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## Legislators Hear Tearful Testimony on Budget Cuts

Preserving care for Idaho's most vulnerable was the topic that dominated Friday's public hearing on the state budget.

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**BOISE** • Tears and frustration marked Friday's public testimony on how recent state budget cuts have affected Idahoans' lives.

With the Legislature's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee accepting public input on the state's budget, the message re-

ceived was clear: Funding cuts, especially to Medicaid, have led to devastating results for vulnerable Idahoans.

JFAC Co-chairman Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, started the session by thanking those who began lining up early Friday morning in hopes they'd have a 3-minute audience with state lawmakers.

"I still remember many of the

faces and testimony from last year, and I want you to know they had an impact on our deliberations," Cameron said.

Most of the approximately 60 people who testified Friday spoke of how cuts to Medicaid services have affected them and their families, including Dana Demeule-Benkula, who traveled from Twin Falls to speak on behalf of her Delta Developmental Services clients who receive Medicaid.

"I've watched people lose their

dental services, their nursing services, their behavioral services, their mental services," she said.

Boise resident Noll Garcia, who has cerebral palsy, said Medicaid services allow him to live safely and independently.

"I am very concerned that my budget will be cut, resulting in less staff to help keep me safe in my apartment and my community and do the things that are meaningful in my life," he said.

John Kuhara of Pocatello testi-

fied that severe depression landed him in the hospital for three weeks, at a cost of \$48,000 to the state. It's cheaper to fund preventative services, like psychosocial rehabilitation, than it is to provide the emergency care that he required, he claimed.

"My PSR hours were decreased in June of this year to three hours a week, down from five," Kuhara said. He believes that decrease, a direct result of Medicaid cuts, led to

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## Planned Parenthood Holds on to Komen Funds

BY KIMBERLEE KRUESI  
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**TWIN FALLS** • After a week of flip-flopping, it's likely several women's health organizations may need funding to help check for whiplash.

On Friday, the Susan G. Komen Foundation reversed its plans to halt funding to Planned Parenthood. The decision came on the heels of an earlier announcement that the foundation would no longer provide financial support for the family planning organization, on the grounds that it doesn't fund groups in the middle of a federal investigation.

If the foundation had decided to go with the plan, the impact would have been significant to many Idaho health centers operated under Planned Parenthood, said Kristen Glundberg-Prosser, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of the Greater Northwest.

Last year, the Twin Falls health center relied on a \$23,000 grant from the Komen foundation to perform breast screenings and distribute mammogram vouchers to low-income women.

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Twin Falls resident Donna Erickson has suffered from chronic pain for years. Erickson recently had a surgical procedure to have a neurostimulation device implanted in her back, which scrambles pain sensations sent to her brain and is expected to help improve her quality of life.

## Declaring Independence

A new surgical implant is helping a Twin Falls woman manage the chronic pain that's limited her freedom for years.

BY KIMBERLEE KRUESI  
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**TWIN FALLS** • Pointing to bookshelves hidden throughout her house, Donna Erickson lists off her favorite reads without missing a beat.

She's surrounded by pages offering insight

on self-help, religion and pain management. But even with the encouraging empowerment, they haven't done much to ease her pain.

Chronic physical pain has haunted Erickson over the past 50 years. A deteriorating back and slipped disk eventually forced her to give up driving three years ago. And up until a few weeks ago, she was unable to sit or stand up for any extended period of time.

"My husband put a mattress in the backseat of the car," she said. "That's how I got around."

But in a few weeks, those days may be behind her. On Thursday, Erickson underwent surgery that implanted a small device in the

middle of her back. The device — called AdaptiveStim with RestoreSensor — is designed to distract her brain from receiving pain messages by sending a tingling sensation throughout her lower back and right leg instead.

The medical community has been using the device for years, but a technology upgrade has improved its practicality.

"Before, the device only worked correctly if you remained in one position," said Sondra Thompson, a pain management specialist who has offices in Boise and Twin Falls. "If you moved, the device didn't know what to do and

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## 2nd Teacher from L.A. School Arrested on Sex Claim

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Micron Technology Inc. CEO Steve Appleton is photographed in 1999 at the company's Boise headquarters. Appleton, the chairman of Micron, has died in a small plane crash in Boise. He was 51.



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## Appleton, CEO of Chip Maker Micron, Dies in Plane Crash

BY TODD DVORAK and REBECCA BOONE  
Associated Press

**BOISE** • The head of memory chip maker Micron, long known for taking risks in stunt piloting, died Friday when a small experimental plane he was piloting steeply banked, stalled and crashed near an Idaho runway.

Steve Appleton, who survived a similar crash eight years ago and had a reputation as a hard-driving daredevil, was the only person aboard the plane when witnesses said it crashed shortly after its second take-off attempt in

### More Inside

What Appleton meant to his company; and, do companies plan for the loss of their CEOs?  
**Read the full stories on A5.**

Boise, according to safety investigators. Appleton's death was confirmed by Micron Technology Inc., the board accepted his high-octane hobbies as simply part of a work-hard and play-hard personality. Corporate governance experts raised questions in the past about

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# Could Growing Mole on Back Be Cancerous?

I have a mole on my back that I'm concerned may be cancerous. It has gotten bigger the past couple of months. What should I do?

- Tim, Murtaugh

Answered by Dr. Phatama Padavanija, St. Luke's Clinic Medical Oncology:

There are three types of skin cancer. Basal cell and squamous cell skin cancer, which are rarely life-threatening, are treatable by removal. Melanoma is the most serious kind of skin cancer, which left untreated, can be lethal. Melanoma can go deep into the skin tissue or possibly spread into the lymph nodes or other organs.

The American Cancer Society reports that melanoma is the fifth most common cause of cancer in men and the sixth most common cause of cancer in women. That statistic has been rising over the past 10-15 years, largely due to genetics and sun exposure.

Children are especially susceptible to skin cancers in later life if they have experienced a serious sunburn or burns throughout childhood. Fair-skinned and red-haired individuals are also more susceptible to melanoma. Using sun block of SPF of 15 or higher is recommended to protect your skin against the damaging rays of the sun.

To determine whether your mole has the potential for some type of skin cancer, take a look at it and take the ABCDE test. A stands for asymmetry: See if the spot is not even on both sides. B means border: Is there an irregular border surrounding the mole? C is color variation: Is your mole two or three different colors? D means diameter: Is the

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mole is larger than the size of a pencil head eraser? Finally E: Look for evolving changes in the mole.

Remember to look at areas of your body that you might not normally think of as at risk of skin cancer, like your scalp or the back of your head. If you can't see these areas, have someone look for you.

If you are experiencing any of the above symptoms, they could be an indicator of skin cancer or melanoma. It is very important to make an appointment with your primary care physician, who can do a thorough skin exam.

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# School Bus, Pickup Truck Collide near Twin Falls

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**TWIN FALLS** • A school bus carrying about 47 students collided with a pickup truck on Friday, but none of the children were injured, according to the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

The crash — still under investigation — happened at about 2:45 p.m. at the inter-

section of 3800 North Road and U.S. Highway 93, southwest of Twin Falls, said sheriff's office spokeswoman Lori Stewart.

The bus was headed west on 3800 North, while the pickup was southbound on U.S. 93, Stewart said. Though the students weren't hurt, the driver of the pickup was taken by ground ambu-

lance to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries.

Parents were called to pick up their children at the scene.

The details of the crash, including the names of the drivers and who was at fault, weren't available Friday evening.

## CEO

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whether Appleton, as CEO, should be engaging in a hobby as risky as stunt piloting.

Micron shares were up 23 cents at \$795 Friday before trading was halted for the announcement.

"Steve's passion and energy left an indelible mark on Micron, the Idaho community and the technology industry at large," Micron's board of directors said in a prepared statement.

Micron is one of many companies that make semiconductor chips for various devices, including computers, mobile devices, cameras, cars and industrial systems. It makes products under the Lexar and Crucial brands, and is one of Idaho's largest and most influential employers.

The company's shares have traded between \$3.97 and \$11.95 over the past year. In its latest fiscal year, which ended Sept. 1, Micron earned \$167 million, or 17 cents per share, and had revenue of \$8.8 billion.

The 51-year-old Appleton hadn't filed a flight plan and by all indications planned to stay in the area for a recreational flight, investigators said.

Zoe Keliher, air investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board, said the crash happened during Appleton's second attempt to fly that morning. She said Appleton's first take-off ended abruptly — witnesses said the plane only got about 5 feet off the ground — when he landed and returned to a hangar for about five minutes.

Keliher said witnesses reported that the plane then returned to the runway to take off again, but Appleton almost immediately told the tower he needed to turn around and re-land. His plane was about 100 or 200 feet in the air before witnesses say it crashed and caught fire. Appleton's body was thrown from the wreckage.

Keliher said the remains of the pilot weren't immediately identifiable, but Appleton's wallet and other belongings were among the debris. She said the body was being fingerprinted by authorities.

The weather was clear. Keliher said investigators planned to look for any evidence of equipment failure or other problems.

Airport spokeswoman Patti Miller said the aircraft was a fixed-wing prop plane Lancair, which is built from kits.

Federal Aviation Administration's records show the tail number of the wrecked plane was registered to Raleighwood Aviation LLC out of North Carolina.

It was manufactured in 2007 and filed in the "amateur built" category.

Appleton's death came one week after the company's president and chief operating officer, D. Mark Durcan, announced plans to retire in August. Mark W. Adams, Micron's vice president of worldwide sales, was named to succeed Durcan.

Micron spokesman Dan Francisco said Durcan is assuming the responsibilities of CEO until the company's board appoints Appleton's successor.

The board planned to meet over the weekend to discuss its next steps.

# Magic Valley Chocolate Chefs Take Home Honors

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**TWIN FALLS** • The Rotary Club of Twin Falls estimates it netted around \$31,000 for local charities at its seventh annual Death by Chocolate tasting event, event chairwoman Jill Skeem said Friday.

Local chefs competed in five categories Thursday night, vying to win the favor of the tasting public and a panel of judges.

The judges — who didn't know entrants' identities — selected these winners:

**Brownie:** 1. The Cup Cake, 2. Cactus Petes Resort Casino, 3. Canyon Ridge High School.

**Cake:** 1. Cucina Gemelli, 2. Cactus Petes, 3. Bakehouse.

**Candy:** 1. Canyon Crest Dining & Event Center, 2. Daisy's, 3. Black Cat Cupcakes.

**Cookie:** 1. Twin Falls High School, 2. The Coffee Shop, 3. From Seed to Store.

**Unique dessert:** 1. Cold Stone Creamery, 2. Shari's, 3. Magic Valley High School.

**High school division:** 1. Twin Falls High, 2. Magic Valley High, 3. Canyon Ridge High.

Also, many of the people attending Death By Chocolate marked ballots to reward their favorite chefs, who served from labeled tables. Those People's Choice Award winners:

**Brownie:** 1. Cactus Petes, 2. The Cup Cake, 3. Canyon Ridge High.

**Cake:** 1. Cactus Petes, 2. Cucina Gemelli, 3. Hilton Garden Inn.

**Candy:** 1. Daisy's, 2. Wynwood of Twin Falls, 3. Arno Confection Perfection.

**Cookie:** 1. Twin Falls High, 2. The Coffee Shop, 3.

# Wendell, Region IV Development Ink Deal

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**WENDELL** • In 2006, the city of Wendell tapped the non-profit Region IV Development Corp. to help it seek grant funding and administer loan paperwork tied to its wastewater project.

On Thursday, the Wendell City Council decided to continue its relationship with Region IV, approving a 2012 project administration contract totaling \$92,500.

Mayor Brad Christopherson said the amount covers work the Twin Falls organization has already conducted for the city and includes additional duties expected now that the sewer project is moving forward.

The \$11.5 million project was stalled for several years,

including while the city negotiated a property purchase necessary for the land application of treated effluent.

"Region IV has been very patient and very good to work with," Christopherson said.

Jason McCurdy, the city's Region IV grant administrator, explained some of the work already done on the city's behalf, including a bid for an Idaho Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant in 2007. Though unsuccessful, the city applied again for the grant in 2008 and Commerce put it on "stand-by" status while it secured land and worked through other delays, McCurdy said.

With those delays settled, the city "can now be considered for grant funding," McCurdy said.

McCurdy will also help the

city work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development to secure low-interest loans for the project. Cost details will be available as the project's design is finalized.

Also Thursday, the council approved a contract for 2012 with France, Basterrechea, Wagner and Bunn CPAs of Gooding. The firm has helped the city get its finances in order for more than a year.

City Treasurer Deb Gibbs said the contract allows the city to use between \$500 and \$2,500 of services per month, as needed.

"The services cover everything from coming in and helping the library board with budgeting and training, to in the office for unexpected needs," Gibbs said.

## COMING UP

### Flashy Moves

Anthony Spencer has a passion for the Maori performance art of poi spinning, and he'll teach classes to Magic Valley residents at the YMCA; Natalie Dicou reports. **Sunday in People**

### Super Supplements

What diet and health supplements are popular today? Read what Magic Valley residents are buying; Andrew Weeks reports. **Wednesday in Food**

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## Pain

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it would offer too much stimulation or not enough?

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the upgrade in December. The two-inch implant now mimics the same technology used in a smartphone, Thompson said.

When a patient moves from sitting to standing, it automatically registers the differences and changes the stimulation needed to distract its wearer's brain from feeling high amounts of pain.

It's a subtle but powerful difference, Thompson said.



