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## State Budgeters Mark 4.5% Spending Increase

**A budget target of \$2.667 billion for fiscal 2013 shows cautious optimism over economic growth, while state employees will see a 2 percent pay raise.**

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**BOISE** • Idaho's budget setters are cautiously optimistic about the state's economic growth — with an emphasis on caution.

On Friday, the Legislature's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee wrapped up the week by setting the state's budget mark for the next fiscal year and approving some budget items, including an ongoing 2 percent pay raise for state employees.

The committee adopted a budget of \$2.667 billion, a 4.5 percent increase from this fiscal year. From that figure, the committee will set individual state agency budgets, beginning next week.

The budget number is less than Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's revenue projection of \$2.7 billion. JFAC's four Democrat members argued for adopting Otter's number as next year's spending mark, saying the state's economy is improving.

"We think that the trends we see give us reason for confidence in the progress that Idaho is making in an economic recovery," said Rep. Shirley Ringo, D-Moscow.

GOP legislators said they preferred a more conservative approach to avoid midyear holdbacks if the economy sees another downturn. After discussion, the committee voted 16-4 on party lines to adopt the lesser budget mark.

Legislators considered three motions on employee raises, and ultimately approved an ongoing 2 percent raise for state employees.

Toward the end of the three-hour session, Rep. ...

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## HOUSE PASSES BILL TO EVICT OCCUPY BOISE CAMPERS

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**BOISE** • House lawmakers have passed emergency legislation intended to evict Occupy Boise protesters camped out on state property and across from the Idaho Capitol.

Protesters erected tents on the grounds in November. But now legislation calling for their removal is headed to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's desk.

The House approved the bill Friday on a vote of 51-14. The legislation, which previously passed the Senate, also gives protesters 90 days to retrieve any abandoned property after their exit.

Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke of Oakley expects protesters will voluntarily disperse when informed of the law. If they don't, he says they can legally be removed as soon as the bill is signed.

House Minority Leader John Rusche of Lewiston voted against, saying it's unfortunate a more diplomatic resolution couldn't be reached.



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(ABOVE) Jacci Nicholson organizes cartons of cigarettes Friday at the Puff N Snuff smoke shop in Jerome. Health advocacy groups are pushing for legislators to increase Idaho's 57-cent tobacco tax, which is eighth-lowest in the nation. (BELOW) Cigarettes line the shelves Friday at the Puff N Snuff smoke shop in Jerome.

## Higher Tax on Packs Yet to Catch Fire

**An oft-discussed proposal to hike Idaho's tobacco tax still hasn't been introduced in the Legislature, where it will likely face stiff opposition and a short time frame during this election year.**

BY KIMBERLEE KRUESI  
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**TWIN FALLS** • The proposal hasn't even been submitted, but everyone from lawmakers to health advocates and business owners are weighing in on the possibility of raising Idaho's tobacco tax.

The proposal would increase the state tax to \$1.25 per pack or \$12.50 per carton, explained the bill's sponsor, Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot and chairman of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee.

If it passes, Idaho would have the 15th-highest tobacco tax in the country, according to a report from

the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. The state currently holds the eighth-lowest tax at 57 cents per pack.

Lake said his bill is written and is now in the hands of a coalition headed by the American Cancer Society. He's hopeful it will get farther than the proposal did last year, when it failed to win enough favor in committee to be printed.

"The coalition is still struggling to find the votes to print it," Lake said. "We'll just see what happens, it's their call now."

The bill already faces a mountain of challenges. Many lawmakers are

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Halftime Lift

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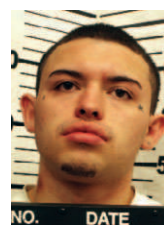
Dietrich cheerleader Cheyanne Still, 15, holds up Aizlyn Churchhill during halftime at the 2012 Idaho High School Girls Basketball State Championships Friday at Nampa High School. Find the results of Friday's games starting on page S1.

## No Honor among Thieves?

**Former Mini-Cassia jail inmate charged with stealing from others in the Burley lockup.**

BY LAURIE WELCH  
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**BURLEY** • A former Mini-Cassia jail inmate is charged with stealing fellow inmates' personal identification numbers and using them to make phone calls to his girlfriend.



Zamudio

Daniel Zamudio, 19, of Burley, was charged in December with eight counts of felony fraud for allegedly taking others' financial transaction numbers to make \$38.26 in calls from the jail. He also allegedly transferred \$8 from another inmate's commissary account into his own.

Zamudio has pleaded not guilty to the charges and is scheduled to face a March 7 jury trial.

He allegedly "indicated" to investigators that his "urge to call his girlfriend overcame his good judgment," according to court records. He's accused of using the numbers to make 11 successful phone calls and 41 unsuccessful calls.

Cassia County sheriff's detectives were notified by Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center Director Darwin Johnson that Zamudio was using PIN numbers assigned to other inmates to call his girlfriend while he was incarcerated. Zamudio has an extensive juvenile criminal record in Idaho, with charges of grand theft, burglary, petit theft and contempt of court.

Johnson said he had warned Zamudio about the calls during summer 2011, but when the incidents recurred, he forwarded the case to the sheriff's office.

Zamudio allegedly told detectives that he found other inmates' PIN numbers in various situations and was able to

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# Is It a Cold, or Something More?

How can I tell if my daughter's cold is just a cold, or something more serious?

— Tim, Dietrich

Answered by Dr. Mitchell Moffitt, Pediatrician, St. Luke's Clinic — Physician Center:

If your daughter experiences several mild respiratory infections each year, she's perfectly normal. Much more often than not, a respiratory infection won't require a visit to your pediatrician, but will clear up on its own in 10-14 days. A virus is usually the culprit, causing illnesses such as sore throats, colds, influenza (flu), and croup.

Upper respiratory infections are the most common, affecting the nose, ears, sinuses and throat. A child with an upper respiratory infection may sound congested, and may have a runny or stuffy nose, cough, sore throat, headache or fever. The fever normally only lasts the first 2 or 3 days of the illness. She may feel uncomfortable, irritable, or restless, and may not want to eat as much as usual.

Lower respiratory infections affect the lungs and bronchial tubes, and include pneumonia, bronchitis, and bronchiolitis. They are less common, and often more worrisome. Symptoms can include excessive or barking coughing, fever, chest pain, and breathing difficulties such as rapid and shallow breathing, grunting, wheezing, and retractions (skin sucking in between ribs while breathing in).

You should call your daughter's physician if her breathing is rapid or she has to work hard to breathe, if she has little or no energy, if she is still sick and not improving after 10 days, if her illness is not completely resolved by 14 days, or if her condition worsens.

Home care can relieve your daughter's symptoms. Make sure she drinks plenty of fluids and gets plenty of rest. The mainstay of treatment is nasal saline drops, which help to

loosen mucus in the nose and act as a natural decongestant.

Do not allow anyone to smoke around her, and do not give her aspirin. For discomfort with or without fever, she can take medicine such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen if she is over the age of 6 months.

Most respiratory infections are caused by viruses and do not require a visit to a physician's office; however, occasionally bacterial complications can arise.

Bacteria cause illnesses such as strep throat, some pneumonias and sinus infections. Bacterial infections are treated with antibiotics; viral infections are not, because antibiotics will not help overcome these infections. If antibiotics are prescribed, make sure you give your daughter the complete prescription as instructed by her physician to prevent the potential development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

As a parent, you can help protect your daughter and others against infection by frequently washing your hands and making sure she washes, too. Keeping her home from school or day care when she is sick is also wise. Never let anyone smoke in your house or around your daughter.

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# Small Fire Leads to TFHS Evacuation

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**TWIN FALLS** • Twin Falls High School students and employees evacuated the school Friday after a small stovetop fire filled hallways with smoke.

The Twin Falls Fire Department responded to a call from the high school at about 11:40 a.m.

Battalion Chief Ron Aguirre said a fire in a home economics classroom caused a significant amount of smoke to fill the school. Aguirre said the fire was already extinguished by the time firefighters arrived.

After firefighters helped ventilate the building, students and school employees were allowed to return inside at about 12:20 p.m.

Aguirre said one student in the home economics class reported a minor injury. He didn't have further details Friday afternoon.

Beth Pendergrass, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls School District, said school administrators didn't receive any reports of injuries from students.

# T.F. Rotary Seeks Funding Requests

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**TWIN FALLS** • The Rotary Club of Twin Falls is seeking funding requests from area organizations and foundations for its annual granting of money raised during its Death by Chocolate event.

This year, the event raised about \$31,000 for local charities. Officials from any entity interested in applying for funding should send a brief letter outlining their needs and the amount of their request to: The Rotary Club of Twin Falls, P.O. Box 821, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0821. Information: www.twinfallsrotary.org.

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Brittain

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

# Hearing Postponed in Burley Murder Case

Jose Lara allegedly strangled his wife with a belt on Jan. 11. Now, his lawyer wants to make sure he's fit to face the accusation.

BY LAURIE WELCH  
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Lara

**BURLEY** • A murder suspect's mental competency will be examined before he faces a judge on the allegation that he strangled his wife in their Burley home.

A Friday preliminary hearing for Jose Antonio Lara, 29, was postponed at the request of his attorney, Keith Roark. Roark motioned for his client to undergo a psychiatric exam, a hearing for which will be held Wednesday. Friday's was the second postponement of Lara's preliminary hearing in magistrate court.

In court records, Roark said

the delay is necessary to determine if Lara fully comprehends the proceedings.

Lara was charged with first-degree murder after his wife, Joann Lyn Lara, 25, was found Jan. 11 — dead on the couple's bedroom floor, apparently strangled with a belt.

According to court records, Joann Lara was found with a thin cord similar to that of an MP3 player earpiece wrapped around her neck, which also displayed "significant ligature marks."

Jose Lara's mother told investigators the couple had been arguing and Joann Lara had threatened to leave Jose

Lara prior to the incident. The mother told detectives that on the day of the murder, she went to the couple's home and Jose Lara tried to dissuade her from going inside.

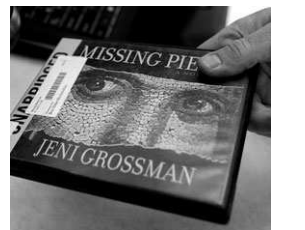
He allegedly later asked his mother see what was wrong with Joann, according to a court affidavit.

Jose Lara allegedly originally told detectives he had spent the night at his mother's house and returned to find his wife dead, but later said he his wife had been arguing and he took a black belt away from her and used it to strangle her from behind.

Detectives later recovered the belt from a backpack that had been placed in the back of Jose Lara's mother's van.

He allegedly asked his mother to help him hide the belt, but he told investigators she didn't want to help him and had told him to call the police and tell the truth.

# SUNDAY IN PEOPLE



# Zamudio

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"fool" the voice recognition program on the jail's phone system to access their accounts.

Phone calls to Zamudio's girlfriend were recorded at the jail and reviewed. When she asked Zamudio why he didn't use his own PIN number, "he quickly changed the subject," according to court

records. During another call, she asked him where he was getting all the money from for phone calls, to which Zamudio allegedly cautioned her to not ask about the funds.

An audit is being conducted on accounts at the jail to determine if any other numbers were stolen.

The county public defender's office had to withdraw from the case because it currently represents six of Zamudio's alleged victims.

# Budget

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meeting, members locked horns on whether agency directors should have the discretion over how they dole out pay increases, or if all state employees should receive the 2 percent bump.

The raises would apply to employees of state agencies, including community col-

leges, judges and magistrates in the judicial branch, employees of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, and classified public school employees who aren't eligible for merit-based pay bonuses under Idaho's public education reforms.

Ultimately, committee members voted 13-7 to make the raises an across-the-board 2 percent bump for all eligible recipients.

# Rural Readers

Reporter Natalie Dicou meets up with a bookmobile in the small towns of Cassia County. Sunday in People

# Tobacco

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hesitant to back a bill to hike any tax in an election year, and some doctors are skeptical of the reasons behind the proposal.

Dr. William Crofts, who runs a dental practice in Twin Falls, says raising the tobacco tax won't stop people from smoking.

"If it's for revenue reasons, then I say go ahead and increase the tax," he said. "Just don't try to use it as a means to save the public."

Not surprisingly, many smoke shop owners are also against the tax. Dina Blakely, owner of Puff N Snuff in Jerome, says she's worried that a tax increase would both cause a spike in her inventory costs and drive away customers.

"It just seems like they continue to pick on small businesses and the costs are going to get passed down to the customer," Blakely said. "If it does happen, Idaho is going to push business out of

the state or onto reservations."

Dr. Tim Thompson, former president of the Idaho State Dental Association, isn't the biggest fan of raising taxes, either, but says it's a worthwhile step in the fight to keep kids from smoking.

Though he couldn't provide a specific number, he said youth chewing tobacco use is up, adding that the state shouldn't shy from breaking the "macho" image smokeless tobacco products try to sell.

"This is a public health issue," Thompson said. "It shouldn't be easy for minors to get tobacco products. Even if it doesn't pass, I hope it raises community awareness of the dangers of chewing tobacco products and the expensive health care costs it creates."

Both the dental association and the state's public health districts have thrown their support behind hiking Idaho's tobacco tax. They argue that the extra revenue from the tax could go toward funding tobacco cessation

classes and other public health programs that may need extra funding.

Ed Franklin, general manager of Big Smoke in Twin Falls, argues that the state already has funds in place to deter youth from smoking. He said sources like the Millennium Fund, which is made up of tobacco settlement proceeds, should be used more to support youth smoking cessation programs.

"We're against minors smoking, but there's also a fairness factor that should be considered," Franklin said. "... the state already has money that's supposed to go to stop minors from smoking."

Despite facing opposition and a legislative session that will begin drawing to its close when state agency budgets are set, Lake is optimistic the bill will eventually pass.

"We're hearing that some people think this would be a good thing to tackle next year, but we're saying this is a good year," he said.

# 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

## TWIN FALLS COUNTY

### FRIDAY ARRAIGNMENTS

**Andrew Everett Ohlensehlen**, 24, Jerome; driving under the influence, appearance, \$10,000 bond, court compliance program, public defender appointed, pretrial March 6.

**Christina Alaina Lee**, 31, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, appearance, walk-in arraignment, public defender appointed, preliminary Feb. 24.

**Lance Patrick Cook**, 45,

Jerome; possession of a controlled substance, appearance, \$10,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Feb. 24.

## CASSIA COUNTY

### DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCING

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# Kimberly Approves Wastewater Study

BY DAVE WILKINS  
For the Times-News

**KIMBERLY** • The Kimberly City Council on Wednesday authorized a new wastewater study at a cost of \$73,300.

The report by J-U-B Engineers will evaluate the city's wastewater collection system and flow data. The information is expected to serve as a guide for city officials as they make some major decisions in the coming months.

Kimberly is scheduled to negotiate a new wastewater contract with the city of Twin Falls, which handles all of its wastewater treatment. The updated data will be useful in those negotiations, City Engineer Tracy Ahrens told council members during a workshop prior to the council meeting.

"It would give us all the answers about what we have and what would be the best option for the city of Kimberly," Ahrens said.

The new study is expected to take about four months to complete.

Kimberly is also awaiting the results of a study regarding constructing a regional wastewater treatment plant with the city of Hansen.

Council members were also informed that the city has cleared the first hurdle in landing a \$500,000 state community development block grant to revitalize its downtown area.

The council voted to submit supplemental information requested by the Idaho Department of Commerce by March 2.

The first phase of the project would include new curb,

gutters and sidewalks. In addition to making the downtown area look better, the improvements would meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, city officials said.

But some downtown business owners are worried about the planned extension of the sidewalk at the end of targeted downtown blocks, said mayor Tracy Armstrong.

The rounded extensions, known as "bulb-outs," are meant to improve pedestrian safety, but may eliminate too much parking in front of downtown businesses, he said.

"Every business owner I've talked to that is affected by this is completely against it," Armstrong said.

The mayor said he wants to make certain that taxpayer

money is well spent. The city is obligated to contribute \$289,600 in cash and in-kind services toward the project's total cost of \$889,600.

"As we revise the plan, if there are amenities that could be cut, we need to consider cutting them," Armstrong said.

The council was also informed that the new city hall building should be ready for a walk-through inspection on Feb. 27.

"We are coming down the home stretch," Michael Arrington of Starr Corp. told council members.

The city has tentatively planned a grand opening ceremony for March 27.

In other action, the council reversed an earlier decision to launch a single-stream recycling pilot project with Western Waste Services.

The city was informed that Twin Falls County would no longer provide a PSI recycling bin for newspaper, cardboard and aluminum cans if its planned project with Western Waste Services moved forward, Armstrong said.

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# WENDELL CONSIDERS COUNTY EMERGENCY PLAN

BY BLAIR KOCH  
For the Times-News

**WENDELL** • Whether it's the rare flat-bed truck rolling through town with straw on fire or a full-fledged natural disaster, having a plan in place to deal with the results of a situation is a good idea.

