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Newtown school's future debated

■ First two funerals for shooting victims today

BY MATT APUZZO
AND PAT EATON-ROBB
The Associated Press

NEWTOWN, Conn. — A grieving Connecticut town braced itself today to bury the first two of the 20 small victims of an elementary school gunman and debated when classes could resume — and where, given the carnage in the building and the children's associations with it.

The people of Newtown weren't yet ready to address the question just three days after the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, and a day after President Barack Obama pledged to seek change in memory of the children and six adults ruthlessly slain by a gunman packing a high-powered rifle.

"We're just now getting ready to talk to our son about who was killed," said Robert Licata, the father of a student who escaped harm during the shooting. "He's not even there yet."

Newtown officials couldn't say whether Sandy Hook Elementary, where authorities said all the victims were shot at least twice, would ever reopen. State police Lt. Paul Vance said today at a news conference that it could be months before police turn the school back over to the district.

Today's classes were canceled and Newtown's other schools were to reopen Tuesday. The district was making plans to send surviving Sandy Hook students to a former school building in a neighboring town, but they didn't say when that would happen.

The gunman, 20-year-old Adam Lanza, was carrying an arsenal of hundreds of rounds of especially deadly ammunition, authorities said Sunday — enough to kill just about every student in the school if given enough time, raising the chilling possibility that the blood-bath could have been even worse.

The shooter decided to kill himself when he heard police closing in about 10 minutes into Friday's attack, Gov. Dannel P. Malloy said on ABC's "This Week."

At the interfaith service in Newtown on Sunday evening, Obama said he would use "whatever power this office holds" to engage with law enforcement, mental health professionals, parents and educators in an effort to

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By Lou Sennick, The World

Tracy Mueller, owner of Art Signs in Coos Bay, poses with a few neon signs his company is fixing up for customers.

Engines of prosperity in Coos County

BY GAIL ELBER
The World

NORTH BEND — As business owners and other interested citizens approached the Mill Casino-Hotel for Friday morning's Economic Outlook Summit, they had to wait for a trainload of lumber to pass along the newly refurbished tracks in front of the parking lot.

When the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay bought the Coos Bay Rail Link, many predicted that no such train would ever roll on any such tracks.

The train's passage was a good omen for the 20th annual summit, sponsored by the Coos Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and U.S. Bank, and attended by about 175 people.

But the bottom line was this: Although big new industries have been proposed here, they'll succeed or fail according to factors entirely out of local control. Meanwhile, several more modest local projects are prospering.

It's all connected

David Koch, CEO of the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay, reviewed the Port's efforts to coordinate development of a marine terminal at Jordan Cove in

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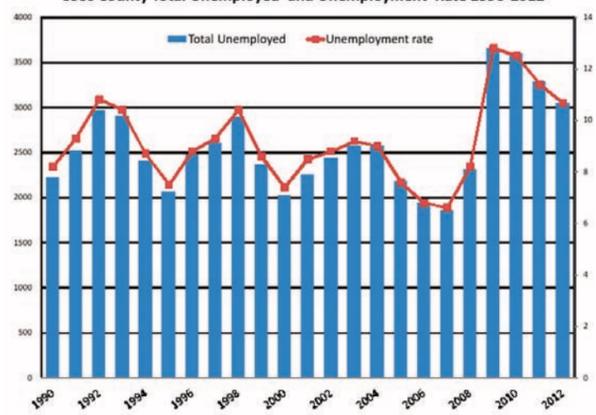
In 1969, a year after Tracy Mueller was born, his father started Art Signs. Mueller watched the business evolve from hand-painted signs to crane-installed signs, neon and vinyl lettering. He took over the business in 2007, and it continues to evolve, he told Friday's economic outlook summit.

You wouldn't believe what people use a sign crane for. He's moved safes, freezers, barbecues, trusses and even a frozen baby whale. He's not above trimming a tree or cleaning a gutter while he's installing a sign. In fact, going the extra mile has won him customers from Lincoln City to Crescent City and inland to Roseburg and Eugene. He's been told he got jobs because he was the only contractor who showed up for the appointment.

He's seen changes in his business because of hard times. Contractors who never bothered to put the

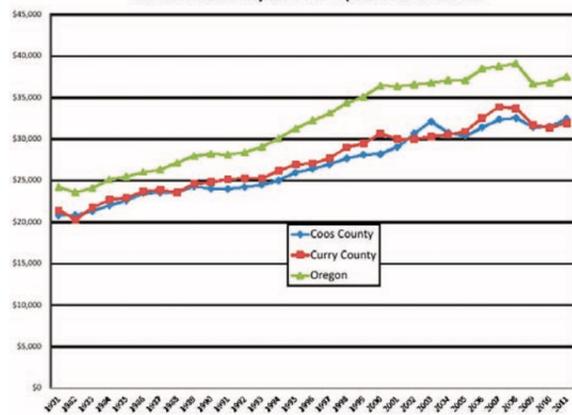
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Coos County Total Unemployed and Unemployment Rate 1990-2012



Source: Oregon Employment Department

Real or Inflation-Adjusted Per Capita Personal Income



Source: Oregon Employment Department

Bikers haul trove of gifts to 500 kids

BY DANIEL SIMMONS-RITCHIE
The World

COOS BAY — Clad in a black hoodie, his silver beard blowing atop a '58 Harley-Davidson Shovelhead, Walt Evans doesn't look like your typical Santa.

His elves fare little better by traditional standards. His crew prefer leather to tinsel. And, like Evans, they'd just as well ditch the reindeer and stick with two wheels.

But this weekend wasn't about tradition; it was about 85 bikers and an urge to bring Christmas to needy kids.

On Sunday, Evans and his crew delivered \$13,000 worth of bikes, board games and other toys to the Salvation Army in Empire. Those goodies will be banded out to 500 children Wednesday.

For 12 years, Evans has been the ringmaster of "South Coast Bikes for Tykes," a toy drive motivated by his desire to repay the Salvation Army for giving him a refuge



By Lou Sennick, The World

Grizz Haggard, dressed as Santa Claus, waves to the throng of motorcycles and other vehicles for the annual Toy Run caravan of Christmas bikes and presents. They started at Coos Cycle, where the donated gifts were gathered, and headed to the Salvation Army headquarters in Empire on Sunday.

as a child.

"This was where I hung out after school on weekdays and played basketball," he said.

The gratitude of children and families has kept Evans, and other bikers, fundrais-

ing anew each year.

Evans still remembers the inaugural year, when he came across one mother and her son after the gift giving.

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Weather may get a little flaky

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COOS BAY — High winds toppled trees and cut power to thousands of homes in North Bend, Coquille and Myrtle Point on Sunday evening.

Winds 30-40 mph were recorded at the North Bend airport during the night, with gusts of 45-50 mph around midnight.

Wind speeds should abate today, but wind and rain will continue from the west-southwest, with rain and snow showers increasing. Snow level will be at 1,000 feet inland, with little accumulation expected. Snow level is expected to drop to 700 feet Tuesday, and rain is expected the rest of the week.

A tree that fell across state Highway 42 five miles east of Myrtle Point shortly before 9 p.m. delayed traffic for about an hour. Another fallen tree closed Coos River Highway at

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Reedsport has talent

REEDSPORT — Rotary talent show has moved to February. Deadline to apply for participation in the annual Rotary Club of Reedsport's talent show is Jan. 8. The Coastal Douglas Has Talent! talent show is scheduled for 6 p.m. Feb. 2, at Pacific Auditorium, 2260 Longwood Drive, Reedsport.

Applications are available from any Rotarian or the office

of Steve Miller, Attorney, 320 Fir Ave., Reedsport, OR 97467. All types of talent are eligible to audition. The event is open to both adults and children. Submit applications to KDUN Radio Station or Steve Miller's office.

Tickets for the event are \$5 at the door. For more information contact Kathleen Miller at kkmiller@reedsportlaw.com.

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milepost 4. Drivers picked their way along U.S. Highway 101 through a darkened North Bend and past fallen wires south of Coos Bay. No injury accidents were reported, but police cleared debris from roads and

responded to wind-induced alarms at businesses.

On Monday morning, Pacific Power reported scattered outages remaining throughout western Oregon, including parts of Coos County, and Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative personnel were working to restore power to 200 homes in the Coquille area.

Another item off the bucket list



By Lou Sennick, The World

Scratch off No. 28 from Natalie Hill's bucket list: The Marshfield High School teen battling cancer had a tattoo created on her arm Saturday. Hill and her friend Samantha Ring both turned 17 on Saturday, and each had a tattoo done by Lisa Johnson, owner of Inspired Ink in Coquille. Hill's reads "To Infinity..." and Ring's reads "...and Beyond." Hill is now more than halfway through her list of 51 items to do while she battles cancer. She records her progress on her Facebook page, Natalie Hill Updates.

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Meetings

MONDAY

Southwestern Oregon Community

College — 4 p.m., Room 505, Tioga Hall, 1988 Newmark Ave., Coos Bay; regular meeting.

Reedsport Planning Commission

— 7 p.m., council chambers, city hall, 451 Winchester Ave.; regular meeting.

North Bend Planning Commission

— 7 p.m., council chambers, city hall, 835 California St.; regular public meeting.

Knights need donations to help feed thousands

By **TIM NOVOTNY**
The World

COOS BAY — For the past three decades, hungry families have been able to put food on their tables for the holidays thanks to the efforts of the Knights of Columbus and their community partners. But as the need continues to rise, the local economy has continued to drop, making it tougher and tougher for them to make ends meet.

That is why, even as they prepared to distribute food boxes to another 1,000 families the weekend, the Knights of Columbus hoped to find more individuals able to donate to the cause.

"This year we are right on the line if we are going to be able to pay our bills or not, and that's tough," said club member Mike Main, as they finished up some boxes Fri-



By Timothy Novotny, The World

Hundreds of boxes await food for distribution by the Knights of Columbus.

day morning. "But we just trust in God. You have to trust in God."

This year, 960 families signed up in November, through Oregon Coast Community Action for the Christmas Food Basket program. Main, who was joined by Jim DeLong, Terry Evans and Tom Chase on the committee that heads up the effort, said they make extra boxes for anyone who may not have signed up but is still in need.

Those folks can come by the Coos Bay National Guard Armory after 2:30 p.m. Sunday, located just off Newmark Avenue, and anything that is left will be distributed. After that, any leftovers will

be taken directly to the Ecumenical Food Cupboard at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Coos Bay.

It is an expensive effort. Even in the best of times. The boxes work out to a cost of about \$41 dollars per box, leading to an estimated expense this year of between \$41,000 and \$50,000. Unfortunately, donations have dipped this year.

"One of the issues that we have is that we got donations from all of the businesses that normally donate," Main said, "but this year the donations were smaller, and that just kills us."

While financial donations have been down, donations of time from volunteers has been on the rise.

The Knights also are getting help again from the kids and adults that make up the Perrydale FFA, who arrived Saturday with a truckload of about 80,000 pounds of fresh produce, including things like potatoes, carrots and apples.

"Volunteers from a lot of different organizations come and help us ... We had some from Hauser Community Church came down and help us ...; it's just awesome."

But right now, he said, they are more in need of funds than anything else. Donations are being accepted through Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in North Bend, 2250 16th Avenue, 97459. Write on the check memo line that the money is for the Christmas Food Basket program for the Knights of Columbus.

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Cancer Survivors Support Group Potluck 10 a.m. to noon, South Coast Hospice Education and Bereavement Center Building, 1620 Thompson Road, Coos Bay. 541-756-4464

You Wanna Be A Star Sign-ups 1:30-3 p.m., Ocean Crest Elementary School, 1040 Allegheny Ave., Bandon. Variety show for kids K-12. 541-347-2517

Blood Drive 1-6 p.m., Masonic Temple, 626 Winchester Ave., Reedsport. Schedule at 800-733-2267.

Holiday Lights 4-9:30 p.m., Shore Acres State Park, 89039 Cape Arago Highway, Charleston. Refreshments and displays in the Garden House. Parking is \$5. The Carolers 4-5 p.m.; Port Orford Christian Center 5:30-7 p.m. Pavilion entertainment.

Shield Family's Annual Christmas Train Display 6-10 p.m., Charleston Rural Fire Protection, 92342 Cape Arago Highway, Charleston. Admission is by donation and refreshments are provided.

TUESDAY

Holiday Lights 4-9:30 p.m., Shore Acres State Park, 89039 Cape Arago Highway, Charleston. Refreshments and displays in the Garden House. Parking is \$5. Myrtle Point High School Show Choir 6-6:30 p.m. Pavilion entertainment.

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Bingo 6:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, corner of Virginia and Union Avenues, North Bend. Earlybird starts at 6:45 p.m., blackout jackpot \$300. Refreshments available. 541-297-0086

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WEDNESDAY

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Chamber Business After Hours 5-7 p.m., Evergreen Court, 451 O'Connell St., North Bend. 541-756-4466

Christmas at Billy Smoothboar's Restaurant 5-8 p.m., 3030 Oregon Ave. SW, Bandon. Santa, Mrs. Claus, elves, carolers, clowns, goodies and gingerbread cookie decorating. Treats for ages 12 and younger. 541-347-2373

Shield Family's Annual Christmas Train Display 6-10 p.m., Charleston Rural Fire Protection, 92342 Cape Arago Highway, Charleston. Admission is by donation and refreshments are provided.