COURTESY PHOTO  
**This is the 2-inch device that Twin Falls resident Donna Erickson had implanted in her back to help manage her chronic pain.**

According to the National Institutes of Health, close to 85 percent of Americans will suffer from back or leg pain at one point in their lives. Back pain is now the most com-

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

**CASSIA COUNTY**

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS**

**Garell Phyllis Bedke**; driving under the influence, disposition withheld.

**MINIDOKA COUNTY**

**FELONY SENTENCING**

**Melanie Linn Straubhaar**; probation violation (felony), original sentence imposed and suspended, probation granted.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS**

Calvin Ray Teupel; driving under the influence (misdemeanor), \$200 fine, \$182.50 costs, 90 days driver's license suspended, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 88 days suspended, 1 day credited, 30 hours community service; probation violation (misdemeanor), 12 months probation, 18 days jail, 18 days cred-

ited, revoke, reinstated and extended 12 months; probation violation (misdemeanor), 90 days jail time, 40 days credited; probation violation (misdemeanor), 90 days jail, 40 days credited. **Rebecca Jean Polston**; driving under the influence (misdemeanor), \$200 fine, \$217.50 costs, 90 days drivers license suspended, 15 months probation, 90 days jail time, 87 days suspended, 30 days community service, 30 days suspended; probation violation (misdemeanor), guilty. **Jesus Jose Loya**; driving under the influence (excessive) (misdemeanor) amended to driving under the influence (misdemeanor), \$400 fines, \$182.50 costs, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 days suspended, 1 day credited, 16 hours community service; vehicle equipment-fender, covers and mudflaps violation (infraction) amended to driving offense by person owning or controlling vehi-

cle, 180 days jail, 180 days suspended.

**TWIN FALLS COUNTY**

**FRIDAY ARRAIGNMENTS**

**Michael Keith Lipinski**, 48, Twin Falls; domestic battery, attempted strangulation, \$25,000 bond, private counsel, preliminary Feb. 13. **Adam Michael Etcheverry**, 19, Twin Falls; possession of paraphernalia, \$100 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial March 13. **Jorge A. Alatorre Banuelos**, 18, Jerome; possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, \$100 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial March 13. **Jorge A. Alatorre Banuelos**, 18, Jerome; burglary, \$10,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Feb. 13. **Blaze Mendoza**, 18, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, resisting or obstructing, appearance, public defender appointed, pretrial Feb. 13.

**T.F. MAN ACCUSED OF CAUSING ROLBERTO'S CRASH HAD WARRANT**

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**TWIN FALLS** • The man police say caused another vehicle to crash into a Twin Falls Mexican restaurant had a warrant out for his arrest for driving without privileges. James Douglas Simon, 20, of Twin Falls, was arrested Thursday on charges of failing to give notice of a colli-

sion, a second offense of driving without privileges and failure to carry proof of insurance.

Police say Simon was driving the black Jeep Grand Cherokee that struck a red Scion, causing it to crash into the front of Rolberto's Mexican Food Thursday afternoon. He allegedly fled the scene in a different vehicle

before police arrested him. Simon also has prior convictions for driving without privileges and failure to carry proof of insurance. He was released Thursday evening on bond. Friday, a Rolberto's employee said the damage to the building was boarded up and the restaurant would remain open.



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**Debra Parsons, and her son, Dakota, 14, from Victor, testify regarding the state's budget Friday before the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee at the Idaho Statehouse in Boise. Dozens of people came to testify Friday on a number of issues, but most of the testimony centered around Medicaid issues.**

**Budget Cuts**

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his breakdown in October. Many acknowledged the difficult position JFAC members face when it comes to making budget decisions. "We understand that resources are limited," said Shawn Bills of Idaho Falls. "We also understand that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Several also testified to the importance of establishing a suicide prevention hot line in Idaho. Idaho is the only state without such a hot line, said advocates from the Suicide Prevention Action Network. Darlene Root of Boise spoke of losing her son to suicide. "Having someone to speak to in such a time of crisis

might have made a difference for him," Root said. Boise resident Rich Stover agreed, speaking of how he learned that his 19-year-old son had committed suicide while he was deployed with the Idaho Army National Guard 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team. Raj Sandou of Meridian spoke on behalf of nursing students at Idaho State University in support of a hot line. "As future health care providers of these communities, we strongly believe that every single life lost to suicide is a preventable tragedy," Sandou said. After the hearing, JFAC Co-chairwoman Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, said the hot line testimony especially stood out to her, as she hadn't heard much about the need

for one before. But, she added, it's hard to create new programs in lean budget times. This year, only a handful of people testified on education. Briana LeClaire of the Idaho Freedom Foundation asked the committee to consider allowing students to choose which school to go to and let taxpayer dollars follow those students. Scott Nicholson of Boise talked about public education funding concerns, including the cost of introducing new technology at the expense of other school funding. The testimony was hard to hear, said Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum. But that's what made it important. "It puts faces on the cuts that are being made and the individuals," Jaquet said. "It was very moving."

**Komen**

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"We are so grateful to the Komen Foundation. So much of Idaho is very rural," Glundberg-Prosser said. "We reached 250 women who would otherwise not receive breast screenings or any sort of health care." Reactions from Komen's decision reflect the often muddled politics concerning women's health. On one hand, anti-abortion groups admire Komen's dedication to promoting life, but refuse to fund the group because Planned Parenthood performs abortions. The Komen chapter in Boise declined to comment. Emails and phone calls from the Times-News to the national Komen offices were not returned. However, in a news release, Komen leaders apologized for any doubt supporters might have of the foundation's dedication to women's health. Planned Parenthood is currently being sued over allegations that federal funds were used to perform abortions in its clinics. According to the release, the Komen Foundation will amend its giving criteria to allow Planned Parenthood to receive grants. Anti-abortion group Idaho Chooses Life was preparing to raise funds for the Komen foundation before Friday's announcement,

said David Ripley, the organization's executive director. "We're probably not going to support them. We don't want our money going to support the abortion industry," he said. "Honestly, it's been a mystery to us why Komen was giving money to Planned Parenthood in the first place." Glundberg-Prosser ar-

gued that preventive health care was the main concern at all Planned Parenthood health centers. "Women's health is not political, but when it gets political, women suffer," she said. "We are gratified the Susan G. Komen Foundation reversed their decision to continue education and screening to women who vitally need it."

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**Frosty Forest**



ASHLEY SMITH • TIMES-NEWS

Trees, with a morning layer of frost on them, are highlighted by a shaft of light peeking through clouds Friday along the Snake River near Ritter Island. Today's forecast for the Magic Valley calls for sunny conditions and daytime highs in the low 40s.

# T.F. CO. PROSECUTOR LOEBBS TO SEEK RE-ELECTION

TIMES-NEWS

**TWIN FALLS** • Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebbs will seek another four-year term in his office during the 2012 election.

Loebbs, who has been the county's prosecutor since his 1997 appointment, has been re-elected three times. In a Friday press release, he called his greatest achievement in office assembling

and maintaining "a fine group of professional prosecutors and staff in whom I have the greatest confidence."

Loebbs said methamphetamine is at the core of the

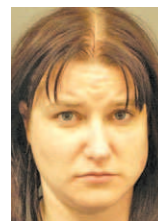
county's criminal problems, and declared a commitment to fighting drugs in the Magic Valley, along with other crimes, including juvenile crimes and domestic crimes.

Loebbs also serves as Twin Falls County's legal counsel in civil matters. He has lived in Twin Falls since 1993, and earned his law degree in 1991 at George Washington University Law School.

**WANTED**

**Gerrilynn Edwards**

**Age:** 30  
**Description:** 5 feet, 2 inches; 130 pounds; red hair; blue eyes  
**Wanted for:** Failure to appear; original charges possession of controlled substance, drug paraphernalia and providing false information; \$25,000 bond



Edwards

The Cassia County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information about Edwards to call 878-2511, or Crime Stoppers at 878-2900. Tipsters can remain anonymous.



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Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney speaks to a crowd in Elko, Nev. Behind Romney, from left, are Idaho Gov. C.L. 'Butch' Otter, Idaho first lady Lori Otter, and Idaho public schools chief Tom Luna with his wife, Cindy.

# Romney Rallies Gold Country

BY ADELLA HARDING  
 Elko Daily Free Press

**ELKO, Nev.** • Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney told an enthusiastic crowd of at least 450 supporters on Friday that Elko is God's country and gold country.

"Some of what you have on the ground, that gold stuff, is good for you here now," he said.

Elko is the heart of gold-mining country, where the economy is booming in comparison with the downturn in much of the state and nation.

Romney said he is "heartsick" as he sees people struggling across the country, including retirees who are forced to take minimum-wage jobs "to put food on the table." He said the median income has dropped 10 percent nationwide in the past four years.

Young people graduating from college and wondering if they will have a job also trouble him, the former Massachusetts governor told the gathering at the El Aero hangar at Elko Regional Airport, where he

flew in for the rally.

Romney said President Barack Obama stated three years ago on "The Today Show" that he would turn the economy around in three years or be a one-term politician.

That remark drew cheers for the Republican contender who is hoping to win the most delegates in the Nevada Republican caucuses today.

Florida primary winner Romney didn't mention his opponents — Newt Gingrich, U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, who was in Elko Thursday, or former Sen. Rick Santorum — but geared his remarks to the battle against Obama.

"We have a president elected to lead. He chose to follow. Now it's time for him to get out of the way," Romney said.

Romney's win in Florida brought added enthusiasm to his campaign, Nevada Lt. Gov. Brian Krolicki said after the rally. Krolicki is co-chairman of Romney's Nevada campaign. "The energy from Florida energized the troops here. You feel this," he said.

Romney also has an advantage in Nevada because he is a Mormon and has strong support from the state's Mormons — apparent at the Elko rally.

He said he would cut spending and come up with a balanced budget. He also wouldn't give bailouts to alternative energy companies that then go broke, he said, referring to the controversy over solar company Solyndra.

Romney also said the country needs to shrink government and "get out of our lives." He called for repealing the health insurance reforms known as Obamacare, and said the Obama administration "is making it harder and harder to get the energy and resources we need." While Obama looks at solar and wind energy, he "would take advantage of our oil, coal, our gas."

Although Romney's remarks aimed at Elko and the West were limited, Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter told the Elko audience that Romney understands the issues in Nevada and Idaho.



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**THE MARKET AT A GLANCE**

**Unemployment Drop Sends Stocks Soaring**

**NEW YORK (AP)** • A drop in the unemployment rate to its lowest level in three years propelled stocks higher Friday. The Dow Jones industrial average closed at its highest level since May 2008, before the worst days of the financial crisis.

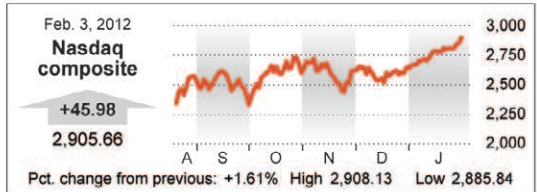
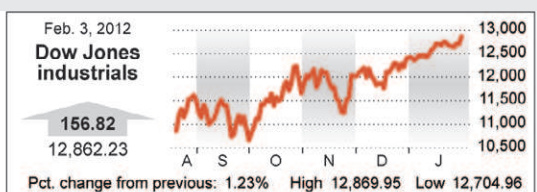
The Nasdaq composite index closed at its highest level since December 2000.

Before the market opened, the Labor Department said companies hired 243,000 employees in January. That's the strongest job growth in nine months. The increase in hiring pushed the unemployment rate down to 8.3 percent.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 156.82 points, or 1.2 percent, to close at 12,862.23.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 19.36 points, or 1.3 percent, to 1,344.90.

The Nasdaq composite added 45.98 points, or 1.6 percent, to 2,905.66.



**STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST**

AlliantEgy	1.80f	15	42.97	+22	-2.6	Kaman	.64	15	33.37	+1.27	+2.1
AlliantTch	.80	7	58.36	+07	+2.1	Keycorp	.12	8	8.24	+30	+7.2
AmCasino	.50f	14	20.49	+07	+18.5	LeeEnt h	...	...	1.15	-.06	+63.1
Aon Corp	.60	18	48.06	-1.31	+2.7	MicronT	...	...	7.95	+23	+26.4
BallardPw	...	...	1.27	+07	+17.6	OfficeMax	...	10	5.67	+02	+24.9
BkofAm	.04	...	7.84	+39	+41.0	RockTen	.80	24	66.00	+2.49	+14.4
ConAgra	.96	15	26.80	-11	+1.5	Sensient	.84	17	40.92	+7.5	+8.0
Costco	.96	26	85.36	-.15	+2.4	SkyWest	.16	29	14.05	+3.7	+11.6
Diebold	1.12	17	33.22	+71	+10.5	Teralyn	...	14	17.03	+2.5	+24.9
DukeEngy	1.00	17	21.40	+03	-2.7	Uppwire	1.44f	17	61.37	+11	+9.6
DukeRly	.68	...	14.06	+29	+16.7	US Bancp	.50	12	29.20	+6.3	+7.9
Fastenal s	.68f	40	48.30	+1.33	+10.8	Valhi	.50	35	54.39	+01	-10.1
Heinz	1.92	17	51.94	-.25	-3.9	WalMart	1.46	14	62.03	+0.9	+3.8
HewlettP	.48	9	29.07	+57	+12.8	WashFed	.32f	15	16.16	+10	+15.5
HewlettP	1.16f	20	45.17	+71	+7.4	WellsFargo	.48	11	30.63	+7.3	+11.1
Idacorp	1.32f	13	42.12	+08	-7	ZionBcp	.04	22	18.03	+7.2	+10.7

**GRAINS & METALS REPORT**

**INTERMOUNTAIN GRAIN**

**POCATELLO, Idaho (AP)** — Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain and Livestock Report for Friday, February 3.  
**POCATELLO** — White wheat 6.25 (up 5); 11.5 percent winter 6.25 (down 34); 14 percent spring 8.15 (down 2); barley 9.27 (steady); hard white 6.95 (down 514).  
**BURLEY** — White wheat 6.10 (steady); 11.5 percent winter 6.25 (steady); 14 percent spring 8.29 (up 10); barley 9.50 cwt (steady); hard white 6.95 (down 5).  
**OSDEN** — White wheat 6.35 (steady); 11.5 percent winter 6.42 (down 6); 14 percent spring 8.28 (down 3); barley 11.00 (steady); corn 12.00 (down 2).  
**PORTLAND** — White wheat 6.97 (up 2); 11 percent winter 7.46-7.51 (down 5); 14 percent spring 9.84 (up 3); corn 274.25-274.75 (steady);  
**NAMPA** — White wheat 9.92 cwt (steady); 5.95 bushel (steady);

9700; heavy feeder steers 124.00-150.00, light feeder steers 157.00-173.75; stocker feeder steers 104.00-205.50; heavy feeder heifers 89.00-138.00; light feeder heifers 139.75-162.50; stocker feeder heifers 151.00-179.00; Jan 7; weaner pigs 45.00-55.00; fats 70.00-74.00; sows 28.00-32.00; lambs 152.00-177.00; bucks 67.00-76.00; ewes 35.00-70.00; calves 45.00-215.00; No remarks.

