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As cases of alleged sexual abuse by Cassia County educators work through the courts, school officials and outside experts debate how to prevent such incidents.

The ease with which offenders and students can communicate through texting and social media presents a complication for officials trying to guard students against offenders.

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BURLEY • A three-year string of sex abuse charges in the Cassia County School District has led to questions of what the district has and should be doing to stop the abuse.

Four cases have been filed against school district employees in the past three years. A fifth involved a student aide. One teacher was found not guilty of alleged abuse, but three of the cases have produced guilty pleas. The newest is still pending in the courts.

In the past year the district has reviewed personnel policies, tightened hiring practices and followed up on every complaint of inappropriate behavior received, said Cassia County School District Superintendent Gaylen Smyer. But he and other school officials say the matter goes beyond just what the district can address.

"We do vet our employees more thoroughly than before, there is no question about it, but we can't guarantee their behavior," Smyer said.

'Passing the Trash'

Professor Charles Hobson first heard of the concept of "passing the trash" when he started researching for his book.

The term refers to deals negotiated between school officials and a perpetrator who is allowed to resign and is given a positive letter of reference for another school. Hobson said those involved agree not to call law enforcement officials and that information about the incident won't go in the perpetrator's personnel file.

Cassia County School District Superintendent Gaylen Smyer said his district does not ever withhold information about negative past employee behavior from another hiring district.

"But, I can't speak for anybody else," Smyer said. "We have to be careful what we do say but long gone are the days of 'if you leave I'll write you a good recommenda-

tion.' That just doesn't happen, at least not in this district."

Over the years, Smyer said, the district has coached some teachers and dismissed others. Many good teachers have left for their own various personal reasons.

"There's a belief out in the community and elsewhere that we can't get rid of teachers and that's not so," said Smyer. "They have their rights and we go through due process. It can take some time and some work but if they're not a good fit for the job or the system there are mechanisms to move them."

The topic of "passing the trash" has gained national attention by national nonprofit organizations and researchers who are working to address the topic of educator misconduct.

Terri Miller is president of

Stop Educator Sex Abuse, Misconduct, and Exploitation, a nonprofit based in Las Vegas. She said one of her group's top priorities is to push for policies and legislation that prohibit that practice of passing the trash.

"What I find most appalling about this problem is that school systems customarily protect themselves and the predator with total disregard for student safety," she said.

Miller said students are put at risk when the case isn't reported to authorities. And she said some educators go on to offend again.

She said it's "evil" to circumvent mandatory reporting laws by allowing teachers to quietly resign.

The organization's leaders are working with legislators, including at the federal level, on bills that address the topic of passing the trash.

smaller communities such as Murtaugh and Castleford.

Idaho districts are required by law to report incidents of sexual misconduct to the Idaho State Department of Education's Professional Standards Commission, which is charged with investigating ethics complaints against educators. The commission has the power to suspend or revoke teaching licenses, as in Burnett's case. Its investigations can take time; Cassia County reported Brinkerhoff's case, but no resolution has been listed yet according to a public records request.

Out of the cases opened last year, 33 have been closed. Five involved educators accused of sexual misconduct — four with students and one with a minor who isn't a student.

Over the past few decades, 13 complaints filed with the PSC resulted in a south-central Idaho educator losing a teaching license.

In a number of those cases, educators were sentenced in court on child sexual abuse charges.

Christina Linder, ISDE's director of certification and professional standards, told the *Times-News* earlier this month that if an educator pleads guilty or is found guilty of a felony crime against a child, their license is permanently revoked.

Charles Hobson, a professor at Indiana University Northwest, said cases of educator sexual misconduct are happening all over the country. He wrote a book called "Passing the Trash: A Parent's Guide to Combat Sexual Abuse/Harassment of Their Children in School." It was published in the fall.

"This is not a problem that occurs in isolated school districts," he said. "This is going on everywhere."



In December, Burley High School Vice Principal Tara Bagley was charged with two counts of felony child sexual abuse after allegedly having sexual contact and explicit electronic communications with two female students.

She pleaded not guilty to the charges and has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the court case.

Hers is the fifth sexual abuse case involving the school district to reach the courts since 2010. Only one of the other four accused in that time was found not guilty of their charges — Alvin Andrew, a teacher at Oakley High School, was acquitted by a jury in 2012 after a female

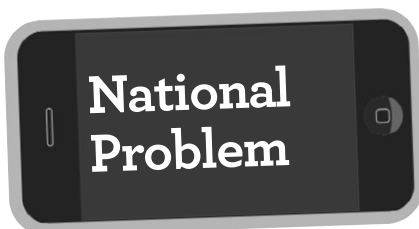
student claimed he sexually touched her in a classroom closet.

BHS teacher Chad Burnett pleaded guilty after he was charged with having a sexual relationship with a female student. He was sentenced in 2010 to at least three years in state prison and his state teaching license was revoked.

In 2011, Burley Junior High School teacher Michael Brinkerhoff pleaded guilty to having sexual Internet conversations with a female student and was released on 12 years of supervised probation. During the conversations, he posed as a teenage boy.

And under a plea agreement in December 2012, Josue Pablo Diaz pleaded guilty to child sex charges stemming from incidents in 2003 when he was a student assigned to be a classroom aide and had sexual misconduct with several boys 5-7 years old. He's set for a February sentencing in Cassia County 5th District Court.

"We've been in the news more than we care to be. But, when these things happen it is news," said Smyer. "I hope people understand that these were individual choices and we will hold them accountable for those choices," said Smyer.



A state school official told Smyer that the current Cassia County case was one of 23 similar active cases across the state right now — the bulk of them in Ada County, specifically Meridian, but others occurring in



Since Brinkerhoff was convicted, the Cassia County School District has ramped up its background checks and now uses ISDE's ability to examine prior personnel records from other schools, allowed in a law change in 2010.

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Teacher Pay Money Still On The Table

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BOISE • When laws dealing with teacher pay get thrown out mid-year, what happens to educators' paychecks? Good question.

Now that voters threw out the Students Come First laws, which included reductions to teacher salaries in favor of pay-for-performance bonuses, many assumed those reductions would be reinstated. But as lawmakers grapple with what to do with the \$45 million affected by the referendum, it's becoming clear that the money is still on the table.

After the repeal of Propositions 1, 2 and 3, there were

two groups of money that came into play: One was money that districts would have received had the laws stood, and the second was money that was withheld under Students Come First that districts would receive now that the laws had been overturned. The second group of money includes \$14.7 million that would have gone to teacher salaries before Students Come First.

When the Legislative Services Office presented its post-Propositions budget scenarios to the Legislature, it gave three options. All of those options assumed Idaho school districts would receive \$14.7 million that had been withheld teacher salaries under Students

Come First.

But it's not that simple. Currently, lawmakers are drafting bills to deal with the budget loose-ends. While no bills exist yet, the money for teacher salaries isn't guaranteed to go to districts this year.

Sen. John Goedde, R-Coeur d'Alene and chairman of the Senate Education Committee, said he wants to make district budgets whole.

But because districts weren't counting on that \$14.7 million for teacher salaries, it's not necessary to restore the money this fiscal year, he said.

Currently, the Legislature can't withhold the money, said Paul Headlee of Leg-

islative Services Office.

"That's where the law stands right now," Headlee said. "The authority to withhold that was repealed."

But, he said, there's also nothing stopping the Legislature from passing a new law that would allow them to withhold the money again for the current fiscal year.

Melissa McGrath, communications director for the Idaho State Department of Education, said the department is operating under the assumption that unless the Legislature acts, the money will go to teacher salaries for fiscal year 2013.

"This year will be interesting because they're deciding on two budgets at once," McGrath said.



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Shoshone Teacher Organizes Merit Pay Donation System

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SHOSHONE • When teachers in Shoshone received merit pay checks last month, Kristine Ruby found out that three of her coworkers didn't get anything.

She decided to take action. "It was just something that I felt pretty strongly about," she said. "It just wasn't right."

Ruby — who teaches business, computer and career classes at Shoshone Middle/High School — organized a donation system.

Teachers shared part of their pay-for-performance money with those who didn't qualify.

Superintendent Rob Waite said Ruby asked if she could organize the fundraiser on her own time.

"From there, she pretty much took it," he said.

Ruby said others were talking about creating some sort of donation system, but she just happened to be the person to start the process.

In order to qualify for merit pay from the state, Idaho educators had to meet both local and state benchmarks based on work last school year.

Educators received payments by Dec. 15.

The pay-for-performance system isn't in place anymore, since voters overturned the Students Come First laws in November. But during a press conference that month, Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna told reporters he hopes to resurrect a portion of his Students Come

First package — including merit pay — during this year's legislative session.

Ruby said teachers in Shoshone work closely together to ensure student success and the pay-for-performance system doesn't encourage collaboration between teachers.

"We have worked really hard at Shoshone to become close knit," she said.

Most of Shoshone's 42 educators who were employed with the school district last year received merit pay, but three did not. Ruby said those three teachers are some of the hardest working and most qualified in Shoshone.

Just before Christmas, she started collecting donations.

There wasn't much of a response for the first day or two, she said, since people were wondering if they were allowed to participate.

But once coworkers started talking, Ruby said the response

was great.

In addition to teachers, other school employees with jobs not included in the pay-for-performance system — and even parents — made donations.

Ruby said it was a "really cool Christmas present" for

the three teachers, who had no idea about the donation system. And there were a lot of tears.

"For them, it wasn't the money," she said. "It was the thought that we recognized them and that we are a family."

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The United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service announced Saturday that Boise-based B and D Foods is recalling a variety of meat products that could be contaminated with listeria monocytogenes, an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections.

Five different products containing beef, pork or chicken are being recalled. California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Montana, Arizona and Ohio have received some of the products.

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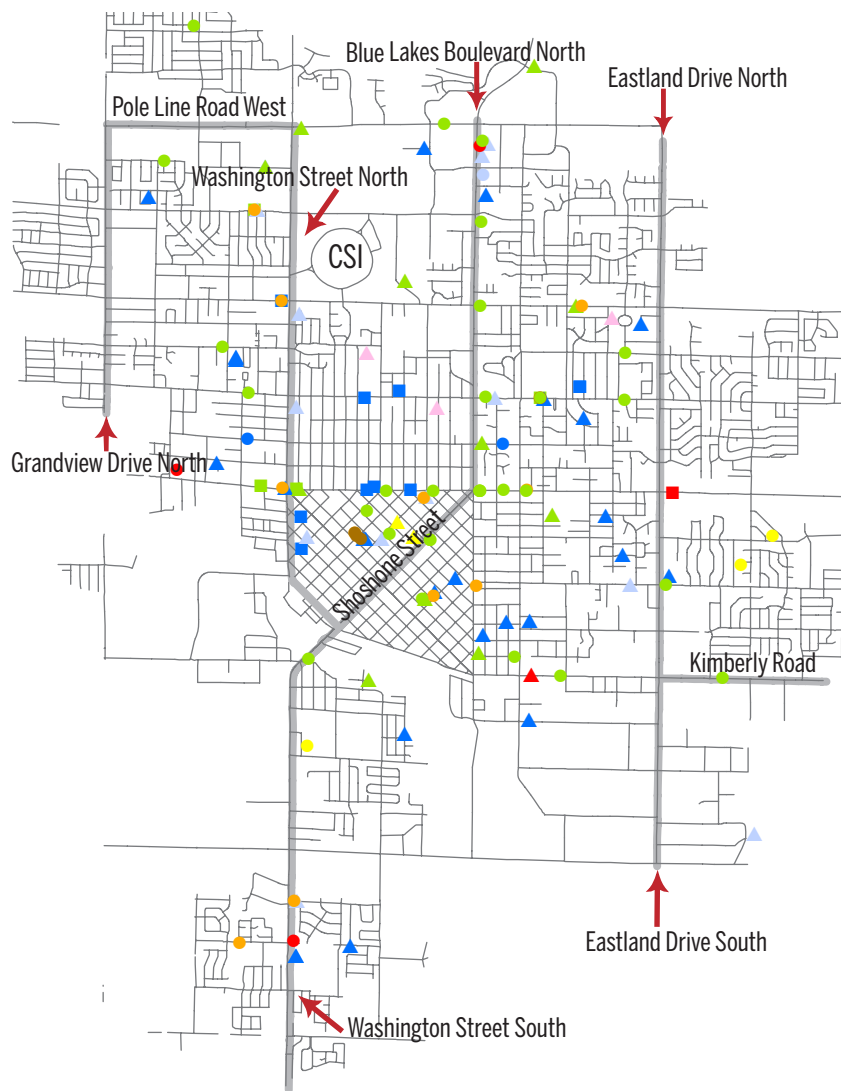
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Man Convicted in Slaying of Retired BYU Professor

AMERICAN FORK, Utah (AP) • A 25-year-old man has been convicted of aggravated murder and other charges in the 2009 slaying of a retired Brigham Young University professor during a home-invasion robbery.

A jury in 4th District Court deliberated nearly five hours before reaching the verdict late Friday night against Martin Bond in the death of 70-year-old Kay Mortensen.

Bond and Benjamin Rittig, 24, were accused of slitting Mortensen's throat after breaking into his Payson-area home to steal guns.

As part of a plea deal, Bond agreed to be sentenced to life without parole if found guilty of aggravated murder. He awaits formal sentencing March 5.

Mortensen's son, Roger, and daughter-in-law, Pamela Mortensen, originally were charged with the killing and held in jail for about five months before Bond's ex-

wife stepped forward to implicate the two Vernal-area men in the crime.

Roger and Pamela Mortensen say they arrived at Kay Mortensen's home during the November 2009 robbery.

A federal judge last year dismissed their lawsuit claiming they were wrongfully arrested after the real suspects tied them up and fled. They say a grand jury indictment hurt their finances, employment and relationships with family and friends.

"We are finally glad that the truth has come out that Roger and I were victims in this crime," Pamela Mortensen told The Salt Lake Tribune.

Defense attorneys said the verdict would be appealed. During closing arguments, they claimed Bond should be acquitted of aggravated murder because he was coerced by Rittig to kill the retired engineering professor.

Two-vehicle Crash Takes the Life of a Gooding Man

WENDELL • One man is dead after a two-vehicle crash that happened Friday afternoon about two miles north of Wendell.

Idaho State Police, which investigated the crash at 4:42 p.m., said Joaquin Figueiredo, 65, of Gooding was traveling north on State Highway 46 in a 2003 Dodge van when he went off the road, hitting a guard rail. Figueiredo then came back across the northbound lane and into the southbound lane, hitting head-on Joseph Melguin, 45, of Gooding, who was traveling south in a 1992 Chevy pickup truck.

Melguin was ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene, according to ISP. Figueiredo was extricated from his vehicle and transported to North Canyon Medical Center.

Highway 46 was blocked for more than three hours while the crash was cleaned up.

The incident is still under investigation.

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Thursday in Outdoors

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DECLO • Onions filled the roadway for about four hours along Interstate 84 near Declo on Friday afternoon, after a four-vehicle crash sent the vegetables tumbling out of a trailer.

No injuries were sustained in the crashes.

Idaho State Police responded to the incident about 3:25 p.m. on the Snake River Bridge west of the Declo, at Exit 216.

The incident, according to ISP, happened like this: 23-year-old Declo resident Amber L. Lidell-Thomas's 1998 Toyota RAV 4 broke down in the right-hand lane, when a 2005 Peterbilt truck, driven by Edward Colburn, 47, of Hood River, Ore., hit the rear

of her vehicle. A 2001 Oldsmobile Alero, driven by Katie Quinn, 27, of Boise was passing on the left at the same time that Oleg V. Delekh, 34, of Meridian attempted to move into the left lane in a 2006 Volvo, pulling a trailer of onions, and struck Quinn's vehicle and the 2005 Peterbilt.

Another Peterbilt, this one a 2011 driven by Keith C. Forsgren, 50, of Idaho Falls then struck the rear of the Volvo. The side of the trailer ripped open, ISP said, causing onions to spill onto the roadway.

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The proposed project would be located at the pre-

viously approved Dee Gold Mine site.

It would disturb about 2,774 acres of public land and provide an estimated 240 jobs. Plans call for about 10 years of mining and ore processing, followed by three years of site closure and reclamation.

The BLM's Elko District Office is accepting written comments through March 4.

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Pictured here are Paul Sugar Factory worker houses.

CITY OF PAUL BOASTS COLORFUL HISTORY, STRONG PROMOTERS

BY LAURIE WELCH
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PAUL • The city of Paul was established in 1908 when the Oregon Shortline Railroad put a spur through the area and two families donated land for its use.

The land was donated by Tom Clark and Jim Ellis.

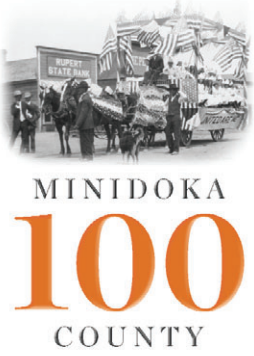
Today, the town is home to many thriving businesses, Paul Elementary School and the city is in the process of building a new park.

According to an undated article in the *DeMary Journal*, the new name for the town on the Minidoka Project could have been Clarksville, Clarkston or Clarkopolis but instead was named in honor of Charles H. Paul, the supervising engineer for the Minidoka Project.

The formation of Minidoka County in 1913 sparked a furious race between Paul and Rupert for the county seat that was determined in an election in 1914. Rupert won.

A new sugar beet factory in Paul would prove a large boon, as recounted in "The Minidoka Story," published by the *Minidoka County News*.

One of Paul's biggest promoters, Bill Larson, is credit-



Step into Minidoka County History

On Tuesday, Jan. 22, the *Times-News* will publish a special 20-page section in our Mini-Cassia edition celebrating Minidoka County's centennial. The journey starts this week, however, including with this look at the roots of a Minidoka County town.

ed with convincing factory owners to locate the plant east of the town.

According to accounts recorded in the paper, Larson thought Paul was the "gateway to the Minidoka Project" and he did everything in his powers to promote its growth.

When he heard the Amalgamated Sugar Co. was going to build the factory at Heyburn, he and R. Clark went to Salt Lake City and met with the developers.

Larson, the article reads, was notoriously hard of hearing, especially when the benefit would land in his favor. The two met with the company's owner and Larson kept talking "so no one else could get a

word in edgewise."

Frustrated, the company's owner finally slapped Larson on the back and said "we'll build the factory in Paul!"

"Larson apparently heard the man perfectly that time," the article reads.

The company not only built the sugar factory in Paul, but also constructed 20 houses for company workers to live in.

After the whitefly attack in the early 1920s, the sugar factory closed its doors because sugar beets could no longer be grown in the area. It reopened in the 1930s after a more disease-resistant seed was developed. The company homes were later moved away and scattered across the area.

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T.F. County Sees High Number of Indigent Medical Cases

BY MELISSA DAVLIN
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BOISE • You're in a devastating car accident, have no insurance and don't qualify for Medicaid. Where do you turn?

