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First time for everything. Baseball Hall of Fame elects woman.

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Budget writers add \$1B to education

Spending proposal would give raises, increase minimum teacher salaries

By Anne Wallace Allen Associated Press writer

BOISE — The Legislature's budget-writing committee approved \$1 billion-plus education spending plan Monday that would raise pay for teachers, administrators and other employees by 3 percent and increase minimum teacher salaries from \$27,500 to \$30,000.

growth, the \$1.035 billion budget would be the largest ever for education in Idaho, even though it doesn't include the state's share of payment for construction, which will be added later. Yet it passed the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee with uncommon ease and relatively little debate Monday morning.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard said the budget's swift approval was a sign lawmakers

Inside Newcomb lobbying bill clears House panel. A3. B1 would snuff out some cigar taxes. A3. Rural phone companies ask to set their own rates. B4.

weren't reader than usual this year to put more money into schools — and especially into teacher salaries. Teachers

haven't gotten a raise from the state in five years.

"We sensed all through the session a commitment to trying to support teacher salaries," said Howard.

Linda Clark, superintendent of Idaho's largest school district, Meridian, attributed the ease of the budget's passage to an increased interest in education.

"Every survey that's been done in Idaho, the public has said education is a priority and there should be more funding, so perhaps this reacts to that," she said. She also said widespread political agreement in the Legislature might have sped things up. Out of 35 senators and 70 representatives, only

20 are Democrats.

"We have a one-party Legislature; most of it's done behind the scenes," said Clark. "If you have all Democrats, all Republicans, all whatever, you don't have the same kind of interaction. But folks have been working on this since before they ever came to Boise, so a lot of energy has clearly gone into this." In her proposed budget, Howard called for increasing state money by 5.2 percent for teachers and staff such as janitors, bus drivers, secretaries and accountants. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposed budget would have increased that pay by 2.5 percent and

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THE \$49.7 MILLION QUESTION

T.F. supports moratorium on coal plants

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The City Council on Monday came out in support of House Bill 689, Rep. Sharon Block's bill for a two-year moratorium on coal-fired plants.

A House committee will vote on the bill Thursday. If passed, it would advance to the full House and if it eventually becomes law would stall California-based Sempra Energy's proposal to build a coal-fired plant in Jerome County.

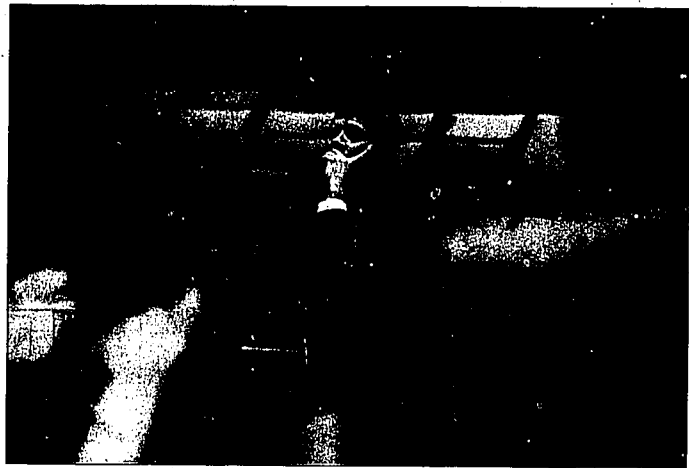
"I'd like to have the city of Twin Falls as well as who's making the decision time to study this," said Councilman Greg Lanting before approving Resolution 1756, which states that the mayor and council are not able to support the construction of a large, coal-fired plant until all health and environmental concerns can be adequately evaluated. Among the city's worries is how such a plant would affect the city's water supply.

Mayor Lance Clow said the proposed Sempra plant isn't just a Jerome issue, it's a Magic Valley issue. He also supported the moratorium.

"If it gives some breathing time to other decision-makers, that's important," Clow said.

But councilmen Shawn Barjar and Trip Craig came out against the resolution, saying their fellow council members were jumping the gun. Barjar said the council should remain neutral.

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Jason Meyerhoffer, center, a member of the school district's long-range planning committee, listens Monday morning during a school bond election open house at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School auditorium in Twin Falls.

All-day open house on bond issue draws 60 people

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After more than 12 hours, the school district's open house Monday at O'Leary Junior High attracted about 60 people with a multitude of questions regarding the proposed \$49.7 million school bond issue.

"What I would really like to know," said Becky Hanchey, who has lived in Twin Falls for 17 years, "is why does it cost so much to build a high school?"

Hanchey was referring to the \$37.6 million price tag for a new high school — the remaining \$12.1 million would be used to renovate existing facilities that would accommodate a grade reconfiguration from a junior high system to a middle school system.

The committee answered

Bond election

- March 14.
• Polls will be open at all Twin Falls schools from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
• Registration will be available with photo I.D. and proof of residence.

Coming Sunday

An in-depth look at property taxes and the proposed school bond issue.

many of the same complicated questions throughout the day as people asked about levy rates and projected growth.