**GOLD**

London morning fixing: \$1759.50 up \$8.50. London afternoon fixing: \$1734.00 off \$17.00. NY Handy & Harman: \$1734.00 off \$17.00. NY Handy & Harman fabricated: \$1872.72 off \$18.36. NY Engelhard: \$1732.60 off \$17.03. NY Engelhard fabricated: \$1867.92 off \$18.30. NY Merc. gold Feb Thu. \$1756.80 up \$9.70. NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m. Thu. \$1758.00 up \$12.00.

**SILVER**

Handy & Harman silver Friday \$33.525 off \$0.625. H&H fabricated \$40.230 off \$0.750. The morning bullion price for silver in London \$33.990 off \$0.260. Engelhard \$33.700 off \$0.280. Engelhard fabricated \$40.440 off \$0.336. NY Merc silver spot month Friday \$33.725 off \$0.426.

**INTERMOUNTAIN LIVESTOCK**

**LIVESTOCK AUCTION** — Twin Falls Livestock Auction on February 1 slaughter and feeder cows 53.00-83.50; bred cows 930.00-1420.00/hd; cow/calf n/a; slaughter and feeder bulls 73.50-

**Titans Clash in Mexico's Fight Over Monopolies**

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** • A technological revolution is pushing Carlos Slim, the world's richest man, into a battle with other powerful interests in Mexico, creating a billionaires' version of a schoolyard spat. To the wonderment of many Mexicans, companies accustomed to crushing competitors are now casting themselves as crusaders against monopoly.

The corporate titans have run full-page ads accusing each other of lying, cheating and conspiring to overcharge customers, allegations often bolstered by official studies finding that Mexicans pay far more than they should for many services because major businesses lack strong competitors.

**Panda Express Opens T.F. Location**

TIMES-NEWS

**TWIN FALLS** • Panda Express, a popular Chinese fast food chain, opened its new location in north Twin Falls on Friday.

The store, at 1671 Washington St. N., was announced in November and built at the southwest corner of Pole Line Road and Washington Street North. Featuring dine-in options and a drive-through window, the restaurant is open from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The store saw brisk business on Friday, especially around the lunch hour.

Panda Express has more than 1,442 locations in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, including 13 in Idaho.

Information: 733-6699, www.pandaexpress.com.



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*Panda Express employee Diana Gonzales waves to traffic dressed as a panda Friday in Twin Falls. The Chinese food chain opened its new Twin Falls location on Friday.*

**Appleton Was the Company's Czar**

IDAHO STATESMAN

**BOISE** • Steve Appleton personified Micron Technology Inc. He was more than its public face — he was its czar.

"It was ruled by one guy," said Mike Howard, a semiconductor analyst in Boise for IHS iSuppli and a former Micron employee. If Appleton said the company was going to do something, everyone fell in line, Howard said.

Appleton, the chairman and CEO of Micron Technology, was killed shortly before 9 a.m. Friday in a plane crash at the Boise airport. He was 51.

"We are deeply saddened to announce that Steve Appleton, Micron Chairman and CEO, passed away this morning in a small plane accident in Boise," the company's board of directors said in a news release. "Our hearts go out to his wife, Dalynn, his children and his family during this tragic time."

"Steve's passion and energy left an indelible mark on Micron, the Idaho community and the technology industry at large."

Appleton brought a deep history to the computer chip business and has been a driving force in consolidation that has surrounded the business, Howard said.

He was also a risk-taker. Micron's board was tolerant of Appleton's penchant for risky hobbies, said Parker. "Steve's hobby of flying airplanes is part of who he is, of his competitive and dynamic nature," said Dave Parker, a Micron spokesman, in 2004, after Appleton was injured in another plane crash.

"It translates well into his job as CEO of a major semiconductor memory company and the challenges that come with that responsibility," Parker said then. "The board understands this."

One question is what Appleton's death will mean to the future of Micron.

Appleton's death came just one week after Micron's No. 2 executive, Mark Durcan, 50, announced that he would step down as resident and chief operating officer in August after 28 years with the company. Mark W. Adams, Micron's vice president of worldwide sales, was named to succeed Durcan. He has an MBA from Harvard.

Appleton led the company through its downsizing in recent years. Amid continuing losses, Micron ended memory-chip manufacturing in Boise in 2009. The company now employs more than 5,000 people in Boise, half the number it had a decade ago.

Trading in Micron's stock was halted Thursday on the Nasdaq exchange.

**When the Boss Dies Suddenly**

**Many companies don't adequately plan for the loss of their CEO.**

BY JULIE HOWARD

Idaho Statesman

*Editor's note: This story was first published July 18, 2004, after Micro CEO Steve Appleton was injured when he crashed his plane in the desert near Boise.*

**BOISE** • It's a morbid issue, but one every board of directors has to address. What happens if the firm's CEO or chairman dies suddenly?

The issue came home to Micron Technology in 2004 when the man who held the company's top three titles — chairman, president and CEO — smashed his small aircraft into the desert floor near Boise.

Steve Appleton survived, with only an overnight stay in the hospital and some stitches to his forehead, and — in any case — Micron executives said the firm had a plan in place that guaranteed it wouldn't be left without a leader.

"Micron's board periodically reviews the succession plan, and they are knowledgeable of the internal candidates, both for the CEO position, as well as other executive positions," said Micron spokesman Dave Parker.

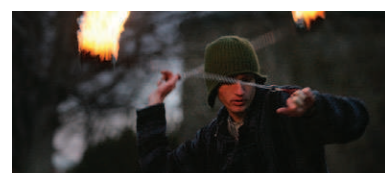
CEO succession should occur seamlessly, whether it's a sudden or planned management departure, to ensure shareholder value and keep speculation at a minimum, said management assessment consultant Ted Bililies.

But that doesn't always happen. "In U.S. corporations, there is a frightening absence of logical, rational planning in this area," said Bililies, a partner in gSmart in Massachusetts. "I certainly hope Micron has someone, or several people, in the wings."

The smart plan, said Bililies, is for a current CEO and the board of directors to routinely review potential "stars" in the company and prepare them over time for leadership roles.

According to the Business Roundtable, an association of CEOs of 150 large U.S. companies, it is the board of directors' responsibility to plan for management succession, including for the CEO and other senior managers. But a spokeswoman for the organization said that the issue hasn't been considered important enough to warrant much discussion by its members.

**COMING UP**



**Flashy Moves**

Anthony Spencer has a passion for the Maori performance art of poi spinning, and he'll teach classes to Magic Valley residents at the YM-CA; Natalie Dicou reports. Sunday in People

**HIRING SURGES IN JANUARY**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** • In a long-awaited surge of hiring, companies added 243,000 jobs in January — across the economy, up and down the pay scale and far more than just about anyone expected. Unemployment fell to 8.3 percent, the lowest in three years.

The job growth was the fastest since last March and April. Before that, the last month with stronger hiring, excluding months skewed by temporary census jobs, was March 2006.

The unemployment rate came down by two notches from December. It has fallen five months in a row, the first time that has happened since 1994, two economic booms and two recessions ago.

**T.F. CHIROPRACTOR PARTICIPATES IN FUNDRAISER**

TIMES-NEWS

**TWIN FALLS** • Chad Nielson of Nielson Family Chiropractic in Twin Falls is participating in the "Have-A-Heart" campaign to raise funds for chiropractic care for children.

His practice will give paper hearts to people who donate to the Oklahaven

Children's Chiropractic Center in Oklahoma City. The center provides care to children of families who believe in a natural, drug-free lifestyle.

People are invited to visit the office, 260 Falls Ave., Suite D, Twin Falls, to donate.

For more information, call 733-2322 or visit www.chiropractic4kids.com.

# OPINION

*"I can't imagine Donald Trump being hypocritical. That would be totally out of character for Donald Trump."*

Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum on the real estate mogul's endorsement of Santorum rival Mitt Romney on Thursday.

## CHEERS & JEERS

**JEERS** to the truck driver who knocked an interstate overpass near Burley out of commission until at least this summer.

The 850 West Road bridge was damaged Dec. 13 when the over-extended arm of an excavator traveling down Interstate 84 hit three of the bridge's four girders. The excavator was carried on a flatbed trailer, towed by a truck belonging to Lancaster Trenching Inc. of Filer.

Fixing the overpass will cost about \$350,000, including replacing two of the damaged girders. The state is working with Lancaster's insurer to pay for the work.

Everyone makes a mistake now and then on the job. But that doesn't make this one — which could have been easily avoided — less damaging or less public.

**CHEERS** to Rick Kellum and the recertified Stepping Stones halfway house in Twin Falls.

Kellum spent roughly three decades abusing drugs and alcohol while the consequences caught up with him. He's now been sober for four years, and was picked to manage Stepping Stones, which had been decertified by the state following problems under its previous management.

As Kellum knows, freeing yourself from the grip of substance abuse is not a simple task. We wish the best to him and his tenants as they strive to become responsible citizens again.

**JEERS** to those at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Filer Avenue who are responsible for the current message on their sign.

"Honk if you love Jesus; text if you want to meet Him" may seem like a pithy message, but it lacks any sense of compassion. Inattentive driving, including texting, has been responsible for far too many accidents and deaths on Idaho roads — likely including 18-year-old Taylor Sauer of Marsing, who died just three weeks ago after she crashed into a slow-moving semitrailer. It is a serious issue; too serious to be relegated to punchline status on an outdoor sign.

## THEIR VIEW

# GOP Candidates' Immigration Fantasies

The following editorial appeared in the *Los Angeles Times* on Wednesday:

For months, Republican presidential hopefuls steadfastly avoided any discussion of immigration, except to rotely demand tougher and stricter border enforcement.

Now we know why: They have no answers. In the weeks leading up to Tuesday's Florida primary, the candidates finally addressed the subject, seeking to woo Latino voters with fantastical fixes that purported to address the immigration crisis but in fact would do

nothing to resolve it.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, for example, believes that the 11 million undocumented immigrants in this country will simply "self-deport" after his stepped-up enforcement of immigration laws makes it too difficult for them to find work. Under his plan, a national identification card and broader use of an electronic database that lets employers verify workers' immigration status would encourage many to leave.

But that ignores the fact that the economic downturn has already made jobs scarce, yet few illegal workers have left.



# The U.S. Needs the U.N., and the U.N. Needs the U.S.

Jan. 12 marked the second anniversary of the horrific earthquake that ripped Haiti apart. While we quite properly remembered the unthinkable loss of Haitian lives that day, less well remembered were the deaths that same day of more than 100 U.N. officials in the collapse of the building that housed the headquarters of the U.N. mission in Haiti.

They were there in an effort to help the process of nation building in Haiti and to assist with humanitarian relief efforts there. Their deaths remind us that the United Nations and its staff members serve in many difficult places working on the most difficult issues. Their efforts serve us all.

Today's national security challenges are global in nature. Threats like terrorism, nuclear proliferation and

## Alan K. Simpson

Partnership for a Secure America

pandemic disease respect no borders. America, the most generous country in the world, must play its part in countering these challenges but, particularly in these times of increased austerity, we must have partners who will join us in this effort.

First and foremost, we need a strong, efficient, well-run United Nations that can expand our global reach. A strong United Nations can help provide that global reach and influence required in responding effectively to these threats, and also in preventing them from becoming major crises.

A truly unique body, the

United Nations offers us the ability to communicate and collaborate with nearly 200 countries, our fellow members, on a breadth of issues.

Sometimes, the messenger matters, and a messenger that represents the collective global community stands a better chance of persuading people to take action than one from any particular country, even our own. Unfortunately, there are members of Congress who would have us cut our support for the United Nations.

They mock the United Nations because we sometimes disagree with our colleague member states on some highly contentious issues. They forget that the U.N. Charter, a remarkable document, is largely influenced by American values. They choose to pick on an easy target for scorn, and

they do so without proposing any reasonable alternatives. That represents short-sighted and misdirected thinking.

Whether providing famine relief, staunching nuclear proliferation, creating arms embargoes, blocking the travel and financial support of rogue actors, establishing global standards to prevent money laundering, or curbing the spread of pandemics like Avian Flu, the United Nations' work enables the United States to reap real national security benefits that advance American interests and make us safer and stronger here at home.