Bingo 6:30 p.m., Bay Area Senior Activity Center, 886 S. Fourth St., Coos Bay. Cost: Early bird, 25 cents; regular, \$5 pack and \$1 specials. 541-269-2626

Lab Band Program Association General Election and Holiday Party 7 p.m., Lab Band Studios, 1875 Virginia Ave., North Bend. www.labband.com

"The Wizard of Oz" 7 p.m., Marshfield High School Auditorium, 10th and Ingersoll, Coos Bay. Adults \$8 and students \$5.

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Historically Speaking Series 7 p.m., Coos Bay Public Library, Myrtlewood Room, 525 Ander-

son Ave., Coos Bay. "Historical Buildings of Coos County" by Hilary Baker. 541-269-1101

"The Wizard of Oz" 7 p.m., Marshfield High School Auditorium, 10th and Ingersoll, Coos Bay. Adults \$8 and students \$5.

FRIDAY

Home for the Holidays Gingerbread Village and Breakfast with Santa 9 a.m. Florence Events Center, 915 Quince St., Florence. Limited seating, RSVP at 888-968-4086. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for ages 6-12. Proceeds benefit Florence Events Center.

Holiday Lights 4-9:30 p.m., Shore Acres State Park, 89039 Cape Arago Highway, Charleston. Refreshments and displays in the Garden House. Parking is \$5. Clint Guevara and Friends 7-8 p.m. Pavilion entertainment.

National Homeless Persons' Memory Day Candlelight Vigil 5:30-6:30 p.m., Coos Bay Boardwalk Shelter, U.S. Highway 101 and Anderson, Coos Bay. Bring cookies and clean items to donate to homeless. 541-266-8739

Grandparents ROCK Christmas Fun 5:30-7 p.m. Faith Lutheran Church, 2741 Sherman Ave., North Bend. Grandparents Raising Our Children's Kids provides pizza, treats and ornament making fun. Register at 541-297-9256 or ckluther@hotmail.com.

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SATURDAY

Historic Hughes House Victorian Christmas 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cape Blanco State Park, 91100 Cape Blanco Road, Port Orford. Cape Blanco Lighthouse tours, ages 16 and older, \$2 weather permitting.

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\$11,000 available for arts and culture

COOS COUNTY — The Coos County Cultural Coalition is offering more than \$11,000 in the 2013 grant cycle and your project could be next to be funded.

The coalition offers funding opportunities to members of the local arts, music, theater, writer, cultural and natural history, and crafts communities.

Individuals and non-profit groups planning a special project, a topical exhibit reflecting local culture or some other creative endeavor that incorporates local culture, should consider applying for grant funds.

The deadline for grant applications is Feb. 28. Grant selections will be decided in March and awards will be presented April 18. To learn more about grant requirements and download an application form, visit the Coos County Cultural Coalition website at www.ccculturalcoalition.org. Applications also are available at Coos County public

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libraries.

Applications must be mailed to the Coos County Cultural Coalition, P. O. Box 1091, Coos Bay, OR 97420, postmarked no later than Feb. 28. Let us help you bring your passion to the public.

Soroptimist group offers grants

BAY AREA — Soroptimist International of the Coos Bay Area invites applications for a \$750 professional-technical grant that is made possible by the service club's fundraising efforts in the community.

The Professional Technical Award will be presented to a person selected from the applicant pool who is a graduate from Marshfield High School or North Bend High School currently residing in the Coos Bay/North

Bend area or if living out of the area. The applicant must provide high school transcripts from Marshfield High School or North Bend High School. Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student in a professional or technical certificate program.

Soroptimist members and their immediate families are not eligible for this award. Applications are available at Coos Bay and North Bend public libraries, or by calling Stacy Rose at 541-808-1002. The deadline for applications is March 20.

The local group is celebrating 71 years of service to this community. This is one of four scholarships offered annually. In past years, the club has made donations to many local agencies including South Coast Hospice, Women's Safety and Resource Center, Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon, Bob Belloni Ranch, Inc. and Wineva Johnson Center for Girls.

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In the aftermath of horror

Our view

Preparation can't prevent every school shooting, but it's the best reasonable strategy.

What do you think?

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Whenever horrific carnage shocks Americans, responses from politicians and commentators are predictable to the point of being ritualistic.

After last week's school shootings in Connecticut, gun-control advocates renewed their proposals to ban assault rifles and high-capacity magazines. (As if the inconvenience of reloading might deter a madman.)

On the other extreme, a state legislator from Medford revived the idea of arming teachers. (Wouldn't such a strategy compel future gunmen to kill every teacher in

sight, just as a precaution?)

Among regular folk, without political agendas, Friday's tragedy was simply chilling. Parents wondered whether they safely could entrust their children to public schools.

Perspective is in order. The Associated Press reminded us over the weekend that mass shootings are not new, nor are they becoming more frequent. Children are far more likely to die from other perils of everyday life.

Rather than despair or political overreaction, the most rational response to these tragedies is prudent

preparation.

As The World reported Saturday, local schools and police have devoted considerable energy to the issue. The Coos Bay School District has a crisis management team that plans for various kinds of emergencies, including armed invasions of schools. Police practice maneuvers inside school buildings, and the district has lockdown procedures.

This kind of preparation is useful in smaller incidents, such as September's school lockdown in Reedsport. The gunman in a motel standoff

finally killed himself, and the threat to students was not extreme. But school officials' heads-up response was comforting.

But let's be realistic. If a heavily armed gunman wants to attack a public school or a shopping mall, even the best preparations can only limit the bloodshed, not prevent it altogether.

So the gun control debate will rage, and commentators will bemoan various cultural evils. In practical terms, we can only make rational preparations — and pray.

Enough with the made-for-TV 'cliff' hysteria

As yet another make-believe Washington "crisis" looms, it's tempting to suspect that the most fraught interludes in American politics derive from turning government into a TV show. Artificial deadlines, imaginary cliffs, villains and heroes — a state of permanent emergency. These well-worn dramatic devices have been the stuff of serial melodrama from "The Perils of Pauline" through "24."

No sooner was the 2012 presidential election blessedly ended than journalists started handicapping the 2016 presidential election.

Next, a new crisis was declared. OMG! The Fiscal Cliff! OMG!



GENE LYONS

Columnist

Without a conflict, see, there's no story.

Must we, therefore, govern the country according to the narrative conventions of spy thrillers to boost cable news network ratings and to ensure pundits and politicians plenty of TV face time?

Apparently so. However, is it really good for our democracy that many otherwise normal Americans recognize figures like Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., or Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., on sight? To put it another way: If I weren't a subscriber to the NBA League Pass, would I, too, stand in danger of turning into a "fiscal cliff" junkie between now and Jan. 2, feverishly flipping between MSNBC to Fox seeking fresh excitement and outrage?

In his 1997 book "Breaking the News: How the Media Undermine American Democracy," James Fallows explained a lot about what drives such coverage. "Why do (journalists) want to appear (on TV), when so many reporters make fun of the shows?" he asked. "The most immediate payoff is the simple thrill of being noticed and known. Political-journalistic Washington functions much like a big high school, with cliques of the popular kids, the nerds, the rebels, the left-outs, and so on. To be on TV is to become very quickly a cool kid. Friends call to say they've seen you. People recognize you in stores. Whether people agree or disagree with what you said (or whether they even remember), they treat you as 'realer' and bigger than you were before."

And that was back when 24/7 cable TV political programming barely existed. Since then, print reporters have quit dismissing TV. (Most were only pretending to be snobs about it anyway.) Now they ponder how to become the next Ezra Klein.

The rewards, Fallows made clear, can be heady. Celebrity journalists "have that extra, sizzling experience of seeing strangers' heads flip back for a second look ('Is it really him?') as they walk into restaurants or through airport corridors (T)he recognition is almost entirely judgment-free TV's effect is mainly to make you bigger than life. For each hundred acquaintances who will say, 'I saw you on the show,' only one will say, 'I agree (or disagree) with what you said.'"

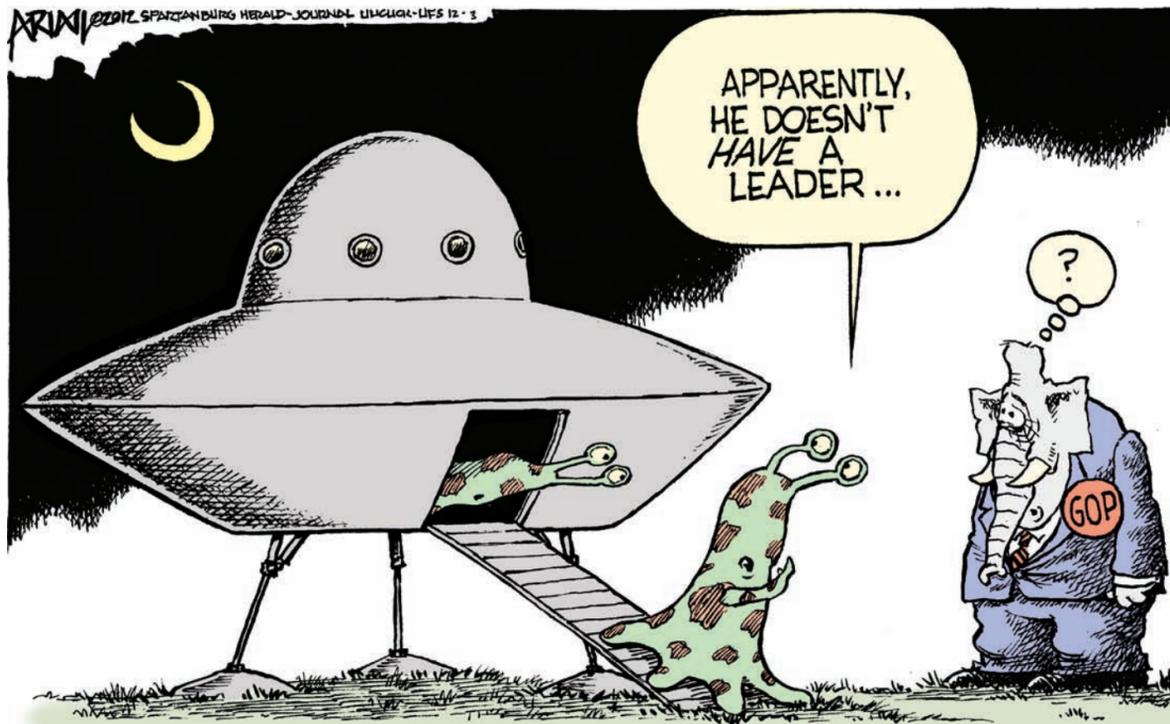
So pundits start coasting, gradually drawing down their stock of genuine expertise — such as it is. Next comes faking. On camera, some talking head asks the journalist to opine about a topic that, strictly speaking, he knows bugger-all about. Instead of saying so, our hero cleverly paraphrases something he heard some other savant say on a different channel.

So heighten the contradictions. Ramp up the conflict. The Fiscal Cliff! OMG! It's not a budget debate, it's good vs. evil! Civilization hangs in the balance!

Except, no it doesn't. It's a budget fight that President Obama wins.

He's holding all the high cards, Republicans are playing a weak hand badly, and people are getting really fed up with the fake hysteria.

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Winter of conservative discontent

As the white flag rises above Republican redoubts, offering a surrender on taxes, the mind goes back to what seemed a worse time for conservatives: December 1964.

Barry Goldwater had suffered a defeat not seen since Alf Landon. Republicans held less than one-third of the House and Senate and only 17 governorships. The Warren Court was remaking America.

In the arts, academic and entertainment communities, and national press corps, conservatives were rarely seen or heard. It was Liberalism's Hour, with America awash in misty memories of Camelot and great expectations of the Great Society to come in 1965.

That year, however, saw escalation in Vietnam, campus protests and civil disobedience against the war. That August, there exploded the worst race riot in memory in the Watts section of Los Angeles, with arson, looting, the beating of whites, and sniper attacks on cops and firemen.

A year after LBJ's triumph, black militants and white radicals were savaging the Liberal Establishment from the left, while Gov. George Wallace had come north in 1964 to win a third of the vote in the major Democratic primaries with an assault from the populist right.

Below the surface, the Democratic Party was disintegrating on ethnic, cultural and political lines. Law and order and Vietnam were the issues. Richard

Nixon would see the opening and seize the opportunity to dismantle FDR's coalition and cobble together his New Majority.

Today, the GOP strength in the House, Senate and governorships is far greater than anything Republicans had in the 1960s. The difference is that, then, we could visualize a new majority of centrist Republicans, Goldwater conservatives, Northern Catholic ethnics and Southern Protestant Democrats.

And we could see the issues that might bring them into the tent: a new Supreme Court, law and order, peace with honor in Vietnam.

When the Liberal Establishment collapsed during the 1960s, unable to end the war in Vietnam or the war in the streets, national leadership passed to the party of Nixon and Ronald Reagan. From 1968 to 1988, the GOP won five of six presidential elections, two of them in 49-state landslides.