Increasingly, more and more Idahoans are turning to the Catastrophic Health Care Fund. Idaho counties and state governments provide a safety net for those with medical emergencies and no medical emergencies. Twin Falls has one of the highest numbers of cases in the Catastrophic Health Care fund, or CAT fund.

According to Roger Christensen, chairman of the Catastrophic Health Care program, Twin Falls County had 125 cases approved for the CAT fund, which is paid from state dollars. That number is the third highest in the state, second only to Kootenai and Ada counties.

In addition, Twin Falls County processed 929 medically indigent cases in its fiscal year 2012 and approved 372 of those, said Twin Falls County Commissioner Terry Kramer. Many of the applications were for chronic illnesses.

Why the high numbers? During a Monday presentation to the Legislature's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, Christensen said he didn't know, but speculated that it might be because of a high population of migrant workers and others who wouldn't qualify for Medicaid.

Kramer said he didn't know other counties' circumstances, but said Twin Falls County may receive indigent cases from outlying counties because of its medical center and the Mustard Tree Clinic.

Statewide, the CAT fund saw huge increases in 2012, processing almost 2,000 more cases than it did in 2011 for a total of 6,491 for the year. Much of that can be attributed to a huge rise in mental health care, Christensen said.

Of the 929 in Twin Falls County, 140 of those were mental health, Kramer said.

Breakdown

Who applied for emergency aid in Twin Falls County?
929 cases
831 of the applicants were U.S. citizens
33 were resident aliens
2 were undocumented immigrants
66 didn't get far enough in the application process to be classified

Budget Committee Drops Public Hearings

BY MELISSA DAVLIN
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BOISE • The Legislature's budget committee will skip a series of popular public hearings this year at the request of legislative leaders.

At the end of Friday's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee meeting, co-chairman Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, announced the committee would not hold the two public hearings scheduled for February.

The reason: Leadership requested that JFAC not get out in front of the policy committees with discussions, Cameron said. He added he hopes to hold the public hearings again in future sessions.

House Speaker Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, said because so much of this year's discussion will focus on education policy and the money surrounding it, he wants that public discussion to take place in the Senate and House education committees.

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"I would like to have the listening sessions come through the policy committees rather than the budget committees," Bedke said.

He added that the request is unique to this year's situation, and he would be open to public budget hearings in the future.

JFAC started holding public hearings two years ago, marking the first time in the Legislature's history the budget committees heard from the public. The 2012 hearing drew dozens of people to testify, mostly on the effects of Medicaid cuts. Initially this year, JFAC had scheduled two public hearings.

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Unresponsive Couple Arrested, Baby Removed

BOISE (AP) • A baby has been taken into protective custody and the infant's 18-year-old mother and her 20-year-old boyfriend arrested after police found all three unresponsive in a home with more than an ounce of marijuana.

Authorities tell the *Idaho Statesman* that Britany Renea Korom and Joshua Ray Pedroza were found in a bedroom Thursday and the baby in a portable crib in the front room. Police say the child was treated for severe diaper rash at a hospital.

Police say they responded to a report by a citizen about the three being unconscious, and it took several tries to wake Korom and Pedroza.

Korom faces a felony charge of injury to a child and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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OBITUARIES

Ila L. Wilson

July 22, 1918-Jan. 15, 2013

WEISER • Ila L. Wilson passed away peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013, at a Weiser care center.

Ila was born Ila Lincoln in Filer, Idaho, on July 22, 1918, to her parents, Richard and Rose Lincoln. Ila attended schools and graduated from Filer High School. Ila met Russell G. Wilson, and they were married in February 1938. Two children were born from this marriage, a son, Richard and a daughter, Janice.

During her years while raising her children, she also worked in retail with Idaho Department Store and JC Penney for many years. After the death of her husband in 1986, she remained in Twin Falls until 1990, at that time moving to Weiser, Idaho, to be closer to her daughter, Janice. She enjoyed traveling, especially with her family to Alaska, Florida, New Eng-



land and the Oregon Coast.

Ila is survived by her two children, Richard (Sue Ellen) of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Janice Mullins (Gary) of Weiser, Idaho; seven grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. Ila was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers, Albert and Wayne; and two sisters, Arlene and Delma.

A graveside service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, Idaho, by Harem-Woods Funeral Chapel of Ontario, Ore.

Ila was a sweet, gentle person; she lived her life simply and did not need a lot to be content. She will be missed dearly by her family and friends as they all loved and admired her. Memorials can be made to the Weiser Community Church, 240 E. Main, Weiser, ID 83672.

Richard R. Holgate (Rick)

April 19, 1953-Jan. 15, 2013

TWIN FALLS • Rick came bouncing into his parents; Ilse and Walt Holgate's, loving arms in Wetzlar, Germany. One year later his sister, Barbara, was born and the family moved stateside to Michigan. Rick, who grew up as a typical "Army Brat," moved quite often in his young life. His sister, Karen, and brother, Rob, joined the family in Michigan after which the family moved again to Georgia, where they were stationed for only one year before his father was called again overseas. His mother, Ilse, who had lived in the U.S. for only three years, drove her brood of kids to Prineville, Ore., where Rick's baby brother, Scott, was born. When his father finished that tour, the family moved to Tacoma, Wash., where they lived for several years until his father was called to Vietnam, and Rick and his family moved to Mountain Home. They lived there for a little over a year before moving to Italy. This time they were there for four years, which was long enough for Rick to become fluent in the Italian language, and while on his paper route he found and brought home his first dog that he named Heidi and she quickly became a member of the family. Rick's dad retired after that and the family moved to Mountain Home, where Rick finished his education at Mountain Home Senior High School in 1971 and worked for the state of Idaho Highway Department. He moved to Wisconsin and lived there for a short time and decided that Idaho was where he really wanted to be.

Rick finally settled in Twin Falls, where he met and married the love of his life, Judy Haman. They just celebrated their 23rd anniversary. He and Judy raised Daniel Deane. And to Daniel he was always, Dad. We decided to move to a bigger home out in the country; Tina and her youngest son,



Andrew, moved with us and Rick became another grandpa. Tina and Andrew loved him like a father figure and we all then became a family. And because of our big hearts, we opened our home to many, many and I mean many great kids. Rick loved to give them a hard time but could never remember their names but loved them all. Rick had a huge heart and made everyone smile when he was around.

His loves were his wife, his job, lottery tickets, good home cooking, golf and his chihuahua, Mary Jane.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, Ilse and Walt Holgate, and one nephew. He is survived by his wife, Judy; his sisters, Barbara (Pinto) Bennett and Karen (Lowell) Ganger; his brothers, Rob Holgate and Scott Holgate; his son, Daniel Deane; Judy's sisters, Tina Deane and Linda Henderson; also her brother, Fred Haman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service for Rick will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. A viewing for family and friends will take place on Tuesday from 9 a.m. until the time of the service. Services are under the direction of Trent Stimpson and staff at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Condolences may be left for the family by visiting www.reynoldschapel.com.



Elmer Wesley Ross

Feb. 17, 1918-Jan. 15, 2013

BURLEY • Elmer Wesley Ross, the oldest son of six children of John Wesley and Inez Esther (Cunningham) Ross, passed away shortly before his 95 birthday on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013.

Wesley was born in Cambridge, Cowley County, Kan., and later that year moved west with his parents and settled in Jerome, Idaho, where the family engaged in farming. Wesley completed his education in the late '30s with his graduation from the Appleton Community School just west of Jerome. At the advent of World War II, Wesley terminated his farming exemption and entered the U.S. Army Air Corps and received basic and specialized training in Little Rock, Ark., and Spokane, Wash., before deploying to the European Theater at Bedford, England, from 1942-1945.

Following the war, he returned to Jerome and began his 16-year farming career at the Appleton Heights Ranch, a few miles west of Jerome. On Feb. 10, 1946, he married Jennie Frances Dotson at the First Christian Church in Burley, Idaho, and together, they farmed at the ranch until the summer of 1961, when they sold the operation and purchased the rental real estate business of Frank and Caroline Dotson and moved the family to Burley.

Wesley was a successful business owner his entire life, both on the farm and later as the owner of rental real estate and still later the Starlite Motel. At the time of his death, Wesley had resided in Burley almost 52 years.

Wesley served in the community as Scoutmaster of Troop 17 for several years and



was also active in Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship as well.

He is survived by his children, Allan (Mary) Ross of Burley, Carolyn (Wayne) Bell of Eagle Point, Ore., Norman (Sharon) Ross of Baytown, Texas, and Gordon (JoAnn) Ross of San Antonio, Texas. He was preceded in death by his sons, Lyle and Calvin; and a grandson, Daniel. Calvin's wife, Gayle, survives as well as 21 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, John and Harold Ross of Jerome.

Wesley, a faithful Christian, was active in the First Christian Church of Burley, and later the Mountain View Assembly of God Church of Burley, and finally the Rupert Assembly of God Church. Today, Wesley is with the Lord Jesus Christ - the promise and hope of the Christian faith.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, where friends and family may call one hour prior to the service. Military rites will be provided by the Mini-Cassia Veterans Organization. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery.

DEATH NOTICES

Cecil Watson

TWIN FALLS • Cecil E. Watson, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, at Alpine Manor in Kimberly. Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Linda Winn

BUHL • Linda Kay Winn, 70, of Buhl, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, at the Huntsman Cancer Institute in Salt Lake City, Utah. Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Patsy Oldham

JEROME • Patsy Ann Oldham, 66, of Jerome, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Joseph Melugin

GOODING • Joseph Ray "Joe" Melugin, 45, of Gooding and formerly of Jerome, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, in Wendell. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Arthur Villafana

WENDELL • Arthur Villafana, 56, of Wendell, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, at North Canyon Medical Center in Gooding. Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

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Clifford Lowell Smith

May 13, 1935-Jan. 19, 2013

HEYBURN • Clifford Lowell Smith, age 77, of Heyburn, Idaho, and formerly of Oakley, Idaho, passed away Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013, after a long, courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his loving family.

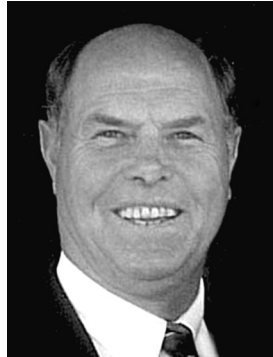
He was born May 13, 1935, in Compton, Ark., to Jesse Lee and Essie Ann (Armer) Smith. Cliff graduated from Jerome High School. After graduation, he met and married his eternal companion, Saragene Anderson, on Sept. 19, 1958, in Oakley, Idaho. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. He was a member of the LDS Church, where he served in many capacities.

After marriage, they moved to Oakley where he joined the family farm, Anderson Brothers. They developed and farmed many acres and played a role in the building of Ore-Ida Foods. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, horseman, cattleman, John Wayne lover, athletic and dance recital supporter. His greatest love was his family.

He is survived by his four children, Carmen (Tim) Garrard of Jerome, Todd (Renee) Smith of Heyburn, and Soni (Mike) Petterson and Michelle (Steve) Allen, both of Sammamish, Wash.; his brother, Russell E (Jackie) Smith of Heyburn; 18 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Cliff was preceded in death by his wife, Saragene; his parents; three brothers, Hershel, Lloyd and Ford Smith; one sister, Katherine Smith; two grandsons, Tyler Smith and Jayden Smith; and a daughter-in-law, Tracy Smith.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 355 N. Center in



Oakley, with Bishop Paul Douglass officiating. Burial will be in the Marion Cemetery. Friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

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Taylor Brown spends time with his stallion, Apollo Go Lucky, on his property Thursday near Kimberly. The Brown family has been raising and showing horses in competition for more than 50 years and have won several awards for their efforts.

HORSING AROUND

After four generations, a Kimberly family is still raising horses.

BY ANDREW WEEKS
aweeks@magicvalley.com

KIMBERLY • It is something that every child would be proud of: a large, shiny belt buckle.

Five-year-old Zack Williams won the buckle at an equestrian show last fall.

Competing in equestrian competitions is a tradition that, four generations later, he is carrying into the future.

Zack was at his grandparents' ranch on Thursday, where Taylor and Patty Brown breed quarter and paint horses. They also show their animals at state and regional competitions, something they've been doing since they both were themselves Zack's age.

Their record speaks for itself. Medals and trophies with small horses atop them, a western-style rug depicting a horse and cowboy, a saddle and plates with pictures of horses decorate their home.

"Pretty much everything around here is horses," Taylor said.

Outside, horses dressed in red coats galloped in the pasture or ate hay while a few remained inside a



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Dozens of bridals hang in the training facility on the Brown property Thursday near Kimberly.

training arena and barn the Browns built to train the animals.

By all appearances, the ranch looks like a money-making operation. But that's not the primary goal.

The horses are more of a hobby

than anything else, Patty said. "They're something we really enjoy."

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The Browns live at "South Hills

Ranch," an 80-acre spread where Taylor's dad raised horses after the family settled here in 1926.

Taylor has fond memories of those bygone days, when they'd run their horses miles north along Falls Avenue and Blue Lakes Boule-

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vard. It was a different time back then, Taylor said. There was more open space and horses of all kinds were valuable assets. Today, he said, you can purchase a horse at auction for as little as \$100.

Show horses, on the other hand, can still bring a pretty penny. Some, he said, sell for more than \$25,000.

"We've seen a lot of ups and downs in the horse business," Patty said, noting there are fewer breeders today because of a dour economy. It's an expensive business, let alone hobby.

"After 9/11," she said, "luxuries, which horses technically are, took a back seat."

Feed seems to always be rising in cost, and fuel prices don't help. The couple once spent around \$500 on fuel alone to take their horses to a show in Utah.

"Fuel isn't cheap when you're carrying horses," Taylor said.

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Students Learn Leadership, Ag Sciences through FFA

BY ANDREW WEEKS
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HANSEN • Just a few years ago, RyAnna Carter didn't know what type of career she wanted to pursue.

After getting involved with the local FFA chapter at Hansen High School, however, Carter found her calling.

"I want to be an ag teacher," the 16-year-old student said. "It has helped me discover who I am and what I want to be. Without FFA I wouldn't have discovered what I like to do. I love leadership and helping others."

Helping teens decide on a ca-

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To view the "Corn and Wheat NFL," a community-oriented video presentation by the Hansen chapter of FFA: youtube.com/watch?v=Z-foU71oQP0

reer choice is just one way FFA is benefitting students at Hansen High.

Carter serves as vice president alongside president Rylee Brown, 18, in the Hansen chapter that has about 30 members. Their advisor and ag teacher is Jeff Gerard, who introduced the

school to FFA in 2005.

Since then, Gerard said, the national program that encourages learning in agriculture has been a boon to the school and its students. Students learn about ag sciences, for instance, leadership skills and a little about themselves.

"When I first started I didn't talk to anybody," Brown said. "I now am getting up in front of people. It's not hard for me anymore."

The National FFA Organization, known before 1988 as Future Farmers of America, was founded in 1928 by 33 young farmers, who, while sitting in a

Please see **FFA**, Ag 2

Hay Stocks Probably Adequate for Winter

BY CINDY SNYDER
For the Times-News

TWIN FALLS • Cold weather in January means livestock producers are feeding more than during last year's mild winter. If low temperatures persist, producers may find their hay stacks are a little short.

As a general rule of thumb, cattlemen should increase the winter ration by 1 percent for every 1 degree that the temperature falls below a critical temperature. If that threshold is 18 degrees for cattle with a dry, heavy winter coat but there's a 15 mph wind, the threshold drops to 3 degrees. That animal needs 15 percent more protein to maintain body condition, Mary Drew-

naski told cattle producers at a winter feeding seminar last fall.

Cattle will be fine for a day or two, but cold snaps that last for several weeks can cause problems. Southern Idaho is nearing that critical point.

Compounding the problem were dry conditions last summer that had cattle coming off summer pastures lighter than normal. Cows with a body condition score of 4 instead of a more normal 5 or 6 are at a greater risk of having calving or rebreeding problems this spring.

Fortunately, Idaho hay stacks should last the winter. Idaho hay stocks as of December 1 were up about 5 percent compared to a year ago. That's

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) • With interest in locally grown food soaring, the federal government said Tuesday it has created a small loan program to help community farmers who might not be able to borrow money from banks.

Call it seed money. The low-interest "microloans" of up to \$35,000 are designed to aid startup costs, bolster existing family-run farms and help minority growers and military veterans who want to farm. Over the last three years, there has been a 60 percent increase in local growers who sell directly to consumers or farmers markets, Agriculture Department Secretary Tom Vilsack said.

Kay Jensen, an organic farmer who grows broccoli, strawberries and tomatoes in Sun Prairie, Wis., saw two immediate benefits from the program — paperwork would go from about 30 pages to seven, and it would be easier to borrow a manageable sum. She said she might consider a loan for \$3,000 to \$10,000 to expand her irrigation systems. "A lot of times what we need is just small amounts of money, but a lot of times the only funding available is large amounts of money," she said. "This whole con-



Joe Fischer checks on his corn field in Owensboro, Ky.

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cept of a microloan, where you're looking at smaller, reasonable amounts of money, this really fits an incredible niche."

The loan can cover the costs of renting land, buying seed and equipment, and other expenses. One goal is to create more op-

portunities for entrepreneurship and employment in the farming industry, Vilsack said. Another goal is to provide beginners a chance to build credit, so that they can eventually qualify for higher-value loans and expand.

"It's about making sure

that we have diversity within agriculture, that we have a good blend of large production facilities, medium-sized operations and smaller operations," Vilsack said. "It will help bolster the local and regional food system movement that is taking place."

Hay

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significantly different than the national average, which was down nearly 16 percent due to the widespread drought last summer. Hay production across the Pacific Northwest was down 8 percent to 10.82 million tons.

Still, the Idaho hay crop was affected by the hot, dry summer. According to the 2012 crop production estimates released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, all hay production in Idaho totaled 4.76 million tons from 1.34 million acres, compared to 4.07 million tons from 1.35 million acres the previous year. The average dry hay yield for Idaho was 3.55 tons per acre, down from 3.76 tons in 2011.

Wilson Gray, University of Idaho extension livestock economist, thinks there should be enough hay for the state's livestock producers, but isn't looking for prices to soften until growers start cutting hay in late May.

If the cold weather lingers into — or even

through — February, he would expect prices to rise \$10 to \$20 a ton before settling back as temperatures rise.

Nationally, medium quality hay is selling for around \$220 per ton, up \$20 a ton over last year at this time and nearly \$100 a ton more than two years ago.

Unlike last winter when hay was selling for \$240 to \$260 per ton, dairy men aren't taking that much hay, said Rick Naerebout, a dairy business consultant.

Lower milk prices have them much more worried, he said. Milk prices have dropped to, and for some below, the break even rate without much hope of moving higher in the next few months.

Production in the Midwest has been much higher than anticipated with much of that milk going into cheese production, which affects Idaho dairy producers and cheese manufacturers. Naerebout said Idaho dairy producers will be watching milk production in other states closely over the next few months.

