region President Tracy Silver presents a check to President Midge Fisher and Executive Director Bill Knopp of United Way. Joining them are Lawrence Flournoy, US Bank executive and past president of United Way. US Bank was the recipient of the Spirit of America Award from United Way Worldwide in 2011.

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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy. High 29.

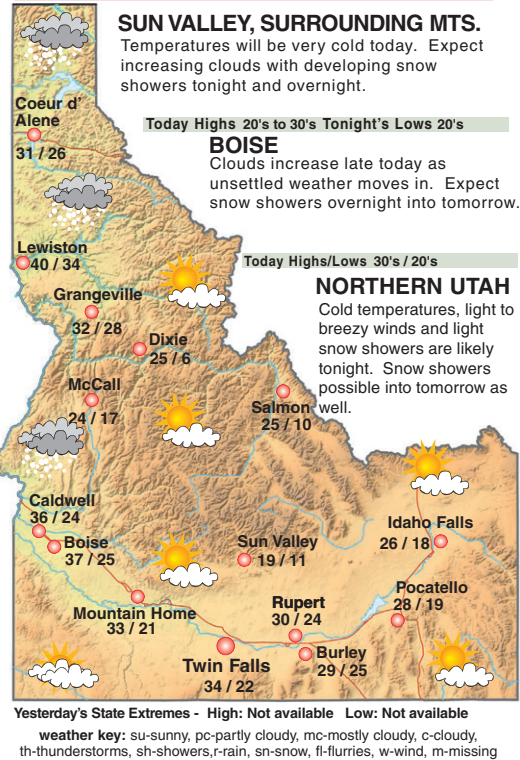
Tonight: Snow showers possible late. Low 25.

Tomorrow: Light snow expected. High 31.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	n/a°	Yesterday's	n/a"
Yesterday's Low	n/a°	Month to Date	1.91"
Normal High / Low	36° / 18°	Avg. Month to Date	0.82"
Record High	53° in 1980	Water Year to Date	3.38"
Record Low	-16° in 1990	Avg. Water Year to Date	2.55"

IDAHO'S FORECAST



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly cloudy	Late snow showers likely	Periods of snow, cold	Snow showers likely	Periods of sunshine	Partly cloudy
High 34°	Low 22°	37° / 24°	36° / 20°	32° / 12°	33° / 17°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity		Barometric Pressure	
Yesterday's High	n/a°	Yesterday's	n/a"	Yesterday's High	75%	5 pm Yesterday	29.83 in.
Yesterday's Low	n/a°	Month to Date	1.89"	Yesterday's Low	43%		
Normal High / Low	33° / 18°	Avg. Month to Date	1.04"	Today's Forecast Avg.	74%		
Record High	51° in 1972	Water Year to Date	2.97"				
Record Low	-20° in 1990	Avg. Water Year to Date	3.04"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30			

Moon Phases			
Full Dec. 28	Last Jan. 5	New Jan. 11	First Jan. 19

Regional Forecast		Today		Tomorrow		Thursday	
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Boise	37 25 mc	38 24 ls	38 24 mx				
Bonniers Ferry	28 23 ls	30 21 ls	33 21 ls				
Burley	29 25 pc	31 23 ls	29 23 ls				
Challis	21 12 pc	26 15 ls	23 15 ls				
Coeur d'Alene	31 26 ls	31 26 ls	30 26 ls				
Elko, NV	27 21 ls	31 17 ls	30 17 ls				
Eugene, OR	46 39 r	45 36 sh	44 36 sh				
Gering	29 21 pc	32 22 ls	33 22 ls				
Grace	23 13 pc	28 18 ls	26 18 ls				
Hagerman	35 24 pc	37 24 ls	37 24 mx				
Hailey	24 15 pc	28 16 ls	26 16 ls				
Idaho Falls	26 18 pc	29 21 ls	28 21 ls				
Kalispell, MT	21 17 pc	27 20 ls	31 20 ls				
Jerome	30 21 pc	32 22 ls	33 22 ls				
Lewiston	40 34 mx	40 30 mx	39 30 mx				
Malad City	21 17 pc	27 19 ls	25 19 ls				
Malta	25 22 pc	28 21 ls	28 21 ls				
McCall	24 17 ls	27 14 ls	27 14 ls				
Missoula, MT	22 18 pc	30 20 ls	31 20 ls				
Pocatello	28 19 pc	32 22 ls	30 22 ls				
Portland, OR	43 39 r	43 35 sh	42 35 sh				
Rupert	30 24 pc	31 22 ls	30 22 ls				
Rexburg	25 16 pc	27 19 ls	27 19 ls				
Richland, WA	35 26 mx	32 27 mx	34 27 sh				
Rogerson	23 18 mc	29 16 ls	24 16 ls				
Salmon	25 10 pc	28 13 ls	27 13 ls				
Salt Lake City, UT	33 23 pc	37 28 ls	38 28 ls				
Spokane, WA	32 26 ls	31 24 ls	29 24 ls				
Stanley	24 13 pc	29 13 ls	25 13 ls				
Sun Valley	19 11 pc	24 11 ls	20 11 ls				
Yellowstone, MT	18 -2 pc	22 6 ls	21 6 ls				

Canadian Forecast		Today		Tomorrow	
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Calgary	2 -16 pc	1 -14 pc			
Cranbrook	13 -5 pc	19 0 pc			
Edmonton	-9 -16 pc	-5 -19 pc			
Kelowna	18 -1 ls	21 9 pc			
Lethbridge	5 -2 pc	6 -4 pc			
Regina	-9 -10 pc	0 -6 pc			