The crisis of the GOP today is demographic, cultural and political.

Demographically, people of color are nearing 40 percent of the U.S. population and 30 percent of the electorate. These folks — 85 to 90 percent of all

immigrants, legal and illegal — are growing in number. And in 2012, people of color voted for Obama 4 to 1.

The GOP trump card — we are the party of Reagan, who led us to victory in the Cold War — ceased to work 20 years ago. Then, George H.W. Bush, a war hero who had presided over the fall of the Berlin Wall and dissolution of the Soviet Empire, the victor of Desert Storm, won 38 percent of the vote against a draft-evader named Bill Clinton.

Culturally, the causes of the 1960s' revolutions — no-fault divorce, legalized drugs, "reproductive rights," teenage access to birth control, gay rights and gay marriage — have either been embraced or become acceptable to most of America's young.

As a result of the sexual revolution promoted by the counter-culture of the 1960s, the dominant culture today, 40 percent of all births in the United States are now to single moms.

With no husband, these women look to government to help feed, house, educate, medicate and provide income support for themselves and their children. For sustenance and the survival of their families, they depend on that same Big Government that Republicans denounce at their rallies.

As to the GOP's strongest appeal — we are the party that will cut taxes — half the country does not pay income taxes, and the GOP is about to surrender to Obama even on the tax front.

Republicans stand for bringing entitlements under control. But the primary beneficiaries of the big entitlements, Social Security and Medicare, are seniors, the party's most reliable voting bloc.

On foreign policy, the most visible Republican spokesmen are Sens. John McCain and Lindsey Graham. Both were unhappy with the withdrawals from Iraq and Afghanistan. Both want to intervene in Syria and Iran.

What does America want? To come home and do our nation-building here in the United States.

The bedrock values of Reagan — work, family, faith — still hold an appeal for tens of millions. But the faith of our fathers is dying, the family is crumbling, and work is less desirable when the social welfare state offers a cushioned existence for life.

Conservatives need to rediscover what they wish to conserve and how, in a climate every bit as hostile as 1964 — then await the moment when the country turns again to an alternative.

As it will. For our economic course is unsustainable. And our regnant elite are more arrogant than the establishment of the 1960s, though less able to satisfy the clamors of their bawling constituencies for more and more from a country that is approaching an end of its tolerance and an inevitable crash.

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State and Nation

Man buying his own gifts is selling his wife short

DEAR ABBY: Twice in recent years my husband has bought a gift for himself for Christmas, wrapped it, put it under the tree and then opened it on Christmas morning, gleefully exclaiming that it was a great gift and just what he wanted.

The first time he did it, he wrote my name on the gift card as the giver. The second time he didn't bother. When I asked him why, he said it was something he saw in the store and wanted.

When I asked why he didn't just ask me to get it, he didn't have an answer. He has also bought cards for himself for Valentine's Day. On both of them he wrote, "To Larry from 'Hon,'" his pet name for me.

I was flabbergasted and upset and asked him why he would do such a thing. He said he ran across the "perfect card" for him while looking for one for me.

I don't know what to make of his behavior, but it is demeaning and I feel angry for days afterward. He has a habit of comparing my gifts with those from his son or those he bought for himself, and it makes me feel as if mine don't measure up. My husband is 77. What's wrong with him? — **PERPLEXED IN FLORIDA**

DEAR PERPLEXED: It appears you married someone who likes to buy on impulse and is insensitive to how his words and actions affect others. Look on the bright side: He's solved the problem of what to get the man who has everything for you!

However, because this is a recent change in his behavior, consider reporting it to his doctor.

DEAR ABBY: I have received several invitations to parties recently in which I was asked to do part of the work or participate in some of the expenses.

The one that really took the cake was to a party hosted by my boss. She had decided to celebrate her birthday at her house, and when I and my co-workers RSVP'd, we were asked what type of dish we planned to bring. We also discovered that only invited EMPLOYEES were asked to bring food. Her "real friends" weren't asked to bring anything. Needless to say, all but one employee remembered they had a "conflict."

If someone doesn't have the time or money to host a party, there are plenty of inexpensive foods, disposable tableware, etc., that can be used in a pleasant, cost-effective event without burdening — financially or otherwise — invited guests.

What matters is getting together to celebrate and socialize and have a good time with friends and family. Abby, your thoughts? — **UNHAPPY "GUEST" IN MISSOURI**

DEAR "GUEST": I'm glad you asked. I agree with your sentiments. Your boss should be ashamed of herself for trying to use you and the other employees in the guise of having you as guests at her birthday party. How tacky!

DEAR ABBY: I'm attending a wedding in a few months. The bride has requested that all female guests not wear heels because they're a short couple. I don't have any flats that will go with my dress, so I will have to either buy new shoes or "disappoint" the bride.

I've been hearing stories about wedding guests being told what colors to wear. I think brides (and couples) like this are going too far. What do you think? — **PUT OUT IN B.C.**

DEAR PUT OUT: I think that if the bridal couple would like to feel a few inches taller on their big day, and buying a new pair of shoes would stretch your budget, you should consider having an old pair of flats dyed to match your dress, or skip the festivities and send your good wishes.



The Associated Press

In this Aug. 5 photo, a man wipes away tears outside a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wis. after a shooting. A white supremacist killed six worshippers and injured four other people before taking his own life.

No rise in mass killings, but their impact is huge

HELEN O'NEILL
AP Special Correspondent

A gold plaque hangs next to a bullet hole in the Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wis., where a lone gunman killed six worshippers and injured three others last August. It is engraved with the words, "We Are One."

"It frames the wound," says Pardeep Kaleka, son of former temple president Satwant Singh Kaleka, who died in the massacre. "The wound of our community, the wound of our family, the wound of our society."

In the past week, that wound has been ripped open with shocking ferocity.

In what has become sickeningly familiar, gunmen opened fire on innocents in what should be the safest of places — first, at a shopping mall in Oregon, and then, unthinkable, at an elementary school in Connecticut.

Once again there were scenes of chaos as rescuers and media descended on the scene. Once again there were pictures of weeping survivors clutching one another, of candlelight vigils and teddy bears left as loving memorials. And once again a chorus of pundits debated gun control and violence as society attempted to make sense of the senseless.

"Are there any sanctuaries left?" Kaleka asked. "Is this a fact of life, one we have become content to live with? Can we no longer feel safe going Christmas shopping in a mall, or to temple, or to the movies? What kind of society have we become?"

As this year of the gun lurches to a close, leaving a bloody wake, we are left to wonder along with Kaleka: What is the meaning of all this?

Even before Portland and Newtown, we saw a former student kill seven people at

Oikos University in Oakland, Calif. We saw gunmen in Seattle and Minneapolis each kill five people and then themselves. We saw the midnight premiere of "The Dark Knight Rises" at a theater in Aurora, Colo., devolve into a bloodbath, as 12 people died and 58 were wounded; 24-year-old James Holmes was arrested outside.

And yet those who study mass shootings say they are not becoming more common.

"There is no pattern, there is no increase," says criminologist James Allen Fox of Boston's Northeastern University, who has been studying the subject since the 1980s, spurred by a rash of mass shootings in post offices.

The random mass shootings that get the most media attention are the rarest, Fox says. Most people who die of bullet wounds knew the identity of their killer.

Indiana man wanted to kill as many as he could at elementary school

CEDAR LAKE (AP) — While the tragic shooting of children was unfolding at a Connecticut school Friday, Cedar Lake police and the Lake County Sheriff's Department were busy dealing with reports a man threatening to kill "as many people as he could" at Jane Ball Elementary School.

Interim Cedar Lake Police Chief Gerald A. Smith said his officers were called to the home of Von Meyer, 60, in the 9300 block of West 93rd Avenue on Friday morning.

Smith said Meyer allegedly threatened to set his wife on fire after she fell asleep.

A police statement says Meyer also said he would enter Jane Ball Elementary School and "kill as many people as he could" before



Von I. Meyer
Suspect

police could possibly stop him. Meyer's home is located within 1,000 feet of the school and connected through a set of trails and walking paths, Smith said. Inside his home, authorities found 47 guns and ammunition worth more than \$100,000.

A check of Lake County Clerk records showed no prior criminal charges against Meyer.

Smith said police notified the school resource officer and Hanover School officials, who worked closely

with law enforcement officials to increase security measures at all Cedar Lake schools Friday.

Upon learning Meyer, a member of the Invaders Motorcycle Gang, had a large number of weapons and ammunition hidden throughout the two-story home, Cedar Lake Police and the Lake County Sheriff's Tactical Team executed a search and arrest warrant shortly after noon Saturday, Smith said.

Meyer was charged Saturday with four counts of felony intimidation and misdemeanor domestic battery and two counts of resisting law enforcement. If convicted of all charges, Meyer faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison.

137 police shots, 2 dead in Ohio

CLEVELAND (AP) — A chase that ended with 13 officers firing 137 rounds, killing two people, began with a pop — perhaps a gunshot or backfire from a car speeding past police headquarters.

For the next 25 minutes late in the night of Nov. 29, the car crisscrossed Cleveland tailed by officers, headed along Interstate 90 and wound up near the back entrance of a school in East Cleveland, where police opened fire.

Police don't know why the driver, Timothy Russell, 43, refused to stop. Russell had a criminal record including convictions for receiving stolen property and robbery. His passenger, Malissa Williams, 30, had convictions for drug-related charges and attempted abduction.

The fallout from their deaths has cast the Cleveland police department in an uneasy light amid community complaints about what's been called a racially motivated execution of two people with no evidence they were armed.

The state took over the case and families for both victims and civil-rights groups have demanded a federal investigation. They accuse officers of alleged civil rights violations in the pursuit and gunfire barrage.

"You just can't help but wonder how so many officers were able to shoot so many bullets at these two people in this vehicle," said Paul Cristallo, an attorney representing Russell's family.

Protesters yelled "execution" at a community meeting called by Mayor Frank Jackson to quell rising tensions. The city tried to defuse the outrage by reaching out to federal officials for help. There was no immediate federal decision to intervene.

The officers involved in the shooting have been assigned to desk duties, which is standard procedure after a shooting. They want to avoid talking to the media while subject to the state and internal investigations, their union president said.

The scene of the deaths has turned into a memorial, with small vigil candles arranged in the shape of a heart and the number 137 and stuffed animals piled together with a frost-encrusted poinsettia.

The chase began about 10:30 p.m. when an officer thought he heard a gunshot from a car speeding by the police and courts complex in downtown Cleveland and jumped into his patrol car, made a U-turn and radioed for help.

The chase went through

crowded residential neighborhoods, then reversed course, headed east onto busy I-90 and through parts of Cleveland and eventually East Cleveland, ending with the car blocked in the rear of a school.

By police accounts, at least 30 patrol cars were involved in the chase, including Cleveland and East Cleveland police, sheriff's deputies and state troopers.

As the chase ended along hillside driveways heading to the school in John D. Rockefeller's old neighborhood, Russell allegedly rammed a patrol car and drove toward an officer on foot. Then the gunfire erupted: 137 rounds, Russell shot 23 times and Williams 24 times and their car pockmarked.

Jeff Follmer, president of the police union, defended the officers' actions and said officers used force to confront a driver using his vehicle as a potentially deadly weapon.

That was an acceptable police response, said David Klinger, a former Los Angeles and Redmond, Wash., patrolman who teaches criminal justice at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

"Police officers are authorized to use deadly force to protect themselves and others from great bodily injury or death," he said.

Feds use forfeiture laws against Ore. pot growers

STATE DIGEST

MEDFORD (AP) — Federal authorities are increasingly using asset-forfeiture laws to seize money and property from people involved in Oregon's medical marijuana program.

A review of U.S. District Court records by the Medford Mail Tribune newspaper shows that in 2010, prosecutors filed just one forfeiture case to seize money related to marijuana that was grown under the program. Last year, there were a dozen such cases, and there were 11 in the first 11 months of this year.

Civil forfeiture laws allow police to seize the proceeds of illegal activity without necessarily filing criminal charges against those involved.

In one 2011 case, police seized more than \$120,000 in cash and nearly \$34,000 worth of precious metals from a registered Grants Pass medical-marijuana grower accused of shipping pot to the East Coast.

In another case, investigators took \$6,600 in cash after it was mailed in March 2012 from Oklahoma to a medical-marijuana grower in Eugene. The grower was seemingly in compliance with state grow rules, but he furnished what police considered to be conflicting and hazy reasons for the shipment of cash.

Gun-control gains support of lawmakers

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon gun-control advocates have gained support among Oregon state lawmakers after calling for a ban on semi-automatic weapons on the same day as the Connecticut school massacre.

Members of a gun-control group circulated through the state Capitol Friday and gained 12 co-sponsors of a bill that would ban semi-automatic rifles classified as assault weapons, according to The Oregonian.

Lawmakers who signed on are Democrats and all but one are from Portland or its inner suburbs.

Ceasefire Oregon began planning for the effort following the shootings at Clackamas Town Center, where a gunman killed two people Tuesday and then himself.

Ceasefire Oregon said the group wants to "ban the sale of military-style assault weapons — weapons whose only purpose is to kill as many people as possible very quickly."