FFA

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Kansas City hotel, charted the organization's course. Their goal: bring together students, teachers and agribusiness to solidify support for agricultural education.

Since that day 85 years ago, millions of people have been affected by the group they formed.

FFA today divides each state into districts. Hansen is part of the South Magic Valley District, one of nine districts in Idaho.

Gerard, who's been involved with FFA for 29 years, said he's seen how the program has affected students, whether they want to be a future farmer or have their hearts set on something else.

"We have some kids that have no interest in agriculture but there's still just a ton of jobs out there," he said. "A lot of our students go into the agriculture field, whether they go to college or not."

The program is for students in grades 7-12. They participate in a number of hands-on teaching activities throughout the year — judging livestock, for instance.

"Students are taught to evaluate the three main species of livestock — beef, sheep and hogs," Gerard said. They also learn about soil composition, forestry issues and leadership training, where students learn to fill out a job application, write a resume, and prepare for an interview. And, they have the opportunity to participate in national contests.

Most of the classes are electives, Gerard said, but the school also gives credit for plant and animal science as students work toward their graduation requirements. Some college credits also are offered, he said, such as in welding.

Something the students are proud of: for three years in a row the chapter has won first place — earning \$7,000 twice and \$5,000 once — in the Nutrients for Life competition, a national event that Carter said "seeks to inform the public about fertilizer, how it

The Mission

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- Build character and promote citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.

- Promote cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.

- Promote healthy lifestyles.

- Encourage excellence in scholarship

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works, and why it benefits us."

The students also are involved with a project that aims to inform the community about corn and wheat. You can find their project, a 2 1/2-minute video, on YouTube.

For some students, however, the benefits of FFA are not always so tangible.

"We're a small chapter and we work really well as a team," Brown said. "We're able to develop close friendships and spend time together. ... I'd recommend this to others because it offers something for everyone. There will be something in it that you'll enjoy!"



Patty Brown holds onto SHR Derby Day Diego, a quarter horse Thursday near Kimberly.

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Horsing

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Those who do breed want the best horses they can get. The ante jumps up another notch if you're showing horses in competition.

A key to breeding show-winning horses: "You can't leave it up to only the stallion," Taylor said. "You have to breed the best of both, mare and stallion. The stallion has to have something to start with. You have to breed excellence to excellence."

Those that don't fit the bill are horses that might be sold fairly inexpensively.

"There's nothing wrong with them, their nice-looking horses, but there's nothing remarkable about them," he said.

Most horses have their own personalities and temperament. You usually can tell early on what type of temperament a horse will have, Taylor said. Most of their animals are of a mild, even-mannered temperament.

Pedigree and disposition are key, but in show judges also look for strong lines, posture and workability.

The Browns don't want their horses to be good at just one or two things, but to be well-rounded animals.

"I want them to be able to do the whole shebang," Taylor said.



Patty Brown shows photos that 2B Photography took while competing through the Idaho State Horse Show Association.

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Horses mark the family in another way: Taylor's grandfather died after being trampled by the animals.

There's no ill will toward horses, however, and the family has continued to pass on their love for the animals.

Both of the couple's children have shown horses over the years and now so does their grandson.

While in the family's arena on Thursday, Zack climbed atop Whiskers, a 15-year-old quarter horse, and flicked the reins. Tucker took off in a slow gallop around the facility.

"I showed horses when I was little, and now Zack is showing horses," his mom, Lindsay Williams, said. Zack won his belt buckle at the Idaho State Horse Association in the Lead Line Trail competition.

Lindsay also won at show, wearing a buckle as bright and shiny as her son's.

"I have another one at home," she said.

Two other horses stood near — Apollo Go Lucky and Patty's horse, SHR Derby Day Diego.

"She's a good horse," Patty said. "She likes people."

The family rides their horses at least twice a week

during winter, but most every day in warm weather.

Time is another factor when breeding and training horses. They need a lot of attention, the couple said, but for the most part quarter horses and paint breeds are smart animals and like to please their owners.

"We've just had such a wonderful time with these horses," Patty said. "We continue to try new things. It's an ongoing adventure, if you will."

And young Zack, flicking the reins on Whiskers for another ride around the arena, his belt buckle still shining, is carrying on the legacy.

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Ireland Recalls 10M Burgers over Horsemeat

DUBLIN (AP) • An Irish meat processor recalled 10 million burgers Wednesday from supermarkets across Ireland and Britain amid fears that many could contain horsemeat, a discovery that poses no danger to public health but threatens to undermine the beef business central to Ireland's rural economy.

Silvercrest Foods, Ireland's second-largest processor of beef burgers, took the action after the Food Safety Authority of Ireland revealed that DNA tests of patties on sale found tiny traces of horsemeat in more than a third. Experts said the finding was not surprising, given that meat refrigeration units and slaughterhouses would handle multiple kinds of meat.

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President Barack Obama talks about proposals to reduce gun violence Jan. 16 at the White House in Washington.

President Barack Obama, Jan. 16

“While there is no law or set of laws that can prevent every senseless act of violence completely, no piece of legislation that will prevent every tragedy, every act of evil, if there is even one thing we can do to reduce this violence, if there is even one life that can be saved, then we’ve got an obligation to try.

“And I’m going to do my part. As soon as I’m finished speaking here, I will sit at that desk and I will sign a directive giving law enforcement, schools, mental health professionals and the public health community some of the tools they need to help reduce gun violence.

“We will make it easier to keep guns out of the hands of criminals by strengthening the background check system.

“We will help schools hire more resource officers if they want them and develop emergency preparedness plans.

“We will make sure mental health professionals know their options for reporting threats of violence — even as we acknowledge that someone with a mental illness is far more likely to be a victim of violent crime than the perpetrator.

“And while year after year, those who oppose even modest gun safety measures have threatened to defund scientific or medical research into the causes of gun violence, I will direct the Centers for Disease Control to go ahead and study the best ways to reduce it — and Congress should fund research into the effects that violent video games have on young minds. We don’t benefit from ignorance. We don’t benefit from not knowing the science of this epidemic of violence.”

Vice President Joe Biden, Jan. 16

“It’s been 33 days since the nation’s heart was broken by the horrific, senseless violence that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary School — 20 — 20 beautiful first-graders gunned down in a place that’s supposed to be their second sanctuary. Six members of the staff killed trying to save those children. It’s literally been hard for the nation to comprehend, hard for the nation to fathom.

“And I know for the families who are here that time is not measured in days, but it’s measured in minutes, in seconds, since you received that news. Another minute without your daughter. Another minute without your son. Another minute without your wife. Another minute without your mom.”

Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper, Jan. 10

“Surely, Second Amendment advocates and gun-control supporters can find common ground in support of this proposition: Let’s examine our laws and make the changes needed to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people. It’s not enough to prevent dangerous people from getting weapons. We have to do a better job of identifying and helping people who are a threat to themselves and others.”

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NRA president David Keene speaks Dec. 21 during a news conference in response to the Connecticut school shooting in Washington.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, Jan. 16

“Guns require a finger to pull the trigger. The sad young man who did that in Newtown was clearly haunted by demons and no gun law could have saved the children in Sandy Hook Elementary from his terror. There is evil prowling in the world — it shows up in our movies, video games and online fascinations, and finds its way into vulnerable hearts and minds.

“As a free people, let us choose what kind of people we will be. Laws, the only redoubt of secularism, will not suffice. Let us all return to our places of worship and pray for help. Above all, let us pray for our children. In fact, the piling on by the political left, and their cohorts in the media, to use the massacre of little children to advance a pre-existing political agenda that would not have saved those children, disgusts me, personally.”

NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre, Jan. 16

“The NRA sat in on a White House meeting that was sold to the public as an ‘open discussion’ about how to improve school safety. But that was a dirty lie. They didn’t listen to gun owners’ concerns ... they didn’t consider any real solutions on how we can keep our kids safe. Instead Barack Obama, Joe Biden, and their gun ban allies in Congress only want to BLAME you, VILIFY you, BULLY you, and STRIP you of your Second Amendment freedoms. Right now, they’re steamrolling ahead with legislation that would ban your guns, register your ammunition purchases and even force you to register the firearms you already own with Obama’s anti-gun bureaucrats. I warned you this day was coming and now it’s here. This is the fight of the century.”

Former New Jersey Superior Court Judge; current Fox News analyst Andrew P. Napolitano, Jan. 17

“The right of the people to keep and bear arms is an extension of the natural right to self-defense and a hallmark of personal sovereignty. It is specifically insulated from governmental interference by the Constitution and has historically been the linchpin of resistance to tyranny. And yet, the progressives in both political parties stand ready to use the coercive power of the government to interfere with the exercise of that right by law-abiding persons because of the gross abuse of that right by some crazies in our midst. “When Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence that we are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights, he was marrying the nation at its birth to the ancient principles of the natural law that have animated the Judeo-Christian tradition in the West. Those principles have operated as a break on all governments that recognize them by enunciating the concept of natural rights. “As we have been created in the image and likeness of God the Father, we are perfectly free just as He is. Thus, the

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What We Know; What We Don't Know

We know that since the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School on Dec. 14 there have been more than 925 additional gun deaths in our country.

We don’t know how many of these would have been avoided if the executive orders signed by the president or the proposals he forwarded to Congress this week had already been in place.

We know that yesterday was “Gun Appreciation Day,” a hastily put-together coalition of groups that encouraged gun owners via their website and mass email campaign to “go to your local gun store, gun range or gun show with your Constitution, American flag and your ‘Hands off my Guns’ sign to send a loud and clear message to Congress and President Obama.”

We know that the top story on their website, “Guns and Freedom” (printed in its entirety along the right-hand column) is said to be written by “Judge” Andrew P. Napolitano, who in reality is a former judge and current Fox News commentator. We know that the third story found on <http://gunappreciationday.com> is “Guns are Safe and Sexy.”

We don’t know the complete motivation behind “Gun Appreciation Day,” nor of what organizers would call “success” following its conclusion.

We know that lawful, responsible gun owners feel threatened. We wonder what Gun Appreciation Day looks like to parents in Newtown.

We know that last Tuesday the New York Legislature passed and Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed into law a fairly comprehensive gun bill that further restricted sale of assault weapons, reduced maximum ammunition magazine capacity to seven bullets and implemented additional measures to keep guns out of the hands of those who are mentally disturbed.

We know that no such legislation will be introduced this spring in Boise.

We know that (according to their website) the board of directors of the National Rifle Association has 75 members and that the NRA itself has upward of 4 million members. We know how NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre feels about ANY gun restrictions.

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We know that the word “gun” is not specifically contained in the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution. Nor, for that matter, is the word “gun” found in the Bible. And yet both documents are frequently used as proof texts to support positions long held.

Health Care Act's Death Star?

A willow, not an oak. So said conservatives of Chief Justice John Roberts when he rescued the Affordable Care Act — aka Obamacare — from being found unconstitutional. But the manner in which he did this may have made the ACA unworkable, thereby putting it on a path to ultimate extinction.

This plausible judgment comes from professor Thomas A. Lambert of the University of Missouri Law School, writing in Regulation quarterly, a publication of the libertarian Cato Institute. The crucial decision, he says, was four liberal justices joining Roberts' opinion declaring that the ACA's penalty for not complying with the mandate to purchase health insurance is actually a tax on not purchasing it. With this reasoning, the court severely limited the ability of the new health care regime to cope with its own predictable consequences.

What was supposed to be, constitutionally, the dispositive question turned out not to be. Conservatives said the mandate — the requirement that people engage in commerce by purchasing health insurance — exceeded Congress' enumerated power to regulate interstate commerce. Liberals ridiculed this argument, noting that since the judicial revolution wrought during the New Deal, courts have given vast deference to Congress regarding that power. The ridicule stopped when five justices, including Roberts, agreed with the conservative argument.

This did not, however, doom the ACA because Roberts invoked what Lambert calls "a longstanding interpretive canon that calls for the court, if possible, to interpret statutes in a way that preserves their constitutionality." Roberts did this



George Will
The Washington Post

by ruling that what Congress called a "penalty" for not obeying the mandate was really a tax on noncompliance. This must, Lambert thinks, have momentous — and deleterious — implications for the functioning of the ACA. The problems arise from the interplay of two ACA provisions — "guaranteed issue" and "community rating."

The former forbids insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person's pre-existing health condition. The latter, says Lambert, requires insurers to price premiums "solely on the basis of age, smoker status, and geographic area, without charging higher premiums to sick people or those susceptible to sickness."

The point of the penalty to enforce the mandate was to prevent healthy people — particularly healthy young people — from declining to purchase insurance, or dropping their insurance, which would leave an insured pool of mostly old and infirm people. This would cause the cost of insurance premiums to soar, making it more and more sensible for the healthy to pay the ACA tax, which is much less than the price of insurance.

Roberts noted that a person earning \$35,000 a year would pay a \$60 monthly tax and someone earning \$100,000 would pay \$200. But the cost of a qualifying insurance policy is projected to be \$400 a month. Clearly, it would be sensible to pay \$60 or \$200 rather than \$400, because if one becomes ill, "guaranteed issue" assures coverage and "community rating" means

that one's illness will not result in higher insurance rates.

So, Lambert says, the ACA's penalties are too low to prod the healthy to purchase insurance, even given ACA's subsidies for purchasers. The ACA's authors probably understood this perverse incentive and assumed that once Congress passed the ACA with penalties low enough to be politically palatable, Congress could increase them.

But Roberts' decision limits Congress' latitude by holding that the small size of the penalty is part of the reason it is, for constitutional purposes, a tax. It is not a "financial punishment" because it is not so steep that it effectively prohibits the choice of paying it. And, Roberts noted, "by statute, it can never be more." As Lambert says, the penalty for refusing to purchase insurance counts as a tax only if it remains so small as to be largely ineffective.

Unable to increase penalties substantially, Congress, in the context of "guaranteed issue" and "community rating," has only one way to induce healthy people to purchase insurance. This is by the hugely expensive process of increasing premium subsidies enough to make negligible the difference between the cost of insurance to purchasers and the penalty for not purchasing. Republicans will ferociously resist exacerbating the nation's financial crisis in order to rescue the ACA.

Because the penalties are constitutionally limited by the reasoning whereby Roberts declared them taxes, he may have saved the ACA's constitutionality by sacrificing its feasibility. So as the president begins his second term, the signature achievement of his first term looks remarkably rickety.

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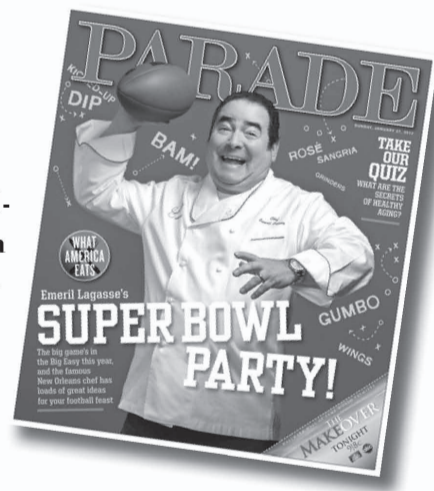


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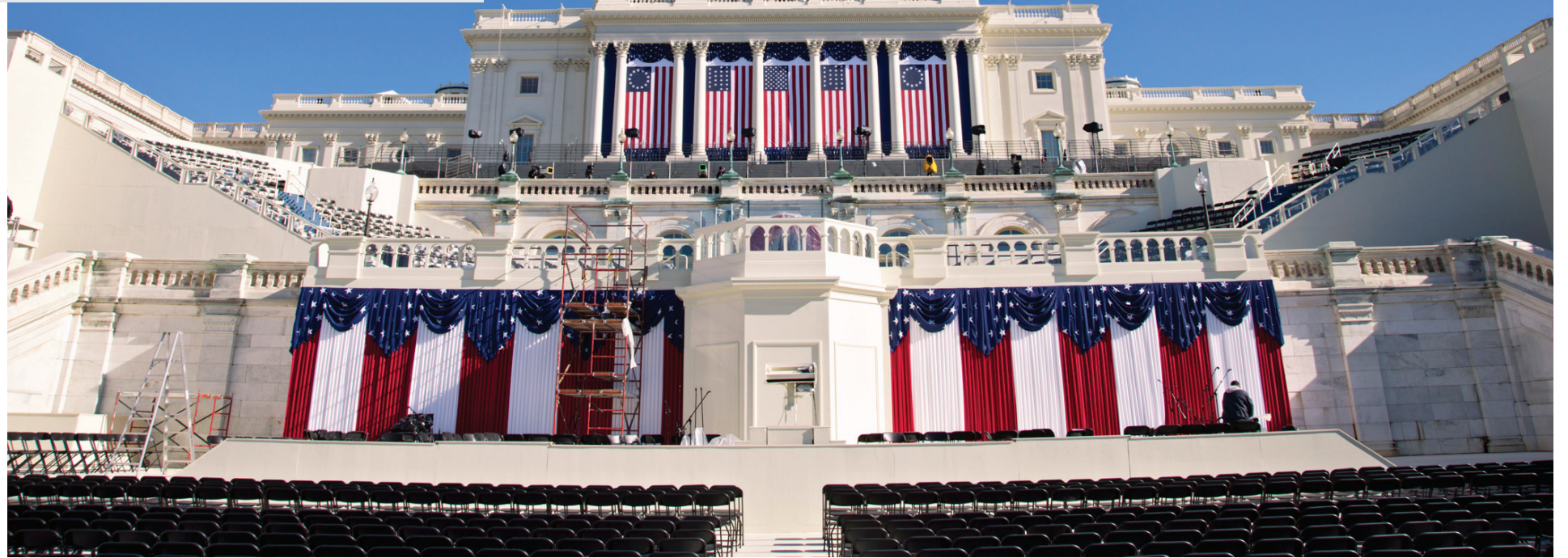
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Washington Prepares for the Inauguration

WASHINGTON (AP) • On the brink of a second term, President Barack Obama invoked Martin Luther King Jr.'s commitment to service Saturday as inauguration goes flocked to the capital city for a distinctly American celebration including an oath-taking as old as the republic, a splashy parade and partying enough to last four years.

Freshly built inaugural stands at the Capitol gleamed white in the sun, and hundreds of chairs for special guests were set out on the lawn that spills down toward the National Mall as the president and vice president began their inauguration weekend.

Officials estimated that as many as 800,000 people will attend Monday's public ceremonies. That's more than live in the city, if far fewer than the 1.8 million who were at Obama's first inauguration in 2009.

The Schedule for the Second Inaugural of President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden:

Saturday, Jan. 19
Kids' Inaugural Concert
Washington Convention Center
6 p.m. EST
First lady Michelle Obama and Jill Biden host the Kids' Inaugural Concert for military children and families.

Sunday, Jan. 20
Inaugural ceremonies are not held on a Sunday because public institutions are closed. In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, Obama and Biden are officially sworn in on Sunday.