On Thursday, Gooding County Disaster Services Coordinator Lori Capps approached the Wendell City Council to ask the city to sign off on the most up-to-date Gooding County Emergency Operations Plan.

Capps said the new plan, contained in a thick three-ring binder, is more user-friendly than in years past, as topics like "fire" and "flood" have replaced a numerical indexing system.

The plan, Capps said, also stresses "whole communities," with vertical integration from the city, state and federal level which streamlines disaster management response.

Fire Chief Bob Bailey said the document isn't simply a bookshelf ornament.

"I've used the plan several times," Bailey said. "It works."

The council held off on signing the plan to give the city attorney the courtesy to review it first, although no legal concerns were raised during the meeting.

"It's a great start for the city and gives everyone an idea of what to do," said Councilman Ken Bates.

In other council news, the public works and police departments presented a list a items to be declared surplus for an auction, which has not yet been scheduled.

The list of surplus items includes several vehicles, in-

cluding a 1998 Chevy Tahoe, 1968 Ford F-750 flatbed truck and several coupe-style cars, to name a few. The items will be sold as-is.

"One runs, it just doesn't move," joked Mayor Brad Christopherson about the police cars.

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## Boise Residents Welcome Mitt

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney shakes hands with supporters at Guerdon Enterprises Friday in Boise.



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# Romney Says Santorum Isn't a Fiscal Conservative

BY KASIE HUNT  
Associated Press

**BOISE** • Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney on Friday said Rick Santorum isn't a fiscal conservative, directly attacking his rival for the first time in more than a week.

"If you want a fiscal conservative, you can't vote for Rick Santorum, because he's not," Romney said at a campaign rally before a fundraiser. "I'm a fiscal conservative."

Romney has avoided criticizing the former Pennsylvania senator without prompting since Santorum won

## More Inside Santorum Surges but So Does Scrutiny of Campaign

Rick Santorum stole a key endorsement from chief rival Mitt Romney on Friday as polls in Ohio and elsewhere suggest the former Pennsylvania senator has seized the momentum in the rollercoaster Republican presidential contest. Amid the shift, however, are intensifying questions about whether he can sustain the rise.

See full story on S5.

contests in Colorado, Minnesota and Missouri on Feb. 8, though he did attack Santorum by name during a rally in Atlanta. His campaign and their super PAC allies are attacking Santorum in TV ads in Michigan.

Romney on Friday accused Santorum of expanding government during his two terms as a congressman and two terms as a senator.

"I hope that people take a very close look at his record

because he was in Congress for about 20 years and during that time the size of the federal government doubled," Romney said.

"And, by the way, he voted to raise the debt ceiling five different times without compensating cuts," Romney added. He said Santorum voted for "billions of dollars in earmarks."

Romney and his backers are vastly outspending Santorum in next-up Michigan, Romney's home state. A loss there would be a major blow for Romney. He was born in Michigan and his father, George, served as governor there.

Romney planned fundraisers in Idaho before a trip to Salt Lake City, where he will speak at a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. He ran the Salt Lake Olympic Committee that put on the games.

## Bill Would Give State Authority over Oil, Gas

**BOISE (AP)** — Local governments' authority over oil and natural gas drilling in Idaho would be curtailed under a bill that has passed the House.

The 54-13 vote Friday by lawmakers moves forward the industry-sponsored bill that gives only the state the power to regulate new oil and gas production.

Recent discoveries in Western Idaho have local residents and governments near reserves concerned about the industry's potential expansion. Officials in Washington County began crafting their own rules to regulate the industry in response.

The Spokesman-Review reports that Lava Hot Springs Rep. Ken Andrus favors the measure. He says regulation and responsibility over the resource, which has been a boon to other states, belongs with the state.

# Battelle Energy May Face Federal Funding Cut Over 'Deficiencies'

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** • The U.S. Department of Energy is warning Battelle Energy Alliance it faces a \$500,000 reduction in the fee it receives to manage the Idaho National Laboratory after 16 employees were exposed to radiation.

The Nov. 8 exposure and several other incidents over the past year were "indicative of recurring deficiencies" in several areas of INL operations, Rick Provencher, manager of the DOE's office in Idaho Falls, wrote to lab director John Grossenbacher.

"A common theme has been the failure to make conservative decisions in the field when unexpected conditions are encountered," Provencher wrote on Jan. 31.

The Post Register reports Battelle can earn the \$500,000 back by improving its operations at the nuclear research lab before the end of the fiscal year.

Provencher gave Battelle a "no grade" evaluation in the area of "operations performance in support programs," one measure of the company's performance.

At the end of each fiscal

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Deputy INL Director  
**Juan Alvarez**

year, the DOE assesses Battelle's effectiveness in hundreds of categories, with the total scores determining the company's overall grade for the year. The grade determines the fee Battelle receives for managing the lab. Battelle can earn up to \$18.7 million a year.

Since it won the INL contract in 2005, Battelle never has graded below 91 percent on the DOE's scale, meaning it met the agency's expectations.

Battelle has a chance to improve its "operations performance in support programs" grade by the end of September.

"What they've done is given us a shot across the bow," Deputy INL Director Juan Alvarez told the Post Register. "They're saying, 'Hey, if you want this carrot back, you'd better work your buns off.'"

The DOE could fine Battelle for the radiation exposure, but the agency has not announced a punitive action, Alvarez said.

Last month, the DOE said the accident could have been prevented. INL officials said at the time that they did not expect the employees to suffer health effects.

On Feb. 9, Battelle announced it needed to cut up to 185 jobs to reduce costs and said most of the cuts would come from administrative support positions, rather than lab research jobs. INL spokesman Ethan Huffman said the layoffs were not connected in any way with the potential DOE fee reduction.

The layoff decision was based on the federal budget that covers salaries, not the DOE incentive payments the company receives for operating the laboratory, he said.

# House Committee Introduces Idaho Tax Relief Bill

**Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and staff work with Republican leaders on measure and urge lawmakers to get behind it.**

BY TODD DVORAK  
Associated Press

**BOISE** • House lawmakers on Friday took the first step toward providing more than \$35 million in tax relief to individuals, small businesses and corporations.

The House Revenue and Taxation Committee voted Friday to introduce legislation aimed at cutting the state's top individual income tax rate from 7.8 percent to 7.4 percent, a reduction that would save individual taxpayers and small business owners \$30.9 million next year. The measure would also reduce the corporate income tax rate from 7.6 percent to 7.4 percent, saving some of Idaho's biggest companies an estimated \$4.8 million.

The projected \$35 million in tax relief falls short of the \$45 million proposed by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter last month, but Otter and his staff worked with Republican leaders on the measure and are urging lawmakers to get behind it.

"This is a start," said House Majority Leader Mike Moyle, R-Star, the chief sponsor of the measure. "This sends a good message for the state of Idaho as we try to attract more businesses here ... and to get Idaho to be more competitive with surrounding states."

With Idaho's revenue picture improving, Republican lawmakers say they can afford to engage in serious debate about providing tax relief to individuals and businesses.

On Friday, legislative budget writers approved revenue targets for fiscal year 2013 that slightly undercut Otter's forecast. The Joint Finance Appropriations Committee agreed on a 4.5 percent increase in revenue in 2013 compared with 2012 and projected total state revenue at \$2.6 billion, up from the \$2.55 billion in 2012 yet \$33.3 million less than Otter's total revenue projection for

the coming fiscal year.

Rep. Dennis Lake, chairman of the Revenue and Taxation Committee, said the \$35 million target sought in the tax relief bill for now reflects a more cautious approach to the state's overall revenue picture. Other tax relief measures could emerge in the coming weeks, Lake and Moyle said.

Lake also said lawmakers face a challenge balancing tax relief with some other priorities spelled out by Otter and legislative leaders, including restoring money to teachers' salaries and offering pay raises to state workers.

"Tax relief should be the last decision we make, not the first," Lake said after the committee's voice vote.

Reducing the top individual rate to 7.4 percent would cut the tax rates for 19 percent of all taxpayers who file jointly, according to figures from the Division of Financial Management. The reduction would also lower taxes for 16 percent of those who file individual returns, which includes the majority of Idaho's smaller businesses, according to DFM.

Compared to neighboring states, Idaho's top individual income tax and corporate income tax rates are higher than Montana's and Utah's. Wyoming and Nevada do not tax in those categories.

Alex LaBeau, the top lobbyist at the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, said the \$35 million in proposed tax relief marks a good point to begin a broader discussion about reforming Idaho's tax policy.

LaBeau, and the industry and business leaders he represents, contend the best way to stimulate economic development in the state is to wipe the personal property tax on businesses off the books. Earlier this month, LaBeau told a joint panel of the House and Senate tax committees that the \$130 million personal property tax on business equipment has been a drag on economic growth and job creation.

"This starts the discussion," LaBeau said. "This represents \$35 million worth of help."

## Idaho Senate to Consider Emissions Testing Waiver

**BOISE (AP)** • Motorists could get another year to comply with vehicle emissions standards under a bill introduced in the Idaho Senate.

Nampa Sen. Curt McKenzie presented legislation Friday that would grant a one-year hardship waiver for drivers required to pay more than \$250 in repairs to pass Idaho's auto emissions test.

McKenzie says the bill gives a temporary reprieve to low-income drivers who typically own older

cars or trucks that may need more work to meet state standards enacted in 2008.

It would also require the Department of Environmental Quality to undertake a review of the state's mandatory testing program every five years, starting in 2013.

Ada and Canyon are the only counties in the state that require vehicle emission tests. And for years, Canyon County leaders have fought mandatory testing.

# Former Northern Idaho Sheriff Sues Counties, State

**LEWISTON (AP)** • A former Nez Perce County sheriff who was found guilty of being an accessory to burglary has sued the state, contending he was injured while serving time behind bars for the crime.

Jimmy Ray Dorion filed documents in Boise's 4th District Court on Feb. 7 notifying Nez Perce and Clearwater counties, their respective sheriff's offices, the state of Idaho and the Idaho De-

partment of Correction that he is seeking half a million dollars.

Dorion contends he suffered multiple injuries from guards or inmates while in custody, and that jail and prison officials failed to protect him even though they knew his law enforcement history put him at risk of assault, the Lewiston Tribune reported.

Prosecutors originally charged Dorion with three

felonies, saying that while he was sheriff, he helped Stephen G. Peak evade arrest for a series of burglaries. Two of the charges were ultimately dropped, and Dorion pleaded guilty to one count.

He had other problems during his term as sheriff: Dorion took medical leave in May 2008, telling county officials he had cancer, and then disappeared and couldn't be reached. County commissioners ended up remov-

ing him from the sheriff's office that fall.

At the time, Dorion's attorney, Joseph P. Filicetti of Boise, said Dorion had been in pain and believed he had cancer but was actually suffering from a noncancerous pancreatic cyst.

Dorion was sentenced on Aug. 10, 2009, and taken into custody by Nez Perce County sheriff's deputies. He was transferred the same day to the Clearwater County Jail,

and three days later to the Idaho Correctional Institution-Orofino.

He was sentenced to up to five years in prison, but 2nd District Judge John Stegner said he could be released early after completing an alcohol abuse treatment program. He was released on probation in December of that year and was released from probation after completing substance abuse counseling and remaining al-

cohol and drug free.

In the lawsuit, Dorion contends that guards at the Orofino prison saw bruises and took him to the local hospital, and that he was then transported to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Dorion contends that all three facilities failed to follow basic policies regarding housing assignments, supervision and protection for incarcerated former law enforcement officers, and that he continues to suffer pain, scarring, mental anguish and other injuries.

YOUR BUSINESS

## T.F. Chamber Seeks Award Nominees

TIMES-NEWS

**TWIN FALLS** • The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for its Person of the Year and Lifetime Achievement awards.

The annual awards recognize residents who have made significant contributions to the area's quality of life in the last 12 months and over their lifetime, respectively. Lifetime achievement nominees must have lived in the area for at least 10 years. Written nominations

should include the primary reason for the nomination, biographical information, and a list of volunteer work. The name and contact number of the person making the nomination is also required.

Awards will be presented on March 22, during the Business Day Luncheon at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center in Twin Falls. Nominations are due by March 2.

Send nominations to Kyle Tarbet, [kyle@twinfallschamber.com](mailto:kyle@twinfallschamber.com). For more information, call 733-3974.

THE DIGIT

# \$6.43B

**UPS' bid to expand** • United Parcel Service, the world's largest package delivery company, said Friday it is still in talks to acquire TNT Express even though the Dutch package delivery company rejected a \$6.43 billion bid. UPS said there is no guarantee that they will reach middle ground and make a deal. If UPS were to successfully buy TNT, it would significantly expand its business in Europe. The deal would be UPS' biggest ever. It also would be the biggest acquisition of a European company by a U.S. corporation in six months — since Hewlett-Packard Co. offered \$10 billion to buy business software maker Autonomy Corp, according to Dealogic.

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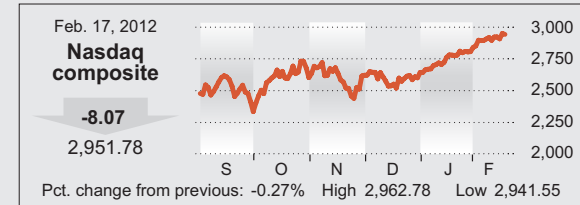
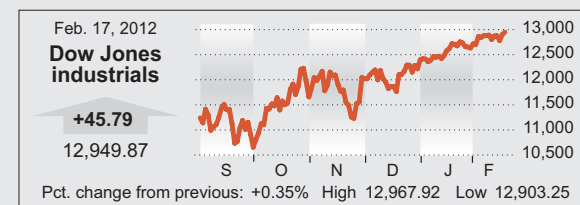
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THE MARKET AT A GLANCE

### Dow Average Closes Within 50 Points of 13,000

**NEW YORK (AP)** • The Dow edged teasingly close to the 13,000 marker on Friday, a milestone it hasn't reached since before the financial crisis brought the U.S. economy to its knees. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 45.79 points, or 0.4 percent, to close at 12,949.87, its highest close for the year so far. That followed a 123-point surge the day before, when it also set a closing record for 2012. The rest of the market struggled for direction on what turned out to be a quiet news day as traders prepared for the long Presidents' Day weekend.



STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

AlliantEgy	1.80f	16	43.13	+0.3	-2.2	Keycorp	.12	8	8.12	+1.3	+5.6
AlliantTch	.80	7	59.77	+4.2	+4.6	LeeEnt h	...	...	1.13	+0.1	+60.3
AmCasino	50f	14	20.51	+0.1	+18.6	MicronT	...	...	8.43	-0.3	+34.0
Aon Corp	.60	17	47.62	+0.6	+1.8	OfficeMax	...	10	5.75	+1.8	+26.7
BallardPw	...	...	1.45	+0.2	+34.3	RockTen	.80	24	67.86	-1.01	+17.6
BkofAm	.04	...	8.02	-0.7	+44.2	Sensient	.84	16	38.50	+1.4	+1.6
ConAgri	.96	15	26.48	-2.5	+3	SkyWest	.16	...	12.94	-3.2	+2.8
Costco	.96	25	84.47	+4.2	+1.4	Terady	...	14	17.01	-2.9	+24.8
Diebold	1.14f	17	38.39	+2.6	+27.7	Tuppre	1.44f	17	61.21	-0.2	+9.4
DukeEngy	1.00	16	20.90	-2.0	-5.0	US Bancr	.50	12	29.35	+2.7	+8.5
DukeRtly	.68	...	13.95	+0.4	+15.8	Valhi	.50	36	56.76	-5.4	-6.1
Fastenal s	.68f	42	50.73	-0.9	+16.3	WalMart	1.46	14	62.48	+4.4	+4.6
Heinz	1.92	18	54.47	-2.37	+8	WashFed	.32f	15	16.01	+0.4	+14.4
HewlettP	.48	9	29.59	+2.9	+14.9	WellsFargo	.48	11	31.09	+7.2	+12.8
HomeDp	1.16f	20	46.71	+7.8	+11.1	ZionBcp	.04	24	19.86	+7.0	+22.0
Idacorp	1.32f	12	41.85	-0.7	-1.3						

GRAINS & METALS REPORT

INTERMOUNTAIN GRAIN

**POCATELLO (AP)** — Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain Report for Feb. 17. **POCATELLO** — White wheat 5.90 (steady) 11.5 percent winter 5.93 (up 5) 14 percent spring 7.84 (up 3) barley 9.27 (steady) hard white 6.63 (up 5) **BORELY** — White wheat 6.00 (steady) 11.5 percent winter 6.04 (up 5) 14 percent spring 8.00 (up 3) barley 9.50 cwt (steady) hard white 6.69 (up 5) **OGDEN** — White wheat 6.30 (up 10) 11.5 percent winter 6.25 (up 6) 14 percent spring 8.13 (up 8) barley 10.90 (steady) corn 11.98 (up 9) **PORTLAND** — White wheat 7.16 (up 3) 11 percent winter 7.30-7.45 (up 7) 14 percent spring no quote corn 275.00-275.25 (up 2.00) **NAMPA** — White wheat 10.17 cwt (steady): 6.10 bushel (steady)

GOLD

By The Associated Press  
Selected world gold prices, Friday.  
London morning fixing: \$172.00 up \$19.00.  
London afternoon fixing: \$172.00 up \$10.00.  
NY Handy & Harman: \$172.00 up \$10.00.  
NY Handy & Harman fabricated: \$186.84 up \$10.80.  
NY Engelhard: \$176.58 up \$10.02.  
NY Engelhard fabricated: \$185.07 up \$10.77.  
NY Merc. gold Feb Fri: \$174.60 off \$2.20.  
NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m. Fri: \$172.00 off \$5.00.