Seven states currently have such laws on the books. A federal law existed from 1994 until Congress let it expire in 2004.

4 cell tower workers stranded on mountain

BURNS (AP) — Harney County rescuers are waiting for a break in the weather to make another attempt to

reach four cell phone tower construction workers stranded since Saturday on Steens Mountain near Andrews in southeast Oregon.

KOIN reports their snow cat became stuck in a drift, and the four took shelter there until Sunday. Then they waded through waist-deep snow to a heated shelter with electricity.

Search and rescue coordinator Matt Fine says rescuers were forced to turn back Sunday afternoon by white-out conditions in the rough terrain.

One of the four stranded workers is Brandon Seaver of Tigard. His father John Seaver has been in cell phone contact and told KOIN they are at the 9,000-foot level of the mountain. He says they are tired and hungry but safe.

Man with sword delays firefighters on a call

PORTLAND (AP) — A man waving a sword delayed firefighters who arrived at burning home in North Portland.

KATU-TV reports that the firefighters had to wait for police to detain the man Saturday evening. He was also holding a shield.

Sgt. Greg Pashley with the Portland Police Bureau says firefighters first encountered the 69-year-old man on the front porch. Officers tried to talk to the man, but he kept swinging the sword and yelling incoherently.

Police fired a Taser to subdue the man. Firefighters went inside and rescued a dog that was suffering from smoke inhalation. They used a special dog oxygen mask to help the animal.

Firefighters got the fire under control in about 20 minutes. There was around \$40,000 in damage to the house.

Oregon men injured in accidental shooting

ALBANY (AP) — Two Lebanon, Ore., men were injured when a handgun accidentally discharged.

Sheriff Tim Mueller of Linn County says the bullet grazed the hand of 23-year-old Brandon Butler and shattered a bone in the forearm of 31-year-old Anthony Catullo.

The incident occurred on a logging road late Friday as Butler demonstrated how to disassemble the firearm. He had offered to trade the handgun to Catullo in exchange for tires.

Both men were taken to Lebanon Community Hospital in personal vehicles.

He added that alcohol was a contributing factor in the shooting.

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We've come a long way — or have we?

If we sang it once, we sang it a thousand times. "Sixteen Tons" was No. 1 on my elementary school's hit parade, holding the record as the most-requested song in fourth-grade music class.

To be perfectly candid, I hadn't thought much about the old miner and his doleful lament.

EVERYDAY CHEAPSKATE



Mary Hunt

A couple of years ago, I was dining with friends when the subject of the "company store" came up.

I knew I'd heard that phrase somewhere. In a flash, I was back in class, belting out that old familiar chorus:

"You haul 16 tons, whaday get? Another day older and a-deeper in debt. Saint Peter don't cha'call me cause I can't go — I owe my soul to the company store."

What was this company store, and more importantly, why did this guy owe his soul to it? Must be serious if his debt could forestall his death. As I've always said, if you need an answer, find a teacher.

Welcome Richard Joyce, history teacher at Wilmington High in Wilmington, Ill., who taught me that soon after the discovery of extensive coal fields in the 1860s, large corporations bought huge tracts of land, mines were sunk and "boom-towns" exploded in size, as miners flocked from Eastern states and Europe.

Life was horribly difficult for the miners and their families. The underground work was dangerous, dirty and damp. Miners picked and shoveled the coal for 10 hours a day, breathed stale, dusty air, and many developed black lung.

The most common complaint of the miners, however, concerned their pay and the total control that the companies had over their financial well-being.

Most mining towns were "company towns." The coal company owned the land. They built, rented or sold the houses to their workers. If the miners quit or went on strike, the company could evict them. They often forced workers to buy at "company stores," where credit was readily available but the prices higher.

Companies sometimes paid in scrip that was taken in trade only at the company store. At times, men who refused to buy from the company store were dismissed.

Well, that certainly explains things. "Sixteen Tons" isn't only a song — it's a history lesson. Makes me thankful to be living in 2012 and not 1898. I mean, really, can you even imagine living under such intolerable and unfair economic conditions?

Companies would never charge usurious fees or think of offering credit to the point that a customer could ever become overextended.

How could a company hope to stay in business these days if it was encouraging — or even enabling — its customers to purchase goods and services beyond their means? We can only imagine what that would feel like — to owe your soul to a company. Or a store.

You know, it's good to take time for reflection now and then, to make sure we've learned from the mistakes of the past. After all, we sure wouldn't want to repeat them. Oh, we've come a long way, baby!

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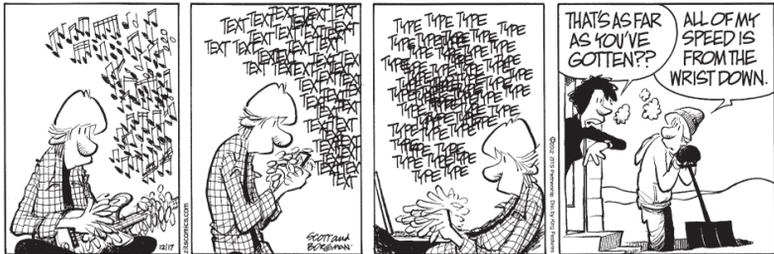
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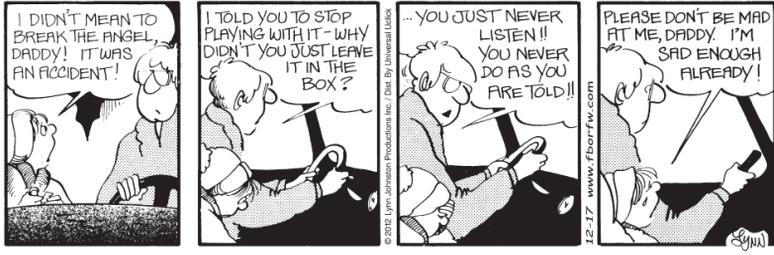
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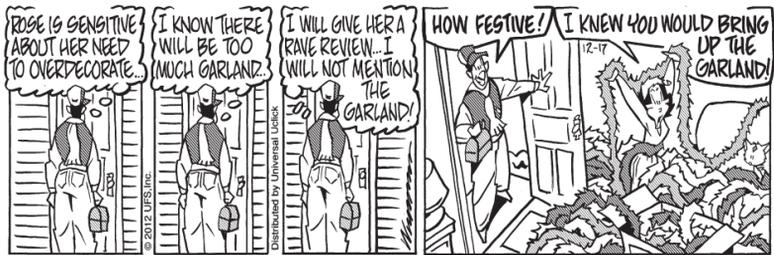
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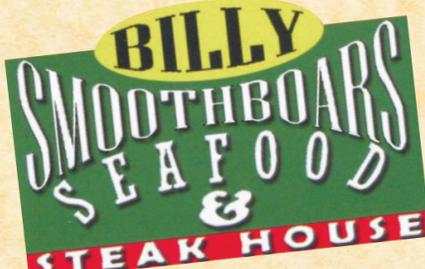


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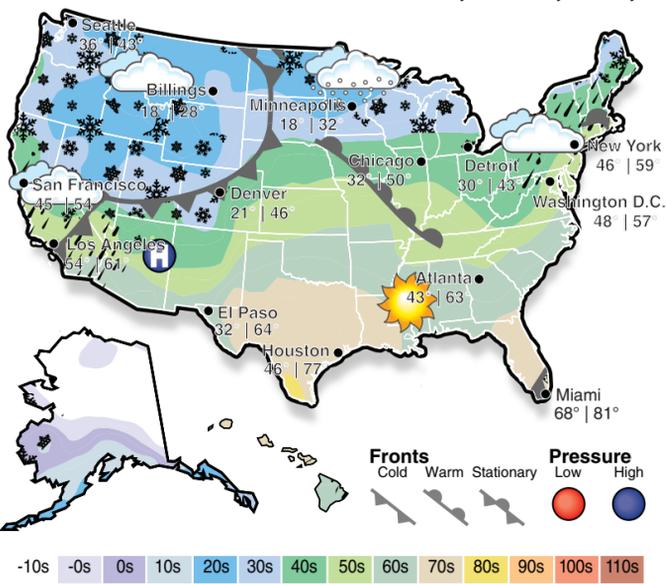
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Weather

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Dec. 18



City	High	Low	Prc	Otk	
Albuquerque	41	20	clr		
Anchorage	10	07B	clr		
Atlanta	58	53	1.20	rn	
Atlantic City	53	48	.31	rn	
Austin	73	40	.03	clr	
Baltimore	50	47	.08	rn	
Billings	39	21	clr		
Birmingham	62	56	1.45	cdy	
Boise	38	35	.02	rn	
Boston	37	36	.33	rn	
Buffalo	57	46	.04	cdy	
Burlington, Vt.	32	31	.24	sno	
Casper	37	16	clr		
Charleston, S.C.	75	61	rn		
Charleston, W.Va.	61	49	rn		
Charlotte, N.C.	58	52	.55	rn	
Cheyenne	35	20	clr		
Chicago	46	37	cdy		
Cincinnati	61	43	.01	rn	
Cleveland	45	42	rn		
Colorado Springs	57	42	cdy		
Columbus, Ohio	61	43	.02	rn	
Concord, N.H.	24	22	.29	rn	
Dallas-Ft. Worth	74	44	clr		
Daytona Beach	76	60	pcdy		
Denver	41	26	cdy		
Des Moines	38	25	cdy		
Detroit	53	42	.25	cdy	
El Paso	55	36	clr		
Fairbanks	837	488	clr	Philadelphia 51 46 .06 rn	
Fargo	24	17	sno	Phoenix 59 45 pcdy	
Flagstaff	32	21	cdy	Pittsburgh 56 46 rn	
Fresno	60	52	rn	Pocatello 32 30 .03 sno	
Green Bay	43	32	.03	cdy	Portland, Maine 23 20 .46 sno
Hartford Spgflld	36	32	.38	rn	Providence 37 35 .48 rn
Honolulu	83	72	clr	Raleigh-Durham 58 55 .25 rn	
Houston	72	57	1.58	clr	Reno 49 42 clr
Indianapolis	55	37	cdy	Richmond 55 53 .02 rn	
Jackson, Miss.	67	59	1.53	pcdy	Sacramento 53 50 .14 rn
Jacksonville	78	57	cdy	St. Louis 54 40 cdy	
Kansas City	37	34	cdy	Salt Lake City 38 35 sno	
Key West	80	73	pcdy	San Angelo 71 47 clr	
Las Vegas	51	43	cdy	San Diego 60 56 cdy	
Lexington	61	52	.23	rn	San Francisco 56 55 .06 rn
Little Rock	60	48	pcdy	San Jose 58 54 rn	
Los Angeles	55	54	.04	cdy	Santa Fe 34 15 pcdy
Louisville	64	55	.17	rn	Seattle 41 41 .97 rn
Madison	44	31	cdy	Sioux Falls 26 20 .01 cdy	
Memphis	63	56	.02	cdy	Spokane 33 31 .35 sno
Miami Beach	80	66	.02	cdy	Syracuse 48 36 .19 cdy
Midland-Odessa	65	37	clr	Tampa 78 63 pcdy	
Milwaukee	45	36	cdy	Toledo 54 40 cdy	
Mpls-St. Paul	33	20	cdy	Tucson 55 37 .19 clr	
Missoula	35	25	.04	sno	Tulsa 68 37 clr
Nashville	63	54	.05	rn	Washington, D.C. 51 48 .08 rn
New Orleans	79	63	.01	rn	W. Palm Beach 78 65 cdy
New York City	47	40	.56	rn	Wichita 48 28 clr
Norfolk, Va.	57	55	.29	rn	Wilmington, Del. 51 47 .10 rn
Oklahoma City	64	33	cdy		
Omaha	32	22	.06	cdy	
Orlando	80	62	pcdy		

Temperatures indicate Sunday's high and overnight low to 5 a.m.

Fronts: Cold, Warm, Stationary. Pressure: Low, High.

South Coast

Tonight: Showers. Low around 35. West southwest wind 11 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph.
Tuesday: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. High near 43. West northwest wind 10 to 13 mph.
Tuesday Night: Showers. Low around 40. West northwest wind around 11 mph. Chance of rain is 80%.
Wednesday: Rain. High near 47. Breezy, with a south wind 18 to 23 mph, with gusts to 36 mph.

Curry County Coast

Tonight: Showers. Low around 34. West southwest wind 6 to 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%.
Tuesday: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. High near 44. West northwest wind around 9 mph.
Tuesday Night: Showers. Low around 39. West northwest wind around 9 mph. Chance of rain is 80%.
Wednesday: Rain. High near 47. Breezy, with a south wind 16 to 22 mph, with gusts as high as 33 mph.

Rogue Valley

Tonight: Rain and snow showers likely, then snow showers. Low around 29. Light and variable wind.
Tuesday: Snow showers. High near 35. Calm wind.
Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29.
Wednesday: A chance of snow. Snow level rising to 2000 feet. Cloudy, with a high near 39.

