

## Slain DA Had Armed Himself Before Shooting

KAUFMAN, Texas (AP) — Kaufman County District Attorney Mike McLelland took no chances after one of his assistant prosecutors was gunned down two months ago. McLelland said he carried a gun everywhere he went and took extra care when answering the door at his home.

"I'm ahead of everybody else because, basically, I'm a soldier," the 23-year Army veteran said in an interview less than two weeks ago.

On Saturday, he and his wife were found shot to death in their rural home just outside the town of Forney, about 20 miles from Dallas.

While investigators gave no motive for the killings, Forney Mayor Darren Rozell said: "It appears this was not a random act." "Everybody's a little on edge and a little shocked," he said.

## 3 Killed, More Than 20 Hurt In Auto Accident

GALAX, Va. (AP) — Virginia State Police say three people have been killed and more than 20 are injured following a 75-vehicle pileup on Interstate 77 near the Virginia-North Carolina border.

The Virginia Department of Transportation says traffic is backed up about 8 miles.

State police say a series of wrecks began around 1:15 p.m. Sunday in the southbound lanes in the area of Fancy Gap Mountain in southwest Virginia. There was heavy fog at the time.

State police spokeswoman Corinne Geller says several vehicles caught fire, but the blazed has been put out.

## LA Detectives Working To Find Missing Girl

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A transient with a long criminal record is being sought in the kidnapping of a 10-year-old girl who was snatched from her San Fernando Valley home before dawn last week and abandoned hours later in front of a hospital.

Police identified Tobias Dustin Summers, 30, as a suspect Saturday, but they couldn't elaborate on the motive or what led them to him. They also don't know if the girl was targeted.

"We have no information that the family knew this individual or that the individual knew any members of the family," Los Angeles Police Deputy Chief Kirk Albanese said.

About 40 detectives have been investigating since the girl was abducted from her home at around 3 a.m. Wednesday.

"They're working around the clock until this guy gets captured," Officer Norma Eisenman, a police spokeswoman, said Sunday. "As of right now, there are no new developments on the case."

## Palestinian Leader Clamps Down On Critics

HUSSAN, West Bank (AP) — Mahmoud Abbas' government in the West Bank is getting tougher with critics, interrogating, prosecuting and even jailing several journalists and bloggers in recent months for allegedly "defaming" the Western-backed Palestinian leader.

Rights activists say the legal hassles are meant to silence dissent and that the campaign is intensifying despite promises to the contrary by Abbas. Targets of the crackdown include supporters of Abbas' political rival — the Islamic militant Hamas — and political independents who have written about alleged nepotism and abuse of power in Abbas' Palestinian Authority.

Abbas' aides insist the Palestinian leader opposes any curb on expression. They blame overzealous prosecutors and security officials, but government critics say Abbas could easily halt the clamp-down.

"It's a good cop, bad cop routine. The bad cops are the security services, and the good cop is the benevolent president," said Diana Buttu, a former Palestinian Authority insider. They want to send a chilling message, she said, "and it works."

## Malloy Backs Official in Newtown Discussion

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy's administration says it backs the state police commander who discussed the Newtown school shootings at a law enforcement seminar and won't punish him.

The *Journal Inquirer* reports that Mark Ojakian, Malloy's chief of staff, called Col. Daniel Stebbins to ask how information about what he discussed at the seminar in New Orleans was published in a column in the *New York Daily News* earlier this month.

The column, citing an unidentified police officer who attended the seminar, reported that Stebbins discussed evidence that suggested Adam Lanza studied other mass killings and extensively planned the Newtown massacre.

Ojakian says Malloy stands by Stebbins, who won't be disciplined. He says somebody breached the confidence of the meeting.

Malloy said at the time he was "disappointed and angered" that the information was published.

## Officials: Iraq Gunmen Kill 3 In Attack On Imam

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi officials say gunmen killed an imam and two others outside a sweets shop in the Iraqi city of Fallujah.

A police officer said the assailants gunned down the preacher, Sheik Talib Zuwayid of the al-Baraa mosque, along with his nephew and another man during the Sunday attack. A health official confirmed the deaths and said another man was injured.

Residents said Zuwayid was one of the organizers of weekly Sunni demonstrations against the Shiite-led government that have been taking place for the past three months. The police officer however said it was unclear if the killings were related to the protests.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to release information.

## Obama Walks To Easter Service At Nearby Church

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama attended Easter services at an Episcopal church near the White House where past presidents frequently have worshipped.

The president, first lady Michelle Obama and daughters Sasha and Malia took the short walk across Lafayette Park to St. John's Church Sunday morning.

Obama was greeted by several parishioners with handshakes and smiles as the church members were returning to their seats from Holy Communion, which the first family also joined.