SILVER

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Handy & Harman silver Friday \$33.110 off \$0.290.  
H&H fabricated \$39.732 off \$0.348.  
The morning bullion price for silver in London \$33.480 up \$0.300.  
Engelhard \$33.403 up \$0.453.  
Engelhard fabricated \$40.116 up \$0.576.  
NY Merc. silver spot month Friday \$33.200 off \$0.154.

NONFERROUS METALS

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Spot nonferrous metal prices Friday.  
Aluminum - \$0.9602 per lb., London Metal Exch.  
Copper - \$3.7236 Cathode full plate, LME.  
Copper - \$3.7045 N.Y. Merc spot Fri.  
Lead - \$1985.00 metric ton, London Metal Exch.  
Zinc - \$0.8849 per lb., London Metal Exch.  
Gold - \$1723.00 Handy & Harman (only daily quote).  
Gold - \$1724.60 troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot Fri.  
Silver - \$33.110 Handy & Harman (only daily quote).  
Silver - \$33.200 troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot Fri.  
Platinum - \$1640.00 troy oz., N.Y. (contract).  
Platinum - \$1633.90 troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot Fri.



President Barack Obama waves to the crowd during a tour of the Boeing 787 factory on Friday in Everett, Wash.

## Obama Promotes Steps to Boost US Trade

BY KEN THOMAS  
Associated Press

**EVERETT, Wash. (AP)** • President Barack Obama on Friday called for more steps to help U.S. companies compete overseas, standing in front of an enormous Boeing Dreamliner to summon a bright future for American manufacturing and exports.

Visiting a Boeing plant in Washington state where he watched some of the massive 787s under assembly, Obama pushed for Congress to continue financing a national export credit agency crucial to a goal of doubling exports by 2014. He pointed to the aviation giant as a homegrown company bolstering the U.S. economy by doing business overseas as he sought to make the case that the nation's economy is on the rise.

"The tide is turning. The tide is beginning to turn our way," Obama said in the cavernous Boeing plant before a few hundred cheering workers.

Obama's visit was highly orchestrated to portray the strength of American manu-

facturing, set in a massive facility where the aviation giant builds the new 787 Dreamliner. After inspecting the aircraft, Obama emerged from the back of a behemoth white Dreamliner to deliver his remarks, walking down the red-carpeted stairs as "Hail to the Chief" blared on overhead speakers.

"You're the most productive on earth. You can compete with anybody. You will outwork anybody," Obama told the assembled workers. "As long as the playing field is level, you can compete with any worker, anywhere, anytime, in China, in Europe, it does not matter. If we have a level playing field, America will always win, because we have the best workers."

The president announced steps to offer financing to U.S. companies to match help their foreign competitors get, with the goal of helping American industries compete.

Shortly before Obama's arrival, the Senate approved legislation to renew a payroll tax cut for 160 million American workers and jobless

benefits for millions more, sending key parts of Obama's jobs bill to his desk. The president said he would sign it "right away when I get home."

"It is amazing what happens when Congress focuses on doing the right thing instead of just playing politics," said Obama. "This was a good example, and Congress should take pride in it."

Obama's remarks came at the end of a three-day trip that included heavy fundraising along the West Coast and a stop at a Milwaukee padlock manufacturer. He was heading back to Washington late Friday.

Obama called on Congress to extend the Export-Import Bank's authorization. White House officials said the bank will reach its lending limit at the end of March and Obama pointed to it as a key player in helping promote U.S. exports.

At the same time, the White House announced that Boeing will participate in an Export-Import Bank program that helps companies advance money to suppliers

on export-related contracts. Administration officials said Boeing would be committing to more than \$700 million in short-term credit this year. Officials said the arrangement would help Boeing compete for foreign clients against European jet maker Airbus.

Facing re-election, Obama has pointed to a decline in unemployment and touted a recent boost in manufacturing jobs as an indicator of an economy on the mend. Republicans seeking the White House have accused Obama of failing to steer the economy out of a deep recession, setting up the health of the nation's economy as a pivotal issue in the 2012 election.

The White House unveiled a number of other steps aimed at boosting foreign trade, including a pilot program called Global Credit Express to help small business exporters apply for up to a 1-year loan of up to \$500,000.

In addition to the trade announcement, Obama was holding two fundraisers in the Seattle area Friday.

## China Faces Conflict of Law, Business in iPad Row

BY JOE MCDONALD  
Associated Press

**BEIJING (AP)** • Chinese officials face a choice in Apple's dispute with a local company over the iPad trademark — side with a struggling entity that a court says owns the name or with a global brand that has created hundreds of thousands of jobs in China. Experts say that means Beijing's political priorities rather than the courts will settle the dispute if it escalates.

Shenzhen Proview Technology has asked regulators to seize iPads in China in a possible prelude to pressing Apple Inc. for a payout. There have been seizures in some cities but no sign of action by national-level authorities.

Proview has a strong case under Chinese trademark law, but that could quickly change if Beijing decides to intervene to avoid disrupting iPad sales or exports from factories

in southern China where the popular tablet computers are made, legal experts say.

"If this becomes political — and it's very easy to see this becoming political — then I think Apple's chances look pretty good," said Stan Abrams, an American lawyer who teaches intellectual property law at Beijing's Central University of Finance and Economics.

The dispute centers on whether Apple acquired the iPad name in China when it bought rights in various countries from a Proview affiliate in Taiwan in 2009 for 35,000 British pounds (\$55,000).

Apple insists it did. But Proview, which registered the iPad trademark in China in 2001, won a ruling from a mainland Chinese court in December that it was not bound by that sale.

Apple appealed. A hearing is scheduled for Feb. 29.

## CHINESE LEADER, BIDEN PROMOTE TRADE IN LA

BY NOAKI SCHWARTZ AND CHRISTINA HOAG  
Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** • Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping began the last day of his U.S. visit Friday by urging closer ties and arguing that Americans benefit from their trade relationship with China.

"A prosperous and stable China will not be a threat to any country," Xi said. "It will only be a positive force for world peace and development."

Xi, who is expected to become president of the world's most populous nation next year, started his fourth day in the United States at a downtown Los Angeles trade conference hosted by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce. His American counterpart, Vice President Joe Biden, joined him later.

California Gov. Jerry Brown and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa both lauded the U.S.-China relationship.

"We've got a great future together," said Brown, who announced plans to open a new trade and investment office in China. China is a major trade partner with Los Angeles, which has greatly benefited from its Pacific Rim position and has courted Chinese businesses and their potential jobs.

A day earlier, Xi toured the Port of Los Angeles, the nation's busiest port complex. Nearly 60 percent of the imports moving through the port come from China.

U.S. Commerce Secretary John Bryson also encouraged more Chinese investment, commenting that "America is truly open for business." However, he called for balancing the economic and trade relationship, which has been a lightning rod for critics of China.

Trade between the two countries increased exponentially last year but the U.S. trade deficit also grew by 30 percent, Bryson said.

"We have to work harder to achieve balanced trade growth," he said.

## BP Partner to Pay \$90M over Gulf Spill

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** • A minority partner in BP's blown-out well in the Gulf of Mexico agreed Friday to pay \$90 million in a settlement with the federal government and Gulf states over the 2010 oil spill. It includes the largest civil penalty ever recovered under the federal Clean Water Act.

MOEX Offshore 2007 LLC owned 10 percent interest in the Macondo well, about 50 miles off the

Louisiana coast. The well blew out in April 2010, destroying the BP-leased rig Deepwater Horizon, killing 11 men and resulting in the nation's worst offshore oil spill.

The agreement calls for MOEX to pay \$45 million in civil penalties to the federal government and \$25 million to the Gulf states affected by the spill. The company also agreed to pay \$20 million for coastal protection projects.

# OPINION

“What kind of God is that? God is peace-loving.”

Theophilus Maranga, a New York lawyer who was aboard the Detroit-bound jetliner that Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab tried to blow up with a bomb sewn into his underwear, on Abdulmutallab's continued references to religion as justification for the attack.

## CHEERS AND JEERS

**CHEERS** to the Legislature's budget-setting committee for displaying both caution and encouragement this week.

On Friday, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee set an overall budget of \$2.667 billion for the coming fiscal year, a 4.5 percent increase from the current year. It will now carve individual state agency budgets out of that amount, starting next week.

Though less than Gov. Otter proposed spending last month, the mark represents a compromise between encouraging state tax receipts and legislators' usual conservative budgeting tactics. In adopting it, committee members

showed there's cause for celebration regarding Idaho's economy, but also reminded us that we may not be out of the woods yet.

**JEERS** to an attempt by Rep. Carlos Bilbao, R-Emmett, to exempt Gem State insurers from a federal requirement to provide coverage for contraceptives, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs.

Bilbao's wading into a debate that just reignited this month, with the Obama administration clashing with religious conservatives over whether the feds can require religious affiliated employers to

include contraception in their employees' insurance packages.

There's a fair argument to be made against Obama forcing religiously owned employers to violate a tenet of their faith. But Bilbao's bill goes too far, affecting the private sector outside of the church-state argument. Overreaction can be just as bad as the action that provokes it.

**CHEERS** to Katherine Hornbacher, David Hamilton, Cliff Hawley, Nicholas Speirs and Jeff Bulkley for their help ensuring that a hostage standoff in north Twin Falls last July didn't become

worse.

All five were honored Wednesday by Twin Falls County Sheriff Tom Carter for their actions during the July 15 incident, when Clark Cleveland took a hostage at the Twin Falls Hampton Inn on Pole Line Road, killing one man and wounding an Idaho State Police trooper.

Though she apparently didn't receive an award, Cliff's wife Sheri Hawley should also be commended for responding to help victims of a car crash Cleveland caused.

We should feel honored ourselves to have these six individuals as our friends and neighbors.

## THEIR VIEW

# Entitlement Critics Have Wrong Targets

The following editorial appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on Thursday:

It's easy to criticize government benefits when somebody else is receiving them. Consider the national war on "welfare" waged by Republicans.

In Missouri, Florida and several other states, legislatures have passed or are debating bills that would allow for drug testing of public benefit recipients. The argument — and studies show that it's a bogus argument — is that people in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or food stamp programs might be more likely to abuse drugs.

Florida's yearlong case study under such a law has proven its folly, as public benefit recipients were found to abuse drugs less than the general population. The spiteful legislation has been a huge waste of time and money.

The debate would look entirely different if it focused on the people who actually receive the most government aid. On Sunday, *The New York Times* published an exhaustive study of government benefits that should be required reading for lawmakers and, frankly, anybody in the process of filling out their taxes.

The report showed that the amount of government aid going to the "very poor" people, about whom Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney says he isn't all that worried, actually is declining. In fact, the middle class takes in the li-

on's share of government aid.

It might not call be called welfare, but it's definitely public benefits, whether it comes in the form of Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, farm subsidies, earned-income tax credits or other direct forms of government entitlement most of us are unwilling to give up.

*The Times* found that the poorest households in America received only 36 percent of government aid in 2007, down from 54 percent in 1979. Similarly, a study by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities found that in 2010, the middle 60 percent of the nation, by income, received a much higher percentage of government aid than the poorest Americans.

In Missouri, according to *The Times'* research, mostly rural, generally politically conservative counties in the state receive more government aid as a percentage of individual income than people living in urban areas. In the city of St. Louis, for instance, about 25 percent of the city's overall income comes from some form of government aid. But plenty of rural counties — Hickory, Benton, Ozark, Carter, Reynolds, Wayne, and others — get more than 40 percent of their income from government aid.

The disparity is stark. The very people rising in anger against government aid are, in many cases, the ones who benefit most from it. If public policy is to be based on facts, not fantasy, that's a place to start.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Optimists Club Grateful for Support

The Twin Falls Optimist Club would like to thank the following people and businesses for contributing to our Childhood Cancer Wine Tasting Fundraiser on Jan. 25 at Serenity Life Celebration Center.

Hegy's South Hills Winery, Jim Dutt, Magic Valley Distributing, Jamie Jacobsen, Snyder Winery, Rudy's, Holesinsky's Winery, Ken Coirer, Donna and Wayne Bohrn, Jenny Everton, Dennis Bowyer, Dave Hickock, Babble's Cleaners, Wedding Dreams and Things, Rowdy's Pub, Party Center, Costco, Albertson's, Advanced Restoration, Glanbia, Kristi Fowler and everyone who volunteered and helped support this event.

I especially want to thank the Optimist Club members for stepping up and taking over facilitating this event for me at the last minute the day I went into labor and had my baby. You guys are great!

**HEDI HEL**  
Serenity Funeral Chapel  
Childhood Cancer  
Chairman  
Optimist Club  
Twin Falls

### BPA Judges Thanked

I would like to thank the following individuals for donating their time and expertise as judges at the Business Professionals of Amer-

ica Regional Conference that was held Jan. 16 at the College of Southern Idaho:

Diane Neale, Sunny McKelvey, Tiffany Loosli, Donna Spencer, Adam Day, Ty Culbertson, Paul Holbrook, Hans Heeling, Bonnie Mahannah, Sharee Hamilton, Tina Myers, Denise Metcalf, Cliff Hall, Keleigh Godfrey, Debbie Klug, Brenda Renteria, Dora Renteria, Jennifer Meeks, Margo Hoffmeyer, Monica Youree, Wendy Ward and Sherry Richie.

Also, we would like to extend a special thank you to CSI representatives Marjorie Bernier and Lori Garnand for helping coordinate the use of the facilities.

The students who placed at this competition are competing at the State BPA Conference on March 8 through 10 in Boise. There were 13 Magic Valley schools represented at this conference.

Thank you again for your time and efforts in helping our students prepare for their state competition.

**LORRAINE RAPP**  
Twin Falls High School  
**GAYLE BEAN**  
Canyon Ridge High School  
Twin Falls

### Santa Made All the Difference

The crew at The Historic Ballroom would like to send a big thank you to Peggy Graves for sharing her wonderful artistic talent. Your handcrafted and realistic Santa Claus made such an

amazing statement in our front window display! I even saw several folks staring at him wondering if he was real. Not only are you an amazingly talented artist but your display was gorgeous as well!

Thank you so much for sharing your talent and your Jolly Ol' Saint Nic with us!

**SARAH TAYLOR**  
Event Coordinator  
The Historic Ballroom  
Twin Falls

### Senior Center Grateful

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We would also like to thank the Castleford Eighth Grade Life Skills class for the beautiful valentines they made for the seniors. Everyone was very touched by the thoughtfulness of the kids. The children made this holiday very special for all us.