Willamette Valley

Tonight: Rain showers. Snow level lowering to 800 feet. Low around 33. Southwest wind 7 to 10 mph.
Tuesday: Snow showers, possibly mixed with rain. High near 39. South southwest wind around 8 mph.
Tuesday Night: Rain likely. Cloudy, with a low around 37. South wind around 8 mph. Chance of rain is 60%.
Wednesday: Rain likely. Cloudy, with a high near 46. Breezy, with a south wind 16 to 22 mph.

Portland area

Tonight: Rain and snow showers. Snow level 600 feet. Low around 32. Southwest wind 8 to 11 mph.
Tuesday: Snow showers likely. Cloudy, with a high near 37. South southwest wind around 9 mph.
Tuesday Night: Rain and snow likely. Snow level 800 feet. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35.
Wednesday: Rain likely. Cloudy, with a high near 41. South wind 15 to 21 mph. Chance of rain is 70%.

North Coast

Tonight: Showers. Low around 35. West wind 13 to 20 mph, with gusts to 31 mph. Chance of rain is 90%.
Tuesday: Showers. High near 41. West wind around 11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%.
Tuesday Night: Rain. Low around 38. West wind 11 to 18 mph. Winds could gust to 26 mph.
Wednesday: Rain. High near 47. Windy, with a south wind 31 to 37 mph, with gusts as high as 55 mph.

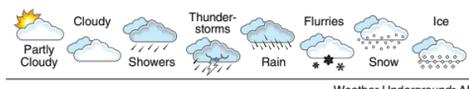
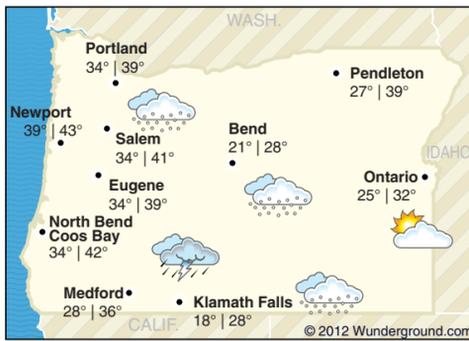
Central Oregon

Tonight: A 50 percent chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17.
Tuesday: Snow showers likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 30. Southwest wind 8 to 11 mph.
Tuesday Night: A chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20.
Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 35. South wind 10 to 18 mph.

Oregon weather

Tuesday, Dec. 18

Weather Underground forecast for daytime conditions, low/high temperatures



Oregon Temps

City	Hi	Lo	Prc.
Astoria	53	44	1.69
Brookings	53	47	M
Corvallis	52	42	1.03
Eugene	52	43	0.86
Klamath Falls	41	35	0.08
La Grande	36	32	0.47
Medford	50	39	0.65
Newport	52	45	0.57
Pendleton	49	39	0.13
Portland	51	41	0.77
Redmond	44	33	0.51
Roseburg	53	44	0.55
Salem	52	45	0.63

Local high, low, rainfall

Friday: High 50, low 37, 0.31 inches
Saturday: High 50, low 36, .26 inches
Sunday: High 54, low 45, 0.79 inches
Total rainfall to date: 48.87 inches
Average rainfall to date: 59.62 inches

The Tide Tables

To find the tide prediction for your area, add or subtract minutes as indicated. To find your estimated tidal height, multiply the listed height by the high or low ratio for your area.

Location	High time	ratio	Low time	ratio
Bandon	-0:18	.81	-0:06	.91
Brookings	-0:40	.81	-0:30	.91
Charleston	-0:11	.89	-0:04	.91
Coos Bay	+1:20	.86	+1:24	.84
Florence	+0:38	.77	+0:54	.75
Port Orford	-0:28	.86	-0:23	.99
Reedsport	+1:05	.79	+1:20	.75
Umpqua River	-0:01	.81	-0:01	.91

Extended outlook

Day	Time	ft.	ft.
17-Dec	3:24	8.6	2.51
18-Dec	4:11	8.5	3:49
19-Dec	4:59	8.5	4:53
20-Dec	5:49	8.5	6:08
21-Dec	6:39	8.5	7:34

Day	Time	ft.	ft.
17-Dec	8:57	2.9	9:23
18-Dec	9:59	2.8	10:10
19-Dec	11:07	2.7	10:59
20-Dec	12:19	2.5	11:52
21-Dec	-	-	1:30

Sunrise, sunset
 Dec. 16-22 - 7:44, 4:45
Moon watch
 First Quarter - Dec. 20

PROSPERITY Port, hospital airport reported

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North Bend, involving facilities for exporting liquefied natural gas and coal.

Though the port has brought the partners together, it can now only wait to see if the project becomes reality. The liquefied natural gas terminal and gas pipeline are awaiting federal approval, and both projects have opponents. A \$6.5 million study of the environmental impact of deepening the channel is not yet complete. Pollution from coal trains has been questioned by communities along the rail route from coal-rich Wyoming to the sea. And from North Bend, the coal and gas would be launched into an unpredictable world market.

Nevertheless, the port is investing \$31 million in grants and loans to repair the tracks and bridges, gambling that the interconnected projects will succeed. To remove one obstacle, Koch urged his hearers to exert what influence they could on the regulatory process. "We need you to help us tell our story, so politicians and the regulatory community don't stand in our way," he said.

Meanwhile, the Coos Bay Rail Link's engines are benefiting local industries, hauling steel for American Bridge in Reedsport, feed for Coquille Valley dairies, and lumber for local mills.

SIGN Service is key in sign business

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name of their business on their truck now want the extra advertising. Businesses want to explore ways to spruce up their facades inexpensively.

Mueller said he sticks to a couple of principles. He spends locally, buying vehicles and fuel from people he does business with. And he passed along a maxim that would work well in any industry: "Always do the best you can, even if it's 10:00 on a Friday night and it's raining."

Airport ups and downs

Southwestern Oregon Regional Airport, too, has a stake in the Jordan Cove project. Coos County Airport District Board Chairman Joe Benetti told the gathering the airport needs a 400-foot runway extension to serve larger jets, and it's hoping to get the necessary material when Jordan Cove Energy Partners dredges the bay to create a ship berth and turning basin.

In the shorter term, the airport district has a limited window of time to spend a federal grant to help convince Delta Air Lines to start summer jet service to Salt Lake City, which would enable connections to the East Coast.

But Benetti said if that deal isn't finalized by January, the service won't happen this summer.

The district continues to seek a partner interested in developing the property it owns west of the airport.

Hospital is healthy

Bay Area Hospital is prospering and will throw a grand opening for its \$45 million addition Feb. 16, said CEO Paul Janke.

The addition increases the hospital's size by half, and adds numerous updates and improvements to its facilities. The biggest change is a \$4 million investment in facilities and equipment for cardiology services. A cardiologist recruited from Sacramento, Calif. will inaugurate his practice in February, and full services will be available in May or June.

Recovery will be slow

In addition to the heads of the port, airport and hospital, the forum's audience heard from Ray Cox, the owner of Giddings Boat Works in Charleston, and Tracy Mueller, the owner of Art Signs in Coos Bay, each of whom delighted the crowd by telling the story of his thriving business.

Two economists also addressed the group, saying slow growth is likely in Coos County's future.

Guy Tauer, regional economist for the Oregon Employment Department, said unemployment in our area is just over 10 percent.

National unemployment in October was 7.9 percent, and



A Coos Bay Rail Link train slowly moved through downtown Coos Bay earlier this month while workers tossed rail ties from the cars. The Port of Coos Bay is restoring the rails in hopes the rail line will underpin a shipping renaissance.



By Gail Elber, The World
 Ray Cox bought Giddings Boat Works in 2007. The business recently expanded from seven employees to 27 and is hoping the Port can help it acquire equipment it needs to take on bigger projects.

Ship shaper

When Ray Cox called to ask about buying Tarheel Aluminum 11 years ago, he was thrilled to hear about the company's line of business.

"You work on drag boats?" he said. "I'll be right there." Even after he found that by "drag boats" they meant fishing vessels instead of high-speed racing craft, he sold everything he had and bought the company, living in his camper for eight months.

When he'd put the business on a profitable footing, he learned that boat builder Don Giddings wanted to retire. "I decided to roll the dice again and take this chance," Cox said.

Since then, he's grown his business from seven employees to 27 — "family wage jobs," he said. Recently he took the plunge into building fishing boats from the ground up. "It's the first time since 1999 that a boat has been built in Charleston," he said. "It builds self-esteem."

He'd like to build still more and bigger vessels, and he's hoping his landlord, the Port of Coos Bay, can help him get the travel lift — a large crane — he needs to maneuver them.

Tauer said the Federal Reserve has set a goal of 6.5 percent, and will keep interest rates low until it is reached.

That would translate to a rate of 7 or 8 percent in Coos County, Tauer said. Some of our unemployment is seasonal or "structural" — caused when workers live too far from jobs or don't have the needed skills — and wouldn't be affected by interest rates.

Tauer said that between 2007 and 2009, Coos County lost 7 percent of its total

employment — about 1,900 jobs — and has gained back only 500 — an increase of 2.1 percent in total employment. Employment in Coos County should grow by 1 percent a year for the next 10 years, Tauer said.

At the close of the session, John Mitchell, an economic consultant with U.S. Bank, put the county's prospects into national and international perspective, outlining some hopeful economic indicators. He predicted that if Congress could find a compromise to

avoid the "fiscal cliff" of spending cuts and tax increases, the nation — and Oregon — would continue to experience slow growth, at about 2 percent a year.

Regarding that necessary compromise, he quoted Winston Churchill: "We can always count on the Americans to do the right thing, after they have exhausted all the other possibilities."

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Frontier	NW Natural	43.85	44.53	Weyerhaeuser	27.33	27.55
Intel	Safeway	17.65	17.78	Xerox	6.97	6.96
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The Associated Press

Portland guard Damian Lillard celebrates after hitting the game-winning shot against the New Orleans Hornets on Sunday.

Rookie hits game-winner for Blazers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND — There was a split-second as his shot arced over a defender's hands that Trail Blazers rookie Damian Lillard realized his game-winning 3-pointer was going to fall.

"I looked. And it looked good," he said.

Lillard's 3-pointer with 0.3 seconds left helped Portland hand New Orleans its sixth straight loss with a 95-94 victory over the Hornets on Sunday night.

After trailing by as many as 16, the Hornets tied it at 92 on Austin Rivers' 3-pointer with 50.9 seconds left. The Blazers then absorbed a blow when LaMarcus Aldridge suddenly came up limping and headed to the locker room with what appeared to be a left ankle injury, but Lillard came through to give Portland the win.

The winning shot appeared to come at the buzzer but a review put the 0.3 fraction back on the clock. Lance Thomas made an alley-oop layup from Ryan Anderson as time ran out for the final margin.

"You need .04 to get the shot off, so we just ran a play for execu-

tion. There was not time for us to get a shot off, with them grabbing and holding Ryan it was going to be tough for him to get a shot off, so we were working on execution," Hornets coach Monty Williams said. "According to the rules you need .04 to get a shot off. It was a situation where we worked on something we would need in the future."

However, the NBA's so-called Trent Tucker rule says there has to be at least 0.3 on the clock for a player to gain control of a rebound or inbound pass and shoot a field goal. The only type of field goal which may be scored if the clock is at 0.2 or less is a tip-in or high lob.

J.J. Hickson had a season-high 24 points and added 16 rebounds for the Blazers, who have won three straight. Hickson has five straight double-doubles and 13 overall this season.

Anderson had 26 points, including seven 3-pointers, for New Orleans — so why he didn't take the final shot was perplexing.

"There was not a lot of time on the clock," Anderson said. "It would have been tough, I don't even know if we could have got a shot off in time. Coach was saying

you need .04 to get set and get a shot off."

Aldridge had 20 points before leaving the game and the team later said that X-rays were negative. Lillard finished with 16 points.

"I was excited to win the game. We had a big lead, we let them fight back and tie the game up and we were looking at overtime, so I was kind of relieved and excited at the same time," Lillard said.

Wesley Matthews, who hit a 3-pointer to open the night for the Blazers, was making his return to the starting lineup after missing two games because of a strained left hip. The injury put him on the bench in street clothes for the first time in his four-year NBA career. He had played in 250 straight games, second-most among active players behind Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook.

Matthews was replaced by Victor Claver less than five minutes into the game and did not return. The Blazers said there was no specific injury, he just "didn't feel right."

Lillard stole the show in the battle of the rookies with Anthony Davis.

Davis, the top pick in last June's draft, is still getting his legs back after missing 11 games with a left ankle injury. In the first three games off the bench since his return, he averaged 11.7 points and 6.3 rebounds for the Hornets.

Against the Blazers he had 15 points. Before the stress reaction in his ankle, Davis was averaging 16 points and 8.3 rebounds.

Lillard, the sixth overall pick in the draft, has been the Western Conference's rookie of the month for both October and November, and was leading all rookies with an average of 18.9 points going into Sunday night's game.

Hickson pushed Portland's first-half lead to 51-38 with a layup and the Blazers went into the break ahead 54-43.

Aldridge's dunk made it 67-53 midway through the third quarter. But it was Hickson's 11 points that helped put the Blazers up by as many as 16 in the period.

Anderson's putback layup closed the Hornets to 82-75 with 7:55 left, but Luke Babbitt answered for the Blazers with a 3-pointer.