The sermon by Rev. Dr. Luis Leon was based on the Gospel of John and the Resurrection of Jesus. Leon said the message of Easter was about the "proclamation of victory, the victory of powerful love over loveless power."

## Senator: Contender

## Will Back Gay Marriage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Sen. Jeff Flake says it is "inevitable" that his party will see one of its own run for president while supporting gay marriage.

The Arizona lawmaker on Sunday said the shifting political landscape will eventually yield a candidate who backs same-sex marriage and predicts that candidate would find support within the GOP.

Fellow Republican Senators Rob Portman of Ohio has announced his support for gay marriage in states that choose to allow such unions and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska says her position is "evolving." Scores of Democrats in recent weeks have announced their support for gay marriages.

Flake says he still believes marriage should be restricted to straight couples and said he doesn't imagine he would change his position.

# Rubio: Reports Of Deal 'Premature'

BY PHILIP ELLIOTT  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even with one of the largest hurdles to an immigration overhaul overcome, optimistic lawmakers on Sunday cautioned they had not finished work on a bill that would provide a path to citizenship for 11 million illegal immigrants.

The AFL-CIO and the pro-business U.S. Chamber of Commerce reached a deal late Friday that would allow tens of thousands of low-skill workers into the country to fill jobs in construction, restaurants and hotels. Yet despite the unusual agreement between the two powerful lobbying groups, lawmakers from both parties conceded that the negotiations were not finished.

"With the agreement between business and labor, every major policy issue has been resolved," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, the New York Democrat who brokered the labor-business deal.

But it hasn't taken the form of a bill and the eight senators searching for a compromise haven't met about the potential breakthrough.

"We haven't signed off," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

"There are a few details yet. But conceptually, we have an agreement between business and labor, between ourselves that has to be drafted," he added.

Yet just before lawmakers began appearing on Sunday shows, Sen. Marco Rubio warned he was not ready to lend his name — and political clout — to such a deal without hashing out the details.

"Reports that the bipartisan group of eight senators have agreed on a legislative proposal are premature," said Rubio, a Florida Republican who is among the lawmakers working on legislation.

Rubio, a Cuban-American who is weighing a presidential bid in 2016, is a leading figure inside his party. Lawmakers will be closely watching any deal for his approval and his skepticism about the process did little to encourage optimism.

Rubio, who is the group's emissary to conservatives, called the agreement "a starting point" but said 92 senators from 43 states haven't yet been involved in the process.

The detente between the nation's leading labor federation and the powerful business lobbying group still needs senators' approval, including a nod from Sen. John McCain, the Arizona Republican whose previous efforts came up short.

"I think we're on track. . But as Sen. Rubio correctly says, we have said we will not come to final agreement till we look at all of the legislative language and he's correctly pointing out that that language hasn't been fully drafted," Schumer said.

Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., also noted the significance of the truce between labor and business but added that this wasn't yet complete.

"That doesn't mean we've crossed every 'i' or dotted every 't,' or vice versa," said Flake, who is among the eight lawmakers working on the deal.

Schumer negotiated the deal between AFL-CIO president Richard Trumka and Chamber of Commerce head Tom Donohue during a late-Friday phone call. Under the compromise, the government would create a new "W" visa for low-skill workers who would earn wages paid to Americans or the prevailing wages for the industry they're working in, whichever is higher. The Labor Department would determine prevailing wage based on customary rates in specific localities, so that it would vary from city to city.

The proposed measure would secure the border, crack down on employers, improve legal immigration and create a 13-year pathway to citizenship for the millions of illegal immigrants already here.

It's a major second-term priority of President Barack Obama's and would usher in the most dramatic changes to the faltering U.S. immigration system in more than two decades.

"This is a legacy item for him. There is no doubt in my mind that he wants to pass comprehensive immigration reform," said David

Axelrod, a longtime political confidant of Obama.

During the last week, an immigration deal seemed doomed. But the breakthrough late Friday restarted the talks.

Ultimately the new "W" visa program would be capped at 200,000 workers a year, but the number of visas would fluctuate, depending on unemployment rates, job openings, employer demand and data collected by a new federal bureau being pushed by labor groups as an objective monitor of the market, according to an official involved with the talks who also spoke on condition of anonymity ahead of a formal announcement.

A "safety valve" would allow employers to exceed the cap, the official said, if they could show need and pay premium wages, but any additional workers brought in would be subtracted from the next year's cap.

The workers could move from employer to employer and would be able to petition for permanent residency and ultimately seek U.S. citizenship. Neither is possible for temporary workers now.

"As to the 11 million (illegal immigrants), they'll have a pathway to citizenship, but it will be earned, it will be long, and it will be hard, and I think it is fair," Graham said.