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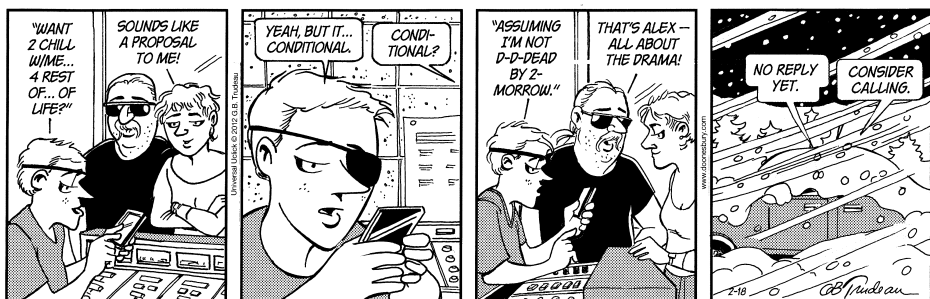
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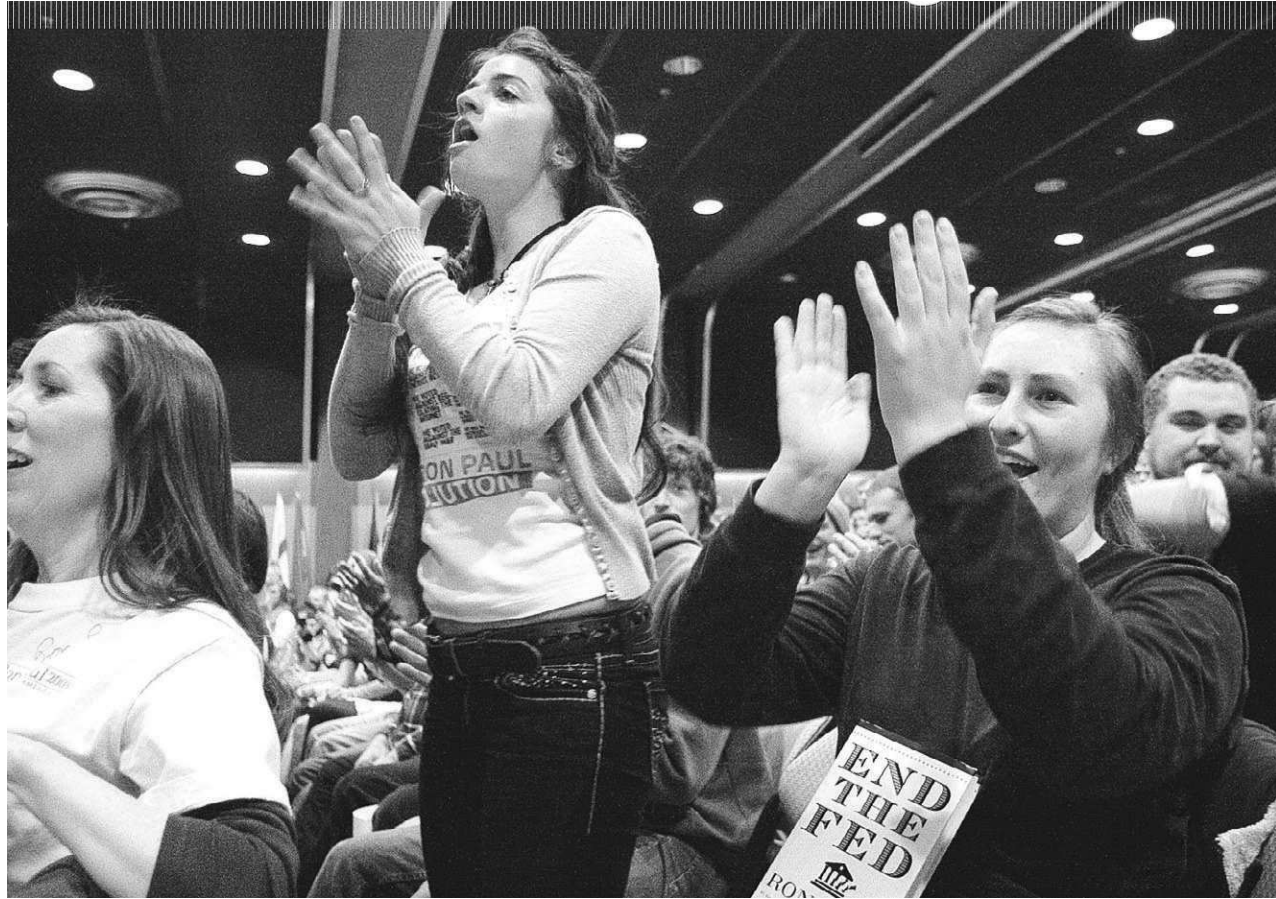
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Mackenzie DeRoyter of Spokane, Wash., center, and Hanna McCoy of Hawaii cheer for Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul while he speaks at the Student Union Building in Moscow on Friday.

## Paul Pitches Spending Cuts in Hanford Visit

Despite his call for cutting Department of Energy, which manages cleanup at the nuclear reservation, more than 1,000 people cheer his message.

BY SHANNON DININNY  
Associated Press

**RICHLAND, Wash.** • Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul made a stop Friday in a Washington state community reliant on federal money to clean up the nation's most contaminated nuclear site and said again that he would cut federal spending by \$1 trillion in his first year in office.

"There's one group that wants to cut welfare for the rich, the other wants to cut welfare for the poor," the Texas Republican said. "They have not agreed to cut anything."

Paul previously called for cutting the Department of Energy, which manages cleanup at the Hanford nuclear reservation that was contaminated by decades of plutonium production for atomic weapons. More than 1,000 federal and private workers labor at the facility, where the annual cleanup budget is about \$2 billion.

Despite the stance by Paul, more than 1,000 people cheered his message of that request, but so far none have panned out.

Paul is the second Republican to hold major public events in Washington. He made multiple stops in Washington and Idaho this week. Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum was in Olympia and Tacoma on Monday.

Washington's caucuses in the GOP primary are scheduled for March 3.

Paul's stop in agricultural Eastern Washington coincided with President Barack Obama's visit to a Boeing Co.

assembly plant west of the Cascades.

Paul did not focus his speech on the president, his GOP opponents or his standing in the polls, saying the enthusiasm of his followers boosts his campaign. Instead, he largely focused his speech on his belief in small government and economic freedom.

"I have every reason to be encouraged, excited, because the enthusiasm is growing — sometimes out of necessity, I think, because people are realizing the system is failing right now," he said.

Paul decried the federal government's Wall Street bailout and the influence of special interests in Washington, and said he would bring home the country's soldiers as soon as he could "get the ships there."

He also reiterated that he would cut five federal departments "as a starter" to his planned spending cuts.

## Filing Says Montana Victim Choked, Buried

Affidavit filed by Richland County prosecutor offers first details of what authorities believe happened to school teacher Sherry Arnold after she went missing during a morning run Jan. 7.

BY MATTHEW BROWN  
Associated Press

**BILLINGS, Mont.** • An affidavit filed in the kidnapping of a Montana school teacher describes a crack-fueled, seemingly random abduction of 43-year-old Sherry Arnold, who was allegedly choked to death and then buried in a shallow grave on a North Dakota farmstead.

The affidavit filed Friday by Richland County prosecutor Mike Weber offers the first details of what authorities believe happened to Arnold after she went missing during a morning run on Jan. 7. It is based largely on the alleged confession of Michael Spell, a suspect in the case who told FBI investigators that he felt guilty when he saw "missing" posters for Arnold after helping bury her body on a farmstead outside of Williston, N.D., about 45 miles from where she was abducted.

Spell, 22, and Lester Waters, 47, both of Colorado, are scheduled to appear in Montana district court Feb. 28 on charges of aggravated kidnapping. They are being held on \$2.5 million bail each.

The alleged kidnapping took place just blocks from Arnold's house in Sidney, at a spot where investigators later recovered one of her running shoes. Her body has not been found.

Authorities arrested the Spell and Waters a week after the crime based on a tip that led them to Spell's girlfriend, who said he had confided in her about the kidnapping, according to the affidavit.

Spell and Waters had left Colorado just days before Arnold disappeared, with the purported aim of picking up work in the bustling oil fields of eastern Montana and western North Dakota.

After smoking crack cocaine "during the entire trip," Waters allegedly told Spell that the drug "brought the devil out in him" and be-

gan talking about kidnapping and killing a female, the affidavit states.

After they spotted Arnold jogging along a roadway, Spell alleges that Waters told him to pull her into their Ford Explorer.

"Spell said Waters got into the back seat with the female and 'choked her out,'" the affidavit states. That night, after dropping Arnold's body in a rural area of North Dakota, the affidavit says, Waters bought a shovel at a Walmart in Williston and the pair later buried her in a two- to three-foot deep hole on an old farmstead.

Waters returned the shovel to Walmart three days later, the affidavit says.

When he was arrested a week later in Williston, Waters was carrying a receipt that showed he had purchased bread, bologna and a shovel the same night Arnold went missing, according to the affidavit.

Spell was arrested the same day in Rapid City, S.D.. He told investigators he had hitchhiked to the town after becoming afraid Waters would kill him.

Property owners in parts of rural eastern Montana and western North Dakota have been asked to look for disturbed soil or other indications of a makeshift gravesite in agricultural areas.

Williams County, N.D.

Sheriff Scott Busching said Friday that multiple leads have come in as a result of that request, but so far none have panned out.

"We've checked a lot of spots but we haven't found anything yet," Busching said.

The kidnapping case has roiled Arnold's hometown of Sidney, an agricultural community of about 5,000 people that has been struggling to accommodate a huge influx of workers drawn to the booming Bakken oil fields.

Arnold grew up on a ranch outside town and taught math for the past 18 years at Sidney High School, where Arnold was known for being a caring and competent teacher. Her husband, Gary, still works at the school. Both had prior marriages, and together raised five children.

The FBI has been heavily involved in the investigation but no federal charges have been filed. For that to happen, authorities would have to prove Spell and Waters crossed state lines during the alleged crime — a difficult task given that Arnold's body has not been found.

Aggravated kidnapping carries a potential death penalty in Montana unless the victim is released unharmed. The minimum sentence is two years in prison and a fine of up to \$50,000.

Spell and Waters are being represented by court-appointed public defenders. Telephone messages left Friday for the attorney who heads up the local division of the public defender's office

in Glendive were not returned.

They most recently lived in Parachute, Colo. Like the Parachute area, the landscape around Sidney has seen extensive oil and gas drilling in recent years, drawing thousands of workers to eastern Montana and western North Dakota.

Waters has a lengthy criminal background in Florida, where he lived before leaving sometime after his most recent release from prison in August 2010.

Beginning in the late 1980s, he had several stints in jail in Indian River County, Fla., and served three state prison sentences between 2002 and 2010. Charges against him included possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, sale of cocaine, petty theft, burglary, failure to pay child support, contempt of court, resisting an officer and multiple counts of driving with a suspended license.

Spell has prior arrests in Colorado on charges of drug possession, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, sexual contact without consent, careless driving and driving without a license. Charges filed against Spell in a pair of 2007 arrests were later dropped, although it was unclear on what grounds.

## Tetonia Man Gets Prison Time for Arson-for-hire

**BOISE (AP)** • A southeastern Idaho man who hired a neighbor to burn down his parents' house in April 2011 has been sentenced to 18 months to 12 years in prison, the attorney general's office said Friday.

Matthew J. Sargent, 24, of Tetonia, was sentenced Thursday by 7th District Judge Dane Watkins Jr. in Idaho Falls. Sargent was fined \$1,000. The judge will determine restitution later.

Sargent pleaded guilty in December to conspiracy to commit first-degree arson for the fire that destroyed the two-story house. The house and a portion of the family's 25 acres were on the market for \$380,000.

Prosecutors alleged Sargent offered Terry Eck a pickup truck and \$12,000 to set the fire so his parents could use the insurance settlement to pay off the mortgage and move.

Eck acknowledged setting the fire and faces a charge of malicious injury to property, prosecutors said. He said he agreed to the offer so he could pay some overdue child support

and hire an attorney to gain custody of his daughter.

After his disclosure, Eck offered to cooperate with the investigation by wearing a recording device while talking to Sargent. During the conversation, Sargent acknowledged the offer of money and the pickup truck.

He was recorded as saying that he got the idea to burn down the house from his father and that his father supported his decision to do so, but didn't talk him into it. Sargent said his mother was never to know what happened.

Investigators say Sargent's father estimated he owed \$260,000 on the house. It was insured for \$273,000.

Eck said he understood that Sargent's father planned to take the insurance money and move to a warmer location because the father's back caused him constant pain. Sargent told Eck once his parents moved, he would get the property the house was on.

Sargent's father has not been charged.

## Officials: Planning for Reno Air Races on Schedule

**RENO, Nev. (AP)** • Despite the deadly crash that marred last year's event, officials say planning for the Reno National Championship Air Races is on schedule pending approval of permits.

Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority lawyer Ann Morgan warned the usual \$100 million liability insurance for the event might not be enough because of last September's P-51 crash that killed pilot Jimmy Leeward and 10 people on

the ground. About 70 others were seriously injured.

Morgan told a committee of the airport board on Thursday that the National Transportation Safety Board's report on the crash and safety recommendations might not be complete before the Sept. 12 start of this year's event. If the report is released before the event, race officials are required to comply with any safety recommendations, the *Reno Gazette-Journal* reported.



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**Lawmakers Weigh Restoring Teacher Pay**

**BOISE** • A plan to keep Idaho from dipping into teacher salaries to help fund new education reforms has strong support in the state Senate, where half of the chamber's 35 lawmakers are co-sponsors of the legislation.

But the bill could face a tougher road in the Idaho House, which voted 44-26 last year to approve education changes that shift money from salaries over several years to help fund new technology and merit pay.

Sen. Dean Cameron wants to eliminate the shifting from salaries, leaving lawmakers to find the money for the reforms. But in a fragile economy, some may be reluctant to take that chance.

House Education Committee Chairman Bob Nonini said Friday he hadn't yet read Cameron's bill, but he's concerned about putting ongoing funding for the reforms in jeopardy.

**State Lottery to Change Payment Method**

**BOISE** • The Senate State Affairs Committee has approved a change to state lottery revenue distribution that would inject a one-time \$16 million infusion into the 2013 budget.

Lottery Commission Director Jeff Anderson says the change is motivated by falling interest rates earned on lottery revenues. As a result, he says it makes more financial sense to distribute proceeds five times each year instead of one lump sum.

Anderson says the periodic payment method is considered a "best practice" in other lottery states.

The payment schedule change will also result in a one-time surplus payment in fiscal 2013 to split between public schools and the permanent building fund.

The switch would also create an undetermined loss in interest revenue, but Anderson says those earnings have dropped sharply in the last three years.

**Idaho County Leaders Fight Federal Land Swap**

**GRANGEVILLE** • Idaho County commissioners are telling the Forest Service that they still oppose a land swap that would give timbered land in the upper Lochsa River basin to the federal government.

But they are also acknowledging that a deal between the Western Pacific Timber company and the Forest Service is likely to move forward anyway. The plan trades about 18,000 of federal land spread over three national forests in Idaho for 40,000 acres of Western Pacific Timber land in the Idaho County region.

The Lewiston Tribune reports commissioners say that would erode the county's tax base and timber industry.

The Forest Service says the land is important habitat for steelhead, bull trout and Canada lynx, and has historical value. Explorers Lewis and Clark trekked the area in the early 1800s.

— Associated Press

**Josh Powell Had 400 Cartoon Sex and Incest Images**

BY MIKE BAKER  
Associated Press

**OLYMPIA, Wash.** • Josh Powell had hundreds of images of disturbing cartoon sex and graphic depictions of incest on his home computer, something Utah authorities investigating his wife's disappearance kept private for about two years, according to files released Friday.

A Washington state psychologist who had previously said Powell's strong parenting skills should allow him to continue supervised visits altered his assessment after reviewing the images, calling them a "great concern" and suggesting a more intense evaluation of the father. That conclusion came just six days before he killed himself and two sons in an explosive house fire two weeks ago.

Many of the approximately 400 images described in the state social services included sexual depictions of popular cartoons, including child-focused characters such as Rugrats, Dennis the Menace and SpongeBob SquarePants. Another 15 images showed 3-D depictions of sex involving parents and their children.

Powell had initially told the psychologist that he visited only pornography sites featuring adults.

"Given the gaps of information about Mr. Powell there seems reason to conclude he may not presently be a stable and appropriate resource for his children," wrote

Dr. James Manley in a follow-up report.

Washington officials overseeing the care of Powell's children first got word of the graphic content in November, when a Utah investigator wrote in an email that they were looking to disclose to social workers about 5-6 images recovered in 2009 shortly after Susan Powell's disappearance.

But two months later, social worker Forest Jacobson wrote that the images weren't received until mid-January and told the psychologist "it is now clear there are many more images than initially indicated."

It wasn't clear why it took so long for authorities to reveal the information. A spokesman for the West Valley City police in Utah declined comment.

In other documents released under Washington public records laws, social workers detailed how they were concerned that Josh Powell would speak disparagingly of his in-laws, Chuck and Judy Cox, in front of his children.

The documents also state that Charlie Powell was beginning to remember about his mother, and that he said "he remembers she left because grandpa was mean to her" — apparently a reference to Susan Powell's father. Caseworkers believed that Charlie was repeating what his father had been saying.

In interviews with mental

health professionals, Powell said he feared a "militant faction" of the Mormon church might kidnap his two sons. Braden and Charlie were overheard saying that "Mormons" were "trying to steal" them and "harm" them. When Charlie told his father that they were "good Mormon boys," Powell abruptly responded that they were not Mormon and not to let anyone tell them they are.

Charlie once told school personnel how to bury an animal so it wouldn't be discovered. Personnel only noted this because of their mother's disappearance.



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Josh Powell, the husband of missing Utah woman Susan Powell, listens during a court hearing regarding the custody of his two sons, in September 2011 in Tacoma, Wash.

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GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL

# Carey Drops a Heartbreaker



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS

Carey players (from left) Nicole Gomez (23), Jaide Parke, Micaela Adamson (21) and Morgan Parke (25) walk off the court as Summit Academy celebrates its triple overtime victory Friday at Nampa High School.

BY DAVID BASHORE  
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**NAMPA** • It took a special effort, but for the first time, the Class 1A Division II girls basketball championship game won't be an all-District IV affair.

Savanah Prigge scored a classification record 37 points to lead Summit Academy to a 73-70, triple-overtime win over Carey at Nampa High School, becoming the first team outside of District IV to get past the semifinals since Class 1A added the second division.

"She just willed her team to win

tonight," Carey coach Lane Durtschi said.