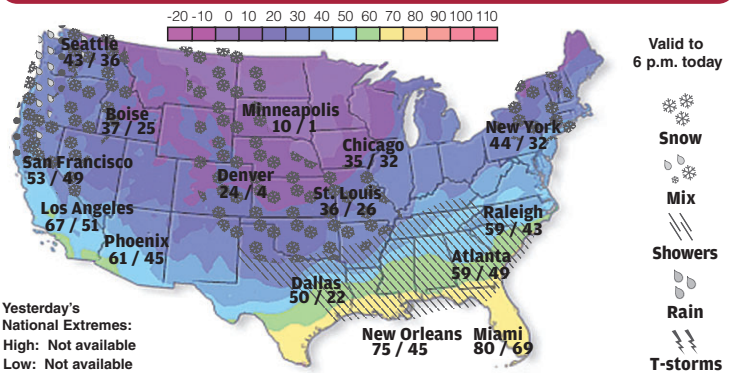
NATIONAL FORECAST

Today		Tomorrow		Today		Tomorrow	
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	59 49 r	52 31 sh		Orlando	76 61 pc	78 49 th	
Atlantic City	28 35 pc	49 43 r		Philadelphia	45 30 pc	44 39 mx	
Baltimore	45 33 pc	42 34 sh		Phoenix	61 45 pc	64 43 pc	
Billings	14 3 pc	23 7 ls		Portland, ME	35 22 ls	34 28 pc	
Birmingham	63 44 th	43 30 r		Raleigh	59 43 pc	60 38 th	
Boston	37 27 sn	35 33 pc		Rapid City	14 1 mc	23 11 pc	
Butte	24 4 ls	32 14 pc		San Diego	64 50 sh	59 48 sh	
Charleston, SC	64 60 r	71 38 th		San Francisco	53 49 r	53 47 sh	
Charlotte, NC	47 37 pc	49 29 r		Sacramento	53 43 r	54 37 sh	
Chicago	35 32 ls	34 30 sn		St. Louis	36 26 c	29 17 ls	
Cleveland	38 29 mc	35 28 sn		St. Paul	10 1 pc	18 5 pc	
Denver	24 4 ls	32 14 pc		Salt Lake City	33 23 pc	37 28 ls	
Des Moines	15 1 mc	15 2 pc		San Jose	59 48 sh	59 48 sh	
Detroit	34 30 pc	32 27 sn		Seattle	43 39 r	43 35 sh	
El Paso	51 28 pc	53 34 pc		Tucson	58 39 pc	64 41 pc	
Fairbanks	6 -13 pc	6 2 pc		Washington, DC	47 36 pc	46 36 sh	
Fargo	1 -7 pc	8 -2 pc					
Honolulu	79 68 sh	80 68 sh					
Houston	76 35 th	49 33 pc					
Indianapolis	37 29 mc	33 22 sn					
Jacksonville	37 29 mc	33 22 sn					
Jacksonville	37 29 mc	33 22 sn					
Kansas City	22 7 mc	20 11 pc					
Las Vegas	49 36 pc	51 37 r					
Little Rock	41 26 r	34 21 pc					
Los Angeles	67 51 pc	63 50 sh					
Memphis	44 32 sh	37 24 ls					
Miami	80 69 pc	81 65 sh					
Milwaukee	28 28 ls	31 22 ls					
Nashville	51 43 sh	44 30 mx					
New Orleans	75 45 th	52 37 pc					
New York	44 32 pc	43 41 r					
Oklahoma City	27 10 sn	22 15 pc					
Omaha	13 -1 mc	15 1 pc					

WORLD FORECAST

Today		Tomorrow		Today		Tomorrow	
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Acapulco	85 70 pc	84 72 pc		Moscow	14 14 ls	33 31 ls	
Athens	59 56 pc	63 57 pc		Nairobi	77 54 sh	76 55 sh	
Auckland	74 65 sh	71 61 sh		Oslo	30 18 pc	26 3 pc	
Bangkok	87 72 pc	89 75 pc		Paris	52 41 sh	48 43 sh	
Beijing	9 -4 pc	14 0 pc		Prague	45 38 pc	43 36 sh	
Berlin	48 41 r	48 37 pc		Rio de Janeiro	89 72 th	92 72 th	
Buenos Aires	84 54 sh	74 56 pc		Rome	59 54 sh	59 49 sh	
Cairo	71 47 pc	70 49 sh		Santiago	76 49 pc	81 50 pc	
Dhahran	77 69 pc	75 65 pc		Seoul	23 1 ls	12 6 pc	
Geneva	46 32 sh	42 30 ls		Sydney	75 62 sh	68 59 sh	
Hong Kong	69 65 sh	69 65 pc		Tel Aviv	67 64 pc	66 62 sh	
Jerusalem	64 48 sh	64 48 sh		Tokyo	46 31 pc	43 29 pc	
Johannesburg	80 60 th	74 58 th		Vienna	38 31 pc	39 31 r	
Kuwait City	64 57 r	66 54 sh		Warsaw	37 35 pc	38 32 pc	
London	50 38 sh	48 40 sh		Winnipeg	-3 -12 pc	1 -4 pc	
Mexico City	69 44 pc	68 43 pc		Zurich	43 26 pc	37 15 ls	

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# Audits of Businesses for Illegal Immigrants Rising

**SEATTLE (AP)** • U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement reached its highest number yet of companies audited for illegal immigrants on their payrolls this past fiscal year.

Audits of employer I-9 forms increased from 250 in fiscal year 2007 to more than 3,000 in 2012. From fiscal years 2009 to 2012, the total amount of fines grew to nearly \$13 million from \$1 million. The number of company managers arrested has increased to 238, according to data provided by ICE.