The full range of U.N. agencies does the tough, thankless work frequently forgotten and left off the pages of our newspapers. Especially as we withdraw from Iraq and Afghanistan we need to remember that it will be international organizations like the United Nations that will pick up a significant amount of the slack on political, humanitarian and development processes.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Sponsors Valued for Senior Center Support

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the generous supporters of my Seniors for Seniors fundraiser. I was able to raise \$6,055 to help the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center, but it was only possible because of help from the many volunteers and sponsors.

A terrific prime rib of pork dinner was donated and prepared by Pat Florence of Falls Brand Independent Meat. The rest of the meal was prepared by Chef Shawn and the kitchen staff at the senior citizen center.

Other sponsors include Watkins Distributing, Pepsi, Magic Valley Distributing, Art Henry Farms, Golden Corral, Jennifer Powell and Cucina Gemelli.

Also, thank you to all the players, diners and special thanks for the generous cash donations by Jamie

and Art Henry, Tami Slater, Magic Valley Pharmacy Association, Bob and Linda Sojka, Lisa and Dennis Burgett, Chris and Anna Scholes and Dick's Pharmacy.

Congratulations to Jay Bride, the winner of the Seniors for Seniors Texas Hold'em tournament.

With much appreciation,  
**CHELSEA FUCHS**  
Twin Falls

### Boxing Smoker Was a Success

The College of Southern Idaho Rodeo Team would like to thank everyone who made the 35th Annual CSI Cowboy and Cowgirl Boxing Smoker another great success.

Without the generous support of our CSI administrators, sponsors, ticket outlets, boxers, all the people who helped put it on and everyone who bought a ticket to this year's event, we would not be able to continue to put on such an outstanding fundraiser for

the CSI Rodeo Team. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The CSI Boxing Smoker is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and the proceeds from this event will help us pay for scholarships, practice expenses, livestock feed and travel expenses for our rodeo team. Without all of your help and support, the College of Southern Idaho Rodeo Team would not be able to continue the "Tradition of Excellence" we are known for.

Once again, thank you!  
**STEVEN BIRNIE**  
**CODY DEMERS**  
CSI Rodeo  
Team Members  
Twin Falls

### Safe Harbor Offers Its Thanks

A special thanks to each one of Safe Harbor's recent donors. During this time of year, most things have slowed down, including charitable donations.

Therefore, I especially appreciate our supporters who have made the extra effort to send post-holiday contributions!

A word of gratitude to Dr. Buccambuso, Gary D. Lynch, The Car Store, Gem State Realty, Heather Kohrin, FNP Cht., and Starr Corp.

**PHYLLIS BERG**  
President, Safe Harbor  
Twin Falls

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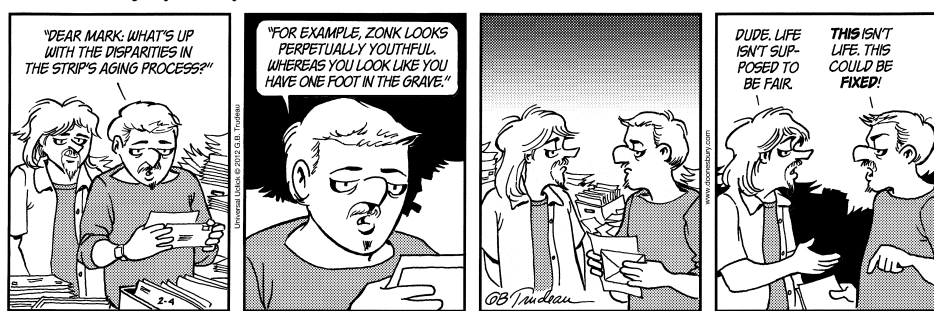
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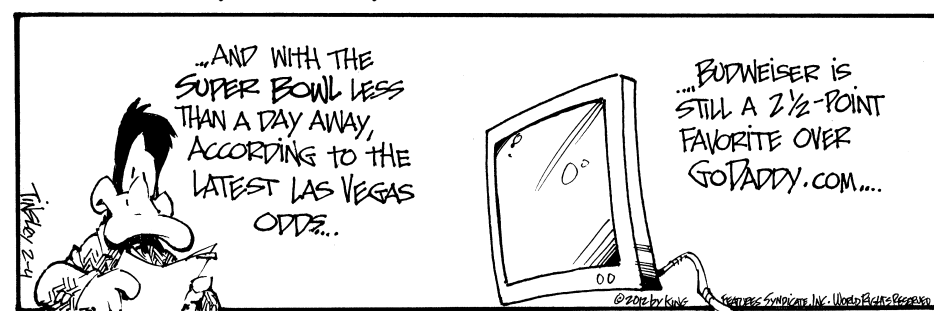
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**JOIN THE DISCUSSION:** Voice your opinion with local bloggers: Progressive Voice and Conservative Corner on the opinion page at Magicvalley.com.

### Doonesbury by Garry Trudeau



### Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



## Shareholders Sue Hecla Mining Co. after Deaths

**COEUR D'ALENE (AP)** • Some shareholders have sued Hecla Mining Co. for stock losses they endured after the federal government shut down the Lucky Friday Mine for safety violations.

The Bricklayers of Western Pennsylvania Pension Plan this week filed the lawsuit in federal court in Idaho against Hecla, which is based in Coeur d'Alene.

Hecla announced on Jan. 11 that the mine will be closed for a year to make the changes ordered by federal regulators after two miners died in separate accidents last year.

The lawsuit contends the closure caused Hecla's stock price to fall 21 percent to \$4.61 per share on Jan. 11 and that the company prior to that had made false and misleading statements that artificially inflated the price of its stock.

"Defendants lacked a reasonable basis for their positive statements about the company's operations and its expected silver production," the lawsuit said, accusing the company of fraud.

Hecla officials did not immediately return a call seeking comment Friday.

The company's stock has since rebounded to more than \$5.30 per share.

In January, Hecla announced that the Mine Safety and Health Administration had ordered it to remove sand and concrete material that had built up in the main elevator shaft of the Lucky Friday, one of the nation's deepest underground mines. The company said the work would take up to a year, and the mine would be closed during that time.

The closure prompted Hecla to reduce its estimated silver production for 2012 from more than 9 million ounces to about 7 million ounces, all from its remaining Green's Creek mine in Alaska.

Production is expected to resume in early 2013.

The mine has been shuttered since mid-December, when a rock burst injured seven miners.

Federal regulators have been conducting a close inspection of the mine because of the series of 2011 accidents. They decided they wanted the sand and concrete material removed because it can break off and fall down the shaft, injuring people or damaging the elevators.

The silver mine is located about 50 miles east of Coeur d'Alene in a region called the Silver Valley.

Miner Brandon Lloyd Gray, 26, was buried in rubble while trying to dislodge jammed rock last Nov. 17, and died two days later.

On April 15, miner Larry "Pete" Marek was crushed when his work area collapsed.



Rep. Bob Nonini, R-Coeur d'Alene, walks toward the Idaho Capitol in Boise on Jan. 30. After another Republican representative quit smoking last year, Nonini is the lone open smoker in the Idaho Legislature, a dramatic change from a quarter century ago when lawmakers smoked in caucus meetings and even during hearings on the floor of the House.

# Idaho Rep Is Capitol's Last Cigarette Smoker

BY JOHN MILLER  
Associated Press

**BOISE** • Standing outside the Capitol on a brisk January afternoon, Rep. Bob Nonini cups his hand deftly to shelter a cigarette — not from the wind, but from a camera.

The Coeur d'Alene Republican and House Education Committee chairman has the distinction of being the lone Idaho lawmaker who still regularly, if bashfully, steps outside for a smoke.

"This is private," Nonini said, declining further comment this week.

His solo status in Idaho's Statehouse underscores a decadeslong transformation in American culture. But despite a near absence of smokers in the Republican-dominated Legislature, don't hold your breath in anticipation of new anti-cigarette laws, even with about a quarter of lawmakers belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which forbids tobacco use.

Most Idaho conservatives have a stronger aversion to government overreach and tax hikes than they have to cigarettes, even ex-smokers such as Challis Republican Rep. Lenore Barrett.

"What we're doing is whipping on folks who are making stupid choices," Barrett says. "They have a right to make those stupid choices."

Highlighting how deeply those sentiments run, Democrats last year failed to win even a hearing when they proposed raising cigarette taxes from 57 cents to \$1.25 per pack.

The smoke has been fading from the Capitol since the 1980s, when Rep. Lyndon Bateman says he regularly turned green from the gray clouds that filled closed-door Republican caucus meetings.

"It made me sick," says

"What we're doing is whipping on folks who are making stupid choices. They have a right to make those stupid choices."

Rep. Lenore Barrett, R-Challis

Bateman, who served five House terms from 1977 to 1986 before his 2010 re-election. "At least from this perspective, we've made a lot of progress."

Nonini is not alone among Idaho lawmakers in his use of tobacco, even if he no longer has anyone to catch regular smoke breaks with. In Idaho's House and Senate, there are a scattering of cigar aficionados, a few discreet chewing-tobacco users and at least one pipe smoker.

"Captain Black," says Twin Falls Republican Rep. Leon Smith, revealing his pipe tobacco of choice.

Still, far fewer legislators smoke than even the 16 percent of Idaho adults who puff cigarettes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Capitol's dwindling population of tobacco users today stands in stark contrast to the 1970s, when smoking was so prevalent even inveterate abstainers gladly suspended House Rule 40 — the one forbidding smoking on the floor — just to keep business moving.

Otherwise, smokers would rush for the exits, grinding the gears of public policy making to a halt, says former Democratic Rep. Russ Westerberg, who served from 1974 to 1978 and now lobbies, including for the Cigar Association of America.

"There wasn't hardly a place in the Capitol when you couldn't smell smoke," says Westerberg, a non-smoker.

Former Rep. Bill Roden says when he served from 1961 to 1968, "It was probably 50-50 smoking-non-smoking."

By 1992, Capitol rules for-

throughout the state in most enclosed public spaces.

As recently as last session Nonini had a pal to puff with on the Capitol steps, but Priest Lake Rep. Eric Anderson says he quit in on the assembly's final day, cold turkey.

Now, the four-term Republican shows off his smartphone app tracking the days, hours, minutes and seconds since he quit in April — and how much money he's saved.

Last week, it was \$2,903.81 and counting. "The more I tell people about it, the more pressure there is for me not to start smoking again," Anderson says.

And even Nonini isn't unsympathetic to its dangers. His bill, to forbid so-called electronic cigarettes that vaporize nicotine-laced liquid into an inhalable mist from being sold to kids, passed the House 68-0 on Thursday.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network is planning to introduce similar legislation to last year's failed Democrat cigarette tax hike.

"What is surprising to me is, they know what the burden is, they know what can be done to fix it, and it's still struggle," says Heidi Low, cancer society lobbyist.

The new plan is meant to discourage kids from starting, as well as raise \$50 million for tobacco cessation and cover tobacco-related health care costs usually paid for by taxpayers.

If the measure isn't snuffed out by House conservatives, Senate President Pro Tem Brent Hill, R-Rexburg, says there's reason for optimism. "It has a decent chance of passing over here," he says. Hill, whose son did not smoke but died of lung cancer, sponsored the Clean Indoor Air Act in 2004 that banned smoking

## Police: Men in Spandex Give Hug; Woman Calls Cops

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** • A Rexburg woman was not amused when two men dressed in spandex body suits unlawfully went into her apartment near the Brigham Young University-Idaho campus and gave her a hug before fleeing.

The *Post Register* reports the woman called police late Tuesday to report two men had entered her apartment dressed in head-to-toe spandex and embraced her against her will. She was not injured.

Police have dubbed the suspects "snuggles" and say the men face potential charges of battery and unlawful entry.

Rexburg Police Capt. Randy Lewis says the spandex-clad men appear to have entered more than one apartment in the Mountain Pines Apartment complex, but officers only received the one complaint.

## Missing Pocatello Teen Found in San Diego

**POCATELLO (AP)** • Police in Pocatello say a 14-year-old girl who left home on Jan. 22 has been found safe in California and the man she was with was arrested.

Officials say Kiedke Otto had last been seen with 18-year-old Tanner J. McCormack. Officials announced Thursday they had been located in San Diego.

McCormack was arrested on a warrant for second-degree kidnapping.

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## Idaho DEQ Director Takes Nature Conservancy Post

**BOISE (AP)** • Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Director Toni Hardesty is quitting to take over leadership of The Nature Conservancy's Idaho office.

Hardesty has been director of Idaho's environmental regulator since 2004 after being named to the post by former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Matt Miller, a spokesman with the environmental group, Hardesty told Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter on Thursday and her staff on Friday of her decision to leave DEQ.

In a statement, Hardesty said she believes in The Nature Conservancy's mission, including its focus on outcomes grounded in volun-

tary, pragmatic approaches. She'll split her time between Boise and the group's office in Hailey.

The previous Idaho director, Laura Hubbard, in October took a position as conservation director for the group's organizations in 13 Western states.

Hardesty starts on Feb. 27.



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# Judge Rejects Challenge on Sage Grouse Listing

BY BEN NEARY  
Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. • A federal judge on Thursday rejected a challenge from environmental groups seeking to force the federal government to take immediate action to increase protections for the sage grouse. Had their request been granted, it could have curtailed new energy production on public lands across the West.

Judge B. Lynn Winmill of Idaho granted a request by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the states of Wyoming and Utah and others to rule against the groups, Western Watersheds Project and WildEarth Guardians.

Although Winmill ruled for the federal agency, he had harsh words for Steve Guertin, regional director of the FWS in Denver, over his initial recommendation that sage grouse be listed as "warranted but precluded." That remains the bird's present ranking, which amounts to federal acknowledgment that the bird needs federal protections but that other species are in even worse shape.

"Guertin's recommendation ignored his agency's own guidelines, contained no scientific analysis and featured off-hand comments about the various political interests at play in the case," Winmill wrote. "Given that political meddling has already resulted in one reversal in this case, the court was frankly astonished at Guertin's cavalier recommendations."