Vice President Joe Biden's Official Swearing-In
Naval Observatory
8 a.m. EST

Wreath-Laying Ceremony
Location: Arlington National Cemetery
9 a.m. EST
President Obama's Official Swearing-In
White House, Blue Room
11:55 a.m. EST

Monday, Jan. 21
Ceremonial Swearing-In
Capitol Hill
11:30 a.m. EST
The order of the program: Musical selections: The U.S. Marine Band
Musical selections: P.S. 22, Staten Island in N.Y., and Lee University Festival Choir, Cleveland, Tenn.

Call to order and welcoming remarks: Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.
Invocation: Myrlie Evers-Williams
Musical selection: Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir
Oath of office administered to Vice President Biden: Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor
Musical selection: James Taylor

Oath of office administered to President Obama: Chief Justice John Roberts
Inaugural address: President Obama
Musical selection: Kelly Clarkson
Poem: Richard Blanco
Benediction: the Rev. Luis Leon of St. John's Church, Washington
The National Anthem: Beyoncé
Inaugural Parade
Viewing stands and

bleachers are lined along Pennsylvania Avenue
2:35 p.m. EST
The Obamas and Bidens participate in a parade featuring floats and vehicles representing about 60 groups.
The Commander in Chief's Inaugural Ball
Washington Convention Center
6 p.m. EST
The gala honors service members and their families.

The Inaugural Ball
Washington Convention Center, Halls A, B and C
6:30 p.m. EST
Washington Convention Center, Halls D and E
Doors open 7 p.m. EST
Tuesday, January 22, 2013
National Prayer Service
Washington National Cathedral
10:30 a.m. EST
The Obamas and Biden attend.

Rallies Against Stricter Gun Control Draw Crowds

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) • Hundreds of gun owners and Second Amendment advocates rallied in state capitals nationwide Saturday, days after President Barack Obama unveiled a sweeping package of federal gun-control proposals.

Some 600 attendees in Austin, Texas, carried signs bearing messages such as "An Armed Society is a Polite Society" and "The Second Amendment Comes from God." About 2,000 people — many carrying American flags

and "Don't Tread On Me" banners — turned out for the chilly outdoor rally at the New York state capitol in Albany.

The "Guns Across America" rallies, which activists promoted primarily via social media, also followed New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's signing this week of the nation's toughest assault weapon and magazine restrictions.

Republican Assemblyman Steven McLaughlin told the crowd in Albany that New York's new law was an "abuse

of power" by the governor.

Police in Connecticut said about 1,000 people showed up on the capitol grounds in Hartford, about 50 miles from the site of last month's mass shooting at Newtown's Sandy Hook Elementary School. Demonstrators there urged state and federal authorities not to introduce new restrictions on gun ownership as task forces created by the Legislature and Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy consider changes to state gun laws.



Demonstrators rally outside the Capitol in Albany, N.Y., on Saturday.

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Algeria: 32 Militants, 23 Hostages Killed

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) • In a bloody finale, Algerian special forces stormed a natural gas complex in the Sahara desert on Saturday to end a standoff with Islamist extremists that left at least 23 hostages dead and killed all 32 militants involved, the Algerian government said.

With few details emerging from the remote site in eastern Algeria, it was unclear whether anyone was rescued in the final operation, but the number of hostages killed on Saturday — seven — was how many the militants had said that morning they still had. The government described the toll as provisional and some foreigners remained unaccounted for.

The siege at Ain Amenas transfixed the world after radical Islamists linked to al-Qaida stormed the complex, which contained hundreds of plant workers from all over the world, then held them hostage surrounded by the Algerian military and its attack helicopters for four tense days that were punctuated with dramatic tales of escape. Algeria's response to the crisis was typical of its history in confronting terrorists, favoring military action over negotiation, which

caused an international outcry from countries worried about their citizens. Algerian military forces twice assaulted the two areas where the hostages were being held with minimal apparent mediation — first on Thursday, then on Saturday.

"To avoid a bloody turn of events in response to the extreme danger of the situation, the army's special forces launched an intervention with efficiency and professionalism to neutralize the terrorist groups that were first trying to flee with the hostages and then blow up the gas facilities," Algeria's Interior Ministry said in a statement about the standoff.

Immediately after the assault, French President Francois Hollande gave his backing to Algeria's tough tactics, saying they were "the most adapted response to the crisis." Hollande added the hostages were "shamefully murdered" by their captors, and he linked the event to France's military operation against al-Qaida-backed rebels in neighboring Mali. "If there was any need to justify our action against terrorism, we would have here, again, an additional argument," he said.



Two British hostages Peter, right, and Alan, carrying his luggage, center, (no family name available), are seen on Saturday after being released, in Ain Amenas near the gas plant where they were kidnapped.

Ukrainian Ex-PM Suspected in Murder

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) • Ukrainian authorities have formally notified jailed former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko that she is a suspect in the murder of a businessman and lawmaker in 1996.

Tymoshenko is suspected of "ordering and organizing" the contract-style murder of Yvhen Scherban, his wife and two other people, the Prosecutor General's Office said on its website Friday. Prosecutors say the killing appeared aimed at eliminating a business rival.

The move stops short of formally charging Tymoshenko but indicates charges are likely. Prosecutors have said for months that she was being investigated in the case. Tymoshenko denies the accusations and says it is part of a broader campaign by her foe, President Viktor Yanukovich, to keep her in prison and bar her from politics.

Tymoshenko is serving a seven-year prison term for abuse of office while negotiating a gas deal with Russia in 2009.

The new case was likely to further spoil Ukraine's ties with Western nations, which have called Tymoshenko's imprisonment politically motivated. The European Union has frozen a key cooperation deal with Ukraine over Tymoshenko's imprisonment. Tymoshenko's party said a formal announcement of suspicion represented a "shameful day in the history of the Ukrainian law enforcement system."

"Their fear has paralyzed their mind. They are no longer hiding the fact that they want to lock away for life not only the leader of the opposition, but also the whole of Ukraine," the party said in a statement.

The European Court of Human Rights is expected to rule on the Tymoshenko case in the next several weeks, and analysts said



In this 2011 photo, former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko appears during a trial hearing at the Pecherskiy District Court in Kiev, Ukraine.

the murder case was the government's attempt to keep her in jail during the 2015 presidential campaign if the European court rules in her favor in the gas case.

"It is evident that the Ukrainian authorities are really and seriously intent on keeping Tymoshenko in jail," said Vadim Karasyov, a political analyst with ties to the government, according to the Interfax news agency.

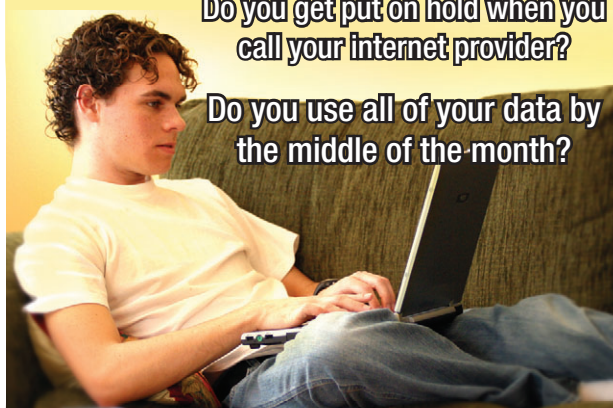
Tymoshenko's family and allies have expressed concern over the state of her health. Tymoshenko is undergoing hospital treatment for a severe back condition. Her lawyer, Serhiy Vlasenko, said Friday that when he tried to see her recently, she was unresponsive for several minutes. Doctors insisted she was in a satisfactory condition and was under the influence of sedatives.

Tymoshenko's office said Saturday that they have been unable to reach Tymoshenko and inquire about her health since that incident.

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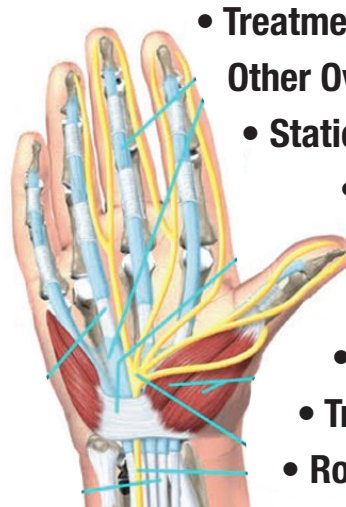
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Netanyahu speaks on the phone on Thursday with Israeli voters persuading them to vote for him in the upcoming Israeli elections during an event for the media in his party headquarters in Tel Aviv.

NETANYAHU FACES TOUGH CHOICE IF RE-ELECTED AS PM

JERUSALEM (AP) • After a lackluster three-month campaign, few doubt that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is on his way to re-election. But the makeup of Netanyahu's next government remains a mystery.

If re-elected on Tuesday, Netanyahu will face a critical decision that will define his term. He can form a majority coalition with the hard-line and religious parties he often calls his natural partners — or reach across the aisle and try to bring centrist parties into a broader-based government that might be more amenable to pursuing peace and ending, at least partly, the occupation of the West Bank and other territories.

His decision will have deep implications. A narrow coalition of parties that oppose concessions to the Palestinians, while the easier option, would mean continued deadlock in Mideast peace efforts and increased confrontation with the international community, including Israel's key ally, the United States. A broad coalition could force Netanyahu to give powerful Cabinet posts to more moderate figures as the price of their support, and would likely draw fierce opposition from within his own Likud Party.

In either case, the odds for a breakthrough in peace talks appear faint at best, because no Netanyahu-led coalition is likely to offer the Palestinians better peace terms than those they already have received and either rejected or ignored under previous governments. Netanyahu's own positions fall far short of anything acceptable to the Palestinians.

Likud officials refuse to say which way they are leaning. Netanyahu's campaign chairman, Cabinet Minister Gideon Saar, said Thursday that the party hasn't even started thinking about building the coalition.

"This would send the wrong message that we've already won," Saar told an interviewer on Channel 2 TV. He said the party is focused on capturing as many seats in the Knesset, or parliament, as possible. Under Israel's system, parties win a number of seats based on the percentage of votes they receive. No party has ever won an outright majority in the 120-seat parliament. The leader of the party with the best chance of cobbling together a majority is tapped as prime minister and gets the first chance to form a coalition. All the polls show that Netanyahu's Likud Party — in alliance with the more nationalist Israel Beit-enu party — will win more than a quarter of the seats, and together with other rightist and religious parties should command at least a narrow overall majority.

Russian Protesters Seek Escape

BY KATHY LALLY
The Washington Post

MOSCOW • In the end, Suren Gazaryan had little time to make a life-changing decision: Stay home and end up in jail, or flee the country.

"The choice is very simple, between freedom and prison," said Gazaryan, an environmentalist from southern Russia. "For me it was clear."

He escaped to Estonia in December, leaving behind his wife, two daughters and scientific career.

The prosecution of more and more opponents of President Vladimir Putin means that a widening circle of Russians may confront similar decisions. The main leaders in Moscow have vowed to stay and fight despite the court cases stacking up against them, but less visible figures are agonizing over whether there's anything to gain behind bars.

"It's a very personal matter," Gazaryan said during a conversation on Skype. "I decided freedom was better than prison, especially Russian prison. You are a hostage in prison, and your family will suffer a lot."

The authorities have been bearing down hard on the opposition since a May 6 demonstration, on the eve of Putin's inauguration, when police clashed with protesters.

Investigators accused 18 protesters of mass rioting and assaulting police, and have recently said 12 of those cases are ready for court. One man among the original 18 cooperated with police, saying he had grappled with an officer and regretted it. In November he got 4 1/2 years in jail, an unmistakable signal that protest would be treated harshly.

In August, after three members of a feminist punk rock group were sentenced to two years in jail for performing an anti-Putin song in Moscow's main cathedral, two other, unidentified members of the group reportedly left the country and went into hiding. By some estimates, hundreds of activists have done the same, and the maga-

zine New Times recently published a five-page guide for would-be asylum-seekers, offering information on the most receptive countries and advice on how to get there.

The numbers remain unclear, but Marina Popova, coordinator of the Sixth of May Committee, organized to protect protesters who are under threat, said she knows of about 10 who have made their departures public.

"Others are keeping it quiet," she said. "Only their closest relatives and friends know."

Anastasia Rybachenko, a 21-year-old student, thinks hundreds may have quietly left, hoping that someday they can return. Rybachenko, who protested in Moscow's Bolotnaya Square on May 6, was in Strasbourg, France, for an event at the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly in July when she was told police had searched her apartment.

"The investigators called me as a witness in the case," she said. "But the search of a witness's apartment means the witness will soon become a suspect."

Rybachenko stayed abroad. Her university in Moscow expelled her. Garry Kasparov, the chess champion and opposition leader, and Boris Nemtsov, another longtime Putin nemesis, helped her enter a university in Estonia, where she is finishing her last year.

"I did not want to waste four years in prison," she said. "I am more useful as a free person. I can finish my educa-

tion, get experience, and someday I hope I can return. I want to contribute."

Estonia also has been a favorite destination. Maxim Efimov, a human rights activist, won political asylum there in October. A year ago, as the protest movement was awakening, he posted an article critical of the Orthodox Church, which he said operated like a branch of the ruling United Russia party. His apartment was raided. Investigated for extremism, he was

warned that he could face two years in jail for offending religious beliefs.

The political emigrants, as they call themselves, are finding refuge in Estonia, Spain, Germany, and Ukraine — the latter a not entirely safe destination but one that does not require a visa. In the fall, activist Leonid Razvozhayev said Russia agents kidnapped him from Kiev and spirited him into Russia, where he faces charges of organizing mass disturbances.

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South Africa: Vets Struggle to Treat Injured Rhinos

JOHANNESBURG (AP) • A high-value target survives two attempts on her life. After recovering from multiple gunshot wounds, she is secretly moved to an undisclosed location in hopes that the killers won't track her down again.

This isn't a Hollywood thriller about a hunted witness in a police protection program. It is the tale of Phila, one of a growing number of rhinoceroses that survive horrific injuries during attempts by poachers to hack off their horns. With her horns still intact, Phila is a rare survivor of a surge in rhino killings in South Africa, home to most of the world's rhinos.

In a new push, veterinarians are racing to learn more about rhino anatomy so they can swiftly treat survivors of attacks by poachers whose arsenal includes assault rifles and drug-tipped darts. The obstacles are funding, a dearth of past research and the logistics of helping fearsome-looking behemoths that are easily traumatized if moved from their habitat.

There are "suddenly a lot of live

rhinos needing medical attention," said Dr. Katja Koepfel, senior veterinarian at the Johannesburg Zoo, where Phila spent two years before her surreptitious return to a game reserve in November. She cautioned that treatments for rhinos are inexact: "We know very little about rhinos. We treat them as a large horse."

The South African government says a record 668 rhinos were killed in the country in 2012, an increase of nearly 50 percent over the previous year. Demand is growing in Vietnam and elsewhere in Asia where rhino horn is believed to have medical benefits despite evidence to the contrary. The horn is made of keratin, a protein also found in human fingernails.

Veterinarians say there are no reliable statistics for the number of rhinos injured by poachers, partly because some game reserve owners prefer to keep quiet for fear other criminals will flock to any location known to harbor rhino. Those involved in the protection of rhinos are skittish, and suspicion that people are colluding with poachers is plentiful.



A mural painted on a suburban wall in Johannesburg calls for the halt to rhino poaching on Friday.

One of Phila's guardians refused to talk to The Associated Press on the telephone, saying: "I don't know who you are."

Dr. Georgina Cole, a veterinarian at the Johannesburg Zoo, said she

knew of 10 rhinos that survived poaching attacks in South Africa in the past year, and she believes the unreported number is much higher.

Dr. Johan Marais, an equine and wildlife surgeon at the University of

Pretoria, said a "conservative" estimate of rhino survivors is 40 to 60 a year. Marais predicted: "As the amount of poaching goes up, we'll probably get more and more of these survivors."

3-D Sonar Provides New View of Civil War Shipwreck

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) • The remains of the only U.S. Navy ship sunk in the Gulf of Mexico during Civil War combat now can be seen in 3-D sonar images from the Gulf's murky depths, revealing details such as a shell hole that may have been among the ship's fatal wounds.

The high-resolution images of the 210-foot, iron-hulled USS Hatteras are being released this month to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the battle where the ship was lost. Besides the shell hole, they also show previously unknown details like a paddle wheel and the ship's stern and rudder emerging from the shifting undersea sands about 20 miles off the coast of Galveston.

"This vessel is a practically intact time capsule sealed

by mud and sand, and what is there will be the things that help bring the crew and ship to life in a way," said Jim Delgado, the project's leader and a director for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.

The Hatteras had sat mostly undisturbed and unnoticed from January 1863 — when a Confederate raider sunk the ship and took most of the crew prisoner — until its discovery in the early 1970s.

Divers used the 3-D gear to map the site in the silt-filled water where visibility is from near zero to only a few feet. The water's murkiness doesn't affect sonar technology like it would regular photography equipment.



A view of the USS Hatteras depicted in a drawing by Civil War artist Francis H. Schell, above a 2012 high-resolution 3-D sonar image from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Marchers Protest the Slaying of Pakistani Immigrant in Greece

ATHENS, Greece (AP) • Several thousand people marched through central Athens on Saturday to protest a spate of anti-immigrant attacks in Greece, including the fatal stabbing of a 27-year-old Pakistani immigrant by suspected right-wing extremists.

Earlier in the day about 150 members of Greece's Pakistani community and a handful of Greeks gathered outside Athens City Hall to say prayers and pay their respects to Shehzad Luqman, the Pakistani who died Thursday. His coffin was displayed on the ground while mourners unfurled a banner in Greek and English reading "Punishment to the fascist murderers of Shehzad Luqman." A hearse took the coffin away at the end of the ceremony.

"We want to be peaceful. We are simple workers, and we will not do what the fascists do. In the last three years they have attacked 700 to 800 people. ... We go to our jobs and they attack us. It's the job of the police to arrest these people and send them to jail," Javed Aslam, head of Greece's Pakistani community, said after the prayers.

Greece has been suffering a surge in anti-immigration sentiment during its 3-year-old economic crisis, which has demolished living standards and led to high unemployment. The country also has long been the main gateway for illegal immigrants entering the European Union, with up to one-tenth of the nation's population born abroad.

London-based anti-racism campaigner Sasha Simic said he traveled to Greece to attend the demonstration.

"I'm here to show solidarity with Greek people fighting against Golden Dawn, an openly fascist organization that is trying to exploit the misery of the crisis that the bankers have caused to scapegoat immigrants, to scapegoat gay people, to scapegoat anybody that doesn't fit into their political schema. We know what happened in the 1930s with the rise of the Nazis. ... We are here to stop them," Simic told The Associated Press.

Golden Dawn, the ultra-right party running on an explicitly anti-immigrant platform, entered Parliament for the first time last June, polling nearly 7 percent of the vote and capitalizing on locals' resentment over a largely uncontrolled influx of immigrants that they blame for rising joblessness and crime.