The investigations of companies have been one of the pillars of President Barack Obama's immigration policy.

When Obama recently spoke about addressing immigration reform in his second term, he said any measure should contain penalties for companies that purposely hire illegal immigrants. It's not a new stand, but one he will likely highlight as his administration launches efforts to revamp the nation's immigration system.

"Our goal is compliance and deterrence," said Brad Bench, special agent in charge at ICE's Seattle office. "The majority of the companies we do audits on end up with no fines at all, but again it's part of the deterrence method. If

companies know we're out there, looking across the board, they're more likely to bring themselves into compliance."

While the administration has used those numbers to bolster their record on immigration enforcement, advocates say the audits have pushed workers further underground by causing mass layoffs and disrupted business practices.

When the ICE audit letter arrived at Belco Forest Products, management wasn't entirely surprised. Two nearby businesses in Shelton, a small timber town on a bay off Washington state's Puget Sound, had already been investigated.

But the 2010 inquiry became a months-long process that cost the timber company experienced workers and money. It was fined \$17,700 for technicalities on their record keeping.

"What I don't like is the roll of the dice," said Belco's chief financial officer Tom Behrens. "Why do some companies get audited and some don't? Either everyone gets audited or nobody does. Level the playing field."

Belco was one of 339 companies fined in fiscal year 2011 and one of thousands audited that year.

Employers are required to have their workers fill out an I-9 form that declares them authorized to work in the country. Currently, an employer needs only to verify that identifying documents look real.

The audits, part of a \$138 million worksite enforcement effort, rely on ICE officers scouring over payroll records to find names that don't match Social Security num-

bers and other identification databases.

The audits "don't make any sense before a legalization program," said Daniel Costa, an immigration policy analyst at the Economic Policy Institute, a Washington, D.C., think tank. "You're leaving the whole thing up to an employer's eyesight and subjective judgment, that's the failure of the law. There's no verification at all. Then you have is

the government making a subjective judgment about subjective judgment."

An AP review of audits that resulted in fines in fiscal year 2011 shows that the federal government is fining indus-

tries across the country reliant on manual labor and that historically have hired immigrants. The data provide a glimpse into the results of a process affecting thousands of companies.

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#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, the 9th day of April, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of said day at the front entrance of the Cassia County Courthouse, 1459 Overland Avenue, Burley, County of Cassia, State of Idaho, TITLEFACT, INC., an Idaho corporation, as Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Cassia, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 6 and 7, Block 18, Amended Plat MILLER'S FIRST ADDITION to the City of Burley, Cassia County, Idaho, as the same is platted in the official plat thereof, now of record in the office of the Recorder of said Cassia County.

Sometimes known as: **1801 Conant Avenue, Burley, Idaho 83318.**

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed **MARK W. JONES and SHILOH JONES**, husband and wife, as Grantor to TITLEFACT, INC., an Idaho corporation, as Trustee, and FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF TWIN FALLS, as Beneficiary, recorded August 3, 2009, as Instrument No. 2009-003958, records of Cassia County, Idaho.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay: Monthly payments, collection charges and late charges through October 31, 2012, all in the amount of \$2,930.76; and the unpaid principal balance owing as of October 31, 2012, on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$101,552.24 plus interest, late charges and foreclosure costs.

DATED: November 13, 2012.

TITLEFACT, INC., Trustee

By LILA ORTON, Assistant Vice President

**PUBLISH:** December 18, 25, 2012, January 1 and 8, 2013

#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of said day at the front entrance of the Jerome County Courthouse, 300 North Lincoln, County of Jerome, State of Idaho, TITLEFACT, INC., an Idaho corporation, as Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Jerome, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Township 9 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Jerome County, Idaho.

Section 1: A parcel of land located in Lot 2, described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of Section 1;

THENCE North 89°50'00" West along the North boundary of Section 1 for a distance of 1,903.42 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE South 0°10'00" West for a distance of 812.67 feet to the Northerly right of way line of the Union Pacific Railroad;

THENCE along the Northerly right-of-way line of the Union Pacific Railroad on an arc with a long chord bearing and distance of South 82°33'19" West 191.69 feet;

THENCE North 0°10'00" East for a distance of 838.06 feet to the North boundary of Section 1;

THENCE South 89°50'00" East along the North boundary of Section 1 for a distance of 190.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Sometimes known as: **563 East 300 South, Jerome, Idaho 83338.**

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **ROBERT GREGORY SPEARS**, a married man dealing with his sole and separate property, Grantor to TITLEFACT, INC., as Trustee for the benefit and security of FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF TWIN FALLS, recorded September 9, 2005, as Instrument No. 2054898, records of Jerome County, Idaho.

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1. Monthly payments, collection charges and late charges through October 22, 2012, all in the amount of \$1,352.12;

2. Assessments of the Northside Canal Company for 2011 and 2012;

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### New Today

#### RENTAL PROPERTIES

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#### 101 Lost and Found

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By Bil Keane



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# SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

7			9		4			1
		2				6		
3				8				4
6			5		2			8
		3		9		7		
4			6		1			3
9				1				7
		1				5		
5			8		3			6

Difficulty Level ★★

12/25

### Answer to previous puzzle

9	8	4	5	6	1	3	7	2
3	5	7	2	8	9	4	6	1
1	2	6	7	4	3	5	9	8
7	6	1	4	2	5	8	3	9
8	4	9	3	1	7	6	2	5
5	3	2	8	9	6	1	4	7
6	9	5	1	3	2	7	8	4
4	7	3	9	5	8	2	1	6
2	1	8	6	7	4	9	5	3

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**DEAR ABBY:** May I comment on the letter from "Itching to Get Even in Cincinnati" (Oct. 1), the woman who was upset that the handmade wreaths she had placed on her family graves had been stolen?