Jaide Parke scored 25 and Micaela Adamson added 24 for the Panthers, who had a 51-41 lead with less than three minutes left in regulation. But Summit threw on the full-court press and the Panthers wilted as the heat up-on them intensified.

Carey still had chances to win, but a couple of missed shots and a free throw here or there proved pivotal as they struggled to match Prigge down the stretch.

When Adamson fouled out, there wasn't much Carey could do to answer

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Prigge in the paint.

"It's not a nice feeling in the locker room right now, but we can't really hang our heads," Parke said. "We played the best we could, even if we could have played a little better in those last few minutes (of regulation)."

Please see **CAREY, S3**

## SPORTS + WEATHER

Dreams Dashed for Wood River • S2

# ONE WAY OR ANOTHER FOR CSI MEN

BY STEPHEN MEYERS  
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**TWIN FALLS** – Time to bounce back.

That or fall off the wagon.

Two days after a 20-point drubbing at the hands of Snow College, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball plays Salt Lake Community College tonight at 5 p.m. in the final home game of the regular season.

"We need to return to the things that have made us a successful basketball team this season," said head coach Steve Gosar after Thursday's 82-62 loss. "We've been so solid defensively and played with such great team chemistry. Saturday will be another tough test for us against Salt Lake. We have to respond."

Salt Lake (20-6, 7-4 Scenic West) lost 61-54 to North Idaho in Coeur d'Alene on Thursday and sits two games behind the Golden Eagles (23-3, 9-2) in the Scenic West Athletic Conference standings.

The Bruins have five players who average between 9.9 and 9.1 points per game, led by freshman guard Skyler Halford. CSI beat Salt Lake 76-68 in the SWAC opener at home and again 62-60 on the road last month behind late free throws from Fabyon Harris.

The sophomore guard is one of eight Golden Eagles who will play their final regular-season home games tonight.

"I can't believe it's already here. This is a fun group to coach. This is a team that allows you to coach and allows you to push them," Gosar said. "They're playing hard for each other. This season is winding down unfortunately, but we've still got a lot of work to do."

Five CSI women will play at home for the final time today at 3 p.m. and it's a group that has carried the Golden Eagles (14-12, 6-5) to four straight wins.

"It's been nice. This has been a good group. Besides Mechela (Barnes), those guys didn't play for us last year," said CSI women's head coach Randy Rogers. "I've asked them to step up into larger roles and they've done a nice job. They've stepped up to the challenge."

Now the challenge for third-place CSI is to hold off Salt Lake (14-10, 5-6) from jumping into another tie in the SWAC standings. The Bruins host the Region 18 Tournament and as the standings currently sit, the Golden Eagles would avoid Salt Lake on its home floor until the championship game.

"Eventually someone is going to have to match up with Salt Lake on their own home court in the region tournament and that's not a place to be," Rogers said. "I think our kids have a lot of confidence right now and believe that they can knock off any team in this conference."

## Sophomore Day

The College of Southern Idaho hosts Salt Lake Community College today in Scenic West Athletic Conference basketball action. The women tip off at 3 p.m. with the men following at 5 in the final regular-season home games for both squads.

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**Admission:** \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors, \$10 for reserved lower-bowl seats.

**Honoring the sophomores:** Five members of the CSI women's team and eight men's players will play their final regular-season home games as Golden Eagles. The women's sophomores are Mechela Barnes, Chakala Carthen, Tayllor Gipson, Madie Kimball and Kylee Schierman, while the men's sophomores are Kevin Attila, Paul Bunch, Paul Egwuonwu, Rafriel Guthrie, Fabyon Harris, Dennis Mikelonis, Gerson Santo and Pat Swilling.



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Dietrich's Kendra McConnell shoots the ball against Mackay during their game Friday at Nampa High School. The Blue Devils advanced to today's title game against Summit Academy with the victory. Visit [magicvalley.com/gallery](http://magicvalley.com/gallery) for more photos from this game.

# SMILE! DIETRICH BACK IN STATE TITLE GAME

BY RYAN HOWE  
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**NAMPA** • The smiles began appearing long before the clock ticked down on their 52-36 state semifinal victory.

The Dietrich girls smiled during pregame warm-ups. They smiled through player introductions and while lining up for tipoff. Smiles occasionally popped up throughout the first half against the Mackay Miners, who stayed close, keeping it a two-possession game through almost three quarters.

Then, as the Blue Devils' lead ballooned to double digits and their return trip to the Idaho Center for the Class 1A Division II state championship game became secure, those smiles broadened even more.

"We love the game. No matter what, we try to put a smile on our face," said Dietrich senior Moriah Dill, who scored 29 points. "Sometimes it's a challenge just because of our situation with coaching and sometimes we get down, but we made a goal and challenged ourselves this weekend to love the game, just play ball and have fun no matter what."

The defending state champs will look to repeat today at 9:30 a.m. against Summit Academy (19-6). At 23-0, the Blue Devils' storybook season is almost complete.

Please see **DIETRICH, S3**

# Harr Reaches Milestone as Bruins Rout Tigers

BY STEPHEN MEYERS  
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**TWIN FALLS** • Eric Harr snatched up an offensive rebound after a scramble to get the ball and scored an easy put back midway through the third quarter with his Twin Falls Bruins already up big over Jerome.

The senior had no idea he had just made history.

The bucket gave him six points in the

game and he joined Andy Toolson as the only two Twin Falls High School basketball players to hit 1,000 points in a career.

"I had no idea I was so close. I asked my dad like a week ago to see how far I was from it and he said I needed like 100 or points or something," said Harr after Twin Falls' 54-25 crushing of Jerome in the Class 4A District IV Tournament. "When I went to the free throw line, I heard the crowd scream-

ing and I was like, 'They're going to jinx it! At the end of the game I was talking with the guys and they told me I got it. It's pretty cool.'"

Harr finished with nine points, but he had plenty of help in this one as the Bruins (20-2) clinched a spot in the 4A state tournament and advanced to the District IV Tournament championship game on Tuesday. Robert Sanchez led the Bruins with 13, including two huge 3-pointers in the second quarter, and Connor Meyerhoeffler had 12, five coming in the third as Twin Falls buried the Tigers.

After scoring just four points in the first quarter, Jerome (18-4) briefly tied the game at 10 in the second. A Sanchez 3-pointer gave the Bruins an 18-13 lead, but Jake Hollifield answered with a

Please see **BRUINS, S3**

# NASCAR Seizes Part of Johnson's Daytona 500 Car

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**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.** • Five-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson and crew chief Chad Knaus are back in the spotlight at one of racing's biggest stages — and not for the right reason.

NASCAR confiscated part of their Daytona 500 car Friday because of illegal modifications, a rocky start to Speedweeks for a

team trying to bounce back from its worst season.

Sprint Cup Series officials determined the No. 48 Chevrolet had illegally modified C-posts, an area of sheet metal between the roof and the side windows. It could lead to penalties for Knaus and the team.

Officials cut off the C-posts and planned to ship them to NASCAR's research and development center in Concord, N.C., for further testing.

In the meantime, the parts in question were put on display for other teams to examine, a routine procedure for the sanctioning body.

NASCAR allowed the Hendrick Motorsports team to fix that area of the car before practice begins for the Feb. 26 Daytona 500. Qualifying is scheduled for Sunday.

"Well, it's a hell of a way to start the 2012 season," said Ken Howes, vice president of competition at

Hendrick Motorsports. "But the car obviously failed inspection and NASCAR has directed us how they want it fixed and we're busy doing that. We're waiting on some parts to arrive and we'll put it back together and run it through inspection again."

The No. 48 team could be fined, docked points or both following the series' premier event.

"There's always a potential, but

we'll just wait until after Speedweeks is over with," said Robin Pemberton, NASCAR's vice president of competition.

Knaus has been caught cheating before.

Most notably, he was ejected before the 2006 Daytona 500 after NASCAR found illegal modifications following a qualifying session. Last season, Knaus was

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## NBA ROUNDUP

# CARELESS LIN FACTORS IN KNICKS' LOSS

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**NEW YORK** • The Lining streak is over. And Jeremy Lin's sloppiness was one of the problems.

Lin committed nine turnovers, tied for the most in the NBA this season, and the New York Knicks had their seven-game winning streak stopped with an 89-85 loss to the New Orleans Hornets on Friday night.

Lin scored 26 points, but his turnovers nearly doubled his five assists and the Knicks lost for the first time since Linsanity began, falling back below .500 at 15-16 heading into a matchup with the defending NBA champion Dallas Mavericks on Sunday.

## HEAT 111, CAVALIERS 87

**CLEVELAND** • LeBron James scored 28 points in his third game back to Cleveland as a visitor, Dwyane Wade added 22 and Miami won its fifth straight — all on the road.

James, booed loudly every time he touched the ball by fans who haven't forgiven him for leaving two years ago, scored 16 in the third quarter when the Heat opened a 34-point lead. James added four dunks, three 3-pointers, five rebounds, five assists and rested the entire fourth quarter.

## MAVERICKS 82,

**76ERS 75**  
**PHILADELPHIA** • Dirk Nowitzki had 28 points and 12 rebounds, and Dallas erased a 15-point deficit with a dominant second half against Philadelphia.

Dominique Jones added 12 points and Jason Kidd had nine points, nine rebounds and eight assists to help the Mavericks win their sixth straight game. Dallas snapped a tie early in the fourth with a 9-0 run, and that was more than enough with the 76ers losing their touch in the second half.

## THUNDER 110,

**WARRIORS 87**  
**OKLAHOMA CITY** • James Harden scored 25 points, Kevin Durant added 23 points, 10 rebounds and six assists, and Oklahoma City completed a season sweep of Golden State.

Russell Westbrook scored 18 points for Oklahoma City, but the All-Star point guard left with 1:13 remaining in the third quarter with what the team said was a sprained right ankle. He didn't return.

## GRIZZLIES 103,

**NUGGETS 102**  
**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** • Dante Cunningham tipped in Rudy Gay's miss with less than a second left to lift Memphis over Denver.

Andre Miller's inbounds pass with 0.2 seconds left was batted away at the rim, allowing Memphis to win its third straight despite blowing a 23-point second-half lead.

## BOBCATS 98,

**RAPTORS 91**  
**TORONTO** • Reggie Williams scored a season-high 22 points to help Charlotte snap a 16-game losing streak by beating Toronto.

D.J. Augustin had 11 points and 10 assists, Kemba Walker scored 14 points and fellow rookie Bismack Biyombo had a career-high 13 rebounds as the Bobcats won for the first time since beating Golden State on Jan. 14. Corey Maggette added 16 points as Charlotte avoided becoming the 28th team in NBA history to drop at least 17 straight games.

## MAGIC 94, BUCKS 85

**ORLANDO, Fla.** • Dwight Howard had 26 points and 20 rebounds as Orlando rallied in the fourth quarter to beat Milwaukee.

It was Howard's seventh 20-point, 20-rebound game of the season. Ryan Anderson added 23 points, including four 3-pointers, and Hedo Turkoglu had 14 points and seven assists.

## PISTONS 114, KINGS 108

**AUBURN HILLS, Mich.** • Rodney Stuckey scored a season-high 36 points and rookie Brandon Knight added 23 points and 10 assists to help Detroit rally past Sacramento.

Tayshaun Prince finished with 22 points and 10 rebounds, while Stuckey was 12 for 20 from the floor and 11 for 12 from the free throw line. Detroit has won six of eight after a 4-20 start.

## TIMBERWOLVES 111,

**ROCKETS 98**  
**HOUSTON** • Kevin Love scored 33 points, including eight straight during a key fourth-quarter stretch, and Nikola Pekovic added a career-high 30 to lead Minnesota past Houston.

Love's fourth 30-point outing in the last five games helped the Timberwolves improve to 3-1 against Houston this season. Ricky Rubio added 18 points and nine assists.

and penalized several other times, too.

This situation doesn't appear to be as serious as it was in 2006.

"Ejection? No, no, we're good," Pemberton said. "That was a little bit different because that was a post-event we'd already been in. That wasn't a pre-race inspection or pre-qualifying inspection."

## NASCAR

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caught on camera telling Johnson that if he won at Talladega he needed to "crack the back of the car," apparently to build an explanation in case the car did not pass post-race inspection. Nothing came of that situation.

Knaus has been fined



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Jazz center Al Jefferson (25) looks for room between Wizards forwards Rashard Lewis (9) and Trevor Booker (35) in the first half of their game Friday.

# Big Al's Big First Half Lifts Jazz

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**SALT LAKE CITY** • Al Jefferson scored a season-high 34 points, including 26 in the first half, and the Utah Jazz beat the Washington Wizards 114-100 on Friday night.

The Jazz, who had lost six of six, broke it open in the third quarter when they outscored the Wizards 38-28, fueled by runs of 8-0 and 20-8.

Jefferson had eclipsed his season high of 30 points with nearly 5 minutes left in the third as the Jazz led by as many as 28. He finished 16 of 23 with 12 rebounds, three steals and a blocked shot.

John Wall led the Wizards with 24 points, while Jordan Crawford added 21 off the

bench.

Paul Millsap had 14 points and 12 rebounds for Utah, which held a 70-44 advantage in the paint.

The Wizards have won just three road games all season and travel to Phoenix next.

Jazz point guard Devin Harris did his best to keep up with Wall, scoring six straight points in the third quarter on a three-point play and 3-point shot when Utah took control. He also had two steals and a season-high nine assists.

The Wizards got within 64-54 on a layup by JaVale McGee with 10:08 left in the third.

Harris then hit a running jumper, Millsap followed with a three-point play and

Jefferson's steal set up Gordon Hayward's 3-pointer that bumped Utah's lead to 72-54.

Jefferson hit two more mid-range jumpers and Raja Bell a 3 to make it 79-59. Jefferson's 4-footer with 4:49 left in the third gave Utah its largest lead, 92-64.

The Jazz led 62-50 at halftime, closing the second quarter on a 6-2 run after Washington had pulled to 56-48 on Crawford's jumper with 1:47 remaining.

Jefferson had the hot hand again, hitting seven of eight shots for a 16-point quarter. He led all scorers at halftime with 26 points — four shy of his previous season high of 30 on Jan. 10 against Cleveland.

The Jazz shot 59.1 percent

in the first half and 52.8 percent overall.

Utah fell behind 10-4 to open the game but outscored Washington 28-10 to take a 32-20 lead after one quarter. The Jazz shot 62.5 percent in the first quarter, with their first 14 points coming in the paint.

Wall had been a tough foe for the Jazz. He averaged 23.5 points and 11 assists in two wins over the Jazz last season as a rookie, and entered this one averaging 20 points, 8.8 assists and 3.3 rebounds in his last eight games overall.

But he didn't get much support from three other Wizards starters: Nick Young shot 4 of 12, Trevor Booker was 1 of 5 and Chris Singleton 2 of 4.

# Heavy Hit: Chisora Slaps Klitschko At Weigh-in

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**MUNICH** • Standing head-to-head for the customary "stare-down," challenger Dereck Chisora slapped WBC heavyweight champion Vitali Klitschko during the weigh-in for their title fight Saturday.

Both camps had to be pulled apart Friday after the British fighter, his face partially concealed by a Union Jack handkerchief, hit Klitschko across the face with his open right hand and launched a series of insults.

Klitschko did not retaliate.

"I am going to hit back on Saturday," the Ukrainian champion said. "He will get his beating."

Chisora's blow may have been the closest he gets to hurting the champion.

About the only advantage Chisora might have is his age.

The WBC champion is 40, while Chisora is 28. But Klitschko has a massive advantage in height and reach and few give Chisora a



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Challenger Dereck Chisora, right, slaps WBC heavyweight champion Vitali Klitschko during the weigh-in to their fight on Saturday in Munich, Germany.

chance of an upset.

Klitschko weighed in at 243½ pounds, Chisora at 241 pounds.

Chisora has bravely predicted he will knock out the Ukrainian in the eighth round and claims he can "smell fear" in Klitschko's camp. Klitschko has brushed aside such boasts but says he takes the British challenger seriously.

"Chisora can hit, and I do, too. So I don't see it going 12 rounds," Klitschko said.

The Zimbabwe-born Chisora is one of those who say the heavyweight division has become boring because of the dominance of Vitali and his younger brother Wladimir, who holds the other significant belts. But they remain huge drawing cards in Germany, where

their fights have become heavily choreographed events, with rock shows in the ring, laser lights and champagne flowing. The 12,500 capacity Olympic Hall is sold out.

"Everybody's tired of you and your brother," Chisora said. "There's no excitement in the ring. It's time for the new king. People want a new relief in boxing. Him and his brother have killed the sport I love."

Vitali is the second-oldest boxer to hold a world heavyweight title behind George Foreman, who was 45 when he knocked out Michael Moorer to reclaim the WBA belt in Las Vegas in 1994.

But the tale of the tape is all in Klitschko's favor: he is 6-foot-7 and has an 80-inch reach; Chisora is 6-2 with a 74-inch reach.