Mourners protest on Saturday in Athens against racist attacks and the murder of Shehzad Luqman, a Pakistani immigrant who was killed on Thursday after being stabbed by suspected extreme rightists.

Japan's New PM to Visit White House in February

WASHINGTON (AP) • The United States on Friday invited Japan's new prime minister to the White House next month, as the Asian nation's top diplomat signaled the government's intent to strengthen security ties with the U.S.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's conservative government took power last month after a sweeping election victory and faces stiff challenges in reviving a stagnant economy and managing an escalating dispute with China over an island chain in the East China Sea. Abe is eager to make an early trip to Washington to demonstrate the U.S. alliance is the cornerstone of his foreign policy, and wants Japan to be a bigger player on the global stage.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced the White House invitation for the third week in February after meeting Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida at the State Department, and she described the U.S. relationship with Tokyo in similar terms.

"Our alliance with Japan remains the cornerstone of American engagement in the region," Clinton told a joint news conference. Kishida said the security in the Asia-Pacific is "ever more challenging" and that cooperation between the U.S. and Japan is "indispensable" for maintaining peace and stability.

Friday's meeting took place against a backdrop of heightened tensions in Northeast Asia. Japan and China, the world's third and second-largest economies, are at loggerheads over tiny, uninhabited islands, known as Diaoyu in China and Senkaku in Japan. The long-running dispute sharpened in September when Japan's government bought some of the islands from private owners. That sparked violent protests in China, which also claims them as part of its territory.

Chinese vessels have since repeatedly ventured into what Japan considers its territorial waters. In a worrying development last week, the two sides scrambled jet fighters to the area. The U.S. could be



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida talk after their joint press availability at the State Department in Washington on Friday.

compelled to come to its ally's defense in case of a conflict. The U.S. has about 50,000 troops based in Japan. Clinton said she reiterated to Kishida the U.S. policy on its treaty obligations: that it doesn't take a position on the sovereignty of the Senkakus but would "oppose any unilateral action that would seek to undermine Japanese administration" of the islands.

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Is it illegal to have fog lights or more than two lights burning when approaching oncoming traffic? As a truck driver, it is so hard to see the cars coming at you when they have four headlights burning or even the new high-tech lights. — Russell



Dan Bristol
Policeman Dan

It is not illegal to have more than two headlights, but it is illegal to have fewer than two. I will try to define that more clearly. The number of headlights on a vehicle must be at least two but also must not shine more than 500 feet down the road without high intensity light being involved (No bright lights, in other words).

Fog lamps are legal to have on a vehicle while driving in traffic but can't shine more than 25 feet down the road. Only two fog lamps are allowed on any vehicle. There is an exception to using fog lamps as regular headlights.

Here is the Idaho code (49-918(2)) allowed specifications for fog lamps: Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than two (2) fog lamps mounted on the front, at a height not less than 12 inches nor more than 30 inches above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands, and so aimed that when the vehicle is not loaded none of the high-intensity portion of the light to the left of the center of the vehicle shall at a distance of 25 feet ahead project higher than a level of 4 inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes. Lighted fog lamps meeting these requirements may be used with lower head lamp beams.

Is there a way to take care of eye-soars such as junky vehicles parked downtown in front of the courthouse or in front of the banks? — Darrell

Yes, but if I told you, I would have them parked at my house (just kidding). The truth is that if the vehicles are being moved within 48 hours, then they are not considered abandoned, which would be what it would take to have them removed.

The exception to that might be Idaho Code 18-5901, which deals with public nuisances. It is defined as anything which is injurious to health, or is

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Longmont Man is 105 Years Young

BY SCOTT ROCHAT
Longmont Times-Call

LONGMONT, Colo. (AP) • Ernest Clark's life now has room for 105 years and only one regret. "I was working on a doctor's degree when Korea and Vietnam came along," said Clark, who trained pilots during both wars as well as World War II. "I just never got back to it."

He didn't miss many other opportunities. Barnstormer. Teacher. Novelist. Columnist. And of course, super-centenarian, a title he added to with his latest birthday Jan. 15. Clark's not as surprised by the milestone as some might be. It's in the genes, he explains. His older brother lived to 102, his aunt reached 100, and two sisters both made it past 99.

Making the life worth living, now ... that takes work. "It takes playing fair," he said.

"Truthfulness. A love of God, a love of people and a deep admiration for your loved ones."

A little fun never hurts either. And for the Mississippi-born Clark, fun was often found in the skies. That fascination started in the 1920s when a barnstormer landed near his farm (charging a dollar for the first lesson) and never really left him, even after he retired from aviation in 1974.

"He still keeps current on all the modern planes," his daughter Glynda Yoder said. "He can tell you the specs, all

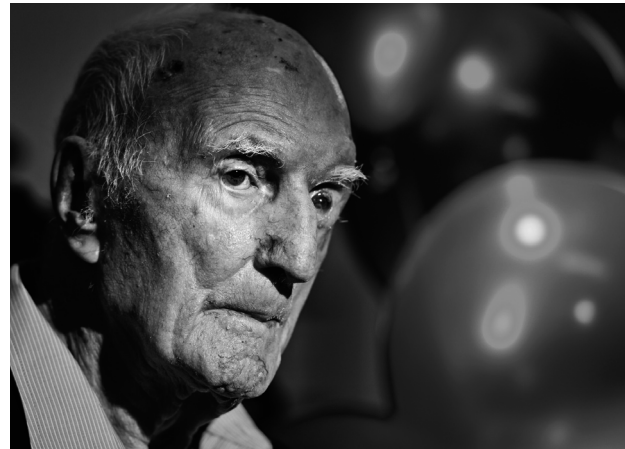
of that." A pilot's life provided him with his share of stories. One of the most memorable, he said, was when he started running out of gas over the mountains of eastern Oregon with two passengers. He could see rocks, slopes, scrub trees, but nowhere to land — except for a small spiral of smoke that suggested civilization. "I landed in a log yard," he said.

A truck came up and the driver asked if he needed help. On finding out Clark needed five gallons of gas, he offered to lead the pilot into town, Clark's plane following the man's truck.

"I can't just come into town with an airplane," Clark said. "The mayor of the town will blow apart."

The man replied he was the mayor.

The impromptu parade, Clark noted wryly, not only got him his gas, it got the mayor plenty of political mileage. After flying, and teaching flying, and working for the Federal Aviation Administration, and even writing an adventure novel about a pilot (titled "Intrepid Mission"), it's an understatement to say he misses the air. But that's when some of the newer tricks showed up, like learning to use a computer, learning to play the organ, and writing a weekly column for three papers in his old Mississippi stomping grounds, the *Winston County Journal*, the *Choctaw Plain Dealer* and the *Choctaw Chronicle*.



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Dr. Pates will be honored at a no-host lunch at the center.

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Rupert Duplicate Bridge Results

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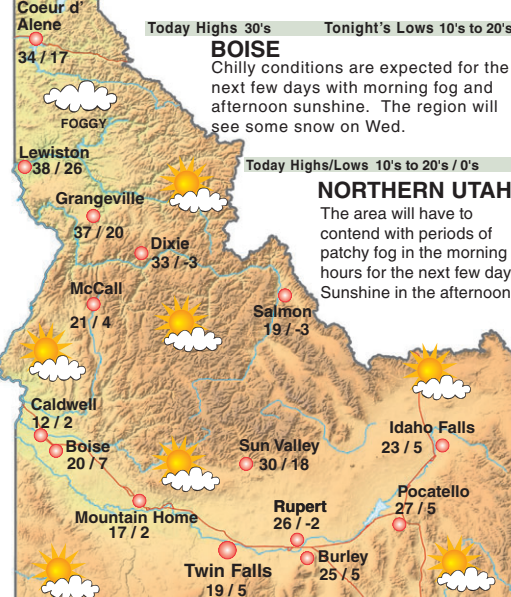
Tomorrow: Another day of sunshine. High 29.

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BOISE Chilly conditions are expected for the next few days with morning fog and afternoon sunshine. The region will see some snow on Wed.

NORTHERN UTAH The area will have to contend with periods of patchy fog in the morning hours for the next few days. Sunshine in the afternoon.

Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 41 at Lowell Low: -12 at Idaho Falls weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-furries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast table for Twin Falls with columns for Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and weather icons and temperatures.

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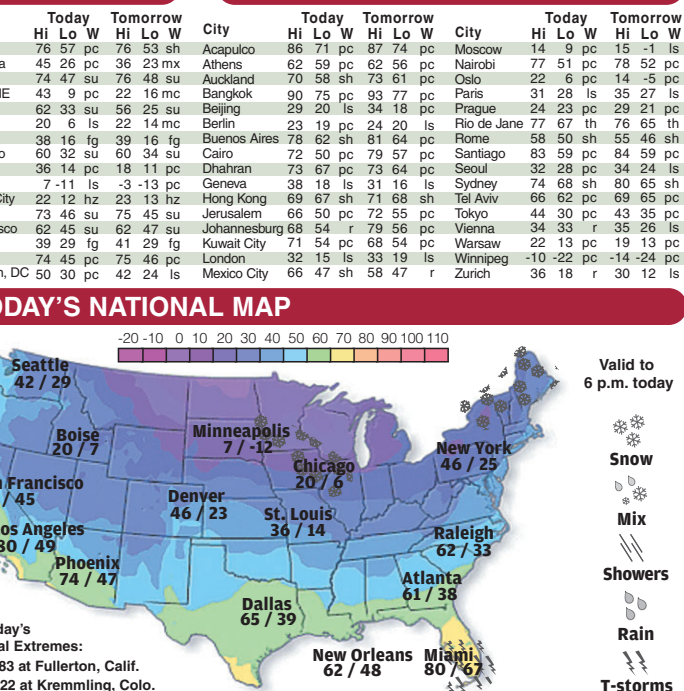
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Indicted Megaupload Founder Launches New Site

BY KRISTEN GELINEAU Associated Press SYDNEY • Indicted Megaupload founder Kim Dotcom launched a new file-sharing website on Sunday, promising users amped-up privacy levels in a defiant move against the U.S. prosecutors who accuse him of facilitating massive online piracy. The colorful entrepreneur unveiled the "Mega" site ahead of a lavish gala and press conference planned at his New Zealand mansion on Sunday night, the anniversary of his arrest on racketeering charges related to his now-shuttered Megaupload file-sharing site. Megaupload, which Dotcom started in 2005, was one of the most popular sites on the web until U.S. prosecutors shut it down, accusing Dotcom and several company officials of facilitating millions of illegal downloads. "As of this minute one year ago (hash)Megaupload was destroyed by the US Government. Welcome to http://Mega.co.nz," Dotcom posted on his Twitter account as the new site went live. Within hours, Dotcom wrote, Mega had received 250,000 user registrations. U.S. authorities are trying to extradite the German-born Internet tycoon from New Zealand, where he is free on bail. Prosecutors say Dotcom made tens of millions of dollars while filmmakers and songwriters lost around \$500 million in copyright revenue. Dotcom argues that he can't be held responsible for copyright infringement committed by others, and insists Megaupload complied with copyrights by removing links to pirated material when asked. "In the dark ages ... the enemies of progress burned books," Dotcom said last week at an Auckland ice cream shop, where he handed out ice cream cups, some bearing Willy Wonka-style golden tickets to his launch party. "And now today they are burning websites. And Mega is going to be the website that is going to end all of that." Mega, like Megaupload, allows users to store and share large files. It offers 50 gigabytes of free storage, much more than similar sites such as Dropbox and Google Drive, and features a drag-and-drop upload tool. The key difference is an encryption and decryption feature for data transfers that Dotcom says will protect him from the legal drama that has entangled Megaupload and threatened to put him behind bars.

4 Climbers Die in Scottish Highlands Avalanche

LONDON (AP) • An avalanche killed four climbers in the Scottish Highlands on Saturday, police said. The victims were in a group of six climbers — three men and three women — who were at Glencoe, one of Scotland's best-known glens, when a snow slope broke away. The BBC said five of them were swept down the mountain in ice and snow, with four dying and one being saved and hospitalized in serious condition. The sixth climber managed to escape unharmed and call emergency services, police said. John Grieve, who leads the Glencoe mountain rescue team, said it found the dead climbers by pushing a metal stick into the snow. "I'm not sure how deeply buried they were, but using that technique would suggest it was more than a meter (3 feet)," said Grieve, who was not part of the search. Like much of Britain, Scotland has been battered by heavy snow and strong winds in the past few days.

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CSI BASKETBALL

CSI Men Romp Over Utah State-Eastern

BY NICK RULAND
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TWIN FALLS • Somehow, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team lost to Utah State-Eastern by 15 points earlier in the year.

Saturday night, the hometown Golden Eagles won by 64, 103-39, out-doing their 40-point win two nights earlier.

The disparity between the road trip in which they lost to Utah State-Eastern and beat Colorado Northwest Community College and the two home wins against them was a mere 100 points.

Hard to chalk that up to home-court advantage alone.

"I don't think we came out with the sense of urgency that we came out

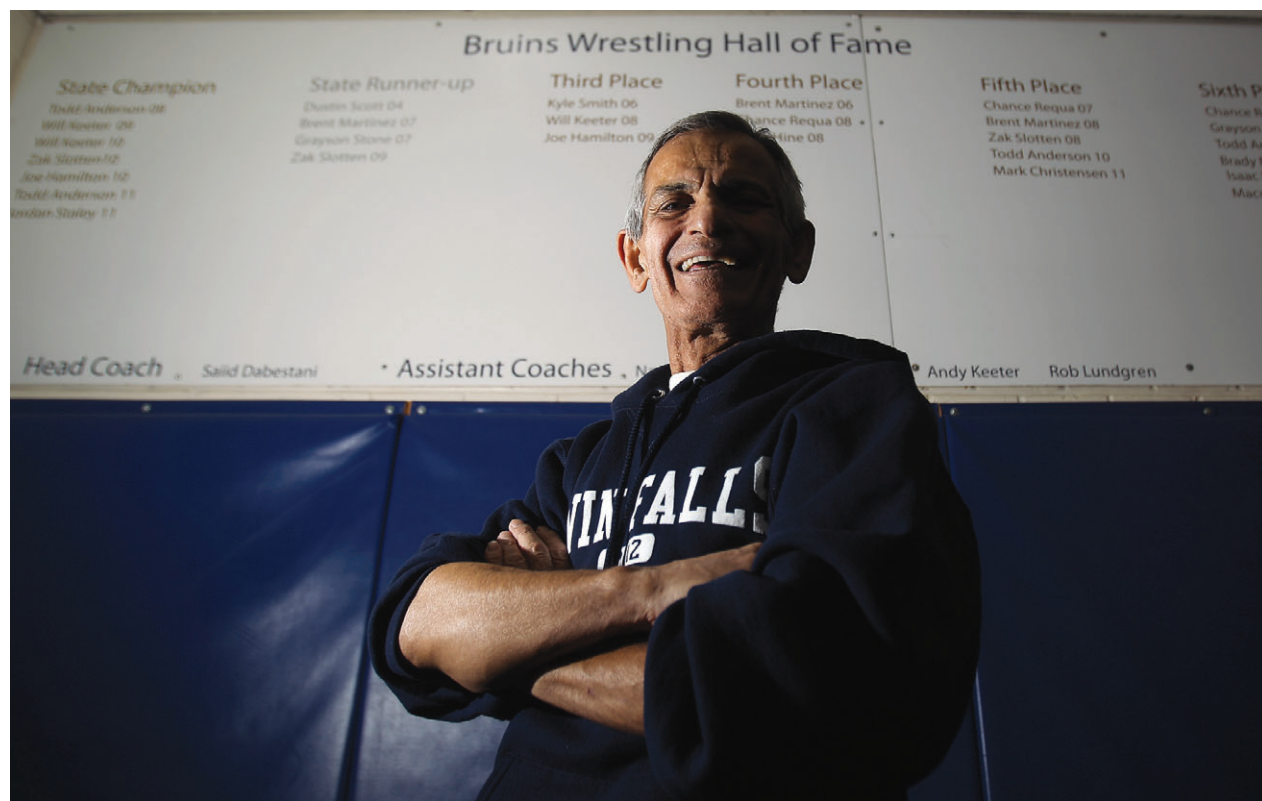
with here," head coach Steve Gosar said. "Obviously teams are going to be better at home than on the road. But honestly, I think we have gotten a lot better the last three weeks. I really like where we are at as a team right now."

CSI dominated every phase of the game, showing off its depth and versatility throughout. It started with ball pressure, as it always seems to with Gosar's team, as guards Sebastian Michineau, Kareem Storey and Montigo Alford "heated up the ball" as they like to say. The trio forced Utah State-Eastern out of its offense and into mistakes — including 25 turnovers.

On the rare occasion Utah State-Eastern was able to get into the paint for a good shot, big men

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LIFE COACH



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Twin Falls wrestling coach Saiid Dabestani stands for a portrait by the Bruins Wrestling Hall of Fame Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013 at Twin Falls High School.

Twin Falls wrestling coach Dabestani uses his own complex history to guide his wrestlers on, off the mats.

BY NICK RULAND
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TWIN FALLS • Twin Falls head wrestling coach Saiid Dabestani wouldn't mind hanging 'em up soon.

In his 12th season with the school, Dabestani wants to make sure he hands the program off to someone, man or woman he said, with just the right approach — his approach.

That could take a while.

There may not be anyone else like the Iranian-born, Ph.D.-holding, fish-head cooking Persian chef, almost-Olympian, once Swedish refugee.

His philosophy on wrestling might be more exceptional than his resume.

"I'm really picky," Dabestani said. "I want the school to have right person in place. My philosophy is much different than other coaches. Once I find the replacement, I'll take him or her under my wings for a year, show them the ropes and then hand over the baton."

Dabestani is easily spotted among the mass of humanity at a local state wrestling tournament. It's not because of his skin color or slight stature.

He's the personage not yelling, screaming, berating.

"The wrestling culture, these people are obsessed with winning and when a kid loses they don't realize that he is like-

ly doing his best," Dabestani said. "You have to stay positive. I discipline the kids, of course, and hold them to account, but you have to do it in a positive way so that the kid doesn't lose self-esteem. The coaches that are negative and yell, they all have it wrong?"

Bruins wrestler, albeit in a rebuilding stage, have done plenty of winning un-

a real special quality about him."

Dabestani was born in Iran, one of the top wrestling nations for decades and producer of six medalists (3 golds, all Greco-Roman) at the 2012 London Olympics. As a 19-year-old, he defeated the reigning world champion from Bulgaria with a move he invented, still known in Iran and in wrestling circles

with esoteric knowledge as the Saiid.

"I teach some of the kids my move, but if they aren't careful they'll pin themselves," Dabestani said.

Growing up under the Pahlavi dynasty and its Shahs, Dabestani got his bachelor's in chemistry and math from Iran National University.

He was a champion wrestler and 4.0 student at the school, where he ranked as high as No. 3 in the world in the late '60s.