SEE NBA | B4

Coquille girls win tourney

BY JOHN GUNTHER
The World

COQUILLE — Coquille's girls started each half fast and beat Gold Beach 40-29 for the title in the Winter Lake Classic on Saturday night.

"We took it to them right at the start and right at the third quarter," said Coquille coach Tim GeDeros.

Gold Beach's Morrigan Clifford scored the opening hoop, but the Red Devils then scored 10 straight, including 3-pointers by both Emily Lack and Taylor GeDeros.

The Panthers pulled within 10-9 at the end of the first quarter, but Coquille outscored Gold Beach 15-4 in the second and then had a 9-2 run to start the third quarter, sparked by a 3-pointer from Lack on the opening possession.

The closest the Panthers got after that was 11 points, failing to take advantage of the Red Devils getting just two free throws from GeDeros for their only scoring in the fourth quarter.

"We played better, except for the fourth quarter," Tim GeDeros said.

Lack finished with a game-high 13 points and was named to the all-tournament team.

Taylor GeDeros, meanwhile, had another strong all-around game, with 12 points, six steals, six rebounds and six assists, and was named the tournament's most valuable player.

All-tournament pick Eliza Lander had nine points, four steals and eight rebounds for the Panthers. Jessica Young, who had six points and eight rebounds, also was on the all-tournament team.

"Overall, I'm happy with the tournament," said Gold Beach coach Chris Clark. "It's good to see Coquille and see where we're at."

The Sunset Conference foes will meet twice in league play, though Clark said his bigger focus will be on Myrtle Point and Reedsport, the two teams the Panthers are battling with for the Class 2A District 1 playoffs.

SEE GIRLS | B4

Knights top Devils for title

BY JOHN GUNTHER
The World

COQUILLE — In a busy pre-season featuring a number of talented teams from larger schools, Coquille got a learning experience Saturday night.

North Valley, the top-ranked team in Class 4A, beat the Red Devils 56-39 in the championship game of the Winter Lake Classic.

What bothered Coquille coach Dan Cumberland wasn't the outcome of the game, but the path to the final score, he said.

"They're a very good team; there's no doubt about it," he said. "I thought we could give them a better game."

What the Red Devils didn't do, at least for most of the contest, was try to get the ball inside against the taller Knights. Instead, the Red Devils resorted to 3-point attempts and other outside shots for most of the first three quarters.

The results weren't favorable. Coquille was barely better than 20 percent shooting for the opening three quarters, and finished at 27 percent. The Red Devils shot just 2-for-16 from 3-point range.

"They shot the ball well, we didn't," Cumberland said, summarizing the contest.

The game was close for a quarter, with North Valley leading 13-9.

Wilson Hodge scored the first basket of the second quarter to pull the Red Devils within two, but North Valley scored the next 14 points to take control.

The Knights attacked Coquille's defense with efficient ball movement, getting open looks both inside and outside.

Wyatt McCue scored 12 of his 15 points in the first half and Cameron Lyon was effective both inside and outside on the way to a team-high 19 points, connecting on three 3-pointers.

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Packers, Texans secure division crowns

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The Green Bay Packers and Houston Texans clinched their divisions, while the Baltimore Ravens earned a playoff spot despite another lousy loss.

The jumbled NFC East? Well, that will come down to the final week of the season.

The New York Giants were humiliated 34-0 by the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday, falling into a first-place tie with the Dallas Cowboys and Washington Redskins, who both won to improve to 8-6.

The Redskins did it without Robert Griffin III, who sat out with a sprained right knee and wasn't happy about having to stand on the sideline and watch his teammates play. But fellow rookie Kirk Cousins stepped in and threw for 329 yards and two touchdowns, leading Washington to its fifth straight win, 38-21 over the Cleveland Browns.

"We're in first place in our division now, and it was a great business trip for us," Griffin said. "I got healthier by not playing. We won the game and put ourselves in position to control our own destiny."

Cousins connected with Leonard Hankerson for both TDs in his first career start, and the Redskins barely missed a beat without the talented and multi-dimensional RG3. Last week, Cousins came off the bench after Griffin got hurt, and delivered a performance in this one that extended Washington's longest winning streak since 2007.

"I talked to him about being cool, calm and collected and not to freak out," Griffin said. "He did a good job of staying poised and staying confident in there."

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

Cowboys 27, Steelers 24, OT: At Arlington, Texas, Dallas' Brandon Carr intercepted a pass by Ben Roethlisberger in overtime, returned it 36 yards to the 1, and Dan Bailey kicked a 21-yard field goal for a win over Pittsburgh.

"Those are the plays you dream about in the backyard, making the game-winning interception or touchdown," Carr said.

Bailey's kick — 1:24 into OT — won a game for the second straight week since Dallas practice squad linebacker Jerry Brown was killed in



The Associated Press

Chicago quarterback Jay Cutler is sacked by Green Bay linebacker Clay Matthews during the second half Sunday.

a one-car accident that led to manslaughter charges against teammate Josh Brent. After Carr's interception, Tony Romo took a 2-yard loss to put the kicker in better position for the Cowboys.

The Steelers (7-7) lost for the fourth time in five games and trail AFC North rival Cincinnati by a game for the conference's second wild-card spot. They host the Bengals next week. Roethlisberger is 0-2 since returning from a three-game absence with shoulder and rib injuries.

"There won't be any quit from us, especially from me," Roethlisberger said. "This one is going to sting real bad. It will hopefully make me and make us better."

Packers 21, Bears 3: At Chicago, the Packers clinched their second straight NFC North title with a victory over the archrival Chicago Bears.

James Jones caught all three touchdown passes thrown by the Packers' Aaron Rodgers. Green Bay has now won six straight in the NFL's oldest — and fiercest — rivalry. The Packers (10-

4) have won 12 straight against NFC North opponents, the longest streak in the NFL.

Brandon Marshall had a 15-yard TD catch for the Bears (8-6), who have lost five of six and are in danger of missing the playoffs after beginning the year 7-1.

Texans 29, Colts 17: At Houston, Andre Johnson had 151 yards receiving and a touchdown, Bryan Braman scored on a blocked punt and Shayne Graham kicked five field goals to clinch the AFC South for the second straight year.

J.J. Watt had three sacks for the Texans (12-2) as Houston's defense got back on track a week after a 42-14 loss to New England.

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

Broncos 34, Ravens 17: At Baltimore, Chris Harris returned an interception 98 yards for a momentum-turning touchdown, and Denver won its ninth straight.

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Sports

Arizona gets wild victory

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Matt Scott watched helplessly as Nevada kicked a field goal to pad its lead. The Arizona quarterback had already thrown two interceptions, and now needed two quick scores and some luck — in a hurry, too — to somehow win the New Mexico Bowl.

Scott even admitted he didn't have "positive" thoughts before returning to the field.

But in the final 46 seconds, Scott threw two short touchdown passes and college football's postseason started with a wild one as Arizona rallied past Nevada 49-48 Saturday.

Overcoming a slow start and three big turnovers, Arizona (8-5) recovered an onside kick in the last minute, setting up Scott's 2-yard toss to Tyler Slavin with 19 seconds left for the winning score.

"It's not easy to come back from that situation," Scott said. "You're not necessarily going to think the most positive thing at the time, but we went out there and took care of business. It was just a big drive. I still can't believe it."

Arizona trailed 21-0 in the first quarter and was down 45-28 entering the final period. Scott threw for 382 yards and marched his team back into the game despite those two earlier interceptions.

"I mean, it's improbable," first-year Arizona coach Rich Rodriguez said.

"Certainly, I've had some games come down to that end," he said. "But to have everything, the defense making the stop, to the field goal, Matt leading the quick drive down there, getting the onside kick ... and then Matt leading down again. It just doesn't happen very often."

The nation's rushing



The Associated Press

Arizona's Tyler Slavin comes down with a touchdown catch in the end zone in front of Nevada's Bryson Keeton to tie the New Mexico Bowl in the closing seconds Saturday. The Wildcats kicked the extra point to win 49-48.

leader, Ka'Deem Carey, gained 172 yards for the Wildcats and but fell short of becoming only the 16th running back in NCAA history to reach 2,000 yards in a season.

Arizona receiver Austin Hill caught eight passes for 175 yards and two touchdowns. The teams combined for 1,237 total yards.

Cody Fajardo threw for three touchdowns and ran for another score to lead the Wolf Pack (7-6). He had 256 yards passing and 140 yards rushing and controlled most of the game, completing 22 of 32 throws.

Stefphon Jefferson, the nation's second-leading rusher, ran for 180 yards for Nevada and also seemed unstoppable as the Wolf Pack took a big lead and held on to it for most of the game.

But after forcing Nevada to kick a field goal with 1:48 left that made it 48-35, Scott drove the Wildcats down 75 yards in about a minute. Arizona then recovered an onside kick and Scott marched his team into the end zone after three plays and 51 yards.

"They scored 14 points in less than two minutes,"

Nevada linebacker Albert Rosette said. "I'm still in shock right now."

Nevada head coach Chris Ault said the team pass defense just didn't make a play when it was needed.

"Well, it's a sick feeling," he said. "Congratulations to Arizona. They held in there and did it, but it's a sick feeling."

Ault said a late injury to Fajardo also hurt Nevada's running game in the last six or so minutes of the game.

"He ran it one time, just tucking it up in there," Ault said. "But we could not run our read game at that particular time."

Rodriguez, who took a year off from coaching after a disappointing stint at Michigan, is now 3-5 in bowl game appearances. He called his New Mexico Bowl win among his best career wins as a coach.

"It's the latest and the greatest so far," Rodriguez said.

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl

Utah State 41, Toledo 15: Kerwynn Williams ran for 235 yards and three touchdowns and No. 18 Utah State won a bowl game for the first

time in nearly 20 years.

The victory capped the best season in Utah State history. The Aggies finished 11-2, won the Western Athletic Conference title outright and had their first bowl victory since 1993.

Chuckie Keeton scored on a 62-yard run to put Utah State up 7-3, and Williams, the game's MVP, sparked a 28-point fourth quarter for Utah State when he broke through the defense and raced 63 yards for a touchdown to put the Aggies up 20-9. Williams, who had 18 carries, followed that with TD runs of 5 and 25 yards. Keeton ran for 92 yards and was 21-of-31 passing for 229 yards.

Toledo (9-4) was able to move the ball and made five trips inside the red zone. But penalties and miscues forced the Rockets to settle for Jeremiah Detmer's three field goals.

The Rockets' only touchdown came when Bernard Reedy returned a fourth-quarter kickoff 87 yards. Reedy was the only big producer on a Toledo offense held to 315 total yards. Reedy had 51 yards rushing and caught six passes for 62 yards.

Blue Jays seek trade for Dickey

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NEW YORK — The Toronto Blue Jays tried to close a trade for New York Mets ace R.A. Dickey, with the deal hinging on whether the NL Cy Young winner could work out a new contract.

The Mets would get prized catching prospect Travis d'Arnaud. There was speculation Toronto also would receive catcher Josh Thole while

sending catcher John Buck and minor league pitcher Noah Syndergaard to the Mets.

Dickey, a 38-year-old knuckleballer, was 20-6 with a 2.73 ERA last season. He is signed for \$5.25 million next year, and the Mets started exploring trades after they couldn't agree to a contract adding two years.

Andruw Jones will play for Japanese team

TOKYO — Andruw Jones is headed to Japan.

The five-time All-Star outfielder has finalized a \$3.5 million, one-year contract with the Rakuten Eagles of Japan's Pacific League. The team announced the move on Sunday.

The 35-year-old Jones became a free agent after spending the past two seasons as a part-time player with the New York Yankees. He appeared in 94 games this year, batting .197 with 14 home runs.

SKIING

Ligety gives U.S. ski team weekend sweep

ALTA BADIA, Italy — Ted Ligety cruised to his third giant slalom win of the season by a large margin after an opening run that left his fellow skiers in awe, giving the U.S. team two wins in two days.

Ligety sliced his way down the classic Gran Risa course in a two-run combined time of 2 minutes, 37.27 seconds. Defending overall World Cup winner Marcel Hirscher finished second, 2.04 seconds behind, and Thomas Fanara of France was third, 3.27 back.

With Aksel Lund Svindal finishing ninth, Ligety narrowed the gap behind the Norwegian in the standings. Svindal now has 614 points, Ligety is next with 508 and Hirscher is third with 460.

Steven Nyman, another American, won the downhill in nearby Val Gardena on Saturday, making it the first time two American men won races on consecutive days since Marco Sullivan and Bode Miller achieved the feat in Chamonix, France, in January 2008.

Maze extends lead in World Cup standings

COURCHEVEL, France — Tina Maze won her fourth straight grand slalom race to extend her overall World Cup lead — and more importantly create a bigger gap to Lindsey Vonn, the defending champion who had another disappointing day and failed to finish.

Maze had a comfortable lead of 0.63 seconds over Frenchwoman Tessa Worley after her first run and the 29-year-old Slovenian then held off Austria's Kathrin Zettel in the second to win by 0.22.

Maze, who was second overall behind Vonn last year by 578 points, let out a whoop of joy as she won. Vonn trails Maze by 385 points with more of the Slovenian's favored technical events coming up in the Swedish resort of Are later this week.