Vitali's usually jabs away at his opponents until he can deliver his big right hand. Chisora thinks the style is boring and has dulled the heavyweight division, but it has been effective.

## GOLF CAPSULES

# Mickelson Keeps Lead in Los Angeles

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**LOS ANGELES** • Phil Mickelson wasn't at his best Friday at Riviera. Two shots at least helped him stay in the lead.

Despite having only two birdie chances inside 15 feet, Mickelson holed out from the eighth fairway for eagle and chipped in for birdie on the par-3 16th. That carried him to a 1-under 70 and a one-shot lead over Pat Perez in the Northern Trust Open.

Mickelson made three par saves from outside 10 feet, starting with his opening hole at the par-4 10th. He went from the front bunker to the back bunker, blasted out safely to 18 feet and curled in the par putt.

As usual, the 144-man could not finish before darkness. Eight players will have to return Saturday morning to finish, with the cut likely to be at 3-over 145.

**AVANTHA MASTERS**  
**NEW DELHI** • Scotland's

Peter Whiteford shot a 4-under 68 to take a two-stroke lead over Thailand's Prom Meesawat after the second round of the Avantha Masters.

John Daly withdrew after injuring his right elbow in a first-round 79.

## LPGA THAILAND

**CHONBURI, Thailand** • Karrie Webb had a birdie and three pars Saturday in the completion of the lightning-delayed second round of the LPGA event to increase her

lead to three strokes.

Webb finished with a 7-under 65 to reach 11 under on Siam Country Club's Pattaya Old Course. The Australian aced the 159-yard 12th hole with a 6-iron Friday and followed with a bogey and a par before play was called for the day. She also birdied the final four holes on the front nine.

Michelle Wie followed her opening 75 with a 68 on Friday to reach 1 under.

**ACE GROUP CLASSIC**  
**NAPLES, Fla.** • Larry Mize

made a 35-foot eagle putt on the par-5 17th and closed with a birdie for a 10-under 62 and two-stroke lead in the Champions Tour event.

Mize, the 1987 Masters Champion, had a bogey-free round on The TwinEagles Club's Talon Course. The 62 matched his lowest round in a PGA Tour-sanctioned event.

Tom Lehman, Kenny Perry and Russ Cochran shot 64, Mike Goodes had a 65, and defending champion

Bernhard Langer was another stroke back along with Jay Haas and Michael Allen. Langer won last year at The Quarry.

**NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S OPEN**  
**CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand** • Fourteen-year-old Lydia Ko shot a 3-under 69 to finish two strokes behind the first-round leaders in the New Zealand Women's Open.

Ko, the world's top-ranked amateur, became the youngest winner of a professional tour event last month in the Women's New South Wales Open in Australia.



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**Son Tries to Evict  
98-year-old Mom From  
Her Conn. Home • S7**

# Congress OKs Big Tax Present for 160 Million Wage-earners

**Measure contains core of Obama's jobs agenda and promises to pump more than \$100 billion into economy before Election Day.**

BY ANDREW TAYLOR  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** • Americans are getting an election-year tax present. Congress voted with rare speed and cooperation Friday to extend a Social Security payroll tax cut for 160 million workers and to renew unemployment benefits for millions more who haven't seen a paycheck in six months.

With lawmakers' ratings in the gutter, the legislation sped through both the House and Senate and was on its way to President Barack Obama, who saluted the quick passage.

Taxpayers have grown accustomed to the 2 percentage point cut in the payroll tax over the past year — around \$80 a month for someone earning \$50,000 a year — and the reduction now will be continued. So will jobless benefits averaging about \$300 a week for the long-term unemployed, though the aid will be cut off sooner than before for many recipients.

Both provisions, which were to expire in less than two weeks, had been extended only two months during a December congressional fight that seared Republicans. They were deter-

mined to avoid a repeat in campaign season.

The hard-fought — but ultimately bipartisan — measure contains the core of Obama's jobs agenda and promises to pump more than \$100 billion into the economy before Election Day. It hands the president a political victory as well, as Republicans called a tactical retreat in hopes of minimizing the gains for Obama and his Democratic allies on Capitol Hill.

The Senate approved the measure on a bipartisan 60-36 vote minutes after the House passed it on a sweeping 293-132 vote. Obama is expected to sign it shortly after returning from a West Coast fundraising swing.

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## Federal Agent Opens Fire During Job Review

**Discussion over performance ends in supervisor getting shot six times, before nearby agent fatally shoots attacker.**

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**LONG BEACH, Calif.** • It had all the ingredients of workplace violence: a manager, an angry employee, a discussion about job performance and at least one gun.

But in this case, both people were federal agents. And when gunfire erupted in a government office building, a third agent drew his handgun and took out the shooter, helping save the manager's life.

Investigators on Friday were still piecing together the details of Thursday's chaotic scene at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Long Beach.

The confrontation apparently began during a discussion involving Kevin Kozak, the agency's second-in-command for the Los Angeles area, and a lower-ranking supervisor agent named Ezequiel Garcia.

At some point, the discussion escalated, and Garcia pulled out his weapon and fired. Kozak was hit six times, in the upper torso, legs and hands.

Kozak was hospitalized Friday in stable condition and was described as alert and talking.

"He is a fighter, and I believe that's why he's alive today," said Claude Arnold, the ICE agent in charge in Los Angeles. "He refused to succumb to his injuries, and in law enforcement that's what makes the difference between people who go home at the end of the day and those who don't."

After Garcia fired, a nearby agent drew his own gun and fatally shot the attacker.

Arnold said he wasn't aware of any issues between Garcia and Kozak.

"We are doing everything humanly possible to understand why it happened and to ensure it will not happen again," he said.



**Agents Thwart  
Bombing Plot**

Capitol Police officer Angel Morales stands guard Friday on the West side of the Capitol in Washington.

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## Terror Suspect Arrested Near Capitol in FBI Sting

**Moroccan man thought the undercover agents he was working with on bomb plot were al-Qaida operatives, according to affidavit.**

BY NEDRA PICKLER  
AND ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** • A 29-year-old Moroccan man, who believed he was working with al-Qaida, was arrested Friday near the U.S. Capitol as he was planning to detonate what he thought was a suicide vest, given to him by undercover operatives, officials said.

Amine El Khalifi of Alexandria, Va., was taken into custody with an inoperable gun and inert explosives, according to a counterterrorism official. He arrived near the Capitol in a van with the two undercover operatives, and walked toward the building, according to court papers. He was

arrested before he left the parking garage.

El Khalifi made a brief appearance in federal court in Alexandria, on Friday afternoon, wearing a green shirt and black pants and holding his arms together behind his back. A judge set a bail hearing for Wednesday. FBI agents in blue jackets raided a red brick rambler home in Arlington, Va., after the arrest. A police car blocked the entrance.

A criminal complaint charges him with knowingly and unlawfully attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction against property that is owned and used by the United States. The charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

El Khalifi, who was under constant surveillance, expressed interest in killing at least 30 people and considered targeting a building in Alexandria and a restaurant, synagogue and a place where military personnel gather in Washington before he settled on the Capitol after canvassing that area a couple of times, the counterterrorism official said. During the investigation, El Khalifi went with undercover operatives to a quarry in West Virginia in January to practice detonating explosives, according to court documents.

He believed he was working with an al-Qaida operative on the plot, according to an affidavit.

El Khalifi came to the U.S. when he was 16 years old and is unemployed and not believed to be associated with al-Qaida. He had been under investigation for about a year and had overstayed his visitor visa, which expired in

1999, making him in the country illegally, according to court documents.

According to the affidavit filed by an FBI agent, El Khalifi told acquaintances in January 2011 that he agreed the "war on terrorism" was a "war on Muslims" and that they needed to be ready for war.

Before settling on a plot to conduct a suicide bombing in the Capitol, El Khalifi considered blowing up an office building in Alexandria, where military officials worked and a restaurant in Washington to target military officials who gathered there. He even purchased supplies including nails for the operation, according to the affidavit.

Later, when he settled on bombing the Capitol, El Khalifi asked his associates for more explosives that would be detonated by dialing a cellphone number. In January, he unknowingly told authorities he wanted to know if an explosion would be large enough to destroy an entire building.

El Khalifi met with an undercover law enforcement officer, who gave him an automatic weapon, which had been rendered inoperable. El Khalifi carried the firearm around the room, practicing pulling the trigger and looking at himself in the mirror.

## Wounded Syrian Refugees Flee as Attacks Grow

BY DALE GAVLAK  
AND ZEINA KARAM

Associated Press

**RAMTHA, Jordan** • Syrian refugees fleeing to Jordan for their lives described a dramatic escalation in violence and a mounting toll of dead and wounded in the southern city of Daraa and the country's battered central region.

Medical workers in neighboring Jordan prepared blood donations to send to Daraa, the city where the uprising against President Bashar Assad erupted nearly a year ago, as the regime struggled to extinguish major pockets of dissent with intensive shelling.

Activists said at least 26 civilians were killed Friday, many of them in the rebellious city of Homs, where shells slammed into rebel-held neighborhoods. The fighting in Homs, coupled with fresh violence in Daraa, has triggered a new wave of wounded refugees crossing the border into Jordan.

"Government troops are shelling everything, whether it's buildings, peo-



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**People hold up a poster showing Syrian President Bashar al-Assad during a protest in front of the Syrian embassy in Cairo, Egypt, Friday. The poster reads: 'That's why his neck is so long.'**

ple, houses. They consider us nothing. They want to eliminate us totally," said Seif, a 22-year-old who was receiving

medical treatment in a Jordanian hospital along with other Syrian refugees.

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## Santorum Surges But Scrutiny Intensifies

BY STEVE PEOPLES  
AND JULIE CARR SMYTH

Associated Press

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** • Rick Santorum stole a key endorsement from chief rival Mitt Romney on Friday as polls in Ohio and elsewhere suggest the former Pennsylvania senator has seized the momentum in the rollercoaster Republican presidential contest.

Amid the shift, however, are signs of stress within a disorganized Santorum campaign and intensifying questions about whether he can sustain a rise that has come and gone once before already. Romney's mammoth political machine — coupled with new scrutiny

— will give Santorum little margin for error.

He was all smiles at the Ohio State House on Friday afternoon as state Attorney General Mike DeWine formally shifted his allegiance from Romney to Santorum, a decision that comes just 18 days before Ohio and nine other states host critical Super Tuesday contests.

"I just am very, very grateful that he would step forward in his fashion and lead a spark here in the state of Ohio that I think is going to deliver us a great victory on Super Tuesday," Santorum said.

But on what should have been an overwhelmingly positive day, Santorum

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## RELIGION



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## CHURCH NEWS

### Ascension Episcopal Church Observes Last Sunday of Epiphany

**TWIN FALLS** • The Last Sunday of Epiphany will be observed during worship at 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday at Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls. Other services continue at their regular times.

The church announced several social gatherings and services to observe the Lent season:

A Mardi Gras celebration will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday, with traditional Creole food and beverages. This event is a fundraiser for Ascension's Neighbors in Need food pantry and financial assistance ministry. Tickets are \$25 each and are available after both Sunday services or at the door. Desserts, art work, quilts and gift baskets will be auctioned after the meal.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the parish hall. All are welcome. Freewill donations will be accepted to offset cost of the meal.

An Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist will be held at 7 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Wednesday. An Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church.

Thursdays in Lent begin Thursday, with evening prayer at 5:30 p.m., a soup supper at 6 p.m. and Lenten education focus classes at 6:45 p.m. Youth from kindergarten through fifth grade will attend a six-week Informed Communion class. Adults will read and discuss the book, "It's Hard to Dance with the Devil on Your Back." Middle and high school youth will be involved with a service project.

Regular worship services and Christian education are held on Sundays and Wednesdays. Information: [www.ascension.episcopalidaho.org](http://www.ascension.episcopalidaho.org) or 733-1248.

### Methodists begin Lenten Worship and Studies

**TWIN FALLS** • "Journey to Hope" is the Lenten theme in both worship and studies at First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

The Lenten study will discuss how to open a new door, to discover the hope to handle everything. See real life situations with fresh eyes, no matter your mile marker in life.

Two small-group sections will be offered — one at 9 a.m. Sundays beginning this Sunday led by Etha Caruthers and the second at noon Wednesdays, beginning this Wednesday led by the Rev. Phil Airhart; a soup and bread lunch is available. Everyone is invited to either journey.

The sermon series begins at 10 a.m. Feb. 26.

An online study will begin Monday at [www.rethinkchurch.org/journeytohope](http://www.rethinkchurch.org/journeytohope), or at the church website, [www.tffumc.com](http://www.tffumc.com). This web study is based on the same topic, but is not the same study as those offered locally.

Ash Wednesday will be observed at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with intinction of ashes by Airhart.

Information: 733-5872 or [www.tffumc.com](http://www.tffumc.com).

### Doug Kempe Speaks at Our Savior Lutheran Church

**TWIN FALLS** • Our Savior Lutheran Church, 464 Carriage Lane N. in Twin Falls, will welcome the Rev. Doug Kempe as guest pastor who will present the sermon, "It's All About Jesus." Communion will be celebrated during worship. Fellowship and education hour will follow worship. Worship starts at 9:30 a.m.

Kempe is from Meridian and has served Lutheran congregations in Montana and Idaho and has been chaplain for several health care entities.

The Monday evening book club will meet at 7 p.m. Discussion is on the book, "No Wonder They Call Him Savior" by Max Lucado.

The Hearts and Hands quilting group meets from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday; bring a sack lunch.

Ash Wednesday this week starts the Lent season. A Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant. Women's Bible Study meets at 9:15 a.m. at the church. A Lenten Soup Supper will be at 6 p.m., followed by worship with the Rev. Eric Olsen from Luther Heights Bible Camp at Alturas Lake. Communion will be celebrated as well as the placement of ashes.

Information: 733-3774 or [www.oslhf.org](http://www.oslhf.org).

### Filer Methodists Hear Seventh Sunday After Epiphany Sermon

**FILER** • The Rev. Carol Thompson will deliver a Seventh Sunday after Epiphany sermon at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the Filer United Methodist Church at the corner of Union and Fifth streets. Fellowship time and Sunday school will follow.

The United Methodist Women members and friends will attend the African Methodist Church service at 3 p.m. Sunday in Twin Falls. Call 733-2629 for information.

An Ash Wednesday service with a soup and bread meal will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the fellowship hall.

A certified American Sign Language instructor will conduct a class at 2 p.m. Feb. 25 in the fellowship hall. Class will include history of American Sign Language, interesting interpreting experiences and teaching of a few signs is slated. Those planning to attend are asked to call the church at 326-5424 and leave a message.

### Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Discusses Evolution

**TWIN FALLS** • In honor of what would have been Charles Darwin's 203rd birthday, the Magic Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will discuss the science of evolution during worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center, 530 Shoshone St. W. in Twin Falls.

If Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection has triumphed as a sound scientific theory among biologists then why do so many people still find the concept difficult to accept? Ryan Terry will present his

views on the subject.

Information: Ken Whiting at 734-9161.

### Foundations Series Continues at Church on a Mission

**TWIN FALLS** • Pastor Paul Jordan will continue his Foundations series with "God Part 2" as this week's topic at 10:35 a.m. Sunday at Church on a Mission, 134 Hansen St. E. in Twin Falls.

Come learn about the three aspects of God's person that we all need to study and understand, including the truth about the Trinity. Information: 490-0548.

### First Christian Church Hosts Missionaries to Former Soviet Nations

**TWIN FALLS** • Rick and Della Deighton will be guests at the First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls this Sunday. They will share a presentation during Sunday school hour at 9:30 a.m. and their testimonies during worship at 10:50 a.m.

Rick Deighton is a bi-vocational missionary who works a lighting business between mission trips to former Soviet Union nations. Della Deighton is co-owner of the business and office manager for both their business and their ministry. Rick graduated from Boise Bible College and did post-graduate work at Ozark Christian College in mission strategy, expository and evangelistic preaching, personal evangelism, philosophy and writing techniques. His articles, tracts and booklets have been published in English, German, Korean and Russian.

The public is invited.

### New Zealand Missionaries Speak at Paul Baptist Church

**PAUL** • Pastor Merle and Carol Milner of Buhl will give a report on their mission to New Zealand at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Paul First Baptist Church, 25 N. Fourth E. in Paul (just north of the Becky Ann Cafe).

Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall. Information: 438-5126.

### Methodist Men's Group Serves Fat Tuesday Supper

**WENDELL** • The Wendell United Methodist Men's organization is sponsoring its annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church, 175 E. Main St. in Wendell.

Both regular and sourdough pancakes will be served, along with sausage and eggs.

Everyone is invited to come enjoy visiting with friends and family and supper, too. Information: 536-2305.

### Rupert United Methodist Church Announces Lent Schedule

**RUPERT** • The Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., announced its schedule for the Lent season in preparation for Easter.

Wednesday: Ash Wednes-

day service at noon at the Paul United Methodist Church and 7 p.m. at the Rupert United Methodist Church. Special music will be provided for both services.