The new program would fill needs employers say they have that are not currently met by U.S. immigration programs. Most industries don't have a good way to hire a steady supply of foreign workers because there's one temporary visa program for low-wage nonagricultural workers but it's capped at 66,000 visas per year and is only supposed to be used for seasonal or temporary jobs.

Separately, the new immigration bill also is expected to offer many more visas for high-tech workers, new visas for agriculture workers, and provisions allowing some agriculture workers already in the U.S. a speedier path to citizenship than that provided to other illegal immigrants, in an effort to create a stable agricultural workforce.

Schumer, Flake and Axelrod appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press." Graham was interviewed on CNN's "State of the Union."

## OBITUARIES

### Alice Palmlund

Alice E. Palmlund, 82, of De Smet, died on March 29 at a Sioux Falls Hospital.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 2 p.m. at American Lutheran Church in De Smet.

Visitation will be held on Monday evening from 5-7 p.m. at the Osthus Funeral Home in De Smet.

Alice Elisabeth (Bau) Palmlund was born on October 19, 1930 to Harry and Anna (Gehm) Bau on the homestead of her grandparents in Mathews Township, De Smet. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Matthews Lutheran Church southwest of De Smet.

Alice grew to adulthood on her parent's farm where she attended grade school in the area and De Smet High School, graduating in 1948. She attended General Beadle College and Black Hills State. She taught school at the Van Hoek School in Spirit Lake Township for three years.

She was united in marriage to Levi Palmlund on June 29, 1951. The couple farmed in Manchester Township for 50 years before retiring in the fall of 2002 and moved into De Smet. Levi passed away April 15, 2005. Alice was a member of the American Lutheran Church.

She is survived by two sons, Steve (Teresa) Palmlund and Neil (Donna) Palmlund both of De Smet; three daughters, Shirley (John) Nelson, Brookings, Janice

Palmlund of Sioux Falls, Audrey Kolbeck of Yankton; one son-in-law, Terry Danielson, Glyndon; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Doris Freese, Howard, Martha Fischer of Salem, and Carol (Dan) Haaland, Gary; one brother, Robert (Linda) Bau of North Glenn, CO; three sisters-in-law, Ruby Maley, New Mexico, Mona Schlager of Clark, Marlene Bau of Madison; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Alice is preceded in death by her husband, Levi; a daughter, Nanette; her parents; one sister, Mary Grothe; one brother, Harry Bau; and an infant brother.

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### Scott Christensen

Scott P. Christensen passed away suddenly on March 12, 2013 at the age of 57.

He was born on October 7, 1955 in Vermillion to Peter and Eleanor Christensen. He grew up on the family farm and graduated from Vermillion High School in 1973. He attended college in Milford, Nebraska and received his Associates degree in Diesel Mechanics from Southeast Community College. After graduating, Scott moved to Rock Springs, WY where he has lived for the last 35 years. In 1983, he married Kelly Marvel who had a daughter, Amber. A son, Eric was born in 1984.

Scott worked as a Journeyman Field Mechanic and working foreman for 32 years with Bridger Coal. He was extremely active in

the local chapter of the Western Energy Workers Union, formerly the United Boilermakers. He was also an active supporter of the United Way of Sweetwater County. Scott married his current wife Sandy (McGuire) Christensen on November 17, 2005.

The thing Scott enjoyed most was spending time with his grandchildren and family. His many interests included camping, hunting, four wheeling, snowmobiling and woodworking. His latest project was a hovercraft.

Scott is survived by his wife Sandy Christensen of Rock Springs, WY; two children, Eric Christensen, Amber Schwarzwalter, of Rock Springs, WY; three step-children, Tanya Hardin, and Steve Kiehm, both of Rock Springs, and John Lusch of Saratoga, WY; nine grandchildren, Brittanie Doan, Nathan and

Ryan Lusch, Echo and Peyton Schwarzwalter, Damien and Daniel Spiers, and Dominic Hardin all of Rock Springs, as well as Jolie McGuire of Saratoga, WY. Scott is also survived by three siblings and their spouses, Judy and Jim Peters of Dell Rapids, David and Jacqueline Morris of Hernando Beach, FL, and Clark and Deb Christensen of Vermillion.

Scott was preceded in death by his parents Peter and Eleanor Christensen.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 in Rock Springs, WY. A gathering to celebrate Scott's life will be held in Vermillion at the Eagles Club on Friday, April 5, 2013 from 4-6 p.m. All are welcome.

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April 15	Exploring the Grief
April 22	Experiencing Life Beyond

*Presenter: Sheila Kramer, Aftercare Coordinator*  
*Sheila is the aftercare coordinator for the Wintz Funeral Homes. She received her Master's Degree in School Counseling with an emphasis in Community Counseling and has over 22 years of counseling experience.*



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