**DEAR ABBY**  
**Jeanne Phillips**

I volunteer at a historical cemetery. Many cemeteries have rules about the type and size of grave decorations that are allowed on the grounds, which is sometimes none at all. In fact, if decorations ARE allowed, unless they can be firmly attached to the ground, real flowers are usually preferred because they biodegrade and do not create a nightmare for groundskeepers when the plastic eventually weakens.

While it's touching that "Itching" and her sister continue to make thoughtful and beautiful arrangements for their deceased loved ones, they should consider speaking with the cemetery office or groundskeeper about any regulations they might have in order to avoid this kind of upset again.

— **MAUREEN IN BROOKLYN, N.Y.**  
**DEAR MAUREEN:** For the most part, readers agree that the policies of a cemetery should be checked out before placing wreaths or flowers on graves. However, other readers offered some interesting solutions to the problem:

**DEAR ABBY:** When Dad died, my mom and I returned to his grave the next day. All the flowers were missing, but the plastic they were attached to was still there. When we inquired about it we were told that deer come down at night and eat the flowers. My dad, a nature lover, would have been pleased that they provided a meal for the deer.

— **STILL MISSING HIM**  
**DEAR ABBY:** The dead are no longer of this world. When people visit their graves, they should leave good thoughts, not material items that end up as trash or stolen.

— **PAMELA IN VICTORVILLE, CALIF.**  
**DEAR ABBY:** After my mother died, I bought a concrete garden angel statue and put it by her headstone. Like "Itching," I too was bitter after it was stolen.

When I told my husband, he told me, "Honey, your mother WAS an angel. She didn't need one. Someone else must have needed one." After he said it, it put the incident into a different perspective.

— **ANGEL'S DAUGHTER IN MISSOURI**  
**DEAR ABBY:** Years ago, the flags my mother and I had placed on Memorial Day were stolen. After that we would write, "Stolen from the grave of ..." on the sticks of the flags we left for my father's and stepfather's graves. It worked!

— **DOT IN NEW JERSEY**  
**DEAR ABBY:** My sister made a Christmas tree for our mother's grave and decorated it with functional lights. When I asked her why she went to the extra expense, she replied that she knew it would likely be stolen. She said she wanted the thief to have a tree with working lights, so the person would have a brighter Christmas.

— **GERRY IN HUNSTVILLE, TEXAS**  
**DEAR ABBY:** I had the same problem until I started attaching small signs to my floral wreaths that read, "Thou Shalt Not Steal." I make the signs business card-sized, cover them with clear tape, attach them to a beverage straw and insert them in the flowers or attach them to the wreaths. So far it has worked. And if it doesn't, at least it may make the thief think twice.

— **MARIE IN PENNSYLVANIA**

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Bobby Wolff

*"At Christmas play and make good cheer,  
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— *Thomas Tusser*

Since today is Christmas Day, I'm going to show a deal where East presented the opponents with a Christmas present. Put yourself in his position to see if you can do better.

You might argue that East followed a cowardly route in the auction, but it did seem reasonable to think that the majority of his hand looked wasted on offense. As you can see, though, the favorable lies in spades and diamonds meant that four clubs would have crawled home.

Against three hearts, partner leads the club king, and you discourage, suggesting an odd number. Declarer wins and leads a heart to the ace, partner pitching the club four. Then comes a second heart, on which partner pitches the club nine. What now?

At the table East missed the point altogether here. Partner's low club spots (remember, he started with six clubs to the K-Q-J so he doesn't have many small clubs!) must suggest suit preference for diamonds. Since you may need to lead diamonds through twice, start now.

At the table, East reverted to clubs and West could do nothing but return a spade, letting East exit with a third heart. But declarer won the heart queen and led out the spade queen. Now he had time to take advantage of the fall of the spade intermediates to set up the spade eight for the discard of a diamond: nine tricks made.

### WEST

♠ J 9 3  
♥ ---  
♦ Q J 9 3  
♣ K Q J 9 5 4

### EAST

♠ A K 7 5  
♥ K J 3  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ 8 7 6

### SOUTH

♥ Q 10  
♦ Q 8 7 6 4 2  
♦ K 8 6  
♣ A 10

Vulnerable: East-West  
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	2 ♣	2 ♥	2 NT
3 ♥	All pass		

Opening lead: Club king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ Q 10  
♥ Q 8 7 6 4 2  
♦ K 8 6  
♣ A 10

South	West	North	East
1 ♥ ?	1 NT	2 ♦	1 ♣ 3 ♣

**ANSWER:** With three decent trump you do not have to be over-intellectual and reconstruct the 52-card diagram in your head. Simply raise partner to three diamonds and let the chips fall where they may. Whenever you have trump support, you should have it as your first priority to let partner know that, rather than finding a reason to pass.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, email him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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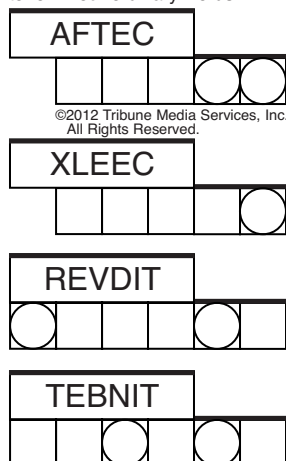


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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Answer here: THE



(Answers tomorrow)