At noon Tuesdays, Feb. 28 through April 3, a light lunch will be served, followed by these speakers: Janet King from St. Matthews Episcopal Church on Feb. 28; Maria Fernandez of the Good Samaritan Fellowship on March 6; the Rev. Pamela Meese of the Rupert and Paul United Methodist churches on March 13; Reflections from Minico High School on March 20; Peggy Gulbranson, lay leader for the Rupert United Methodist Church on March 27; and the St. Nicholas Mime Troupe on April 3. Freewill donations will go to the Camphor Mission School in Liberia.

On Palm Sunday, April 1, worship will be at 9 a.m. at the Paul church and 11 a.m. at the Rupert church; Sunday school will be at its regular times.

On Good Friday, April 6, Stations of the Cross will begin at noon and conclude at 7 p.m. with the Service of Shadows.

Saturday, April 7, Stations of the Cross will be in the parlor from noon to 5 p.m. Individual prayer time is encouraged during that time.

On Easter Sunday, April 8, a Sunrise Service will be at 6:30 a.m. in the stained glass hallway at the Rupert United Methodist Church. Worship will be at 9 a.m. at the Paul church and 11 a.m. at the Rupert church. Sunday school will be at its regular times.

The public is invited to attend any or all of these special Lenten luncheons and church services. The Rev. Pamela Meese will give special messages for each Sunday service at both the Paul and Rupert United Methodist churches.

The Rupert United Methodist Church is also sponsoring a book sale during the six weeks of Lent. People may bring books to share and purchase any they have been looking for. It is encouraged for books to be in good condition. Monies raised during the book exchange will go to a special reading mission within the church.

Worship may be heard at 11 a.m. Sundays and 5 p.m. Thursdays over the Rupert United Methodist Church-ened radio station, KUM-Clip FM, 101.7. Information: 436-3354.

### Presbyterian Church Offers Ash Wednesday Dinner, Service

**TWIN FALLS** • The First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls, will offer an Ash Wednesday dinner and worship service Wednesday.

A light soup and salad dinner will be served at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost will be \$3. Worship will begin at 7 p.m. Those planning to attend are asked to contact Kathy Price at 733-6297.

Everyone is welcome. Information: 733-7023.

### Episcopal Diocese of Idaho Sponsors 'Central Deanery Day'

**TWIN FALLS** • The Episcopal Diocese of Idaho is spon-

soring "Central Deanery Day" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls.

Central Deanery Day is a series of small group workshops through which church members can learn more about various aspects of ministry. Although the workshops are offered by the Episcopal Diocese, there are several topics that could be of interest to any small church. All are welcome to register and participate.

Morning session topics include "A Place for Children" (creative ideas for those interested in Sunday school, children at worship and children in the parish community); "Hospitality and the 'E' Word" (ways we are inviting new people into our midst); "Show Them the Money" (parish accounting and financial management); "Creating and Sharing Your Spiritual Collage" (a different type of spiritual exploration). Participants may choose two sessions to attend.

In the afternoon session, Bishop Brian Thom will facilitate the discussion, "Taking it Home," continuing conversations from the ses-

sions earlier in the day and considering how they inspire the ministry of the Diocese as a whole.

Cost is \$15, which covers materials and lunch. Anyone interested may register at [www.episcopalidaho.org](http://www.episcopalidaho.org). Information: Stephanie Crumrine at 734-3660.

### Agape Ministry Plans February Luncheon

**GOODING** • The Agape Ministry luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 29 at the Lincoln Inn, 413 Main St. in Gooding.

The program is "God's Special Love: A Journey of Faith." Carolyn Bailey of Kimberly will share her testimony about taking God's promises and making them your own. As an amputee, this has been a journey of faith for her. She and her husband are part of the ministry team at Heritage Alliance Church. Peggy LaRue will present the special music.

Please make reservations for lunch by calling Carolyn Herzinger at 934-5700 on or before Feb. 26. Cost of the lunch is \$8.50. The program, which begins at noon, is free.

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## OBITUARIES

## Dana Robin Thomas

July 15, 1955-Feb. 13, 2012

**BUHL** • Dana Robin Thomas of Buhl, Idaho, bravely left our world Monday, Feb. 13, 2012, due to complications of a stroke caused by a brain aneurysm. He was 56.



stop Dana from reaching the highest mountain top. If he couldn't get to it on his dirt bike, he tried on his snowmobile. Dana never liked being outdone, and he proved it once again during his last days here on earth.

Dana was born to Lynn and Irene Thomas on July 15, 1955, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Instantly, he became a little brother to his brother, Lane, and later a big brother himself when his sister, Lorie, was born. Dana spent his entire childhood growing up in Buhl, Idaho. He participated in Boy Scouts, enjoyed archery and ran cross-country in high school. However, his most fond childhood memories were those he created while spending time on his Grandma and Grandpa Thomas' farm in Filer.

Dana graduated from Buhl High School in 1973. After high school, he went to Wyoming Tech to study auto mechanics. In June of 1976, Dana met the love of his life, Nala Spencer. They were married on Oct. 29 that same year at The United Methodist Church in Filer. Dana's world was forever changed on Jan. 24, 1978, when his daughter, Dayla, was born. His son, Theron, joined the family on Sept. 30, 1979. Dana was always so proud of his children, even more so recently, due to their current accomplishments.

Dana worked for Universal Frozen Foods, which later became Lamb Weston, for 20 years, where he met several lifelong friends who became family. He later worked at Jerome Cheese and most recently C3 which he truly enjoyed.

Dana had a great love for the outdoors. As a teenager, he found a passion for riding dirt bikes which continued his entire life. Dana shared this passion with his family and met many friends along the way. He was an accomplished desert racer, winning several trophies and titles from the Southern Idaho Desert Racing Association. He spent countless summers riding with friends from the Magic Valley Trail Machine Association. Nothing would

There is no doubt that greeting Dana up in heaven are his paternal grandparents, Clifford and Margaret Thomas, and maternal grandparents, Jesse and Lura Fellows.

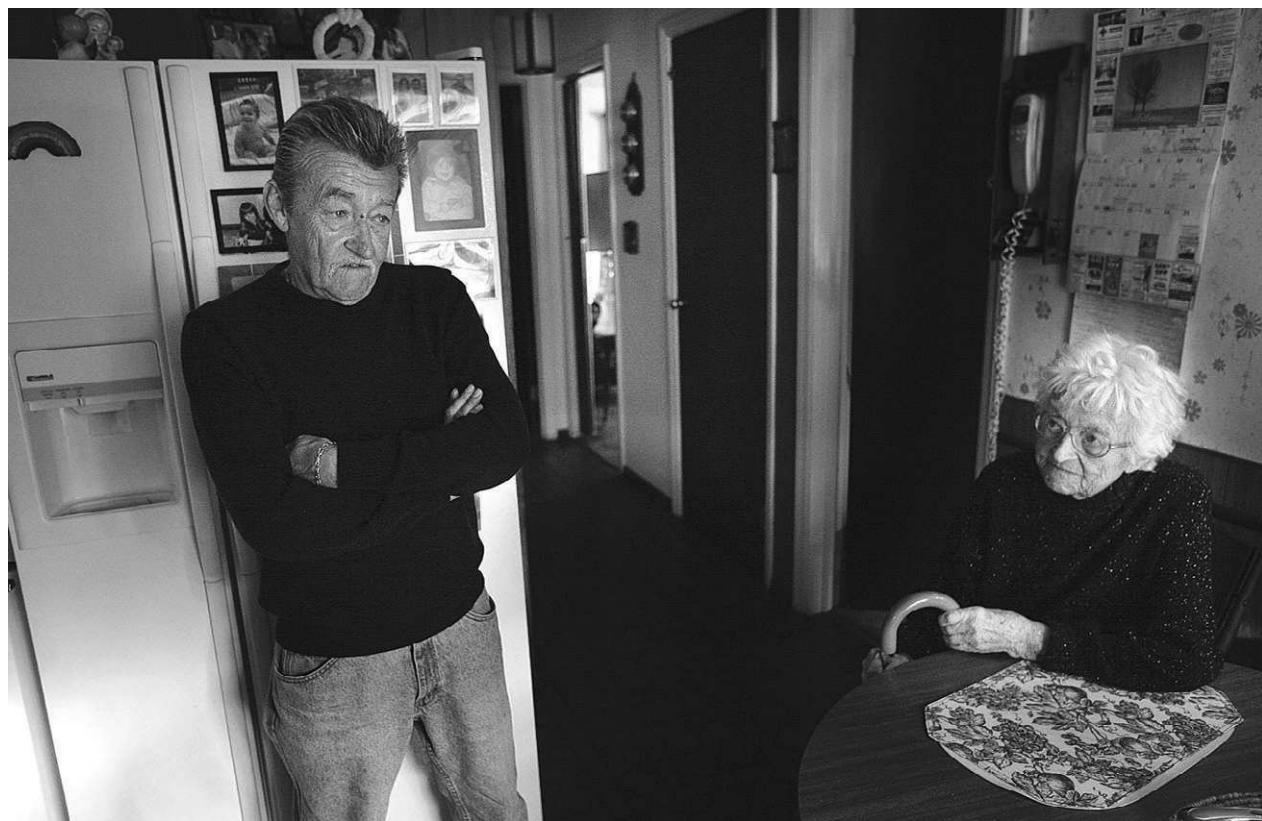
Those still here and missing Dana include his parents, Lynn and Irene Thomas; his beloved wife of 35 years, Nala Thomas; brother, Lane Thomas; sister, Lorie (Randy) Kruse; daughter, Dayla (Ben) Manley; son, Theron (Emily Otero) Thomas; his precious grandchildren, Ethan Meierhoff, Zach Meierhoff, Ava Otero, Justin Manley and Shelby Manley; father and mother-in-law, Robert and Venetta Spencer; sister-in-law, Denise (Randy) Helsley; brother-in-law, Robert (Jolene) Spencer; best friend, Scott Levesque; as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and great lifelong friends.

Dana was always willing to help anyone and did so even after his death as an organ donor.

Per his request, no funeral will take place but rather a celebration of life that will be scheduled in July when his family will take him on one last ride. Please email [theron\\_thomas9@hotmail.com](mailto:theron_thomas9@hotmail.com) for more information. A gathering will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, at "Dana's Hill" at Paradise Valley in Hagerman, where everyone is welcome.

Cremation is under the direction of SereniCare in Draper, Utah. The family wishes to thank the extraordinary staff at Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, Utah, for the highest level of service that they provided Dana during his time there.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to "The Dana Thomas Memorial Fund" at any Farmers National Bank.



Jack Kantorowski, left of Fairfield, Conn., is seen Tuesday with his mother Mary, 98, at her home in Fairfield, Conn. Jack wants his mother to stay in her home, but her older son Peter served her with eviction papers on her 98th birthday.

## Son Tries to Evict 98-year-old Mother from Connecticut Home

BY JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN  
Associated Press

### NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)

• Peter Kantorowski wanted his 98-year-old mother to move into a nursing home or live with him. She wouldn't go; she didn't want to leave her home of nearly 60 years.

Finally, Kantorowski went to court — and served his mother with an eviction notice shortly before her 98th birthday in December.

Mary Kantorowski says she won't leave the small yellow house she's been in since 1953, raising her two sons and cooking for the church she attended daily. The house her late husband wanted her to stay in until she died; the house she says is her "everything."

"I don't know why he wants me to leave," she said Friday.

The epic mother-son feud is headed to court next month.

Peter Kantorowski, 71, became the owner of the Fairfield home several years ago when his mother transferred ownership to him but retained the right to live there, in what's known as a quit claim, Mary Kantorowski's attorney said.

The retired taxidermist said he's concerned about her well-being, that she's seemed disoriented and has been living in poor condition.

"I'm not throwing her on the street," he told WTNH-TV in New Haven. "At her age, at 98, I'm sure that she should be with people of her peers. She should have her meals on time."

Peter Kantorowski and his attorney didn't return telephone messages left by The Associated Press on Friday.

Mary Kantorowski's attorney, Richard Bortolot Jr., said

she can take of herself, still does some of her own cooking and is seen regularly in her home by doctors and nurses. A judge ruled she was competent and appointed Bortolot to represent her in the eviction.

Her younger son, Jack Kantorowski, says his mother is in relatively good health. He's on his mother's side of the family feud.

"If there is a money problem or anything else, he should have said something a long time ago instead of just trying to get rid of his own mother," Jack Kantorowski said.

Peter Kantorowski, who lives about 20 minutes away in Trumbull, hasn't seen his mother for eight months, her attorney said.

"I'm appalled a son would do this," Bortolot said.

Jack Kantorowski said his father worked multiple jobs to buy the house and built addi-

tions over the years.

"He was always trying to protect my mom; she'd always have a place to live," he said. "If something happens to me, there was always going to be a home for her to stay for the rest of her life."

Peter Kantorowski filed a complaint against his mother in December after she refused to follow an eviction notice filed Nov. 30 to vacate the premises by Dec. 7. A trial is set to begin March 2 in Bridgeport Superior Court.

Bortolot says a probate court stopped Peter Kantorowski from trying to sell the house, valued at \$330,000, after the eviction papers were served.

Asked where she might live next, Mary Kantorowski's voice catches.

"I don't feel very good about it," she says. "I want to stay right here in my own home."

## DEATH NOTICES

## Guy Matsuoka

**TWIN FALLS** • Guy Matsuoka, 95, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012, at his home.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; no visitation.

## Mario Gil

**BURLEY** • Mario Gil, age 51, of Burley, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Church, 2200 Oakley Ave. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

## Rose Lucker

**TWIN FALLS** • Rose M. Lucker, 63, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 17, 2012, at her home.

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

## Mavis Howell

**BOISE** • Mavis Ruth Howell, 92, of Boise and formerly of Buhl, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012, at a Boise care center.

Arrangements will be announced by Summers Funeral Homes in Boise.

## Juanita Bryant

**GLENN'S FERRY** • Juanita Bryant, 96, of Glenn's Ferry, died Friday, Feb. 17, 2012, at a local care center.

Arrangements will be announced by Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

## Joe Laragan

**TWIN FALLS** • Joe Edward Laragan, 98, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 17, 2012, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

## SERVICES

**Peter Feist** of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at the Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

**Fredrick William Bullers** of Inkom, graveside service at 3 p.m. today at the Bullers Family Cemetery on the Bullers Ranch at Moulton Valley; visitation from 1 to 3 p.m. today at the ranch house.

**Thomas E. Newcomb** of Washington and formerly of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the United Methodist Church, 605 H St. in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

**Beverly Carol Wallace** of Pocatello, celebration of life from 2 to 5 p.m. today at Beverly's home (Downard Funeral Home in Pocatello).



Whitney Houston performs at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles in April 2000. Houston will be remembered today at a funeral service at New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, N.J., the same church where she sang with the choir as a young girl.

## NJ Hometown to Reclaim Whitney Houston at Funeral

BY NEKESA MUMBI MOODY  
Associated Press

**NEWARK, N.J. (AP)** • Although Whitney Houston was one of the most famous people in the world, she never felt comfortable in the spotlight.

Houston often spoke about feeling uneasy in her role as a superstar. Even as she prepared to stage a comeback nearly three years ago, she yearned to shed the celebrity-centered, tabloid glare that came with her fame.

"I am not geared for it. It goes along with the territory," she told The Associated Press in a 2009 interview. "I just want to be recognized for my music and for what it does and how it inspires people and how it makes people feel as opposed to talking about Whitney all the time kind of thing. That's all done. It's passed, and I would just like to be recognized for my music."

Houston will be recog-

nized for that, and for much more, on Saturday, when her funeral is held at Newark's New Hope Baptist Church, where she sang with the choir as a young girl. While she died last weekend in Beverly Hills, Calif., amid a media and celebrity crush ahead of her mentor Clive Davis' pre-Grammy Awards party, her funeral will be a chance to reclaim Whitney Houston the person, instead of the icon.

The church, which seats about 300 people, will be filled with friends, family members and some of her famous connections. Kevin Costner, her co-star in the movie blockbuster "The Bodyguard," is scheduled to speak, as is Davis, the music mogul responsible for launching and guiding her career. Her cousin and fellow singer, Dionne Warwick, will be on the program, as will friends including Alicia Keys, Tyler Perry and gospel stars Donnie McClurkin, Kim Burrell and Cece Winans.

## N. Y. Times Correspondent Shadid Dies in Syria

BY CRISTIAN SALAZAR  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** • New York Times correspondent Anthony Shadid, a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner whose dispatches captured untold stories from Baghdad under "shock and awe" bombing to Libya wracked by civil war, has died of an apparent asthma attack in Syria while reporting on the uprising against its president.

Shadid, 43, who survived a gunshot wound in the West Bank in 2002 and was captured for six days in Libya last year, was returning with smugglers from Syria to Turkey when he collapsed Thursday, *The Times* said.

*Times* photographer Tyler Hicks told the newspaper that Shadid had suffered one bout of asthma the first night, followed by a more severe attack a week later on the way out of the country.