Nonetheless, Winmill wrote that the Fish and Wildlife Service scientists later did the necessary work to support Guertin's recommendation to agency higher-ups. The judge upheld the agency's determination that the threat to sage grouse currently falls into the moderate category. The Interior Department is under a separate federal court order to decide by the end of 2015 whether the birds ultimately should receive Endangered Species Act protections.

Pat Deibert, national sage grouse coordinator with the Fish and Wildlife Service in Cheyenne, applauded Winmill's ruling, saying the agency believes it's appropriate for the courts to defer to the agency's expertise.

"It doesn't mean we've quit working on the sage grouse," Deibert said. "It just gives us a more reasonable amount of time."

The sage grouse is a chicken-sized bird known for its elaborate mating display. It's found in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, South Dakota, North Dakota, Nevada, Utah, Washington, Oregon, eastern California and western Colorado.

Jon Marvel, executive director of the Idaho-based Western Watershed Project, said Friday he's disappointed in Winmill's ruling. "I think it just delays the day of reckoning, but does not change the probable outcome," Marvel said.

"It's clear the judge was disappointed and disgusted with the behavior of the regional director," Marvel said. "And that I think reflects poorly on this administration in that it simply is an extension of the political involvement that was carried out during the Bush administration, where recommendations for listing of species under the Endangered Species Act are interfered with by political considerations. So, it's a shame, but it appears to be a continuing reality."

Marvel said listing sage grouse as endangered would put a significant damper on oil, gas and coal development in sage grouse habitat in the West.

"The reality is that these groups have not proposed anything substantive to protect sage grouse habitat," Marvel said of energy interests. "Instead, they have chosen to avoid making commitments to protecting that habitat. And as a consequence, it seems to me they are in the process of digging their own graves."

Jay Tutchton, lawyer for WildEarth Guardians in Denver, said Winmill's ruling makes it clear that the sage grouse issue will get resolved by 2015.

"In the meantime, what you will see is a large amount of activity by various states and federal agencies trying to put in place some sort of protective regime that will allow the government not to list the sage grouse, and we will just have to wait and see if they can come up with an alternative that actually protects the bird," Tutchton said.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar has said sage grouse

have experienced a 90 percent decline in their numbers and a 50 percent decline in their habitat over the last century. Populations have been relatively stable over the last decade.

Wyoming officials have been working for years to try to keep the sage grouse off the endangered or threatened list to avoid interrupting energy development, the state's bread and butter. The state has designated core sage grouse habitat where restrictions are in place on disruptions, including energy development.

Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead said Friday that Winmill's decision allows the state to move forward with its own conservation plan.

"Our deliberate approach recognizes that the goal of the Endangered Species Act is not listing a species, but rather the goal is to avoid the need for a species to be added to the list," Mead said. "Wyoming is also working with other western states and the Bureau of Land Management to share our state-led strategy for sage-grouse management."

Salazar traveled to Cheyenne in December to

applaud Wyoming's sage grouse conservation efforts, which he said could be adopted by other Western states.

Bruce Hinchey, president of the Petroleum Association of Wyoming, said Friday that he believes Wyoming's approach offers real protection for the birds. Considering what's already been done and reclamation efforts undertaken by energy companies, he said, "I think they're going to be hard-pressed to come up and say that the bird needs to be listed."

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**SPORTS**

**More Than Just a Lost Game for Jerome • S2**

# Jerome's Krumm Steps Down

BY STEPHEN MEYERS  
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**JEROME** • Gary Krumm is stepping down as Jerome High football coach.

The head coach resigned this week, citing a need to spend time with his family.

"It's mostly family-oriented stuff. It's not like the cupboard is bare over there. We've got some starters coming back and I think we can be a successful program next season. It just felt like a good time to leave," Krumm said. "I talked about it with my sister and it seemed like the right thing to do. I needed to put my family and faith first. I felt a load lifted off my shoulders when I turned in my letter."

Krumm did not resign from his weight lifting instructor and English teacher positions, and is not seeking other coaching opportunities.

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Gary Krumm, former Jerome High football coach

Krumm accumulated a 30-27 record in his six seasons at Jerome, slumping to 2-6 this season without a playoff berth. The longtime coach took over a struggling Jerome program in 2006, a year after the Tigers suffered through an 0-9 season and in the midst of a 10-game losing streak.

He immediately turned around the program, leading the Tigers to five consecutive playoff appearances, including a spot in the Class 4A state championship game in 2008. The Tigers beat Blackfoot, Nampa and Minico in the playoffs before losing 55-35 to Hillcrest

in the title game to finish 9-3.

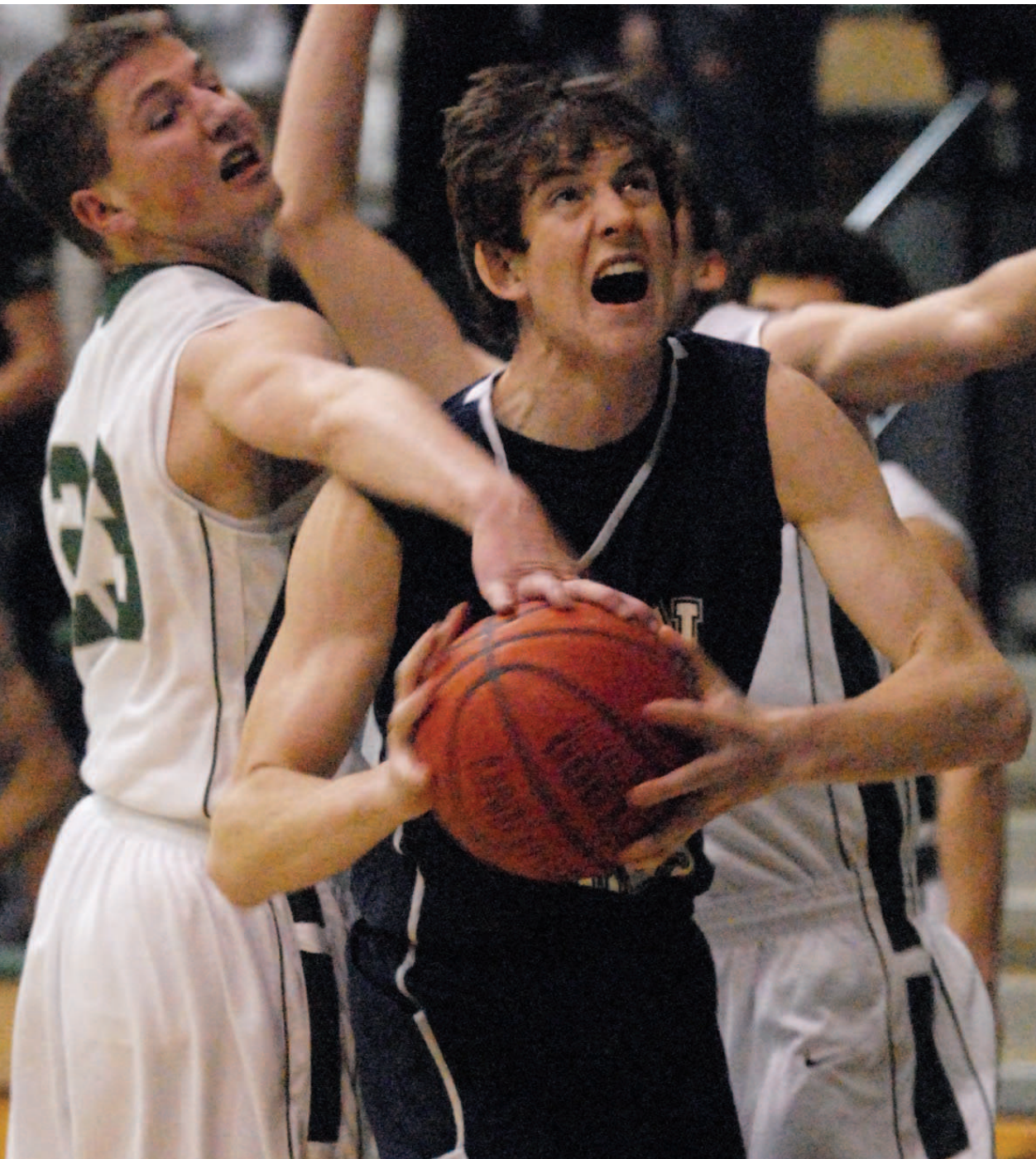
"That's going to be a tough position to fill," said Jerome athletic director Ty Jones. "Gary has done a great job putting us back on the right track and getting us to where we should be competing at the 4A level."

Jones said the search for a new head coach will begin soon.

"I don't think we'll be short on applicants," he said.

Prior to coaching the Tigers, Krumm coached 16 years of high school football, with stops at Twin Falls, Burley, Kimberly, Wendell and Buhl.

**HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL**



RYAN HOWE/TIMES-NEWS

Twin Falls' Jared Allen drives the lane against Burley defender Kyle Garrard during their boys basketball game Friday at Burley High School.

# Bruins Flex Muscle, Win 17th Straight

BY RYAN HOWE  
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**BURLEY** • The chasm in Great Basin Conference boys basketball continues to widen, and Burley is caught in the middle.

Top-ranked Twin Falls swept through Burley with a 61-35 win Friday, extending its winning streak to 17 games.

"We definitely want to be good at being good," said Twin Falls' Jared Allen. "We know we're on a winning streak and we know we're one of the top teams, so we're going to try our best to hold on to that position."

The Bobcats (10-7, 5-4 GBC) have proven themselves against the teams beneath them in the standings, but can't quite get over the hump. For the second time this season, Burley lost back-to-back games against the league's top two: Twin Falls and Jerome.

"We pretty much know we're third seed now. Going into (districts) we're going to work our butts off and overall we want to (upset) that one or two seed, maybe get in that play-in game and go to state. That's what we're hoping," said Burley senior Taylor Carson, who scored nine points after being awarded the Curtis Hall Memorial Scholarship prior to the game.

Twin Falls (17-1, 9-0) got balanced scoring, with five players registering eight or more points.

Allen led with 12 points, and the senior post showed his versatility while scoring eight points in the first four minutes. He started off with a three-point play inside, then stepped out to knock down a 3-pointer and added a pair of free throws.

"Coach always says that anyone can win on any given night," Allen said. "I think the coaches do a good job getting us prepared and motivated for every game. We knew that Burley starts hot, so we had to step up and play at their level."

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# BACK WHERE THEY BELONG

**Wood River girls beat Minico, advance to Class 4A District IV championship game.**

BY DAVID BASHORE  
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**RUPERT** • Cross another one off the bucket list.

The Wood River girls basketball team did yet another thing it hadn't done before, beating Minico on the road Friday. The 54-40 victory put the Wolverines where most expected them to be: a game away from their second straight Class 4A District IV title.

"We joked about this career bucket list, like beating Jerome at home and now beating Minico at home," said Wood River forward Haylee Thompson

said, referring to a couple of things this current crop of seniors had never done prior to the last week-plus. "The big goal for us is to win a state championship, and I think we're starting to find that drive to get there."

Thompson had a game-high 17 points and nine rebounds for the Wolverines (12-9), who won their sixth straight and seventh in the last eight.

Kaitana Martinez scored 13 and added nine assists and six rebounds, but her most key contribution came with 0.9 seconds left in the first half, when she delivered a ball-fake on an inbound pass to free up Hannah Belloli for a deep 2 at the horn. Wood River was already up 10 before the shot, but it effectively killed the Spartans (14-8) off.

"Kaitana just gave me a wink and I knew I was going to get the shot," said Belloli. "She saw (Minico guard Micaela) Merrill cheating off a little and made a great play!"

Though the final score was similar to Wood River's win over Twin Falls a night prior, the games were nowhere near mirror images. On Friday the Wolverines jumped on Minico from the opening tip and never trailed, stretching the lead to as large as 17 points after three quarters.

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**Wood River's Cheyenne Swanson, left, blocks the shot of Minico's Marlee Chandler during their girls basketball game Friday at Minico High School.**

RYAN HOWE • TIMES-NEWS



# Coughlin: More to Giants' Coach Than Football

ASSOCIATED PRESS

**INDIANAPOLIS** • Tom Coughlin's pinched face, ever present on the New York Giants' sideline during his eight

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**New York Giants head coach Tom Coughlin talks to former Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula before a news conference for Super Bowl XLVI on Friday in Indianapolis**

seasons, gives way to a smile more often now. He'll even crack a one-liner or two.

Funny how a second trip to the Super Bowl in four years can mellow a guy.

In reality, though, the 65-year-old Coughlin is still basically the same coach on the field and definitely the same man off the field.

Discipline, preparedness and execution are his trademarks at the office; family, church and charity work have

## Super Bowl Glance

**WHO:** New York Giants vs. New England Patriots  
**WHEN:** Sunday  
**KICKOFF:** 4:30 p.m.  
**TV:** NBC (Chs. 7 and 9). Pregame starts at 10:30 a.m.  
**LINE:** Patriots by 3  
**Inside:** Goodell says expansion to Los Angeles not in NFL's plans.



his attention at home.

"He is who he is," Keli Coughlin, the coach's daughter, said in a telephone interview Friday, two days before

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# Goodell: No Plans to Expand Anytime Soon

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**INDIANAPOLIS** • Sorry, Los Angeles. The only NFL expansion happening anytime soon is to next season's schedule of Thursday night games.

During his annual Super Bowl news conference, Commissioner Roger Goodell said Friday there hasn't been any discussion about adding to the league's 32 teams, and indicated he's not too keen about the idea of shifting a franchise, either.