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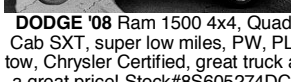
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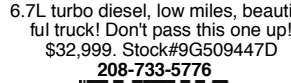
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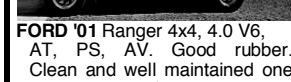
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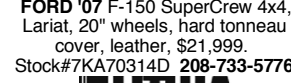
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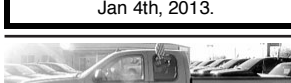
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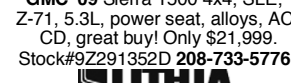
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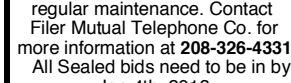
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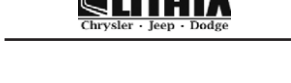
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**IF DECEMBER 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** There is smooth sailing ahead in the coming year, but you will need to stifle a tendency to be too ambitious over the next few weeks. Carry your responsibilities proudly, as this could be a good time for sound decisions about finances and material success. Don't be maneuvered into making job or career changes in April. Love relationships may take precedence in the late summer. Singles may find love and the happily married could reach a new plateau. Your hard work and attention to duty will reap rewards in August, September and October when several opportunities to improve your life will arrive. That is an excellent time to put your most important ideas into motion or to make crucial decisions for long-term success.

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**Jeraldine Saunders**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** The practical touch can create magic. You may be the person elected to read the directions or to put together a new bike before it is placed under the tree. Your skills and resourcefulness is in demand.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Pass the presents, please. Share your good fortune with others and beam with sincere geniality. Wrap up this day of holiday sharing by engaging in provocative encounters of the romantic kind.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Spread the joy. Treatsures, treats and toys give great pleasure when given or received. What is most likely to please your heart and soul is the warm smile and happy face of a significant other.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Cater to your creative side. Your artistic ideas or entertaining activities will receive an enthusiastic round of applause from partners and mates. Post-holiday smooching could be in the stars.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Take your time about decisions. A gift that does not suit your mood today may be destined to be returned, but it is best to wait since your mood could change. You aren't likely to make sound decisions.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Pleasant surprises soothe the soul. Handle new toys with care, especially if they require daring exploits or unusual escapades. Pushing or pulling something too hard could cause something to break.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Pray for peace on earth. You are a little bit wiser than usual and able to embrace the spirit of forgive and forget. Having a wonderful, memorable time with family or friends won't cost you a penny.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Have an extra piece of pie. You are not required to deny yourself simple pleasures. This is a day to put self-denial and self-discipline on the back burner. Your good taste is obvious; you are appreciated.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Good deeds are rewarded. Those who gather around your holiday table are certain to admire and adore your every move. Small kindnesses can earn you great big smiles of appreciation.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Toss another yule log on the fire to go with the eggnog. Kick back and bask in holiday warmth and indulge in creature comforts. Adoring mates are very likely to smother you in hugs and kisses.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Unstuff the stuffed shirt. This is one day of the year when you can play like a kid without guilt or concern; enjoy whatever suits your fancy. The games you choose may please a significant other, too.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Make way for memories and magical moments. Don't be afraid to follow through on a whim; let straight-laced pals fall by the wayside today and do something totally daring. Be inspired by a gift to initiate new routines.

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Today is Tuesday, Dec. 25, the 360th day of 2012. There are six days left in the year. This is Christmas Day.

**Today's Highlight:**  
On Dec. 25, A.D. 336, the first recorded celebration of Christmas on Dec. 25 took place in Rome.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

### On this date:

In 1066, William the Conqueror was crowned king of England.

In 1776, Gen. George Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River for a surprise attack against Hessian forces at Trenton, N.J.

In 1868, President Andrew Johnson granted an unconditional pardon to all persons involved in the Southern rebellion that resulted in the Civil War.

In 1887, Conrad Hilton, founder of the hotel chain bearing his name, was born in San Antonio, Territory of New Mexico.

In 1926, Hirohito became emperor of Japan, succeeding his father, Emperor Yoshihito.

In 1931, New York's Metropolitan Opera broadcast an entire live opera over radio for the first time: "Hansel and Gretel" by Engelbert Humperdinck.

In 1937, the NBC Symphony Orchestra, led for the first time by conductor Arturo Toscanini, performed a Christmas concert featuring works by Vivaldi, Mozart and Brahms.

In 1941, during World War II, Japan announced the surrender of the British-Canadian garrison at Hong Kong.

In 1962, the movie version of "To Kill a Mockingbird," adapted from the Harper Lee novel and starring Gregory Peck, opened in Los Angeles.

In 1989, ousted Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife, Elena, were executed following a popular uprising.

In 1991, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev went on television to announce his resignation as the eighth and final leader of a communist superpower that had already gone out of existence.

In 2009, passengers aboard Northwest Airlines Flight 253 foiled an attempt to blow up the plane as it was landing in Detroit by seizing a man who tried to set off explosives in his underwear.

**Ten years ago:** Pope John Paul II delivered a Christmas message in which he said war had to be and could be avoided even in a world made fearful by terrorism. A major storm made for a white Christmas in parts of the U.S.; the severe weather ultimately was blamed for some two dozen deaths. Katie Hnida became the first woman to play in a Division I-A football game when she attempted an extra point following a New Mexico touchdown in the Las Vegas Bowl. (Hnida, a walk-on junior, had her kick blocked, but by then she had already made history in the 27-13 loss to UCLA.)

**Five years ago:** A tiger at the San Francisco Zoo escaped her enclosure and killed a park visitor; two brothers also were mauled, but survived. (The tiger was killed by police.) Russia's military successfully test-fired a new intercontinental ballistic missile capable of carrying multiple nuclear warheads. A ruptured gasoline pipeline exploded near Nigeria's main city of Lagos, killing at least 40 people.