In 1971, Dabestani was wrestling with the Iran Olympic team in hopes of qualifying for the 1972 Munich games. But he got calls from universities in the United States offering scholarships to study environmental studies and geo-chemistry.

Dabestani made the choice of his life. "I had a darn good chance, I'd say an 80 percent chance, of making that team," Dabestani said. "But I was done with wrestling after encouragement

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STEVE CONNER/FOR THE TIMES-NEWS

College of Southern Idaho guard Patrice Toston (20) makes a move on Utah State-Eastern guard Amy Arbon during their women's basketball game Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

CSI Women Cruise Past Utah State-Eastern

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TWIN FALLS • The ear-to-ear grin on College of Southern Idaho women's head coach Randy Rogers face as his team walked towards the bench after another smooth transition sequence late in the second-half lied about as much as the scoreboard.

That is to say, not at all.

CSI played as close to its offensive potential Saturday afternoon it has all year, beating Utah State-Eastern 97-69.

"It's the best we've played on offense," guard Patrice Toston said. "I think people have more confidence in their shots. Our transition was pretty good and we were getting the ball ahead. We can play like this all year — with better defense of course."

CSI didn't need to play much defense on Saturday, at least not the kind that defined its three-game road winning streak or Thursday's win against Colorado Northwestern.

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"The wrestling culture, these people are obsessed with winning and when a kid loses they don't realize that he is likely doing his best,"

Saiid Dabestani, Twin Falls head wrestling coach



Te'o Provides Answers, but More May Be Asked

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Armstrong's Enemies Find Vindication, Sadness

Associated Press

First shunned, then vilified by Lance Armstrong, Mike Anderson had to move to the other side of the world to get his life back.

Now running a bike shop outside of Wellington, New Zealand, Armstrong's former assistant watched news reports about his former boss confessing to performance-enhancing drug use with only mild interest. If Anderson never hears Armstrong's voice again, it would be too soon.

"He gave me the firm, hard push and a shove," Anderson said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "Made my life very, very unpleasant. It was an embarrassment for me and my family to be portrayed as liars, to be called a disgruntled employee, implying there was some impropriety on my part. It just hurt. It was completely uncalled for."

Anderson is among the dozens, maybe hundreds, of former teammates, opponents and associates to receive the Armstrong treatment, presumably for not going along with the party line — that the now-disgraced, seven-time Tour de France cyclist didn't need to cheat to win.

The penalties for failing to play along were punitive, often humiliating, and now that Armstrong has admitted in an interview with Oprah Winfrey that he's a doper, a liar and a bully, many of those who saw their lives changed, sometime ruined, are going through a gamut of emotions.

Some feel vindicated, others remain vengeful. Some are sad, while many others are simply wrung out.

"He's damaged a lot of people's lives," said Betsy Andreu, whose husband, Frankie, was culled from

Armstrong's team for not agreeing to dope. "He has damaged the sport of cycling. Frankie was fired for not getting on the program. I never thought this day would come but it's so incredibly sad!"

Before his interview with Winfrey aired, Armstrong reached out to the Andreus to apologize but the planned reconciliation did not work. In fact, Armstrong's interview only made things worse, when he refused to confirm what the Andreus testified to under oath — that they had heard the cyclist admit to doping while meeting with doctors treating him for cancer at an Indiana hospital in 1996.

Regardless of whether Armstrong says more about that, there's no denying that life for the Andreus changed when they refused to go along.

"Frankie's career was definitely cut short. His career was ruined early," Betsy Andreu said. "You have riders out there whose careers never happened" because of Armstrong.

And some whose careers were cut short.

Filippo Simeoni was a talented, young rider who dared admit to doping and told authorities he received his instructions from physician Michele Ferrari, who also advised Armstrong during his career. After that 2002 testimony, Armstrong branded Simeoni a liar. He went so far as to humiliate Simeoni at the 2004 Tour de France, when he chased down the Italian rider during a breakaway and more or less ordered him to fall back in line. Later in the race, and with a TV camera in his face, Armstrong put his finger to his lips in a "silence" gesture. After the stage, he said he was simply protecting the interests of the peloton.

Te'o Provides Answers, but More May be Asked

NEW YORK (AP) • Manti Te'o tried to put one of the strangest sports stories in memory behind him, insisting he was the target of an elaborate online hoax in which he fell for a fake woman created by pranksters, then admitting his own lies made the bizarre ordeal worse.

Whether his off-camera interview with ESPN was enough to demonstrate that the Notre Dame star linebacker was a victim in the scheme instead of a participant is still an open question. The most important judges of the All-American and Heisman Trophy finalist may be pro football teams. Te'o has finished his coursework at Notre Dame and is preparing for the NFL draft at an elite training facility in Florida, where the 2½-hour interview was conducted late Friday night.

ESPN reporter Jeremy Schaap said that the 21-year-old Te'o answered all his questions in a calm voice, and tried to clear up the mysteries and inconsistencies of the case.

Among the highlights: — Te'o denied being in on the hoax. "No. Never," he said. "I wasn't faking it. I was not part of this."

— Te'o provided a timeline and details of his relationship with Lennay Kekua, his virtual sweetheart, who went through an array of medical calamities before "dying" of Leukemia in September, just hours after Te'o got real news of his grandmother's death.

— He acknowledged that he lied to his father about meeting Kekua in person, then exacerbated the situation after her supposed death when he "tailored" his comments to reporters to make it sound as if their relationship was more than just phone calls and electronic messages.

"I even knew, that it was

crazy that I was with somebody that I didn't meet, and that alone — people find out that this girl who died, I was so invested in, I didn't meet her, as well," Te'o said. "So I kind of tailored my stories to have people think that, yeah, he met her before she passed away, so that people wouldn't think that I was some crazy dude."

In the same part of the conversation, Te'o said: "Out of this whole thing, that is my biggest regret. And that is the biggest, I think, that's from my point of view, that is a mistake I made."

— He detailed the confusing phone conversation he had on Dec. 6, when the woman who was posing as Kekua contacted him and told him one last hard-to-believe story about how she had to fake her own death to evade drug dealers. Te'o said it left him piecing together what exactly was going on over the next few days, when he was bouncing from interview to interview while taking part in the Heisman Trophy ceremony in New York

on Dec. 8 and another awards dinner in Los Angeles the next night. He mentioned his girlfriend in interviews at least three times over that period.

— Even after he went to his parents, coaches and Notre Dame officials with the story by Dec. 26, and the school provided an investigation that it says corroborated Te'o's version by Jan. 4, the player told ESPN that it was not until Ronaiah Tuaiasosopo, a 22-year-old acquaintance who lives in California, contacted him Wednesday and confessed to the prank, that he finally believed Kekua was not real. Schaap said that Te'o showed him direct messages from Twitter in which Tuaiasosopo admitted to masterminding the hoax and apologized.

Schaap remarked to Te'o earlier in the interview that he still talked about Lennay as if she existed.

"Well, in my mind I still don't have answers," Te'o replied. "I'm still wondering what's going on, what happened?"

Tuaiasosopo has not spoken publicly since Deadspin.com broke the news of the hoax on Wednesday and identified him as being heavily involved.

At the Tuaiasosopo house in Palmdale, Calif., the family did not answer the door Saturday. The AP learned Saturday through public records and interviews a house on the street as the Tuaiasosopo's that Te'o had flowers delivered to after Kekua "died" was once lived in by Ronaiah. The residents now? A family named Kekua, though they've never heard of a Lennay Kekua.

Whether Tuaiasosopo ultimately confirms Te'o's version of the story will go a long way toward determining where this saga is headed.

In the interview with ESPN, Te'o implied that he was not holding a grudge against Tuaiasosopo.

"I hope he learns," Te'o said. "I hope he understands what he's done. I don't wish an ill thing to somebody. I just hope he learns. I think embarrassment is big enough."

49ers' Crabtree Questioned in Sexual Assault Case

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) • San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Michael Crabtree has voluntarily met with police in their investigation into an alleged sexual assault in a hotel after the team's playoff victory over the Green Bay Packers last weekend, his attorney said Saturday.

"Michael fully cooperated with the inspectors and will continue to do so through-

out this investigation," the attorney, Joshua Bentley, said in a brief statement emailed to The Associated Press.

Bentley provided no additional details and had no further comment.

The statement comes after police said they were investigating a sexual assault allegation involving Crabtree in a San Francisco hotel early

Sunday. Crabtree hasn't been detained or arrested, and has agreed to be available for more questions in the future, police said.

The probe is being handled by the department's special victims unit. When the investigation is done, the findings will be forwarded to the district attorney's office, which decides if charges should be filed, police said.

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Jared Higley applies laser therapy to Hank's rump at Sun Valley Animal Center. Hank, a yellow Lab, was outfitted with goggles before his treatment.

Laser Therapy Goes to the Dogs

BY KAREN BOSSICK
For the Times-News

KETCHUM • Laser therapy to treat chronic arthritis and injuries. An underwater treadmill for post-surgical rehabilitation. ...

These tools are now going to the dogs. The Sun Valley Animal Center near Ketchum just started using a Class IV Therapy Laser, considered new technology in the U.S., to reduce pain, inflammation and scar tissue in dogs that have undergone surgery. And a new underwater treadmill is sitting in its box awaiting use to treat dogs with orthopedic problems, musculoskeletal disease, arthritis and obesity.

The new equipment is part of the veterinary clinic's attempt to offer a full-service Physical Therapy Unit, in addition to the elbow surgeries, acupuncture and other services it already offers.

"We know dogs heal better with physical therapy, just like people," said veterinarian Heidi Woog, who is getting her physical therapy certification along with clinic veterinarian Maggie Acker.

Among the first to be treated with canine laser therapy at the clinic was Hank, a 12-year-old yellow Lab that recently underwent surgery to clean out back discs that had caused sciatica. The sciatica kept him from getting around.

Veterinary technician Jared Higley outfitted Hank with goggles to prevent exposure to his eyes from the laser treatment. Then he rubbed a bulbous instrument that emitted a purplish laser light over the shaved patch on Hank's rump.

Hank stood there lapping it up as if someone were rubbing his back.

"I haven't had a dog complain yet!" Higley said.

After a 15-minute treatment Hank was moving around the clinic, nosing up to anyone he thought might give him a doggy biscuit.

"Seven laser treatments and he's jumping in the car again. He hadn't done that for eight months," said veterinarian assistant Sue Acker.

Most chronic conditions show a positive response in three to four treatments, with dogs showing at least a 50 percent improvement in mobility and pain reduction, said laser consultant Craig Hartshorn. The treated site feels better either immediately or within 12 to 24 hours after treatment.

The canine laser treatment uses photons from lasers to penetrate into the tissue, accelerate cellular reproduction and growth and increase the energy available to the cells so they can take on nutrients and get rid of waste products more quickly, Woog said.

Treatments, which cost between \$30 and \$50, reduce pain and inflammation. They accelerate tissue repair and growth, stimulating fibroblasts to produce collagen to replace or repair tissue injury. They also increase the formation of new capillaries in damaged tissue to speed the healing of a wound. In addition, they reduce the formation of scar tissue and improve nerve function in impaired limbs. And they stimulate the immune system, Woog said.

"Laser therapy doesn't require anesthesia. And it can be used for things like arthritis that surgery can't always address," she said.

The treadmill, when it is up and running, will be used to help canines who have undergone back and other surgeries and can't do weight-bearing exercise. The treadmill will help build the dogs' muscle mass as they paddle against the resistance of the water.

"It takes the weight off joints that suffer from trauma or arthritis," Woog said.

Sun Valley Animal Center: <http://svalley.com/>



ASHLEY SMITH • TIMES-NEWS

Stephanie Van Diest pets her dog Baylee at her Kimberly home on Monday.

Remembering Man's Best Friend

Magic Valley residents share stories of how they memorialized pets that died.

KIMBERLY • Some animals come into people's lives as pets but leave as family members.

For Stephanie Van Diest of Kimberly, her dog Bruno wasn't just a family member, he was her soul pet.

"It was his job to always be next to me," Van Diest said.

Whenever Van Diest was sick in bed, Bruno was at the foot of the bed. If she was in her sewing room, Bruno was under the table.

So when Bruno suddenly died Jan. 7, 2007, after eating tainted dog food that killed dogs across the U.S., Van Diest was devastated and grieved for a long time.

"He was just so wonderful, he was special. I miss him," Van Diest said.

The American Veterinary



TETONA DUNLAP • TIMES-NEWS

A cross marks where a pet was buried in the Magic Valley Pet Memorial Cemetery.

Medical Association recently released its U.S. Pet Ownership and Demographics Sourcebook, which showed that Idaho ranks ninth for pet owner-

ship with 62 percent of households owning a pet.

Van Diest always jokes that her family didn't adopt Bruno, he adopted them.

Fifteen years ago, Van Di-

est was waiting for her daughter's bus to arrive and saw boys kicking at a springer spaniel puppy.

"I yelled at them, 'Don't kick him,'" Van Diest said.

The boys told her it wasn't their dog and they were trying to shoot it away. When the bus arrived and Van Diest's daughter got into the car, the puppy jumped into her lap. Bruno has been a member of the family since.

Bruno still joins Van Diest when she works at her sewing machine. Memorialized in a quilt, he sits in a blue chair.

The quilt of Bruno won Curator's Choice and was a part of the 2010 Hoffman Challenge, a traveling quilt show that tours the

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YOUR NEIGHBOR

The Man Who Likes to Tease

BY TETONA DUNLAP
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When We Met

If you're meeting Danny Vanden Bosch for the first time, you might want to tell him a joke. He's known as a bit of a teaser and a joker by his co-workers at The Mustard Seed in Twin Falls.

"He'll walk by and stick his tongue out ... or he'll wave," store manager Liz Mandelkow said Jan. 14 while I sat in her office at the thrift store waiting to meet Vanden Bosch.

I wasn't clever enough to think of a funny way to break the ice by the time he walked to the front of the store. So I didn't blame him for wanting to go back to work rather than sit in an office and talk with a new person wielding a camera.

"He's camera shy," said Vanden Bosch's developmental technician, Diane Goodman, as we followed him to the back room of The Mustard Seed where Vanden Bosch was sorting hangers.

Vanden Bosch reminded me of my



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Danny Vanden Bosch sorts hangers at The Mustard Seed in Twin Falls.

youngest sister, Juniper, quiet in front of strangers but someone who loves a good laugh when around family and people she knows. She will turn 21 in April, and though she graduated from high school almost four years ago, she

still attends school where she learns to how to care for herself and works at a recycling center where she sorts plastics and aluminum. During one conversation I had with my mother a

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NEXT WEEK

Circle of Support

When eating habits are out of control: Reporter Paul Dunn visits an Overeaters Anonymous meeting.

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week or so ago, she said Juniper, who was on winter break, was anxious to go back to school and her job.

Vanden Bosch likes a routine, too.

"He doesn't like to meet new people, he doesn't like change," Goodman said.

When it comes to change, Mandelkew said she could relate.

"We're a lot alike. He's just more verbal. He wears his heart on his sleeve," Mandelkew said.

How You Might Know Him

Goodman and Vanden Bosch are together five days of the week for 9 1/2 hours a day. The two like to bowl, shop for model vehicles — John Deere is Vanden Bosch's favorite — and walk around the Magic Valley Mall for exercise. He also likes to take his family out to dinner at Golden Corral, Goodman said.

"I'm his adopted sis. But he tells me he's going to fire me in the same breath," Goodman said with a laugh.

But of all the things that Vanden Bosch does during the week, Goodman said, his favorite is working at The Mustard Seed.

"He's found a lot of friends here," Goodman said.

Vanden Bosch, 46, has worked at The Mustard Seed for eight years.

As Mandelkew walked back to her office, Vanden Bosch shouted to her: "I love you, Liz. I'm gonna quit."

Mandelkew replied using one of Vanden Bosch's favorite responses: "Yeah, whatever."

When Vanden Bosch is not in the room, it's quiet as the other volunteers and workers fold clothes and sort items like shirts, coats and shoes. But when Vanden Bosch is present, he chats with everyone.

"Let's go fishing, you guys," Vanden Bosch said.

As he walked toward the front of the store, Goodman asked him: "Where are you going?"

"Get some more tape for the people," he said. "Your truck is gone."

"I hope not, we'll have to walk," Goodman said.

When We Said Goodbye

Goodman said she is not allowed in Vanden Bosch's domain by the clothes racks when he is at work, but I asked him if he



Danny Vanden Bosch kisses Diane Goodman, his developmental technician, on the forehead.

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would be willing to pose for a picture with Goodman. He put his arm around Goodman, but he didn't want to look into the camera, finding every corner in the room but the lens in front of him. Instead he leaned over and gave Goodman a kiss on the head.

Then Goodman went to her side of the room and Vanden Bosch went back to work, taking a sip from a mug.

I asked if he was a coffee drinker.

"Yup, it keeps me warm," he said.

He took a pile of clothes to a free bin, but before going outside he paused at the door. "Oh, it's snowing again, guys," he said, and he walked out into the flakes that seemed to form in the frigid air.

Tell Tetona Dunlap whom she should meet next for her weekly column: 735-3243 or tdunlap@magicvalley.com.



The Long Shadow of Abby and Ann

BY CAROLYN HAX
The Washington Post

Era over. What a strange institution it is, the advice column; it's part of the cultural air we breathe, but only because of Pauline Phillips, who died this week at 94, and her sister Eppie Lederer. Dear Abby and Ann Landers to most of us, of course.

As a writer who gives advice now, I get to see all the unanswerable questions that pop into my inbox day and night, week after week, year after year. Unanswerable to some extent due to my limitations, which are legion, and also due to the limits of the human experience, where we can never fully know another's heart. Often, it's a twisted mystery just knowing our own.

And as someone who has appeared publicly in need of advice herself — as both Pauline Phillips and Eppie Lederer did at well-publicized times, especially given their rivalry — I can say that writing an advice column is also a state of being in which your private and professional lives are so entwined that the meaningful distinctions might exist in our imaginations alone. The lives we lead and witness end up in columns, and columns affect our lives, and if any of it goes awry, we end up in someone else's column.

And so a life of advice is to walk the finest of lines, between knowing and guessing; entertainment and empathy; compassion and



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In this 2001 photo, 'Dear Abby' advice columnist Pauline Friedman Phillips, 82, known to millions of readers as Abigail van Buren, signs autographs for some of dozens of fans after the dedication of a 'Dear Abby' star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles.

criticism; between trying to help and presuming to; between being a public resource and a punch line.

About that rivalry. Phillips and Lederer lived this already-weird life with the added weirdness of being the Friedman Twins: identical, double-wedding-and-double-honey-mooned, then transformed into fierce competitors as Phillips, the younger by minutes, pulled a classic little-sister move and launched her own column after practicing on Lederer's.

She is said to have responded to 70 letters in two hours when she tried out for the new gig. That slim anecdote encompasses what made Phillips so huge — quick, smart and breezy — and why advice columns evolved away from the bite-size buck-ups the sisters brought to virtually every

kitchen table in America for decades, a feat unthinkable now. Nearly 50 years' worth of 10-year-olds used one or both of these columns to decode the cryptic world of adults.