Vonn returns to U.S. to recover from illness

ALTA BADIA, Italy — Lindsey Vonn is heading home to the United States for an unexpected break in the middle of the World Cup ski season, and is unlikely to return to Europe until January.

U.S. women's head coach Alex Hoedlmoser told The Associated Press that Vonn's heavy schedule has not allowed her to recover from the intestinal illness that landed her in the hospital in

Vail, Colo., last month.

Hoedlmoser says the timing of Vonn's return "depends on how she's feeling and exactly what her condition is."

TENNIS

ATP opposes Monday finish at U.S. Open

LONDON — The ATP opposes the U.S. Open's switch to a Monday final in 2013 and is not satisfied with the prize money increase for the tournament.

The governing body of men's tennis said "the ATP and its players have made it clear to the U.S. Open that we do not support a Monday final."

The U.S. Tennis Association announced last Friday that the women's final would be moved to Sunday and the men's final to Monday next year.

The ATP said today "we strongly believe the U.S. Open should keep a similar schedule to the other Grand Slams, with the men's semifinals completed by Friday and the final on Sunday."

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA suspends Bucks center Przybilla

NEW YORK — Milwaukee Bucks center Joel Przybilla has been suspended one game without pay for throwing a basketball that hit a referee during a game against the Los Angeles Clippers.

Stu Jackson, the NBA's executive vice president for basketball operations, announced the suspension Sunday.

The incident occurred with 1:36 remaining in the fourth quarter of Milwaukee's 111-85 loss to the Clippers on Saturday night.

GOLF

Garcia wins with fast finish in Malaysia

JOHOR, Malaysia — Sergio Garcia won the rain-shortened Johor Open, closing with an 11-under 61 for a three-stroke victory in the Asian Tour's season-ending event.

The 32-year-old Spanish star finished at 18-under 198 at Horizon Hills for his second victory of the year and 24th international title. He also won the PGA Tour's Wyndham Championship in August.

Garcia had the lowest final round by a winner in Asian Tour history. American Jonathan Moore also shot a 61 to finish second.

John Daly finished with a 65 to tie for 15th at 8 under. South Africa's Ernie Els closed with a 72 to tie for 48th at 3 under.

Schwartzel captures second straight title

MALELANE, South Africa — Charl Schwartzel was a runaway winner for the second straight week, coasting to a 12-shot victory at the Alfred Dunhill Championship on the European Tour.

The 2011 Masters champion finished with a total score of 24-under 264 at Leopard Creek Country Club. He won by 11 strokes in Thailand last weekend.

Schwartzel won for the eighth time on the European Tour. The South African also captured this tournament in 2004, his first title on the tour.

Loves team to win the Father-Son Challenge

ORLANDO, Fla. — Davis Love III had a nice pitch shot on No. 18 and son Dru finished off the birdie to capture the Father-Son Challenge title.

With Larry and Josh Nelson already in at 22 under for the two-day scramble format, both Loves misfired in trying to reach the green in two at the par-5 finishing hole. Dru, an Alabama freshman who won five Georgia state titles in high school, went long and right near the grandstand at the Ritz-Carlton Grande Lakes. Davis watched his ball roll onto the bank of a greenside pond.

But the elder Love found the right touch on his pitch from Dru's position and his son made the winning putt.

NFL

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

The Ravens (9-5) were playing their first game under offensive coordinator Jim Caldwell, who replaced the fired Cam Cameron. Baltimore clinched a playoff spot by virtue of Pittsburgh's overtime loss to Dallas.

Falcons 34, Giants 0: At Atlanta, Matt Ryan threw three touchdowns passes and the Falcons' defense handed the Giants their first regular-season shutout since 1996.

"We love the haters, man," said Falcons cornerback Asante Samuel, who had the first of two interceptions against Eli Manning. "The haters keep us going. So keep your hate coming. We love it. It makes us play with a chip on our shoulder."

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

The Falcons (12-2), who have already clinched the NFC South, moved a step closer to home-field advantage throughout the conference playoffs.

Manning had his lowest-rated game since 2007 for New York (8-6), which went 0-for-3 on fourth down and missed a short field goal.

"Atlanta was very, very good. We were very, very bad," New York coach Tom Coughlin said. "There's no excuse for what happened here."

49ers 41, Patriots 34: At Foxborough, Mass., San Francisco earned a playoff berth by withstanding a stunning comeback by Tom Brady and New England from a 28-point deficit to beat the Patriots.

Michael Crabtree took a short pass from Colin Kaepernick and sped around cornerback Kyle Arrington for a 38-yard touchdown with 6:25 to go, then David Akers made a 28-yard field goal to clinch it. San Francisco (10-3-1) owns at least a wild-card spot and plays at Seattle next week with a chance to win the NFC West.

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

Vikings 36, Rams 22: At St. Louis, Adrian Peterson ran for a season-best 212 yards, including an 82-yard touchdown.

Peterson has 1,812 yards rushing for



The Associated Press

Atlanta quarterback Matt Ryan looks for an open receiver against the New York Giants on Sunday.

the Vikings (8-6), leaving him 294 shy of breaking the NFL's single-season record of 2,105 by Eric Dickerson of the Los Angeles Rams in 1984. Peterson, less than a year removed from a serious knee injury, has two games left — at Houston and home against Green Bay — to top Dickerson.

Former Oregon State standout Steven Jackson went over 10,000 yards for his career on a 9-yard run in the third quarter, and finished with 73 yards on just eight carries for the Rams, giving him 909 yards for the year and keeping him within range of his eighth straight 1,000-yard season.

The Rams fell to 6-7-1.

Seahawks 50, Bills 17: At Toronto, Seattle rookie quarterback Russell Wilson ran for three touchdowns and threw for another in leading the Seahawks to their second straight rout.

Wilson scored on runs of 14, 25 and 4 yards and then hit Zach Miller for a 4-yard touchdown in helping the Seahawks (9-5) score 31 points on their first five possessions. The defense forced three consecutive turnovers to start the second half, including Earl Thomas scoring on 57-yard interception return.

The Bills (5-9) were knocked out of playoff contention for a 13th consecutive season.

Cardinals 31, Lions 10: At Glendale, Ariz., Greg Toler returned an interception 102 yards for a fourth-quarter touchdown as Arizona ended a nine-game losing streak.

The Cardinals (5-9) intercepted Matthew Stafford three times, returning two for touchdowns and setting up a TD with the other.

The Lions (4-10) lost their sixth straight. Rashad Johnson brought back a pick 53 yards for a touchdown to cap Arizona's 21-point second quarter. Patrick Peterson's interception set up another score.

Detroit's Calvin Johnson became the

first player in NFL history with consecutive 1,600-yard receiving seasons and tied an NFL record with his seventh straight 100-yard receiving game.

Panthers 31, Chargers 7: At San Diego, Mike Tolbert scored twice against his former team and DeAngelo Williams turned a tipped pass from Cam Newton into a 45-yard touchdown reception.

Carolina (5-9) won consecutive games for the first time since last December. The loss knocked the Chargers (5-9) out of playoff contention for the third straight year, and clinched their first losing season since 2003, when they were an NFL-worse 4-12.

Saints 41, Buccaneers 0: At New Orleans, Drew Brees passed for 307 yards and four touchdowns, and New Orleans posted its first shutout since 1995.

Brees connected on his receiving passes with tight end David Thomas, running back Darren Sproles and receivers Lance Moore and Joe Morgan. Mark Ingram added an 11-yard touchdown run for the Saints (6-8).

Josh Freeman endured one of his worst outings of the season for Tampa Bay (6-8), throwing four interceptions and losing a fumble.

Dolphins 24, Jaguars 3: At Miami, the Dolphins (6-8) kept former teammate Chad Henne out of the end zone, made three fourth-down stops deep in their own territory and benefited from an odd penalty.

The Dolphins turned back three scoring threats, and a go-ahead touchdown for the Jaguars (2-12) came off the board because of an illegal-substitution penalty.

Raiders 15, Chiefs 0: At Oakland, Calif., Sebastian Janikowski kicked five field goals and Darren McFadden rushed for 110 yards.

The Raiders (4-10) overwhelmed the Chiefs (2-12) to snap a six-game losing streak.

Sports

Soccer league announces name

■ U.S. women's team caps season with 4-1 victory

CHICAGO (AP) — National Women's Soccer League will be the name of the new league run by the U.S. Soccer Federation.

The USSF announced the name of the league Saturday night when the women's national team played its final game of the year, a 4-1 exhibition win over China.

The NWSL will start play next spring and replaces the Women's Professional Soccer league, which folded in May after three seasons. Its predecessor, Women's United Soccer Association, lasted only three seasons, from 2001-03.

The eight teams in the new league are: Boston Breakers, Chicago Red Stars, FC Kansas City, Portland Thorns FC, Sky Blue FC, Washington Spirit, Western New York Flash and Seattle, which has yet to announce its name.

In the Americans' win over China at Boca Raton, Fla., Abby Wambach scored two more goals.

The 32-year-old Wambach has 152 international goals, six behind Mia

Hamm for the U.S. record.

Megan Rapinoe and Sydney Leroux also scored for the Olympic champion Americans in their third consecutive match against China in the finale of a 10-game Fan Tribute Tour. The U.S. ran its unbeaten streak to 23.

"It was an unbelievable year for us, coming off the World Cup," U.S. captain Christie Rampone said. "It was a whole journey to get to the Olympics and the battles. The good and bad days of training all paid us for us."

Morgan, who finished the year with 28 goals, and Wambach combined to tie the U.S. scoring record by two players in one year. Michelle Akers (39 goals) and Carin Jennings (16) had the previous record in 1991.

"It means so much to me because Alex and I spend so much time encouraging each other in practice, drill after drill," Wambach said. "When Alex scores, it lights something inside me and when I score it lights something inside her."

Jill Ellis guided the U.S. in her last game as interim head coach on Saturday. Ellis had a 5-0-2 record after taking over for Pia Sundhage. Former Australia coach Tom Sermanni will take over in January.

Lochte wins six golds

ISTANBUL (AP) — Ryan Lochte won two more races at the short-course world championships on Sunday, finishing the event with six golds and one silver. The result matched his medal total from the last championships, in Dubai in 2010.

Lochte won the 100-meter individual medley, a day after he broke the world record in the event. The five-time Olympic champion finished in 51.21 seconds, ahead

of Kenneth To of Australia and George Bovell III of Trinidad and Tobago.

Lochte then joined the U.S. team of Matthew Grevers, Kevin Cordes and Thomas Shields to win the 4x100-meter medley relay in 3:21.03, with Russia second.

"All the races I have done last week are starting to catch up," he said. "But it is the last day of the tournament and there is always something left in the tank."



The Associated Press

Texas players Khat Bell, left, Megan Futch and Halewy Eckerman celebrate with the championship trophy following their victory over Oregon in the NCAA volleyball championship game Saturday.

Texas beats Ducks for NCAA title

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Bailey Webster played little in Texas' previous NCAA volleyball championship game appearance three years ago but became quite experienced with the postseason as the Longhorns reached two more semifinals.

That seasoning paid off for the junior Saturday night when she helped Texas win a national championship.

Webster had 14 kills, Haley Eckerman added 12 and the third-seeded Longhorns swept Oregon for its first NCAA title since 1988. Texas won 25-11, 26-24, 25-19.

"All I remember about this match is that we did the whole thing together," said

Webster, who finished with a .500 hitting percentage and four block assists and was voted the tournament's most outstanding player. "I really think we won this because we were such a team out there."

Texas (29-4) has been a recent regular at volleyball's Final Four, making its fourth appearance in five years and playing in its first title game since 2009. The Longhorns lost to Penn State in five sets after leading 2-0.

This time they took care of business for their second title in four tries, recording their third sweep in the past four matches. When it ended the Longhorns swarmed the court to celebrate, with

sophomore middle blocker Khat Bell jumping on coach Jerritt Elliott's back.

"I've been in this thing a lot of times and finally we broke through," Elliott said about winning his first title as a coach. "This has been a long time coming."

But the Longhorns ended up making quick work of the Ducks by dominating the net, outblocking Oregon 15-1. Texas also outthit the Ducks .438-.202.

Leading the way was Webster, a first-team AVCA All-American outside hitter. She was injured during Texas' 2010 semifinal appearance but bounced back to be the 2011 Big 12 Conference player of the

year and lead the Longhorns and enter this year's Final Four with a .519 postseason hitting percentage.

On Saturday Webster was part of a Texas effort that shut down AVCA Division I player of the year Alaina Bergsma, whose nine kills were also matched by nine errors. Many of her attempts were blocked as the Longhorns' defense keyed on her.

Liz Brenner and Katherine Fischer each had 13 kills for fifth-seeded Oregon (30-5), which made its first title-game appearance.

"I don't know what it means to Texas; I know that it hurts for us to lose it," Ducks coach Jim Moore said.