**One year ago:** Five members of a family, including three children and their grandparents, died in a Christmas morning blaze in Stamford, Conn., that was blamed on burning embers in a trash can. A 56-year-old man dressed as Santa Claus shot and killed his estranged wife, their two teenage children and three other relatives at an apartment in Grapevine, Texas, before taking his own life. A suicide bombing of a Catholic church near Nigeria's capital left at least 44 people dead.

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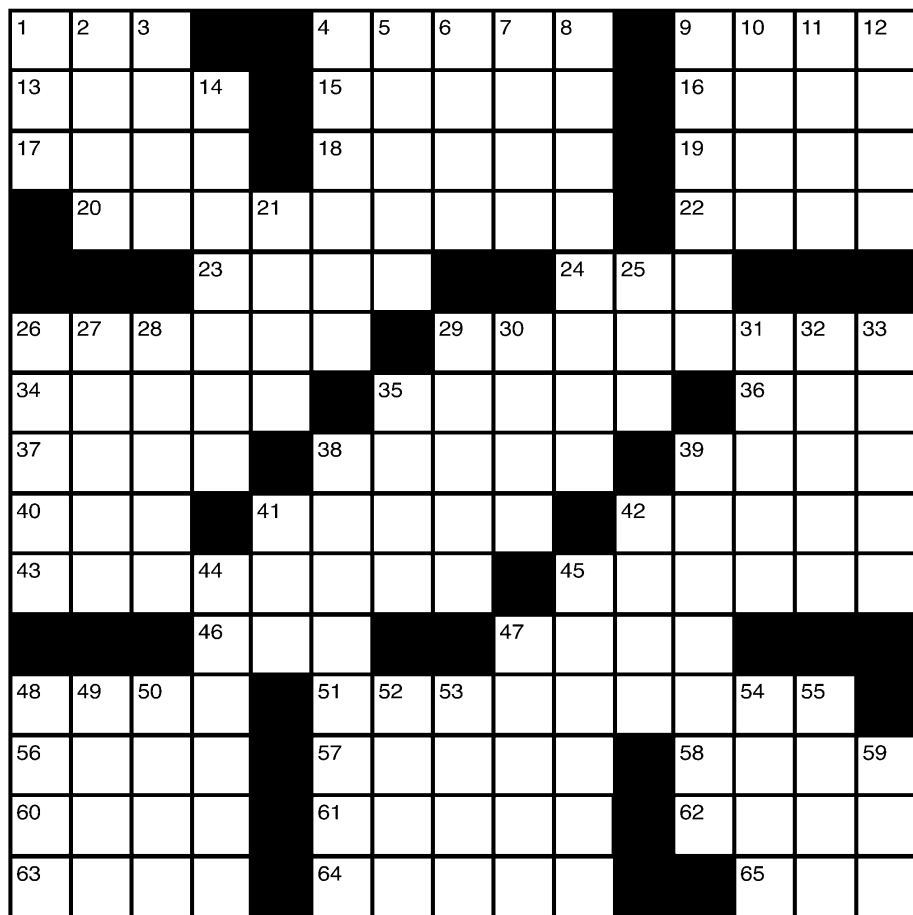
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### ACROSS

- 1 Police officer
- 4 Chunks of concrete
- 9 Baby cow
- 13 Chimps and orangutans
- 15 Sacred scroll
- 16 Drug addict
- 17 SAT, for one
- 18 Stallone role
- 19 \_\_ about; sing the praises of
- 20 Feeds
- 22 Barbecue attachment
- 23 Water barrier
- 24 Definite article
- 26 Plot craftily
- 29 Not as wobbly
- 34 Actor Jeremy
- 35 Mixes in a bowl
- 36 Scottish denial
- 37 Move quickly
- 38 \_\_ one's heels; waits
- 39 Unclothed
- 40 Finish
- 41 Bit of dandruff
- 42 Diminished
- 43 Similar to elks
- 45 Gas scooters
- 46 Attila the \_\_
- 47 Two cups
- 48 Dry streambed
- 51 Singer Aguilera
- 56 "When the frost \_\_ the punkin..."
- 57 Ethiopia's \_\_ Selassie
- 58 Cries
- 60 City in Nevada
- 61 Large sea duck with soft down
- 62 Stubborn as a

### DOWN

- 1 Feline
- 2 Frank; candid
- 3 Mexico's dollar
- 4 Bowler's delight
- 5 Not tight
- 6 Part of the foot



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### Monday's Puzzle Solved



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- 7 Cook in an oven
- 8 Shady lawyers
- 9 Used profanity
- 10 Urgent letters
- 11 Mr. Strauss
- 12 Worry
- 14 Pupil
- 21 Curved edges
- 25 Owns
- 26 \_\_ with; supported
- 27 Huge hoisting machine
- 28 Teeming crowd
- 29 Tend a fire by adding fuel
- 30 Flooring piece
- 31 Foolish
- 32 Dog-\_\_; like well-worn book pages
- 33 Marsh grasses
- 35 Saturate
- 38 Assures the winning of
- 39 Christening
- 41 Respiratory ailment

- 42 Refuses to
- 44 Huge horned animals, for short
- 45 Money hoarders
- 47 \_\_ up; amassed
- 48 Telegraph

- 49 Bewildered
- 50 First word of a warning
- 52 Summon a cab
- 53 \_\_ away; gallop off
- 54 Part of speech
- 55 Competent
- 59 Stitch