"Ann" and "Abby" didn't provide the first public forum for the lovelorn but, in combination, they made advice into a central tenet of pop culture — one their heirs try to, variously, live up to, live down and live by to this day.

Portions of this essay are adapted from a May 7, 2012, benefit performance at Theater J in Washington, D.C.

'Pride' of Jane Austen Is Worth a Celebration

BY RAYMOND M. LANE
Special to The Washington Post

"We're expecting a mob," said Tara Olivero, curator of special collections and archives at Baltimore's Goucher College. "Something for everyone who loves Jane Austen, we hope."

Jan. 28 is the 200th anniversary of the publication of

Austen's masterpiece "Pride and Prejudice," the romantic novel spun around the love-angst of privileged country gentry in Regency era of England. While universities worldwide are gearing up to remember the novel's anniversary, Goucher is planning "Pride and Prejudice: A 200-Year Affair," a lighthearted

celebration of the book and author that will probably appeal to ordinary readers as well as hard-core "Janeites" — the sometimes-dismissive term used to describe Austen fans.

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Poland's National Museum Expands Modern Art Wing

WARSAW, Poland (AP) • Poland's National Museum in Warsaw has opened an expanded gallery devoted to 20th- and 21st-century Polish art, with officials hailing it as the most comprehensive permanent collection of modern and contemporary art in the nation's capital.

More than 220 objects went on view at an inauguration Friday night. The bulk of the exhibition is made up of paintings but there also are a number of sculptures, video installations and photo montages, with all the works spanning the past century.

Museum Director Agnieszka Morawinska told a large gathering of people that the gallery is very important for both the museum and the city "because for the first time there is such a space in Warsaw where you can see how Polish art developed from World War I until today."

Museum officials say there was an urgent need for such a collection because until now there was no exhibition in Warsaw that gave the full scope of Polish art in that era, with other collections small, fragmentary or still being created. The works show Polish artists adopting expressionism and abstract and avant-garde styles in vogue in Paris and elsewhere in the West, even as they grappled with national traumas such as communism and the horrors of World War II.

Poles welcomed the rebirth of an independent state at the end of World War I, built up a new republic, and then witnessed massive destruction and

death during World War II, followed then by decades of communism. The country reemerged as a free and democratic state in 1989 — and the opening of the new gallery is part of a new cultural and economic flourishing the country has witnessed since.

Most of the collection has long been in the museum's holdings, with a few on view, but until now there was not a large wing where so many could be shown at once, the curator, Piotr Rypson said. In addition, about 20 new pieces were acquired for the new gallery, he said.

An example of one of the works on view is "Surrealist Execution (Execution VIII)" by a leading 20th century Polish artist, Tadeusz Wroblewski. Painted in 1949, the work depicts Poles being executed by Germans during the wartime occupation.



(TOP) Museum goes examine the art at the National Museum in Warsaw on Friday.

Russia Angry over US Fines for Jewish Collection

MOSCOW (AP) • Russia on Thursday harshly criticized a U.S. court ruling fining it \$50,000 a day for holding onto tens of thousands of religious books and manuscripts stolen from Jews during the Russian revolution and World War II.

Russia's State Library and the Russian military archive have refused to give up the books, some hundreds of years old, even after a U.S. court ruled that the Brooklyn-based Chabad-Lubavitch group is the rightful owner. The country says the books are part of its national heritage.

Chief Judge Royce Lamberth of the U.S. District Court ruled Wednesday that Russia should pay the fine until it complies with his 2010 order to return the collection to the Jewish group.

The Russian Foreign Ministry on Thursday called the ruling "an absolutely unlawful and provocative decision" and threatened a tough response if U.S. authorities try to seize Russian property in an attempt to get the fine.

There are two collections at issue: 12,000 religious books and manuscripts seized during the Bolshevik revolution and the Russian Civil War nearly a century ago; and 25,000 pages of handwritten teachings and other writings of religious leaders stolen by Nazi Germany during World War II, then transferred by the Soviet Red Army as war booty to the Russian State Military Archive.

Efforts to get the materials returned date back

decades, involving presidential administrations and members of Congress of both parties. Mikhail Shvydkoi, a culture adviser to President Vladimir Putin, insisted that Moscow and Washington reached a compromise in the 1990s when Russia pledged to provide public access to the documents.

"Russia made good on all of its promises regarding this issue," he said, adding that the Russian State Library built a special prayer room inside the library to accommodate Jewish pilgrims who come to study the manuscripts.

Following Lamberth's 2010 ruling, Russia completely halted the loan of its art treasures for exhibit in the United States, for fear that they would be seized and held hostage in the court battle.

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NSU Band to March in Inauguration Parade

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) • The Northern State University marching band is preparing to take part in President Barack Obama's inauguration parade on Monday. The experience will give the students a renewed sense of patriotism, Marching Wolves color guard director Bailey Geist told the *American News*.

More than 100 students from the Aberdeen university will march down Pennsylvania Ave. in the nation's capital, playing the song "This is My Country."

Playing in the parade will help Northern State "kind of get our name out there and show what we have to offer," said junior Callie Marlette, a trumpet player from the South Dakota city of Gettysburg. The pace has been hectic since the Marching Wolves learned Dec. 18 that they had been selected for the parade.

"The first thing was we had to get everybody registered with the Secret Service. And that was due by Jan. 1," said NSU associate band director Terry Beckler.

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Remembering

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country. Bruno's ashes are kept in a wooden box. When Van Diest dies, she said, she'll be cremated too, and she and Bruno will be scattered together in the South Hills.

So what does one do to remember a dog, cat, bird or fish after it dies? Ruth Pierce of Twin Falls said her son was a little boy when his goldfish died more than 15 years ago. Her son is now in graduate school, but it's an event that Pierce remembers, and smiles.

"It was really cute. He had a funeral over the toilet," Pierce said. "I never prayed over a toilet before. It was a first."

Pierce said her son told the goldfish that if it came back to life, to please come back to him.

"People's pets are really family members. There is a strong human-animal bond, especially for baby boomers, people who are my age and their kids are out of the house," said David Clark, veterinarian and owner of Kimberley Veterinary Hospital.

Clark often gets to know his four-legged patients very well. When they die it's hard. "We see dogs start as little puppies and see them through their life span," Clark said. "The worst part of our job is euthanizing animals, but it's part of the job; it reduces suffering so they can go with dignity."

He often sends a letter of sympathy or flowers to families after a pet has died.

Sheri Wills of Twin Falls said that when her dogs Katie and Tiger died she had them cremated, a service she didn't know existed until her veterinarian told her about it. Wills spread their ashes in the yard where every year a row of lilacs blooms.

Clark's best bud was a little wiener/dachshund named Mitzi who is buried, with other pets his family has had over the years, in a pet cemetery on his property.

People who don't have land to bury their pets have the option of burying them at the Magic



(ABOVE) Crosses and headstones mark where pets were buried by their families in the Magic Valley Pet Memorial Cemetery.

(RIGHT) Stephanie Van Diest shows a photo and ashes of her dog Bruno, who died suddenly in 2007 after eating tainted dog food.

Valley Pet Memorial Cemetery run by Bill and Jan Peters.

The cemetery was started in 1996 after Bill's dog became sick and had to be euthanized. Jan said the veterinarian told the couple he would take the dog's body but didn't divulge more. After some prying, Jan said, he finally admitted he would take it to the dump.

Jan said Bill told the veterinarian his dog was worth more and took him home to bury him.

"I can't be the only one who feels this way for my dog," Jan recalled her husband saying.

Today the couple allows people to bury their pets on 2 1/2 acres of their property in south Twin Falls. Jan said there are around 100 dogs, cats, horses and even a gecko buried at the cemetery.

The burial charge is based on the animal's size: \$35 for a small dog or a cat; \$45 to \$55 for a medium dog; \$65 to \$85 for a large dog; \$100 for an extra large dog; and \$250 for a horse.

On Jan. 14, Jan took a walk out to the cemetery surrounded by a white fence. People can come anytime to visit their animals' graves. Jan has four horses — Classy, Blush, Kizzy and Rocky — buried here, too.

"We treat the animals as though they were our own," Jan said as she pulled a few weeds near a headstone covered partially in snow.

Some graves are decorated with plastic flowers, faded by the elements, while others are covered in old dog houses. One blue doghouse has the name "Rocky" stenciled on the front with white paint. Rocky's owners left him messages written in white: "I'll never forget you, Rocky. Miss you lots."

Jan said she and her husband keep the cemetery open as a service to Magic Valley pet owners.

"I look at them as somebody else's family, and we feel obligated to keep it going," Jan said.

The Peterses aren't the only ones who feel a sense of duty.

Their dog, Dakota, lies on the ground in the cemetery for hours after someone's pet is buried.



When a Pet Dies

Pet cemetery: Magic Valley Pet Memorial Cemetery is at 3246 N. 2700 E. in Twin Falls; for information, call Bill and Jan Peters at 208-733-3731.

Handling pet loss: If you have lost a pet, you can contact the Pet Loss Hotline. Operated by Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, it offers veterinary student volunteers who have been trained in grief ed-

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Another option: You can also contact the ASPCA National Pet Loss Hotline at 877-474-3310.

Online memorial: Pets can be memorialized online at www.vetmed.wsu.edu/pet-memorial. Email submissions to pet-

What Readers Wrote

On Facebook, reporter Tetona Dunlap asked readers about their pet memorials. Among the comments:

Whitney Beem: "We buried our dog of 10 years on our family's land in the country in the field she loved to play in, stacked it with rocks with messages from each family member and placed a cross on top to remind us that she's in heaven. One of the hardest things ever."

Mikki Brown Pittman: "We have 2 labs that are part of our family and already have our oldest ones cremation paid for." Jolyne Sipots Dickinson: "We do a Christmas tree ornament to remember each of them by."

Dona Aston: "We have three marked graves in our backyard. They were part of our family. Flowers are planted, wreaths are placed at Christmas, grandchildren sit and chat."

Kilah Dale Wilkinson: "I keep my Fluffy's ashes in a beautiful box on my dresser! I miss her everyday."

Colleen Dilley Cook: "Our sweet puppy (he was 10) was cremated and now in a beautiful wooden box on our shelf next to his photo."

Danny Crafton: "We have Great Pyrennes and Akbash: 65-150 pound dogs. Besides being loved pets they are our protectors. We have them cremated and keep them close. Can't let go. Don't want to."

Colosseum Cleaning Yields Old Frescos, Graffiti

ROME (AP) • A long-delayed restoration of the Colosseum's only intact internal passageway has yielded ancient traces of red, black, green and blue frescoes — as well as graffiti and drawings of phallic symbols — indicating that the arena where gladiators fought was far more colorful than previously thought.

Officials unveiled the discoveries Friday and said the passageway — between the second and third levels of the 1st Century Colosseum — would open to the public starting this summer, after the \$100,000 restoration is completed.

The frescoes were hidden under decades of calcified rock and grime, and were revealed during a cleaning and restoration project over the last two months. The traces confirmed that while the Colosseum today is a fairly monochrome gray travertine rock, red brick and moss-covered marble, in its day its interior halls were a rich and expensive Technicolor.

"We're used to thinking that during excavations, archaeological surprises are a risk for builders and for the city's development," Rome archaeological heritage superintendent Mariarosaria Barbera said. "But here is a beautiful archaeological surprise ... a monument that has been studied and known and appreciated

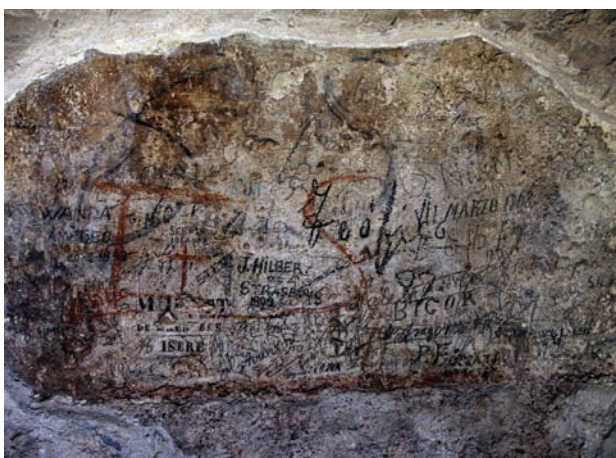
across the world, yet still provides surprises."

While intriguing, none of the fragments restored so far rival the gorgeous frescoes found in other nearby ruins of the Roman Forum, such as the 6th century biblical scenes in the Santa Maria Antiqua church. But officials stressed that they are nevertheless remarkable because they give a very different impression of what the Colosseum must have looked like in its heyday.

Colosseum director Rosella Rea said less than 1 percent of the painted surfaces of the Colosseum remain. And while the exposed seating area was covered in white marble, "the insides, the galleries, all the corridors and transverse hallways were completely colored."

Many of the splashes of color are covered with layers of more recent graffiti. "Ricciu" signed his name there with the date 1943. "Maria" and "Filippo" did as well. Someone else left some drawings in 1620.

But there are also older types of graffiti as well that officials say may date from the 3rd century, after the Colosseum was restored following a fire in A.D. 217. A red palm frond and a drawing of a crown are believed to have been drawn by a gladiator fan as he or she passed through the passageway, officials said. Another restored section has



(TOP) Tourists walk outside Rome's Colosseum on Friday. (ABOVE) Ancient graffiti, in background red, covered by tourist's graffiti, is seen inside a gallery of Rome's Colosseum on Friday.

images of a phallus, which officials said was commonly drawn for good luck.

Asked how such details could have gone undetected for nearly 2,000 years, offi-

cialists said flatly: money. There simply wasn't funding available to carry out the restoration of the passageway, which Rea said had been a goal for her office for 20 years.

Branford Marsalis Headlines Jazz Festival in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) • Saxophone legend Branford Marsalis is headlining a jazz festival in Haiti.

Marsalis arrived in the impoverished Caribbean nation Friday to perform several shows at the Port-au-Prince International Jazz Festival.

The first show for the Branford Marsalis Quartet will be Friday night in the coastal town of Jacmel. The

second show will be Saturday in Port-au-Prince at a concert venue that was once a sugarcane plantation.

Marsalis will also perform a private show Tuesday at the residence of U.S. Ambassador Pamela White.

"It's really cool to be here," Marsalis, 52, said by telephone from an ocean-front hotel in Jacmel. "The people are beautiful to me!"



A Haitian national flag flies at half-staff on the front lawn of the former National Palace on Friday, marking the 3rd anniversary of the devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake, in Port-au-Prince.

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Other Known Local Cases

Wendell
In 1993, a complaint was filed with the state ethics commission against former Wendell physics teacher David Dean Bowen. The commission decided to revoke his teaching license.
He was convicted the next year after admitting to having sex with two former students. In early 1995, he was sentenced to 10 years in prison.
Wendell Superintendent Greg Lowe, who wasn't superintendent at the time of the incident, said his school district's policies ensure any violation of the state's code of ethics is dealt with immediately.
"We must make sure that we help these students not get into these situations whenever possible," he wrote in an email to the Times-News. "This means always reminding our staff to be so careful of even perceptions and appearances."

Gooding
Gooding educator Julie Merrick lost her teaching license more than a decade ago after a complaint was filed with the ethics commission in 2000.
In court, she was found guilty of lewd conduct with a child under 16 and sentenced to time in prison.
Gooding Superintendent Heather Williams, who wasn't working at the school district at the time, said her district has only filed one ethics complaint in the past two years.

Bliss
Anna Bettencourt, a former Bliss teacher, was convicted of sexual battery of a minor. In 2010, a judge suspended jail time and placed Bettencourt on a decade of probation.

Minidoka County
Minidoka County teacher Gary Logosz was accused of having sex with a female student and lost his teaching license in 1995. County prosecutors did not press charges upon request from the student's family.

Filer
Ronald Jenkins, a former high school teacher in Filer, lost his teaching license after a case was opened with the ethics commission in 1996. That same year, he received up to 17 years in prison after pleading guilty to lewd conduct with a minor.

Cassia County
James Pepcorn Sr., a former Cassia County teacher, was convicted in 2008 for multiple incidents involving two now-adult female family members between 1992 and 1995. Though he successfully appealed some of the conviction, including a rape charge, he is currently serving a life sentence for lewd conduct with a minor under 16.
Sources: Court and Professional Standards Commission records and Times-News archives.

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Cassia County School District Superintendent Gaylen Smyer

Abuse

Continued from the front page

Mike Poe, director of the educational leadership program at Northwest Nazarene University, said background checks do a pretty good job of finding out whether job applicants have had past criminal convictions.
But screening potential employees is only effective if the employee has a spotty past. The big question is how to screen out applicants who don't have a prior criminal background.
Poe said he doesn't know if there's a way to tell ahead of time whether an educator will be an offender.
State law only gives ISDE permission to provide school districts with information about applicants convicted of a felony offense, Linder said.
That leaves out information on when an applicant has been charged with a felony, or entered a plea but not yet been sentenced. And it skips misdemeanor crimes altogether.
It's up to school districts to decide if they want stricter background check policies.
Linder said school districts can say in their employment policy, for instance, that all applicants must submit a copy of the background check ISDE performs on them.
McGrath said in past years, only certified educators went through a background check process before they started working at a school.
That changed in 2008 with a bill sponsored by then-Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls. Now, background checks are required for student teachers, independent contractors and their employees, and other people who have unsupervised contact with students in a public school setting.
Patrick, now a state senator, said there are still cases of sexual abuse against students and there's more that could be done.