"We had a couple people who didn't understand how the existing levy would be included in this bond," said Linda Warkins,

co-chair of the planning committee. "So we had to explain that we would be using money from the existing bond levy as part of the 49 million."

Scott McNeely, co-chair of the planning committee, said he also was trying to explain that the proposed bond would be a "level levy rate," which would gather more money based on population growth in Twin Falls. He said additional money that would be gained beyond the bond payments would be used to either pay off the bond early, or assist the district in future facility construction.

Many people who attended the evening presentation were parents of students enrolled in Twin Falls schools, and the decision to either support or oppose the bond election was simple will the cost bring benefits? "The biggest thing in our

minds is pulling the 9th grade into the high school," said Maura-Louise Loucks, who attended the open house with her husband, Steve.

Twin Falls is the last of two districts in the state still operating on a junior high system, which most schools consider inadequate to prepare students for life after graduation.

When asked about the asking price to prepare the facilities for a grade reconfiguration, Steve Loucks said he felt like the district should act soon before construction costs rise.

Still, there were those who wanted answers before they support an addition to their existing property tax.

"I know that it needs to be done," Hanchey said. "But I want to know who will hold the district accountable with all that money."

Court case against 'Da Vinci' could delay movie

Men say novelist of best-seller stole ideas

By David Stringer Associated Press writer

LONDON — It's the latest twist for the mega-selling conspiracy thriller "The Da Vinci Code": a lawsuit against the book's publisher for breach of copyright that could delay the novel and delay the much-anticipated movie version.

Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh, authors of the 1982 nonfiction book "The Holy

Blood and the Holy Grail," are suing publisher Random House, Inc. over the allegation that parts of their work formed the basis of Dan Brown's novel, which has sold more than 40 million copies worldwide and remains high on best seller lists nearly three years after publication.

If the writers succeed in securing an injunction to bar the use of their material, it could hold up the scheduled May 19 release of "The Da Vinci Code" film, starring Tom Hanks and directed by Ron Howard.

Sony Pictures said it planned to release the film as scheduled.

"This lawsuit is not about the movie, and we are proceeding with our plans," said Jim

Kelly, senior vice president of corporate communications at Sony Pictures Entertainment.

Brown, who rarely speaks to the media, sat attentively before a judge in London's High Court, a short walk from Temple Church — the place of worship founded by the Knights Templar — which figures in his novel. A New Hampshire native who still lives in his home state and has been working on a new novel, Brown is expected to give evidence here next week.

Brown was "interested in taking, and took, short cuts rather than doing any of the work himself," Jonathan Rayner James, lawyer for Baigent and Leigh, told the court.



Dan Brown, left, author of 'The Da Vinci Code,' arrives Monday at the London High Court.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A good chance for rain, maybe mixing with snow late in the day. Highs in the 50s.
Tonight: Snows of mixed rain and snow. Lows near 40.
Tomorrow: A brief break in the clouds and precipitation. Highs around 50.

BURLEIGH/RUPERT FORECAST

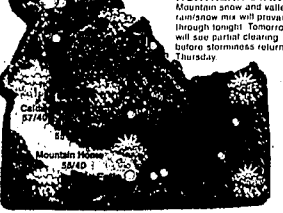
Today: Rain and snow. Highs up around 40.
Tonight: Snows of mixed rain and snow. Lows near 40.
Tomorrow: A brief break from the precipitation. Highs mid 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SROUWING MTS.
Colder, amounts of moisture will elicit in the region with good mountain snows and mixed rain and snow in the valleys. Tomorrow: Have a short break and then storminess returns Thursday.

Today: Highs 23 to 40. Tonight: Lows 20 to 21.
BOISE
A live trace of moisture will be directed into the region through to Thursday. We see a setup briefly tomorrow, but a return of rain and snow will be on tap for Thursday and Friday.

Today: Highs 23 to 34 to 40 to 45.
NORTHERN UTAH
Mountain snow and valley rain/snow mix with prevail through tonight. Tomorrow: Have a partial clearing before storminess returns Thursday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 10 at Shoshone, 14 at Lewiston.
Weather key: 1. Partially cloudy, 2. Partly cloudy, 3. Partly cloudy with light rain or snow, 4. Partly cloudy with heavy rain or snow, 5. Partly cloudy with heavy rain or snow and thunder.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, City. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes monthly and yearly data.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Feb 28, Mar 1, Mar 2, Mar 3.

REGIONAL FORECAST

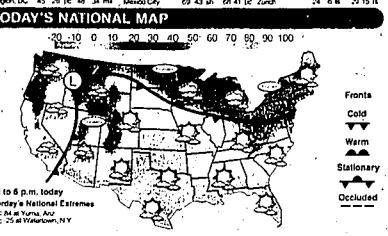
Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists various Idaho cities and their forecasts.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists various national cities and their forecasts.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists various world cities and their forecasts.