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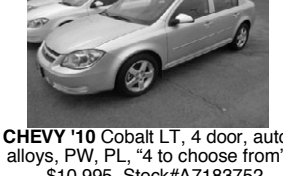
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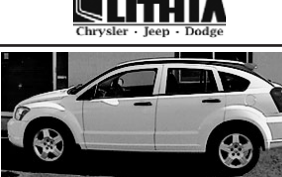
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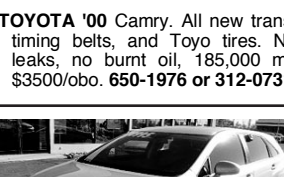
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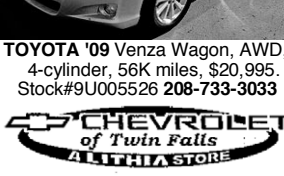
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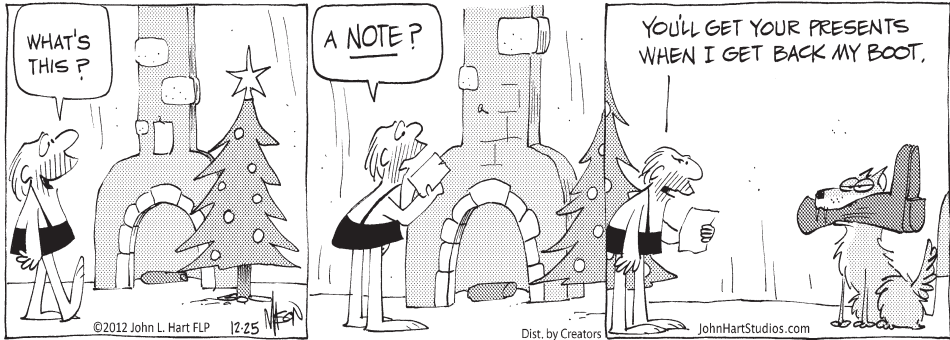
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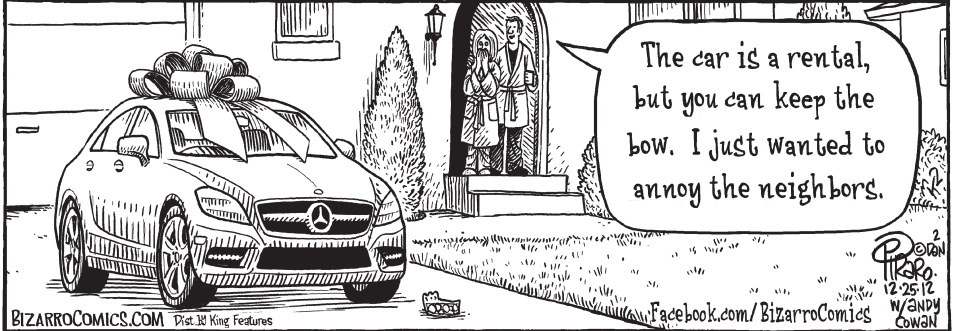
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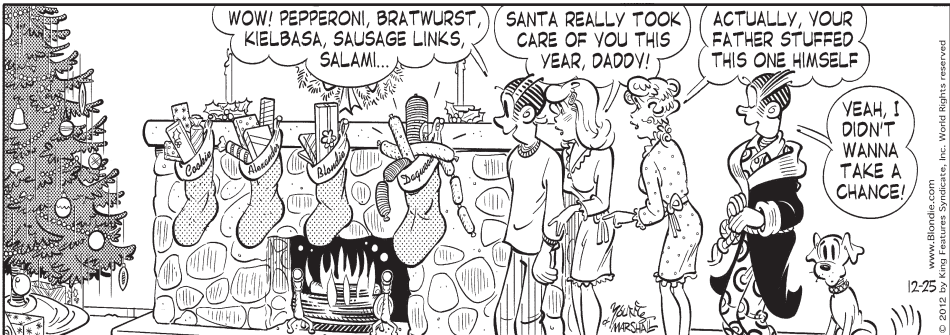