In Cassia County, Burnett had no incidents of previous bad behavior on record to use as a predictor. Brinkerhoff, it was later learned, had a string of misdemeanor petit thefts that could have influenced a hiring decision had the district been aware of them.
Smyer said that in recent years, the district has begun looking at background checks and references with a more critical eye — searching for both criminal charges and other matters. Cassia County's job application also asks the applicant for a waiver to allow the district access to prior employment files.
"Sometimes it's not a criminal issue but a district may be having other problems with a teacher. We would like to be able to take those things into consideration," Smyer said.
Past employment files from other districts can reveal things like habitual lateness, not completing assigned tasks or just not meeting expectations. Having information like that allows the district to ask the right questions, he said.

tinely stay for 35 years or more.
Mike Matthews, chairman of the district's board of trustees, said he feels the district takes proper steps vetting employees before they're hired and has the proper policies in place. Some people simply don't follow the rules, he said, and who those people are can't always be predicted.
Red-flag behavior that can indicate improper employee conduct can be reported on the building level before it escalates to a criminal situation. Reports can also be given to school board members or directly to Smyer.
The superintendent said he gets two or three anonymous letters a year addressing suspicious behavior, and he follows up on each one. In some cases, district employees have been the ones to blow the whistle on recent inappropriate behavior by staff, he said.
Matthews, who also serves on the state's parole board, said board members receiving tips will turn investigations over to district officials because they may be later asked to sit in judgment.
But whether teachers feel comfortable reporting the behavior of another staff member or if incidents are overlooked because of close relationships between teachers and administrators is unknown, Smyer said.
He said the district addresses such situations as soon as officials learn of them.
"And I fear that it's going on in other places and it just hasn't been brought to the surface," he said.
Both district leaders said they believe Cassia County is doing its part to prevent sexually abusive situations.
"If there are flaws in the system I don't know what they'd be," said Smyer. "I think the flaws are in the individuals."
"I'm not justifying what happened," said Matthews. "It's cut and dried what we do. There is no question, there is not even room for a hint — it goes right to the authorities. That being said, none of those people came into the district and immediately offended. They were people who came in from another district and made that totally illogical and unreasonable choice after a period of time, without any red flags."

constant flux as wider avenues of communication come into play — creating broader paths to go astray.
For students, sexual abuse awareness programs for "unwanted touch" are in place in the elementary levels. But Smyer and Matthews noted junior and senior high school students, although unable to give consent to sexual activity, still sometimes willingly participate in these activities with adults. That doesn't lessen the adult's responsibility, Smyer said.
"I like to think awareness helps," said Smyer. "There was a level of awareness on some of these other (prior) cases but yet here we are. They are in the media and in the press. I can't explain it."
And differing values over what is proper behavior complicate efforts to increase that awareness, Matthews said, noting online comments from students reflecting approval or envy about abusive situations.

to report concerns — are considered best practices on the national level.
But experts such as Hobson call for additional steps from school districts, whom they see as having a sizeable responsibility to protect their students.
Among his suggestions: Ask hires if they've ever resigned rather than face punishment for an action, and forbid any school employee from ever being alone with a student. He also promotes using psychological testing during the hiring process, an idea he notes upsets teachers unions.
"I would say that the outcome of a child being sexually abused is so significant that these kinds of additional efforts in the hiring process are more than warranted," he said.
The Professional Standards Commission focuses on the reporting angle. Linder noted reporting suspected cases of abuse is required.
"We really need to empower teachers to report," she said, noting they do have immunity if they pass along information if they see something they don't feel is right.
Poe, from NNU, said diligence is the only thing he can think of to help prevent sexual abuse cases involving educators.
"I think that ... unfortunately, you're dealing with human beings," he said.

But he said offenders "have to be dealt with in an appropriate manner" and shouldn't be working around children.
If there's an issue or suspicion about a school employee, he said, it's important that it doesn't get covered up.
He said he thinks that has improved over the last 20 years — that school districts are dealing with issues quickly. But he suggested training for students about appropriate conduct and how to deal with issues needs to be stepped up.
" Oftentimes, students don't think about it," he said.
Smyer noted that the district often can't talk about personnel investigations due to privacy laws, but that doesn't mean officials aren't working to address abuse.
"I hope people take confidence in the fact that when something is brought to our attention we deal with it — even though we can't tell them step-by-step what's happening or divulge details they want to know, that we're required to follow certain procedures," he said.

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Best Practices

A number of Cassia County's policies — fingerprinted background checks, asking new hires to allow information to be gathered from their past jobs, asking employees

Technology & Society

A complication is the ease with which offenders and students can communicate in the modern world through texting and social media.
"Sexing" and texting didn't even exist until recent years, Matthews said.
"I don't know how to stop it. We've got a culture problem. We've got a promiscuity problem and a social-networking problem," he said. "Those are three issues that are really concerning."
A year ago, the district revisited an electronic communications policy that forbids a teacher to send inappropriate information to a student. Other policies prohibiting sexual conduct with students have existed for decades. A Boise law firm helps guide the district's policymaking.
Some of the policies, including technology use, are in

Staying Alert

Though hiring is an important step, it's only one factor in a district where teachers rou-

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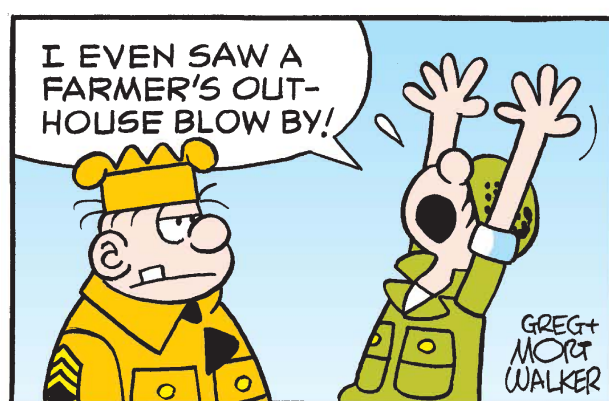
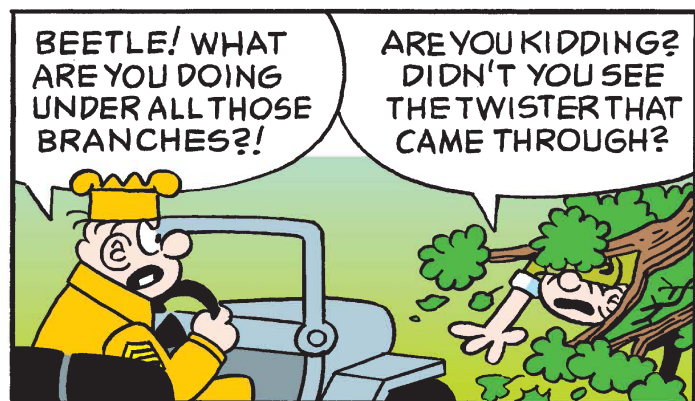
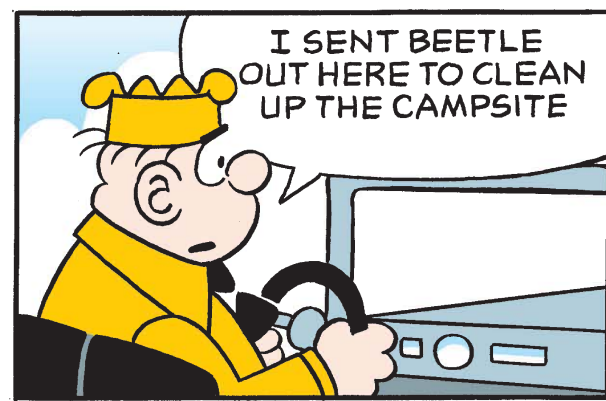
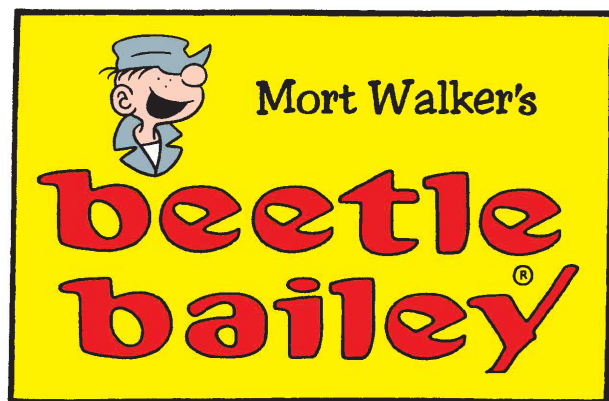
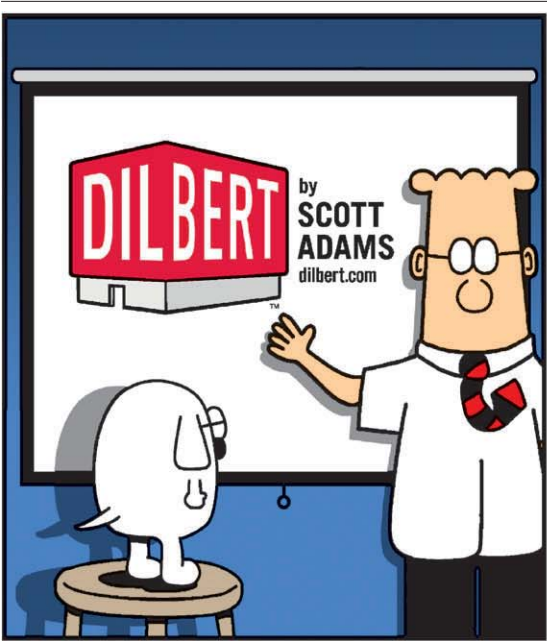
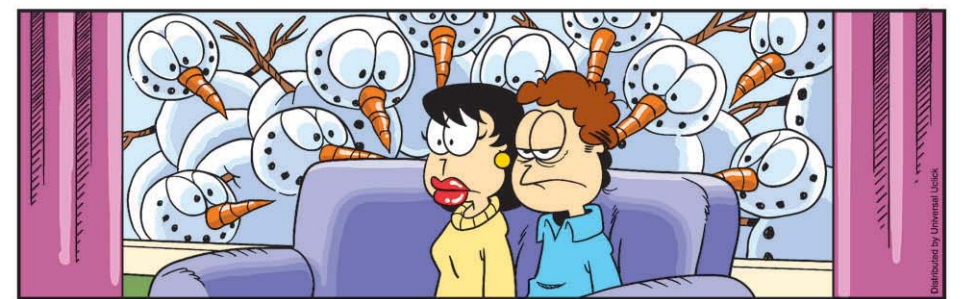
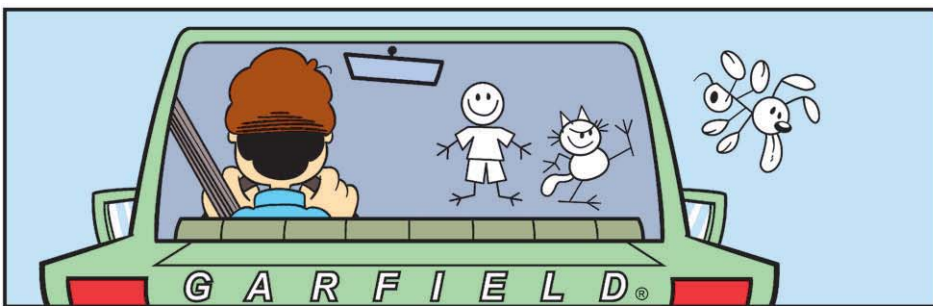
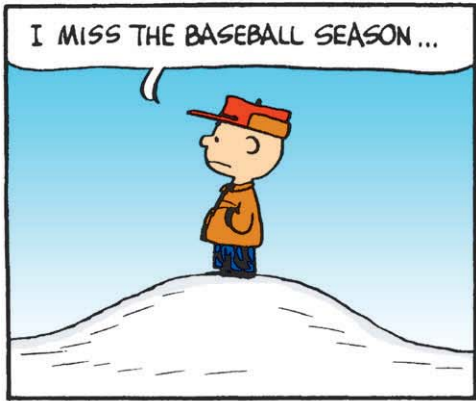
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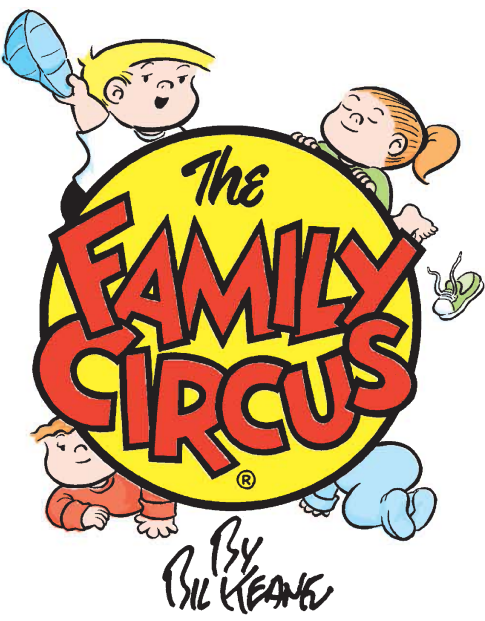
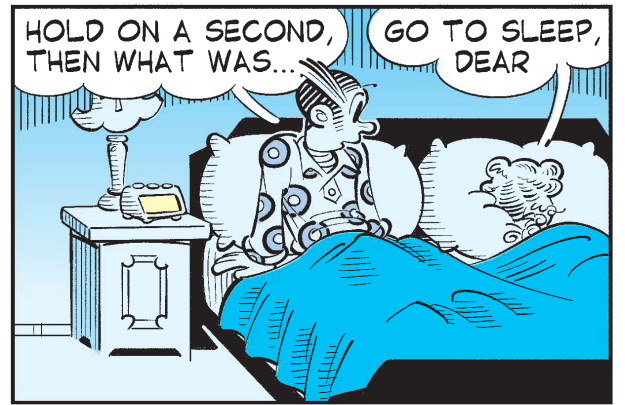
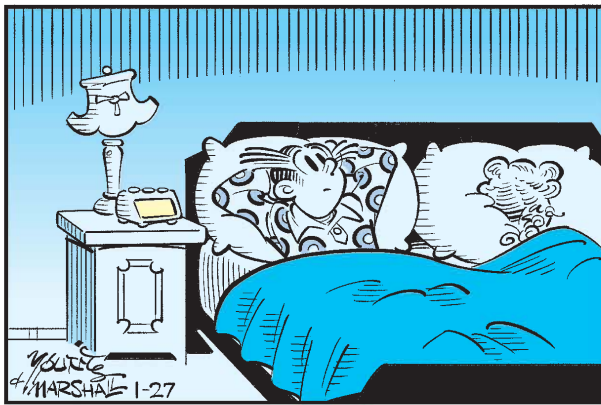
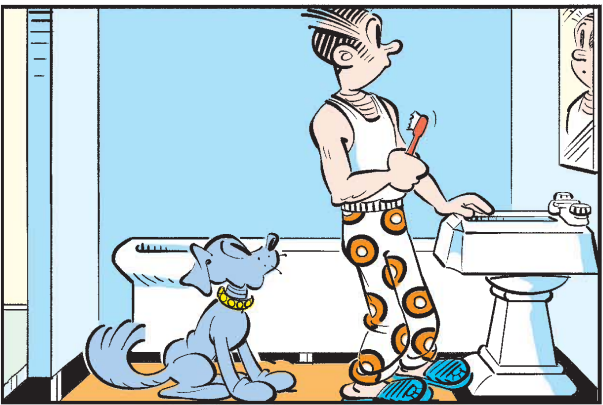
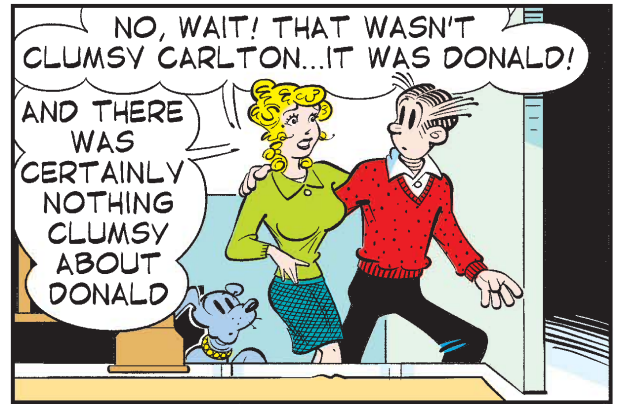
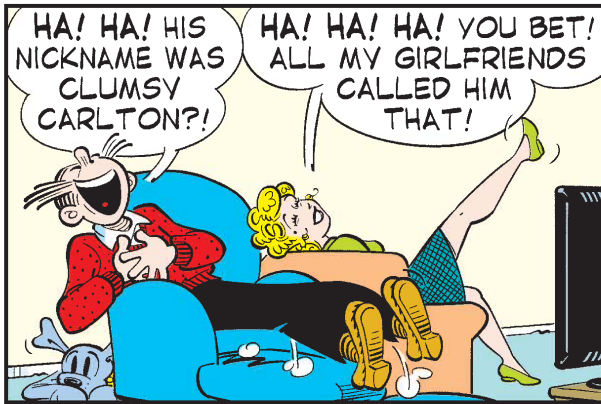
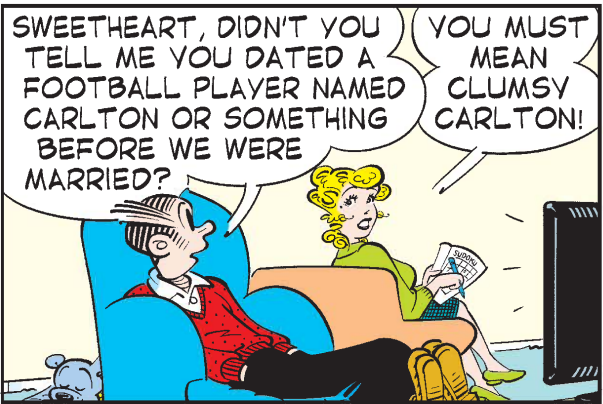
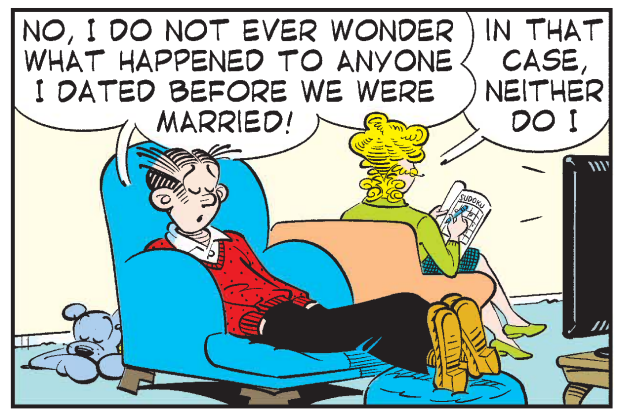
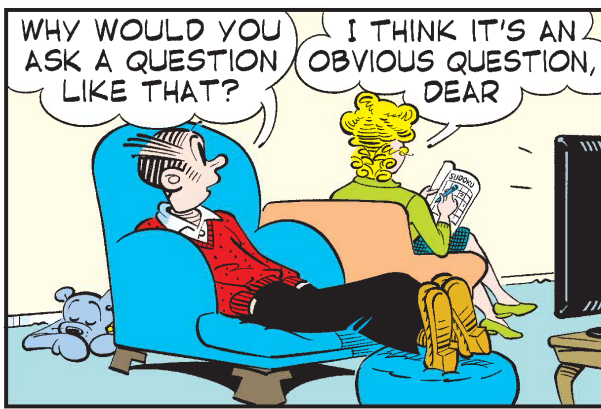
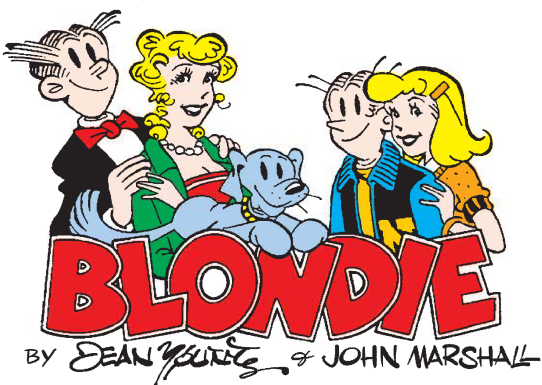
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