"We have not talked about expansion in the league at all. It has not been on our agenda. It is not something we've focused on with our membership. And I don't see that in the foreseeable future," Goodell said. "We want to keep our teams where they are. We believe that's healthier for the league in the long term. We're working to get stadiums built and make sure we do whatever we can to make sure those teams are successful in those communities."

Los Angeles, the second-largest market in the U.S., has been without an NFL team since the Rams and Raiders both left after the 1994 season.

"We would like to be back in Los Angeles, if we can do it correctly," Goodell said. "There are a lot of issues that have to be balanced there."

He announced that every club will appear on prime-time TV in 2012, thanks in part to a new slate of Thursday games that now will be

scheduled from Week 2 through Week 15. NBC will air a game on Thanksgiving night; the other 12 Thursdays will go on the NFL Network, which aired eight games in 2011.

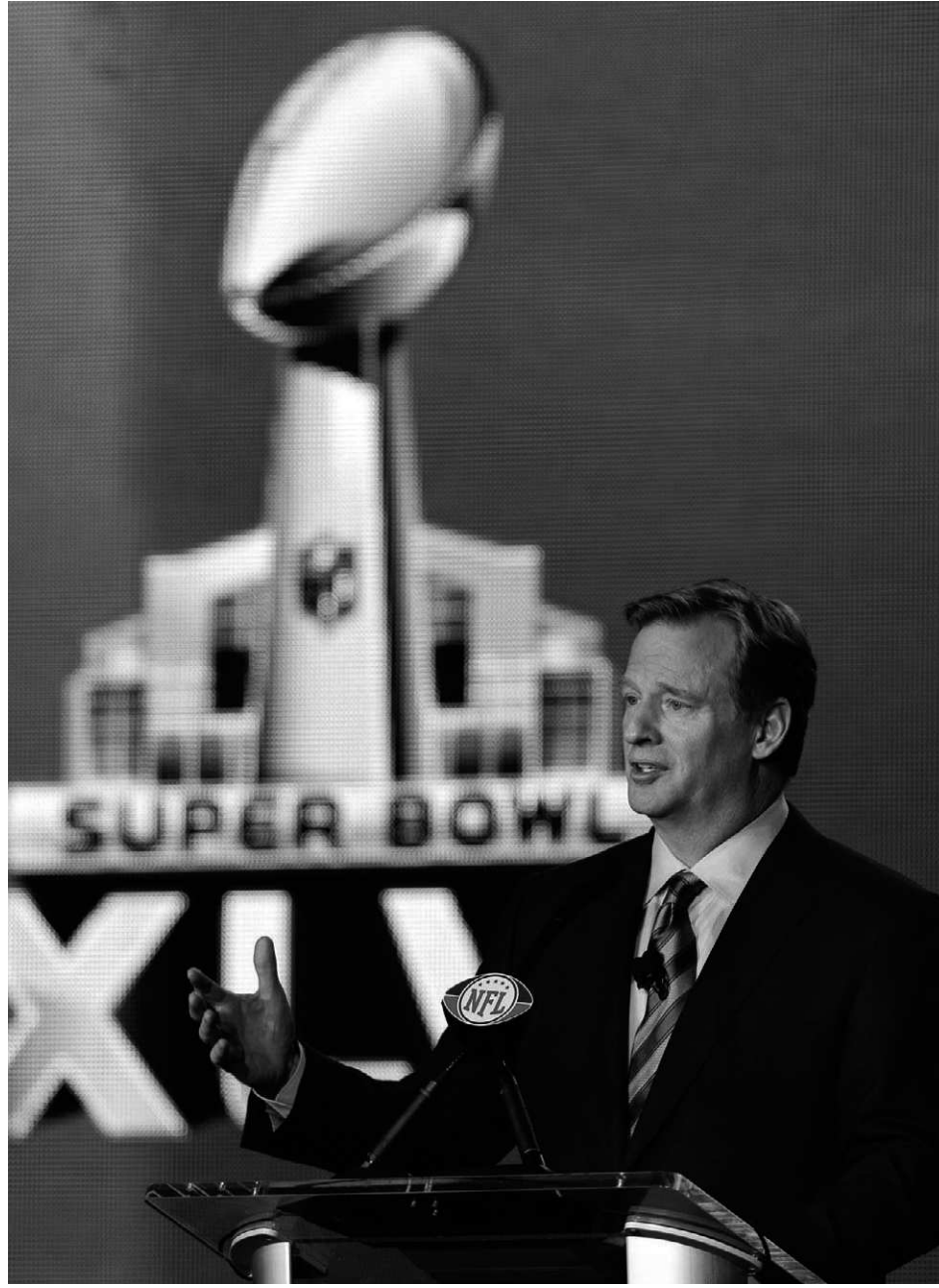
"We think it's great for the fans, for the teams — and great for the network," Goodell said.

He discussed a wide variety of issues during his 45-minute session with reporters, touching on topics such as concussions, testing players for human growth hormone, and games in England, Mexico and elsewhere.

Asked about an Associated Press story this week based on interviews with a dozen former players, including Hall of Fame member Tony Dorsett, who have filed lawsuits against the league related to concussions, Goodell said: "We have done a great deal to try to address issues that are specific to our former players. We will always make sure that player health and safety is the No. 1 priority in the NFL."

"We will not quit. We are not done yet. We're going to do what we possibly can to help our retired players, the current players and future players, by making the game safer," Goodell said.

Two hours later, at another news conference down the hall from where Goodell spoke, Indianapolis Colts center Jeff Saturday said recent changes to concussion protocols are working.



NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell answers a question during a news conference Friday in Indianapolis.

## Coughlin

Continued from Sports 1

the Giants faced the New England Patriots for the NFL title. "I don't know if that has ever changed. You know exactly what to expect from him and what he expects from you in return. Everybody can appreciate that or being comfortable because you know where you stand."

"Have I changed?" Coughlin asked rhetorically. "Probably, but I think it's important as the process of learning. You learn, develop, and change every year. You have to bring a fresh approach each year to your team, especially when you've been doing it a few years in the same place. If I've changed, it's been an attempt to motivate and put us in the best possible chance that we can be."

A history buff, especially military history, Coughlin acknowledges he's more patient now than earlier in his career. When a player did something wrong, the coach would be all over him immediately. Now, he picks his spots.

The one thing that hasn't changed is his open-door policy.

Have a problem? He wants to know about it and talk about it.

That's what he did when safety Antrel Rolle was unhappy with the defense earlier this season and when defensive captain Justin Tuck struggled with shoulder, toe and groin injuries.

## Social Media Invades Super Bowl

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**INDIANAPOLIS** • Attention, SB46 fans: Looking for a celebrity? Need a parking spot or a bathroom? How about a place to eat without waiting for hours? The answers could be just a tweet away.

A year after Super Bowl 45 set a record 4,064 tweets per second during the fourth quarter of the game, organizers are aiming to make this year's game in Indianapolis the most connected Super Bowl ever.

Dozens of volunteers are stationed along downtown streets, armed with tablets and walkie-talkies that connect them to the game's first-ever social media command center. There, volunteers mine Twitter, Facebook and othersocial networks for real-time news that can help fans avoid hassles that could ruin their Super Bowl experience.

More than 37,000 fans are following the host committee on Facebook and through the game's official Twitter account, SuperBowl2012, where pleas for trash removal mingle with requests for tickets to a Lucas Oil Stadium tour. Thousands more have texted SB2012 for weather, traffic and other information.

And yes, in case you're wondering, there's an app for that: The NFL also has created an official "SB XLVI Guide" app for iPhone, iPad and Android phones with a 3D map of Indianapolis that includes road closures and a parking restaurants and events guide. Ticket holders can also type in their seat section and see where they'll be sitting on game day.

## UConn's Calhoun Taking Indefinite Medical Leave

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**STORRS, Conn.** • UConn's Jim Calhoun doesn't mince words when it comes to his health.

So, when the Hall of Fame coach of the defending national champions, who turns 70 in May, had just about had it with his back problems, he let people know.

"The bottom line is I'm going to need some work done," Calhoun told The As-

sociated Press in a phone interview Friday. "In January the shooting pains were getting worse and after one plane ride I couldn't even get up. I tried to hide it. I'm taking medicine right now for the pain. They are waiting for things to quiet down, and I'll meet with the doctor next week."

As a result, Calhoun is taking an indefinite medical leave of absence, as he has been suffering for several

months from spinal stenosis, a spinal condition that causes him severe pain and hampers mobility.

Calhoun said he told university President Susan Herbst about it but had hoped to gut out the final weeks of the season.

"But it's just so bad, even getting through practice," Calhoun said. "Now I'm going to see what the next step is. The bottom line is I'm hurting."



Calhoun

George Blaney, the team's associate head coach, will lead the team in Calhoun's absence.

He said Calhoun missed practice Thursday and could not get out of bed Friday morning. Blaney said Calhoun began feeling pain in his legs and buttocks during this week's road trip to Georgetown.

"When we got off the plane, he really had trouble getting in the car and going home," he said.

The Huskies (14-7, 4-5 Big East) have lost four games in a row and fell out of the Top 25 for the first time in 28

weeks. They host Seton Hall on Saturday before traveling to Louisville on Monday.

Calhoun has had a history of health problems. He is a three-time cancer survivor, overcoming prostate cancer in 2003 and skin cancer twice, most recently in 2008.

"I had back pain like never before last summer, thought it was back spasms," he said in the phone interview. "I saw a neurologist and he told me about scoliosis, stenosis and other things and that there could be things like a bone spur and that I could probably need something done at some point. I went for the physical therapy and it worked, but it started to lock up sometimes recently and it was worse."

## Rangers' Hamilton Apologizes for Alcohol Relapse

ASSOCIATED PRESS

**ARLINGTON, Texas.** • Josh Hamilton shed no tears and used no prepared statement as he apologized. Still, it was clear he was upset by what his

relapse with alcohol has done to himself and others.

The Texas Rangers slugger and recovering drug addict said he had "three or four" drinks during dinner at a Dallas restaurant and bar Monday and continued drinking later that night.

"Things happened that me, personally, I'm not proud of after I drank, and they are personal and are being handled as that," he said Friday during a news conference at the ballpark called specifically to address the incident. "Knowing this was going to get out in social media, Twitter, people get excited. There was no pictures taken of me having a beer with somebody or anything like that, but I did take pictures with people."

Hamilton didn't elabo-

rate or give any real indication about what happened.

Hamilton was suspended for more than three years for drug and alcohol use while in the Tampa Bay organization. The former No. 1 overall draft pick missed the entire 2003, 2004 and 2005 seasons, but has become one of the best players in baseball on a team that has won the last two American League pennants. He was the AL MVP in 2010.

The 30-year-old Hamilton said his latest actions "hurt a lot of people very close to me." He closed his eyes at one point and seemed to force a smile another time. He didn't take questions.

Without being specific, Hamilton said he had a "weak moment" that stemmed from "personal reasons" involving a family member. He said he walked to a restaurant to have dinner and ended up "ordering a drink, and probably had three or four drinks."

Hamilton said he did not take any drugs, and had no thoughts of doing so. He said he has been tested for drugs twice since Monday, part of his normal mandated routine.



Kansas head coach Bill Self argues a foul in a game last year against Missouri. With a border rivalry that dates to the Teddy Roosevelt administration just about to be shut down indefinitely, expect the intensity to reach fever pitch.

## Kansas, Missouri Take Border Rivalry Up a Notch

ASSOCIATED PRESS

**COLUMBIA, Mo.** • Any time Kansas comes to town, it's a big deal for Missouri. It seems a bit bigger this time around.

The border rivalry that dates to the Teddy Roosevelt administration is about to be shut down indefinitely as Missouri leaves for the Southeastern Conference. Oh, and both schools are in the top 10, too.

The fourth-ranked Tigers (20-2, 7-2 Big 12) have been a season-long surprise under first-year coach Frank Haith,

who arrived from Miami as a relative unknown with a shaky track record. Now he's a contender for national coach of the year, getting the maximum from a seven-man rotation heavy on senior experience.

Once again, they're chasing eighth-ranked Kansas (18-4, 8-1), seeking its eighth straight conference championship and with a one-game lead in the Big 12 over Missouri and Baylor. Thomas Robinson is a candidate for national player of the year, and the only player in the confer-

ence averaging a double-double every night.

Missouri students began camping out Wednesday night, eager for Saturday morning's ESPN GameDay show ahead of that night's game. For the Jayhawks' final visit to Columbia for a Big 12 game, Robinson figures the taunting will be taken to a new level.

"I'm not letting anybody in that gym, stadium, state, stop me," Robinson said. "So they can say what they want. You're not listening to the crowd. Otherwise, you wouldn't be no good."

## NATION + WORLD



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Japanese competitive eater Takeru Kobayashi reacts after being crowned the winner of SportsRadio WIP's Wing Bowl 2012 eating contest Friday in Philadelphia.

## Kobayashi Downs Record 337 Wings at Pa. Wing Bowl

Competitive-eating champ Takeru Kobayashi conquered Philadelphia's annual gustatory gorge-fest by eating 337 chicken wings in a half-hour before a crowd of nearly 20,000 at Wing Bowl XX. The Japanese phenom demolished the record of 255 set last year by Jonathan "Super" Squibb. The Friday morning extravaganza drew thousands to the Wells Fargo Center before sunrise to watch competitors stuff themselves with chicken wings. Kobayashi claimed a \$20,000 cash prize for his victory. It was the six-time Nathan's Hot Dog eating contest champ's first time competing at Wing Bowl, though he consumed a cheesesteak in 24 seconds as part of an eating exhibition last year.