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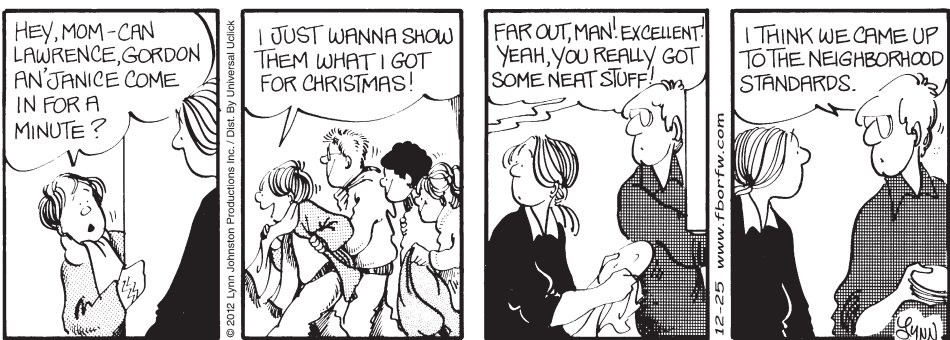
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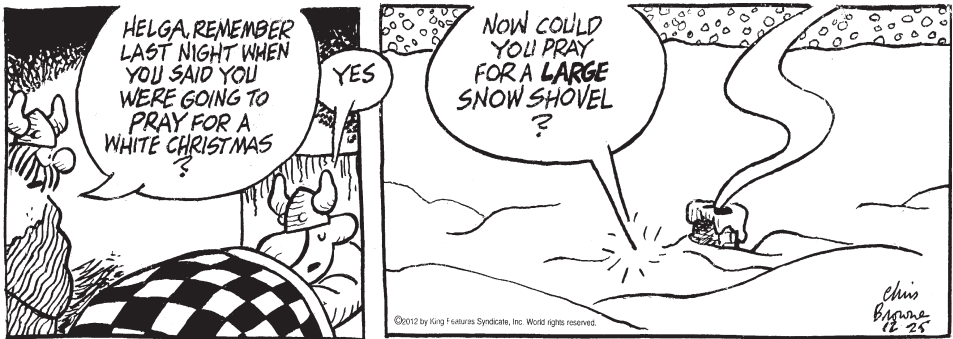
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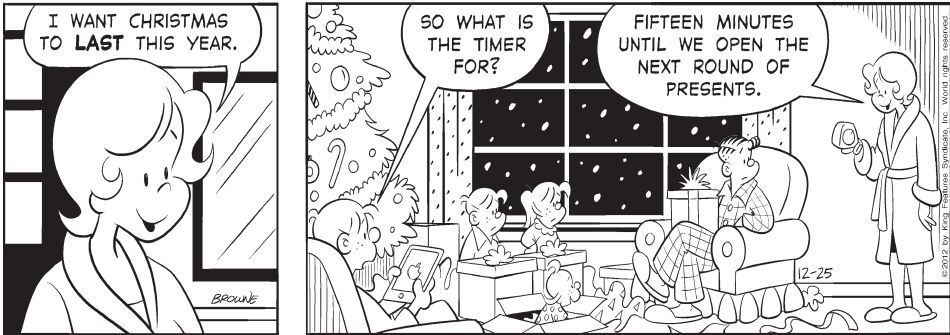
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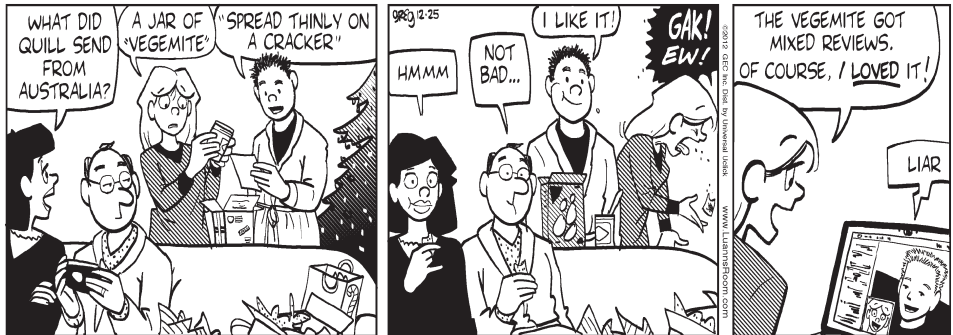
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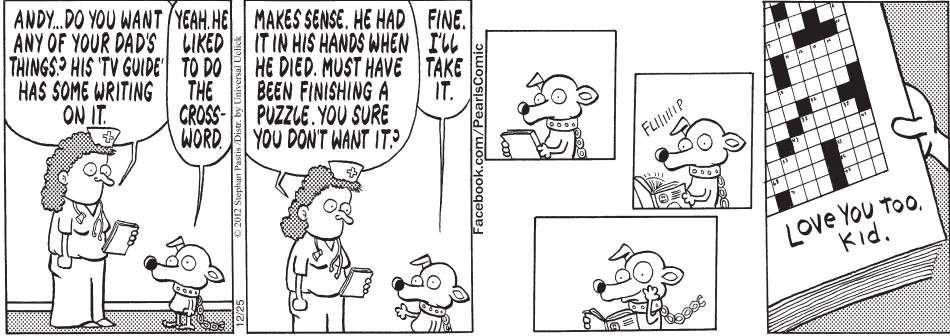
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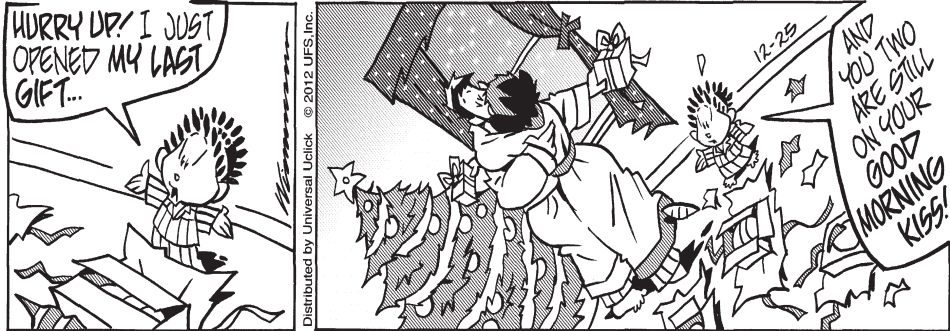
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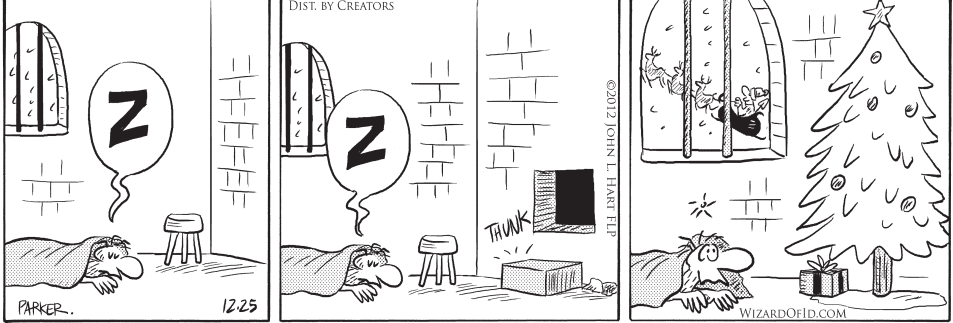
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