Scoreboard

On The Air

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Tuesday, Dec. 18
High School Boys Basketball — Marshfield at Cottage Grove, 5:45 p.m., KMHS (91.3 FM).
High School Girls Basketball — Marshfield at Cottage Grove, 7:30 p.m., KMHS (1420 AM).
Men's College Basketball — Richmond at Kansas, 4 p.m.; Stanford at North Carolina State, 6 p.m.
Women's College Basketball — Tennessee at Baylor, 5 p.m., ESPN.
Wednesday, Dec. 19
Men's College Basketball — Xavier at Cincinnati, 4 p.m., ESPN2; North Carolina at Texas, 6 p.m., ESPN2; Campbell at Gonzaga, 6 p.m., Root Sports.
NBA Basketball — Brooklyn at New York, 4 p.m., ESPN; Milwaukee at Memphis, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.

Local Schedule

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Sports

Ducks, Beavers get wins

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EUGENE — Oregon center Tony Woods scored 14 points and the Ducks overcame a sluggish performance on offense to defeat Nebraska 60-38 on Saturday.

Forward Arsalan Kazemi also had 10 points and a season-high 17 rebounds for the Ducks (9-1). Oregon started the week one spot out of the top 25.

With the win, Oregon also improved to 8-0 at home this season.

E.J. Singler scored 13 for the Ducks, who were held 19.4 points below their season average, including a season-low point total in the first half, though Oregon still led 27-18 at the break.

“Well, we probably set the game back about 10 years there,” Oregon coach Dana Altman said. “Our shooting and ball movement wasn’t what we wanted. It was a win, but we didn’t take the step we needed to. We’ve got a long ways to go.”

The Ducks also missed on their first 11 3-point attempts before Singler made a pair in the final seven minutes of the game.

Oregon had 16 turnovers, including 10 in the first half.

But led by Woods, who was 7 of 11 from the field with four dunks, and Kazemi, the



Oregon's Johnathan Loyd flies through the air as Nebraska's Ray Gallegos stuffs the ball Saturday. The Associated Press

Ducks dominated inside, outscoring the Cornhuskers 40-12 in the paint, and outrebounding them 41-25.

“I’m just playing with confidence and feeling good about my offense,” said Woods, who scored six straight midway through the first half to give Oregon an 18-6 lead.

Dylan Talley scored 11 points to lead the Cornhuskers (6-3), who shot just 30.6 percent from the floor with 16 turnovers while scoring a season low.

Oregon State 87, Chicago State 77: Roberto Nelson tied a career high with 34 points and Oregon State pulled away from visit-

ing Chicago State in the second half Sunday.

Nelson scored 22 points in the second half and set a new career high with six 3-pointers. He has 12 3-pointers in the last three games.

Devon Collier added 25 points and eight rebounds for Oregon State (7-2).

Quinton Pippen, the nephew of former NBA great Scottie Pippen, had 13 points and seven rebounds for Chicago State (3-9).

Nelson, who shot 10 of 14 overall, has averaged better than 23 points in the past four games.

Nelson credits his recent success to his team’s post players, whom he says are

scoring easily inside and drawing the defense away from him.

“The 3-point shots I’m getting are just wide-open,” said Nelson, who also had three rebounds and three steals.

With Oregon State scoring leader Ahmad Starks struggling for a second game, the Beavers were looking for someone to fill the void.

Starks, averaging 14.9 points coming in, was held scoreless.

“We needed somebody to step up there, and Roberto answered the challenge,” Oregon State coach Craig Robinson said.

BOYS Panthers take third place

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North Valley also was able to get the ball to 6-foot-9-inch post JJ Chirnside, who had a huge game with 15 points, 15 rebounds, four blocks and four assists. Chirnside even nailed a 3-pointer for the Knights, who shot just over 50 percent (23-for-45) overall, including five 3-pointers.

The Red Devils got a few nice looks inside to Larry Bowen for baskets early in the third quarter, but didn’t consistently get good shots until the fourth. They cut the lead to 42-29 with six straight points to start the quarter, and had four possessions with a chance to get closer, but came up dry on all of them.

Chirnside got North Valley’s first points of the final quarter on a dunk with 5:07 to go and the Knights quickly reasserted control of the contest.

North Valley also finished with a 40-30 rebounding edge, the first time a team has topped the Red Devils on the boards all season.

“Our effort was lacking,” Cumberland said. “I think it was more mental than physical.”

Bowen had a strong game, with 19 points, 12 rebounds and four steals, and was named to the all-tournament team, along with Caleb Owens, who had 20 points in the opening win against Yoncalla and four Saturday.

Chirnside was the tournament’s most valuable player and Lyon also was on the all-tournament team for North Valley.

Coquille turns around Tuesday to host another top Class 4A team, North Bend, and hosts much-improved Siuslaw on Thursday. The

Red Devils also will have three games against larger schools in the Les Schwab South Coast Holiday Basketball Tournament at Marshfield after Christmas.

“The competition is great and is getting better,” Cumberland said. “I’m guessing our character will get a real test.”

Gold Beach 52, Yoncalla 29: Garrett Litterell had 19 points and two other teammates also finished in double figures as the Panthers won the consolation game.

Garrett Dolan had 13 points and Dustin Carter added 12 for Gold Beach.

Alex Anderson had a team-best nine points for Yoncalla.

Litterell and Anderson were named to the all-tournament team.

Nonleague

Oakland 65, Pacific 35: The Pirates got off to a rough start and couldn’t recover at home.

“We came out and spotted them 14 right off the bat,” said Pacific coach Ben Stallard. “When we settled down and were composed and ran our stuff, we made a little run.”

Tyler Cline had 14 points and Ethan Cline added nine for Pacific.

Colton Reber had 15 points and Roy Benzal added 13 for Oakland.

The Pirates committed 37 turnovers, Stallard said.

“They played pretty good defense, but we’ve got to figure out how to fix that,” he said. “We’re way better than we were last year. They play hard — period. You can’t ever be disappointed with the effort.”

Santiam Christian 50, Bandon 35: The host Eagles held off a second-half comeback attempt by the Tigers to win on Saturday.

Logan Shea had 12 points for Bandon. Jordan Risinger scored 18 for the Eagles.

Big East faces uncertain hoops future

VILLANOVA, Pa. (AP) — Villanova’s Big East banner that hangs in the rafters already has a white patch stitched over West Virginia.

The Wildcats can now start putting Xs over most of the rest of the conference schools, as well.

The Big East — a proud league built on basketball moments like the 1985 Wildcats stunning conference rival Georgetown in the national championship game — will soon become extinct, even if the name lives on in some unrecognizable form.

On Saturday, Villanova, Georgetown, St. John’s, DePaul, Marquette, Seton Hall and Providence all decided to officially separate from the conference many of them helped to build, so they can construct a league focused on basketball in this ever-changing landscape of college athletics.

The breakaway from the Big East was only the first step. It will be weeks and months of uncertainty, and possibly lawsuits, before the final structure over this transition period falls into place.

The seven schools must decide who will join them in the new hoops-heavy conference, when they want to depart, where they’ll play a conference tournament, and whether they will attempt to keep the Big East name. Plus, the league will need a commissioner.

There is no true timetable for any of those decisions. Like so many of these reshaped conferences that stretch from coast to coast, this new league won’t be confined to eastern teams. Xavier, Butler, Dayton, Creighton, and Gonzaga, way out in Spokane, Wash., also don’t play major college football and would be natural fits to align with these Catholic schools. The league also will consider non-denominational schools, as well.

“They don’t necessarily have to be Catholic, but it could happen,” Patrick Lyons, Seton Hall’s athletic director, said. “We’re not restricting it. We also have to consider our football-playing Big East partners and what they plan to do. But we’re extremely excited about being able to shape our future.”

The seven departing schools have won three men’s basketball national championships with 18 Final Four appearances. Georgetown, St. John’s,



Marquette coach Buzz Williams watches from the sideline during his team’s game against Savannah State Saturday. Marquette is one of seven Big East schools that have decided to leave the conference and pursue a new basketball framework. The Associated Press

Seton Hall and Providence helped form the Big East, which started playing basketball in 1979. Villanova joined in 1980, and Marquette and DePaul in 2005. The Big East began playing football in 1991.

“I just like the fact that our schools are being proactive and moving in a direction that I think will be just great,” DePaul coach Oliver Purnell said. “I’ve always said DePaul will be fine because we’ll be in a terrific basketball league and nothing’s transpired in the last week or so that’s changed my mind.”

For most of the schools, leaving is bittersweet, but it is a move necessitated by earlier defections like Syracuse (ACC), Pittsburgh (ACC) and West Virginia (Big 12), and the heavy emphasis on the cash-cow football programs.

“I think the tipping point in the mind of all seven of us was the most recent departure of Louisville and Rutgers,” said Villanova’s president, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue. “There was a concern on all of our parts about where the conference was heading and where basketball was playing a part in the conference.”

Big East bylaws require departing members give the conference 27 months’ notice, but the league has negotiated early departures with Orange, Panthers and Mountaineers over the past year. Those schools all had to pay exit fees. Big East rules do allow schools to leave as a group without being obligated to pay exit fees.

The seven schools could play one

more year in the Big East or figure out a way to get started on their league a season early. No one wants to deal with the uncertainty and nastiness that can lead from a split for any more time than necessary.

The breakup, however, is almost guaranteed to get messy. The Big East name, after all, will be up for grabs in negotiations.

“The association has served us well, for sure,” Villanova Athletic Director Vince Nicastro said. “It’s been part of the fabric of our programs. But we’re looking forward.”

Villanova coach Jay Wright, a native of the area, and raised on the Big East, said the time was right for a change.

“All of us basketball schools (are now) able to get together and say, ‘OK, where are we going to go? How are we going to do this?’” he said. “Not sit back and say, ‘Let’s wait and see what the football schools decide, then let’s see where we’re going to go.’”

The latest hit to the Big East leaves Connecticut, also a founding member, Cincinnati, Temple and South Florida — the four current members with FBS football programs — as the only schools currently in the Big East that are scheduled to be there beyond the 2013-14 school year.

The Big East is still lined up to have a 12-team football conference next season with six new members, including Boise State and San Diego State for football only.

GIRLS

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“We’ve got some young ones,” Clark said, referring to freshman guard Hailey Timeus and sophomore post Morrigan Clifford. “We’re still trying to find ourselves a little bit.”

The Panthers travel to Riddle today and then compete in a three-day tournament at Klamath Falls starting Thursday.

Coquille, meanwhile, is home against North Bend on Tuesday and visits Siuslaw on Thursday.

Tim GeDeros said he expects a bigger challenge from the Panthers next month.

“Chris is a good coach,” he said. “When we have them down there, he’ll have them ready.”

North Valley 54, Yoncalla 45: The Knights scored 21 points in the second quarter and 23 in the fourth to beat the Eagles in the consolation game.

Kenzi Schmoll had a game-high 24 points and Lexi Pittman added 22, including three 3-pointers, for North Valley. Mikala Mohr was the only other North Valley player to score, finishing with 10 points.

Tabitha Shaw had 14 points and Salista Williams added 12 for the Eagles, who led by 11 points after the first quarter, trailed by four at halftime and led by two entering the fourth.

Schmoll and Shaw were

named to the all-tournament team.

Phoenix Invitational

Klamath Union 55, Reedsport 37: The Pelicans topped the Braves in the third-place game at Phoenix on Saturday, outscoring Reedsport 36-8 in the middle two quarters.

Kayla Doane had 21 points to lead Reedsport.

The Braves lost to eventual champion Phoenix in the semifinals Friday.

Nonleague

Oakland 53, Pacific 24: The Pirates got 22 points from Riley Engdahl, but only two from the rest of the team, falling at home to the Oakers.

“We couldn’t throw it in the ocean,” Pacific coach Ben Stallard said. “I thought we could play with that team. We were getting good shots. It was just one of those nights when they wouldn’t fall.”

Brooke Spencer had 18 points to lead the Oakers.

Stallard said he’s looking forward to a break from games — Pacific doesn’t play again until the Crow tournament after Christmas.

“It will be nice to have a full week of practice,” he said.

Santiam Christian 52, Bandon 34: The Tigers fell behind 42-14 on the road against the Eagles before finishing strong in the final eight minutes.

Hailey Iverson had 11 points for the Tigers. Jessi Seumalo led the Eagles with 20 points.

NBA Raptors build win streak

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Anderson made a pair of free throws to close New Orleans to within 85-80. His 3-pointer pulled the Hornets to 90-87 with 3:21 left. Lance Thomas got them closer with a putback but Aldridge had a step-back jumper with 1:04 to make it 92-89.

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

The Lakers (11-14), who beat Washington 102-96 on

Friday night, won two in a row for the first time since a three-game streak from Nov. 16-20.

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

Nick Young paced the reeling Sixers (12-12) with 30 points.

Raptors 103, Rockets 96: Jose Calderon had 18 points, 14 assists and 10 rebounds, and Toronto won consecutive games for the first time in eight months with a victory over Houston.

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

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

Nuggets 122, Kings 97: Reserve JaVale McGee scored 19 points, Danilo Gallinari had 18 and Denver built a big lead in the first half to cruise past Sacramento.

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

Isaiah Thomas had 20 points and DeMarcus Cousins had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Kings.

Sacramento’s Aaron Brooks committed a hard foul against Andre Miller late in the first quarter and a mild altercation ensued involving Cousins and Kenneth Faried of the Nuggets. All four players were given technical fouls.

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