— The Associated Press



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Aaron Fisher takes a photo of his wife, Laura Fisher, and their children, Jacob, 11, Dallin, 10, Braden, 7, Carson, 5, and Garrett, 3, with their T-shirts showing support for Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, prior to the start of a campaign rally Friday in Elko, Nev.

## IRANIAN LEADER WARNS U.S., ISRAEL AGAINST STRIKES

BY NASSER KARIMI  
and BRIAN MURPHY

Associated Press

**TEHRAN, Iran** • Iran's supreme leader pledged Friday to aid any nation or group that challenges Israel and said any military strikes over the Islamic Republic's nuclear program would damage U.S. interests in the Middle East "10 times over."

The nationally broadcast comments by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei staked out a hard line in apparent replies to suggestions that military strikes are an increasing possibility if sanctions fail to rein in the Islamic Republic's nuclear program.

It also may signal that Tehran's proxy forces — led by Lebanon's Islamic militant group Hezbollah — could be given the green light to revive attacks on Israel as the showdown between the archfoes intensifies.

The West and its allies fear Iran could use its uranium enrichment labs — which make nuclear fuel — to eventually produce weapons-grade material. Iran insists it only seeks reactors for energy and medical research.

Israel has so far publicly backed the efforts by the U.S. and European Union for tougher sanctions that target Iran's crucial oil exports. But Israeli leaders have urged even harsher measures and warn that military action remains a clear option despite Western appeals to allow time for the economic pressures and isolation to bear down on Iran.

Although Israel has raised the strongest hints over a military campaign, Khamenei reserved some of his strongest comments for Israel's key U.S. ally.

"A war itself will damage the U.S. 10 times over" in the region, said Khamenei.

Khamenei claimed Iran, however, could only emerge stronger. "Iran will not withdraw. Then what happens?" asked Khamenei. "In conclusion, the West's hegemony and threats will be discredited" in the Middle East. "The hegemony of Iran will be promoted. In fact, this will be in our service."

On Thursday, Israel's defense minister, Ehud Barak, suggested the world is increasingly ready to consider a military strike if sanctions fail. The head of the country's strategic affairs ministry, Vice Premier Moshe Yaalon, also

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# Romney Focuses on Obama, Gingrich on Romney in Nevada

BY SHANNON MCCAFFREY  
and KASIE HUNT

Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS** • A confident Mitt Romney accused President Barack Obama of failing to do enough to create jobs as he campaigned Friday ahead of GOP presidential caucuses this weekend in a state with sky-high unemployment and foreclosure rates. Newt Gingrich, who is fighting for a respectable showing here, rolled out a fresh line of criticism by comparing the former Massachusetts governor to Obama.

"It isn't good enough for the Republican Party to nominate Obama lite," Gingrich told a boisterous crowd at a rally at country music club in this entertainment hub. He argued that Romney "clearly is against the American ideal" and doesn't understand the free market.

Romney didn't immediately counter the attack.

He cruised to victory in Florida last Tuesday, handily won this state four years ago and is heavily favored to win Saturday's contest. Gingrich, Texas Rep. Ron Paul and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum also are on the ballot. But Romney, a Mormon, has an exist-

**"Obama is big food stamp. He's (Romney) little food stamp. But they both think food stamps are OK. I don't think food stamps are the future for America."**

**Newt Gingrich**, GOP presidential hopeful

ing network of support from his 2008 race and likely will again benefit from the support of members of his church, many of whom live in Nevada.

Clearly in command, Romney spent Friday largely ignoring Gingrich and focusing the on the economy, and for good reason. Nevada's unemployment rate was 12.6 in December — well above the national average — after a record economic bust that saw bustling construction sites abandoned and master-planned communities overtaken by foreclosures.

As he swept through Reno, Elko and Las Vegas, Romney sought to convince weary voters that he alone had the prescriptions for what ails the country — even as the government re-

ported that a quarter-million Americans streamed back into the workforce in January and unemployment tumbled to 8.3 percent. Romney acknowledged the brightening economic picture but argued that it had little to do with Obama or his policies.

"The policies of this administration have not been helpful. They, in fact, have been harmful. They have slowed down the recovery, made it more difficult," Romney said at a home and yard supply company in Reno, where he talked about the economy with local business leaders. "The president deserves the blame that he'll receive in this campaign."

Gingrich, in an interview on CNN, said the Democrat's policies have driven up the national debt and raised the price of gasoline.

"The economy even at 8.3 percent is dramatically weaker than it was under Ronald Reagan at this exact same point in his first term," he said.

But as Gingrich looks to recover from a shelacking in Florida, he chose to spend much of his time hammering home his latest argument against a Romney presidency — that there is virtually no difference between Romney and Obama.

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## 2ND TEACHER FROM LOS ANGELES SCHOOL ARRESTED ON SEX CLAIM

BY ROBERT JABLON

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** • A second teacher at an inner-city elementary school where a teacher is accused of committing lewd acts on 23 children was arrested Friday on suspicion of fondling two girls in his classroom.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Capt. Mike Parker said Martin B. Springer, 49, of Alhambra was arrested four days after allegations surfaced against the first teacher, but there was no known connection between the two cases. Springer was being held on \$2 million bail.

The expanding case has shocked the nation and thrown a chill into its sec-

ond-largest school district, with 650,000 students across hundreds of campuses.

Parker said the victims in the second case were about 7 and 8 years old and were fondled once each in a classroom at Miramonte Elementary School during the past three years.

Detectives interviewed Springer and the alleged victims on Thursday and had him under surveillance. He was arrested Friday as he exited a school district building in South Los Angeles, Parker said.



Berndt



Springer

Detectives anticipate that more victims might come forward, he said.

A phone message left at Springer's home was not immediately returned.

Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent John Deasy said the district plans to fire Springer next week.

"We are prepared to fire him next week and we'll do that at the next board meeting for inappropriate conduct and inappropriately touching students," the superintendent told KTTV.

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# Obama Says His Policies Are an Extension of His Faith

BY JULIE PACE  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** • Blending politics and religion, President Barack Obama said his Christian faith is a driving force behind his economic policies, from Wall Street reform to his calls for the wealthy to pay higher taxes.

Obama's remarks Thursday at the National Prayer Breakfast were his most explicit account of how his personal religious beliefs factor into his decision-making on the nation's pressing problems. The comments came amid election-year criticism from Catholic groups and some Republicans that the president is waging a war on religion following his decision to require church-affiliated institutions to cover free birth control for employees.

Speaking to more than 3,000 people at the annual breakfast, Obama said "faith and values" should play as much a role in tackling the nation's challenges as sound decision-making and smart policies.



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President Barack Obama gestures while speaking at the National Prayer Breakfast Thursday in Washington.

He said, for example, that his own call for fairness in the tax code — a central tenet of his State of the Union address and his 2012 campaign — is both economically sound and consistent with the teachings of Jesus.

"If I'm willing to give something up as somebody who's been extraordinarily

blessed, and give up some of the tax breaks that I enjoy, I actually think that's going to make economic sense," he said. "But for me as a Christian, it also coincides with Jesus's teaching that 'for unto whom much is given, much shall be required.' It mirrors the Islamic belief that those who've been

blessed have an obligation to use those blessings to help others, or the Jewish doctrine of moderation and consideration for others."

He also said the Wall Street reform he championed both "makes the economy stronger for everyone" and abides by God's command to "love thy neighbor as thyself"

because it helped people who had been hurt or treated unfairly by financial institutions.

And Obama said he believed in a "biblical call" to care for the poor and to follow "the responsibility we're given in Proverbs to 'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.'"

The president's remarks came one day after Mitt Romney, the front-runner for the Republican nomination, created a flap with clumsy comments about the poor.

Romney said he wasn't concerned about the "very poor" because they have a safety net. He also said he wasn't concerned about the very rich and intended to focus his campaign on the middle class.

While the White House said the president's remarks were not meant to be political, his comments did fit neatly into the Obama campaign's effort to draw sharp contrasts between the president and Romney.

The former Massachusetts governor is among Republicans who have criticized the president for not exempting religious organizations from a requirement in the 2010 health care law that requires insurers to cover birth control for their employees. Romney said this week that the president was ordering "religious organizations to violate their conscience."

## CHURCH NEWS

## Filer Church Collects Donations for Ministerial Association

The fifth Sunday after the Epiphany is the focus of the Rev. Carol Thompson's sermon at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the Filer United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Fifth and Union streets.

Thompson will highlight this "Souper" Bowl Sunday with attendees offering monetary or canned food donations to be given to the Filer Ministerial Association Community Food Bank.

The United Methodist Women will serve a turkey lunch at 11 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Information: 733-2629.

## First Sunday Brunch Offered at Wendell Church

The First Sunday Brunch will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Wendell United Methodist Church, 175 E. Main.

Biscuits and gravy, link sausage, fried apples, ice cream and cookies will be served. Freewill offerings will be accepted.

Everyone is invited to come with their families, friends and neighbors for good food and conversation. Information: 536-5751.

## Ascension Episcopal Church Observes 'Souper' Bowl Sunday

Ascension Episcopal Church will observe Souper Bowl Sunday with the collection of food items to stock the Neighbors in Need Food Pantry. Cash donations also will be collected following both services, with proceeds to benefit the Meals on Wheels program at the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center.

Souper Bowl is a nationwide celebration of giving to hunger-relief charities. In 2011 more than \$9.5 million in food and cash donations were distributed to food banks and hot meal programs throughout the United States.

During the month of February, Ascension will welcome donations of fabric, yarn and notions. Yarn will be used by the Knit-Us-Together group to make hats, scarves and prayer shawls to be donated to various local and national organizations.

Fabric and notions will be directed to the sewing program at the CSI Refugee Center.

Ascension Episcopal Church is located at 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls. Regular worship services and Christian Education are held on Sundays and Wednesdays. Information: www.ascension.episcopalidaho.org or 733-1248. Ascension is handicapped accessible.

## Filer Baptist Church Starts New Class

ALPHA is back! An introduction to Christian Living class will be held at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Filer.

Dessert will be served before meeting begins. All are invited. Reserve your space at 326-4916.

## Van Curen Speaks on 'Being Humanist'



Van Curen

The Secular Student Alliance at the College of Southern Idaho will sponsor a lecture by D.G. Van Curen, president of the Humanists of Idaho. "Being Humanist" will start at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the CSI Fine Arts Recital Hall.

As he grew up in Idaho, Van Curen recalls being a skeptic in matters of religion and eventually identified as an atheist. But while that described what he didn't believe in, it left him wondering what he did believe in until he discovered humanist philosophy. Ironically, the things that drew him to humanism — community and a sense of compassion — are the same qualities that often draw people to their religious beliefs. The difference, he says, is that humanism doesn't require supernatural beliefs or mandates of faith in ancient dogmas.

Van Curen's 2008 book, "Dissecting the Bible: A Critical Analysis of the Holy Scriptures," will be available for purchase at the discussion. Admission is free and open to the community.

The mission of the Secular Student Alliance is to organize, unite, educate and serve students and student communities that promote the ideals of scientific and critical inquiry, democracy, secularism and human-based ethics. Club meetings are

held at 6 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month in the Fine Arts Recital Hall and are open to the public. Information: Brent Jensen at 420-7066 or bjensen@csi.edu.

## Methodist Church Screens New Documentary Film

The Twin Falls First United Methodist Church will screen the 2009 documentary film, "Through My Eyes," at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church, 360 Shoshone St. E. Admission is free, and the public is encouraged to attend.

Produced by the Gay Christian Network, this 46-minute documentary film looks at life through the eyes of young Christians who wrestle with what to do when they discover themselves to be gay.

More than two dozen young Christians agreed to share their private feelings, struggles and experiences on camera. All of them have a personal stake in the debate. And all of them hoped that their stories might make a difference.

The film has been widely praised by all sides as an eye-opening look at what it's like to be a gay Christian in today's world.

Screening facilitator Phillip Grover said the screening is part of a larger plan to expand the church's outreach to the LGBTQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual) community. "Last fall, after screening the award winning documentary, 'For the Bible Tells Me So,' and an extended study of the issues raised, many of us felt that it was time to reach out to the LGBTQIA community and let them know that not only do its members have the support of many of us at Twin Falls First United Methodist Church in their personal struggles but we also felt the need to lend our voices to the ongoing conversation regarding sexual orientation and gender identity happening within the

Magic Valley. It's our hope that no matter where one stands on the issues, through activities like the 'Through My Eyes' screening, we are able to better understand our LGBTQIA neighbors."

A short discussion will follow the screening.

Information: 733-5872 or www.tffumc.com.

## Gooding Church and Ministry Starts Counseling Ministry

The Desert Hills Community Church and Helping Hearts and Hands Ministry are working with Christian Companion Ministries in starting a recovery and counseling ministry for the Gooding area.

Dr. Ray Goin will be offering both group and individual meetings starting Thursday. The group will deal with co-dependency, relationship dysfunctions, emotional traumas, addictive behaviors and many other topics. The meetings will take place at Helping Hearts and Hands, 237 Main St. in Gooding.

Information: Ray Goin, 595.2328.

## Burley Methodist Church Presents 'Love Feast'

The Burley United Methodist Church will present "Love Feast" at 6 p.m. Feb. 11.

A Love Feast is a celebration of love; the love we have for one another, the love God has for us and the love we have for God.

The Burley United Methodist Men are hosting the evening by providing meat, potatoes, rolls and drinks. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to round out our meal. Music will be provided by the Burley United Methodist Praise Group; door prizes will be awarded, and a love offering will be collected to support the UMM Scholarship Fund.

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Josef Houzvicka, 62, a homeless man walks on rail tracks after spending the night in a large heated tent for displaced people arranged by city authorities in Prague, Czech Republic on Thursday.