"I stood next to him and asked if he was OK, and then he collapsed," Hicks told *The Times*.

Hicks said that Shadid was unconscious and that his breathing was "very faint" and "very shallow." After a few minutes, he could see that Shadid "was no longer breathing," Hicks said.

Hicks administered CPR for 30 minutes but couldn't revive Shadid, he said. Hicks carried Shadid's body to Turkey, the newspaper said.

"Anthony was one of our generation's finest reporters," *Times* Publisher Arthur Sulzberger said in a statement. "He was also an



Shadid

exceptionally kind and generous human being. He brought to his readers an up-close look at the globe's many war-torn regions, often at great personal risk. We were fortunate to have Anthony as a colleague, and we mourn his death."

White House press secretary Jay Carney read a statement on Air Force One en route from San Francisco to Everett, Wash., on Friday.

"All of us, the president on down, were greatly saddened by the news that Anthony Shadid had died while reporting Syria," he said. "Anthony Shadid was one of the best, perhaps the finest, foreign correspondent working today, in my opinion."

"It was because of some of the risks he took that readers around the world were aware of things that were happening and changes that were taking place in the region," Carney said. "The fact that he was in Syria speaks exactly to that. Were it not for Anthony and reporters like him, you would know a lot less about the absolute brutality of the Assad regime and the democratic aspirations of Syria."

Lebanon's Prime Minister Najib Mikati wrote on his Twitter account: "Sincere condolences to journalist Anthony Shadid's (RIP) family, friends & New York Times colleagues. I've known and admired him personally. N.M."

Shadid's father, Buddy Shadid, told *The Associated Press* on Thursday his son had asthma all his life and had medication with him.

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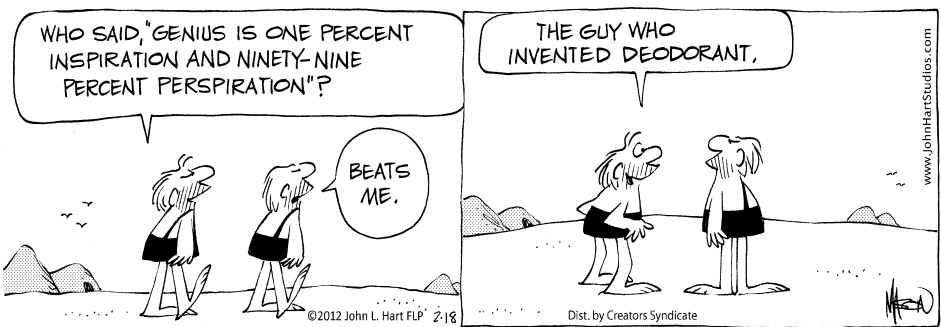








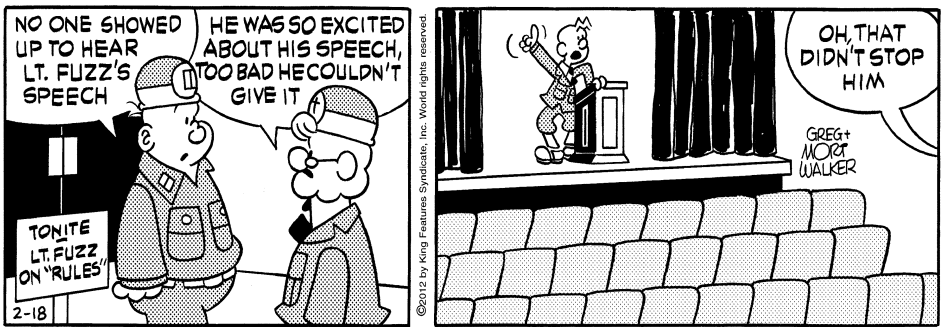
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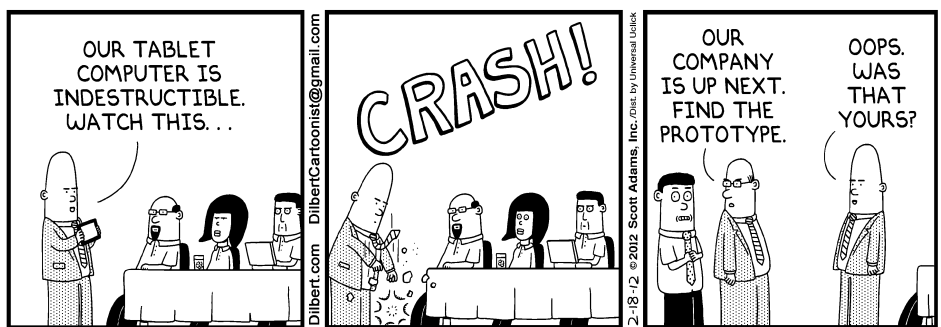
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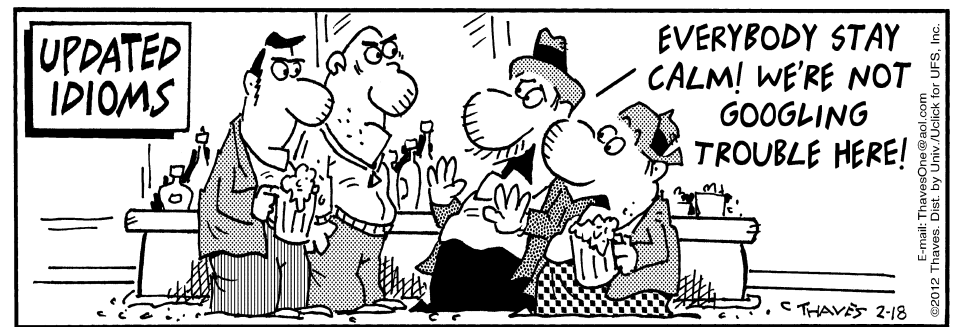
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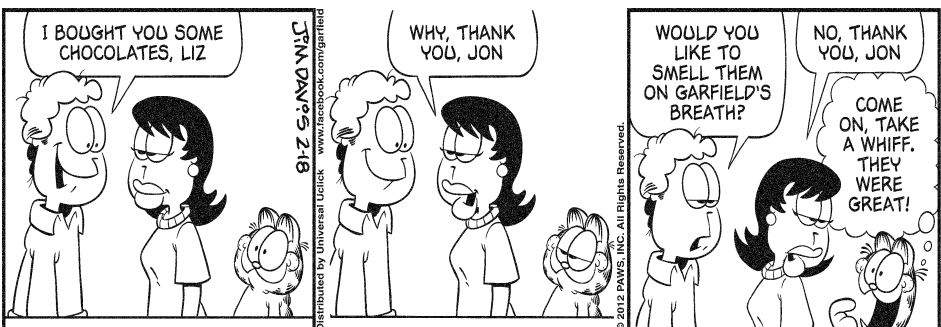
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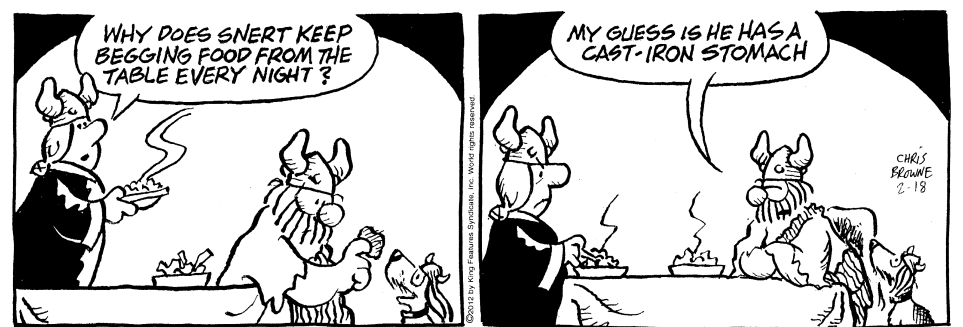
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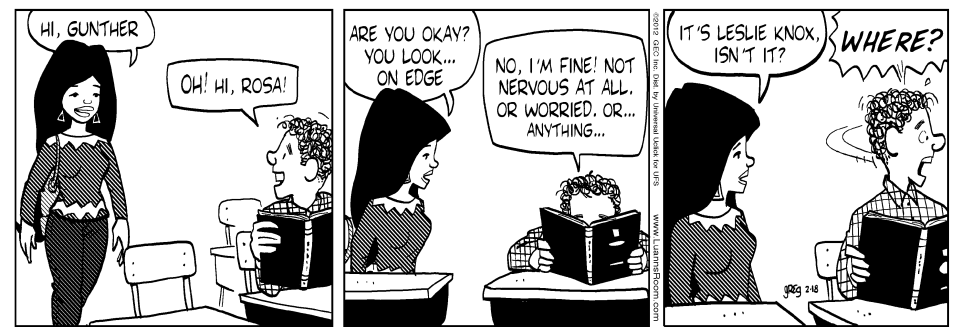
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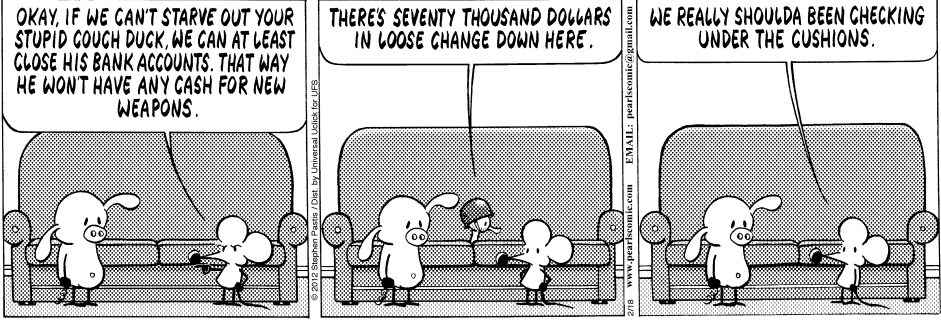
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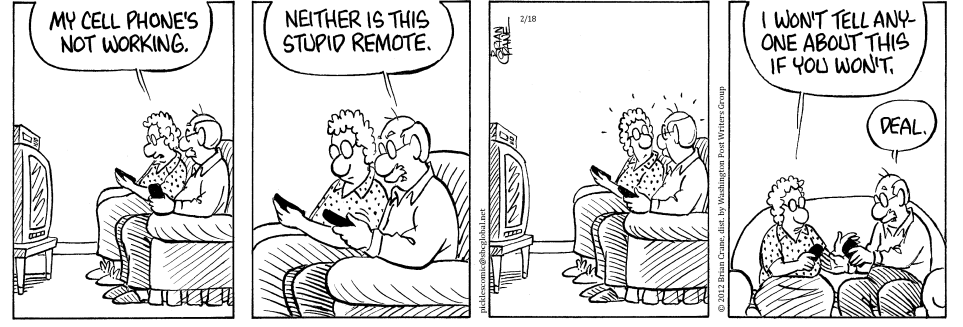
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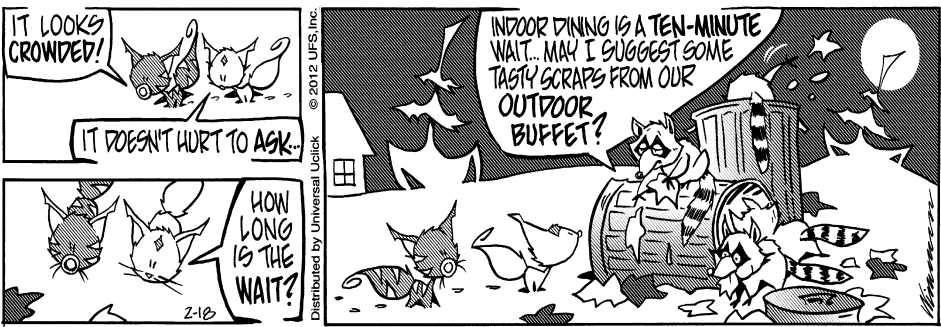
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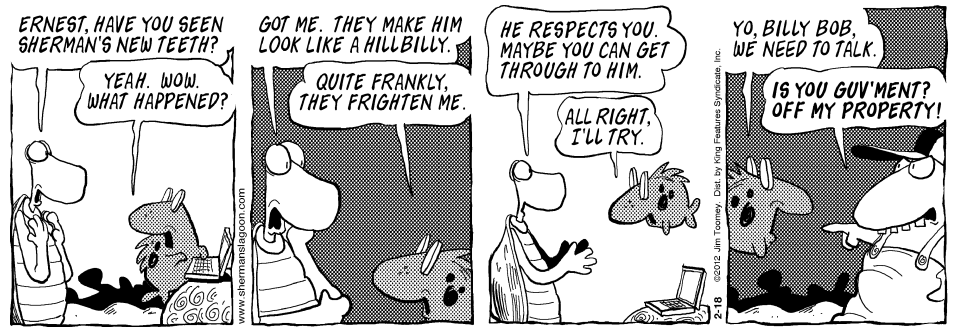
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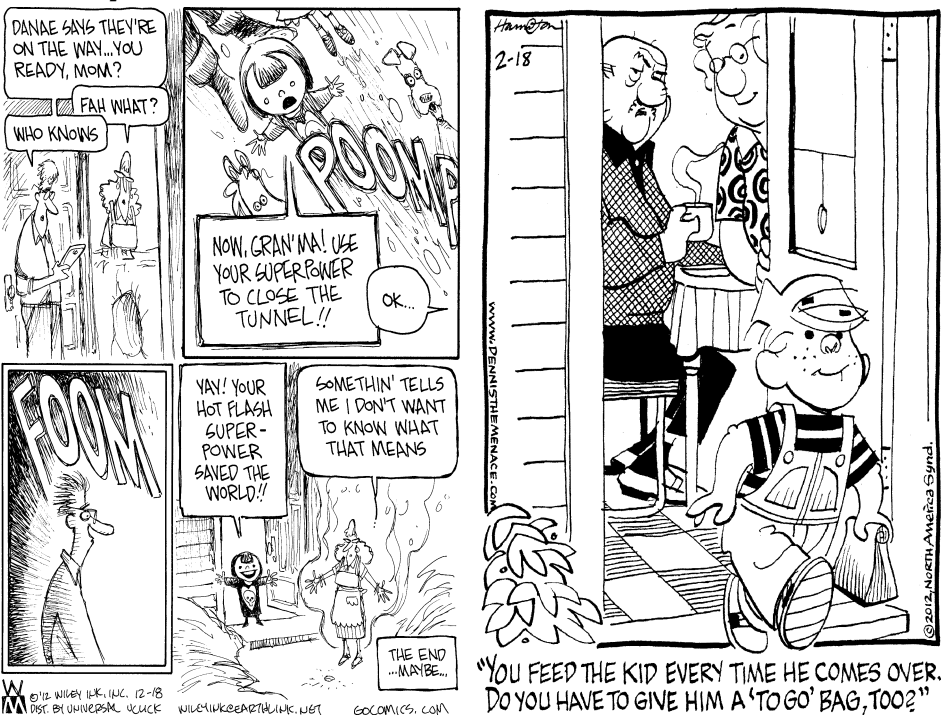
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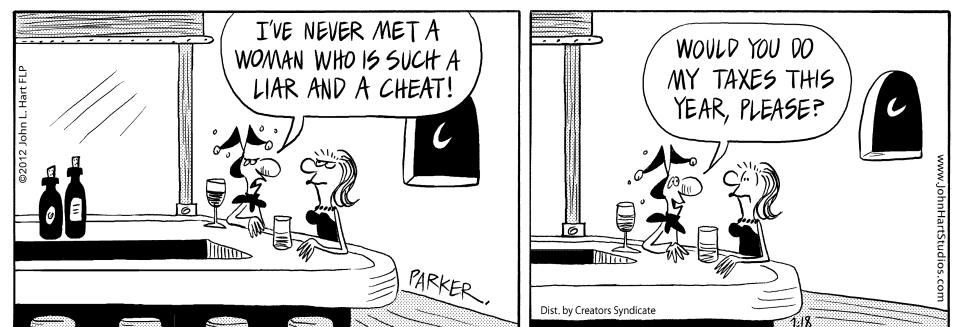
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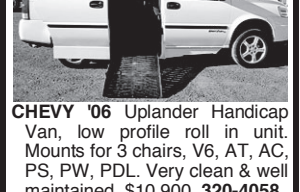
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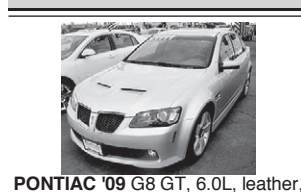


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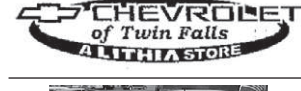


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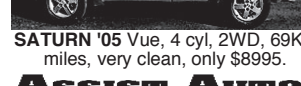
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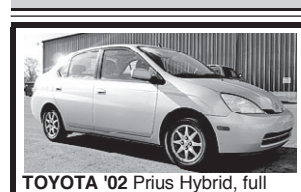


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