Europe Attempts to Shield Homeless from Deep Freeze

BY MARIA DANILOVA
Associated Press
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Sheep-herding Swedish Bunny Becomes Online Hit

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WATCH a video of the sheep-herding bunny at http://bit.ly/Aixo8I
YouTube hits since a clip of his sheep-herding skills surfaced on a blog a week ago.

The June video shows a persistent Champis running back and forth to keep Nils-Erik and Greta Vigren's sheep together.
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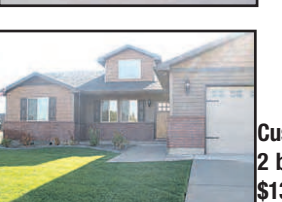
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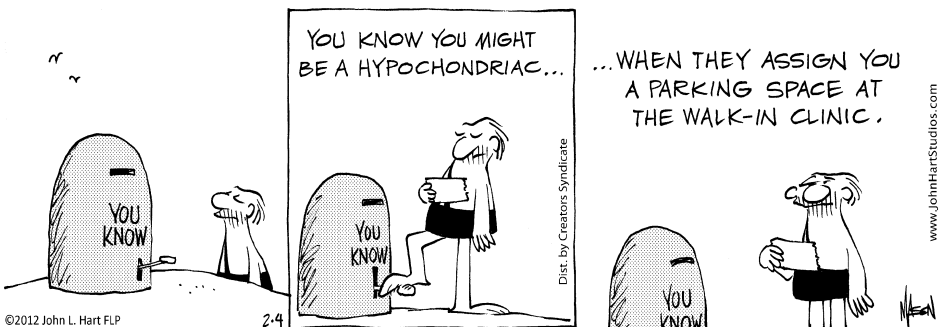








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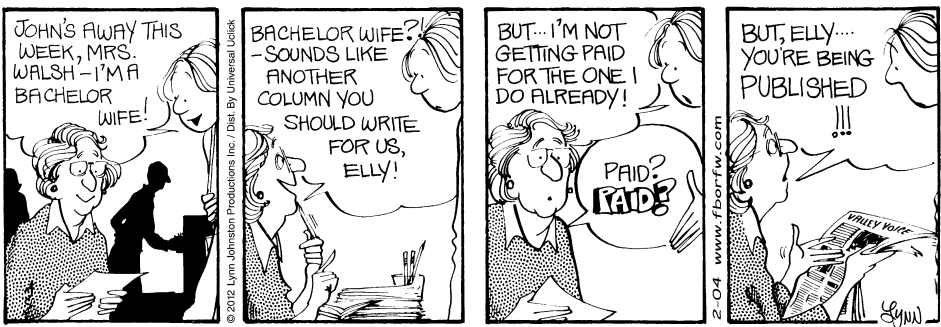
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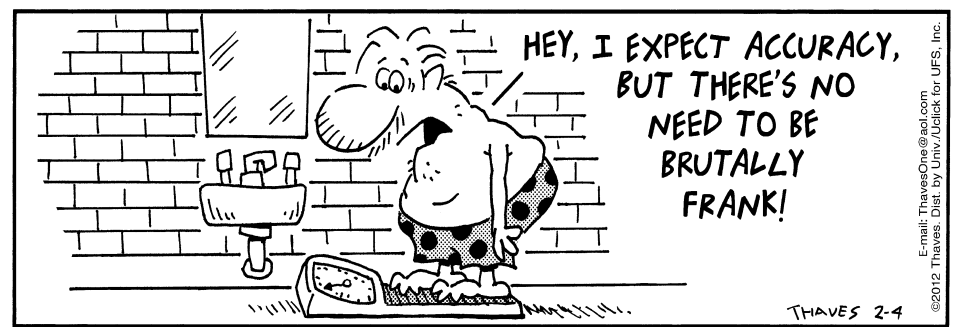
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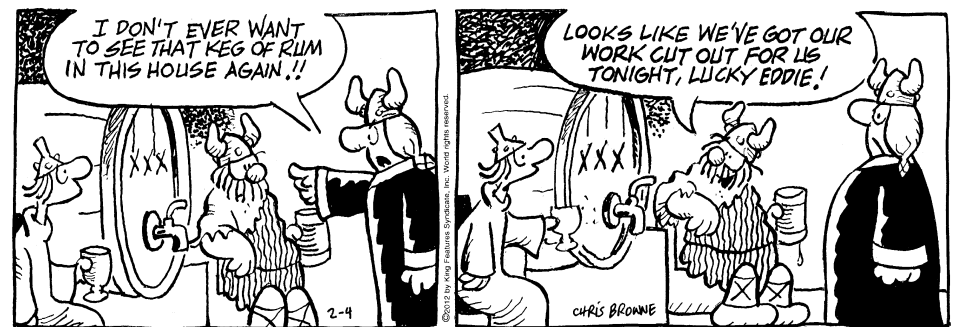
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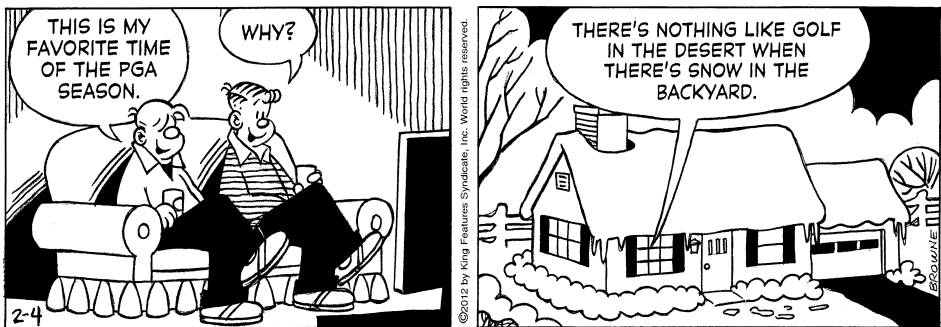
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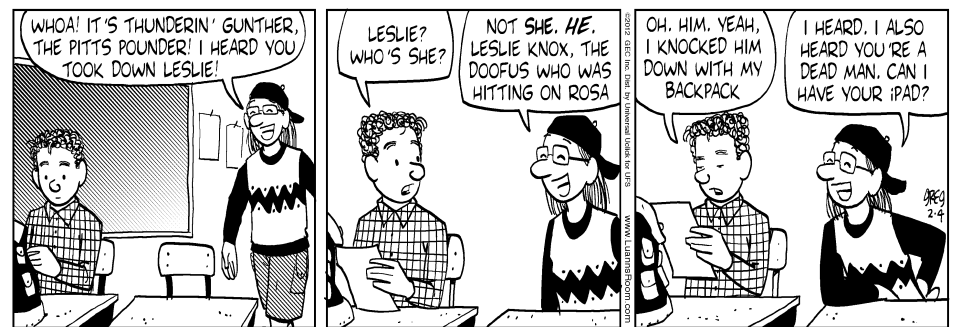
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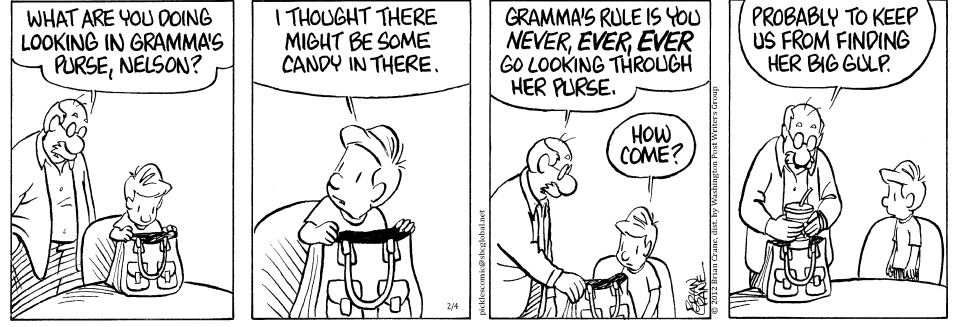
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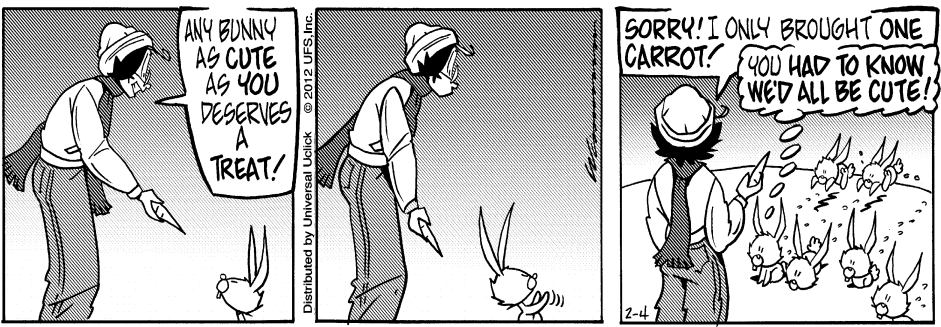
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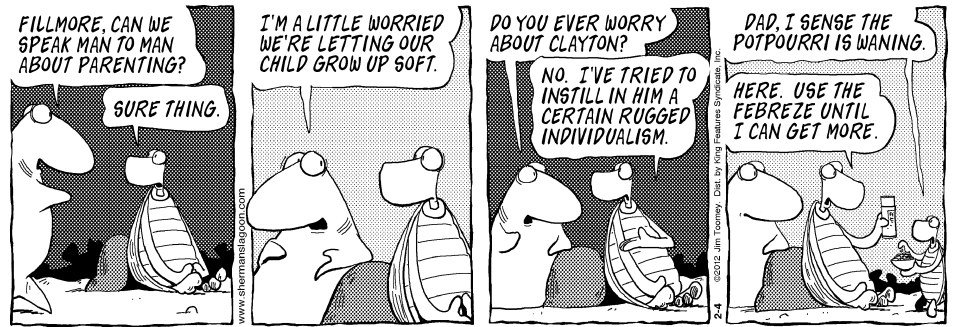
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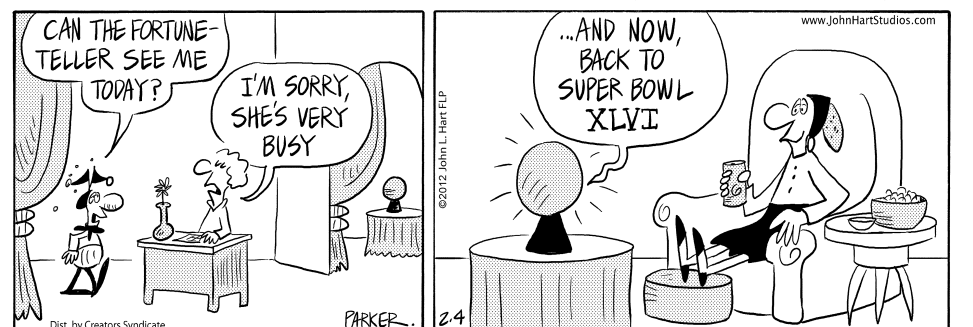
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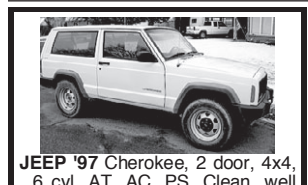
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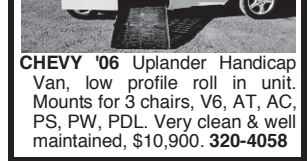
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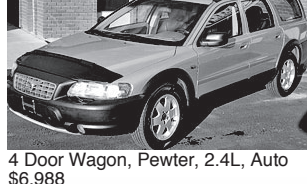
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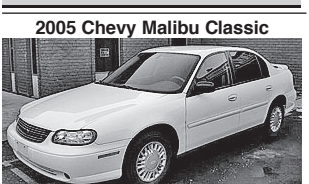
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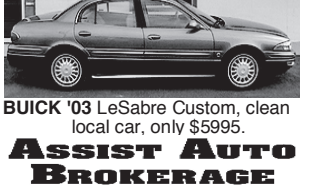
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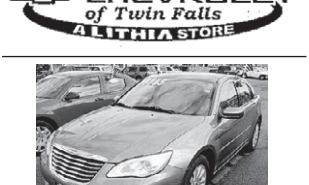
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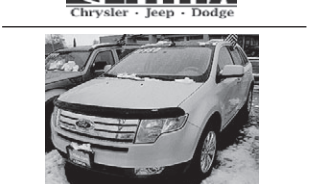
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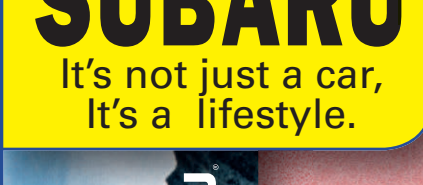
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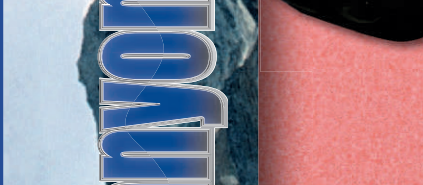
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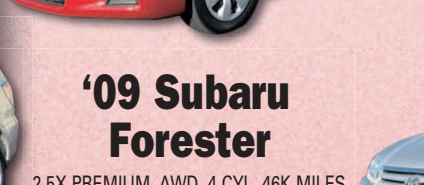
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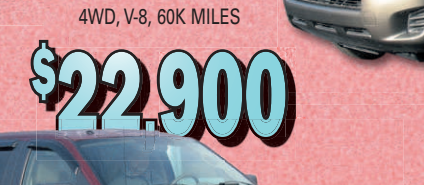
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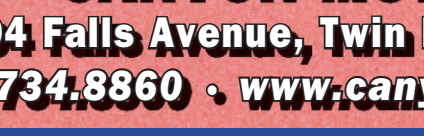
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