Today's National Map. Legend for weather symbols: Cloud, Frost, Snow, Stationary, Occluded.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

There are no secrets to success: don't waste time looking for them. Success is the result of practice, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty to those for whom you work, and persistence.

ON THE AGENDA

- Wednesday: Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old Highway 36.
Thursday: Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar.
Friday: Kimberly Public Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 Madison.

Moratorium

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Find out in Random Facts, page A9. "I don't want my 4-year-old son to have to depend on foreign interests like I have had to," Craig said.

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IDAHO

Panel clears lobbying bill

Move office directors
Newcomb legislation
for House debate

BOISE (AP) — A proposal from House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, to expand Idaho's lobbyist registration requirements passed the House State Affairs committee Monday and was set for debate by the full chamber.

Under Idaho's current law, only lobbyists who try to influence legislators are required to register.

Newcomb's measure would broaden the requirement to include those paid to lobby all elected office holders, department and agency directors, members of rule-making boards and commissions, the



Rep. Newcomb

Idaho Public Utility Commission, as well as members of the state insurance and finance commission and the Idaho and Finance Association.

The scandal surrounding federal lobbyist Jack Abramoff in Washington, D.C., has given momentum to Idaho's bipartisan push to expand its 32-year-old "Sunshine Law," though lawmakers also point to state-level concerns as underlining the need for changes.

For instance, some legislators have been alarmed that



consultants including Phil Reberger, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's chief of staff until 2002, were hired by companies to help them win millions of dollars in state contracts, but weren't required to register as lobbyists under the existing rules.

"Most of us thought there was already 'sunshine' on the executive branch," Newcomb told the committee, before members voted to recommend passing the changes. "It's naive for anybody to be-

lieve Idaho is immune from misguided CEOs trying to influence contracts when so much money is at stake." Reberger has since registered as a lobbyist, following an inquiry by Secretary of State Ben Ysursa.

On Feb. 22, the Senate unanimously passed changes of its own to Idaho's Sunshine Law that extended lobbyist registration requirements to all elected officials. It didn't include agency heads.

Sex offender gets 10 years in prison

BOISE — A Nampa man convicted of sexually abusing a 10-year-old girl he was escorting through the Boise Airport in 2004 has been sentenced to serve up to 10 years in prison.

Christopher D. Flegel, 34, was a supervisor of passenger service for Horizon Airlines in 2004, when he accompanied the California girl, who was flying alone to Idaho Falls, during a four-hour layover in Boise.

Ada County prosecutors alleged Flegel took the girl to a screening area and fondled her. A jury convicted Flegel of sexual abuse of a minor after a three-day trial in December.

Christopher D. Flegel, Michael Wetwell sentenced Flegel on Monday.

Man sentenced after strangling his roommate

BOISE — A 26-year-old man was sentenced to serve at least six years in prison Monday after admitting he strangled and killed his roommate last year.

Jason Paul Huff of Meridian pleaded guilty Monday to charges of voluntary manslaughter and concealment of evidence in connection with the death of Nathan Fries last March.

As part of a plea agreement with Ada County prosecutors, Huff will be sentenced to 15 years in prison for the manslaughter charge and five years for concealing Fries' body in the desert.

Fourth District Judge Michael Wetwell asked Huff why he was pleading guilty to manslaughter. "I thought it was the right thing to do, to take responsibility for my actions," Huff said.

"I was in an altercation ... I strangled my friend and he subsequently died. I took his body and buried him," he said.

Several of Huff's family members filed in the courtroom as he admitted his guilt. Fries' family did not attend the hearing.

Huff had been charged with first-degree murder before he changed his plea. Ada County Deputy Prosecutor Scott Bandy said Fries' family accepted the plea agreement and reduced charge.

compiled from wire reports

Legislation would limit taxes on cigars in Idaho

By Kyle Arnold
Associated Press writer

BOISE — A bill to limit taxes on high-priced cigars made its first step through the Idaho Statehouse Monday, rolling through the House's tax committee.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Jim Clark, R-Hayden Lake, would limit the sales tax to 50 cents each on "premium" cigars, following states like Oregon and Washington that are trying to compete with Internet sellers who can often charge little or no sales tax.

Idaho now has a 40 percent tax on "other tobacco products" such as cigars and chewing tobacco, while cigarettes are taxed

at 57 cents a pack. The state should cap cigar taxes, said Rep. Lenore Barrett, R-Challis.

"The one cigar I smoked as a kid made me sick," Barrett told the House Revenue and Taxation Committee. "But it didn't turn me against the industry."

When Oregon boosted its tax on cigars to 65 percent from 35 percent in 1997, tax revenue from so-called "other tobacco products" rose to about \$1.6 million a month from about \$1 million. It then leveled off. After the tax was capped at 50 cents in January 2002, revenue has risen to about \$2.4 million from \$1.7 million, according to the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Mayor killed in head-on accident with his wife

ATOMIC CITY, Idaho (AP) — The mayor of this eastern Idaho town has died after a head-on snowmobile accident with his wife.

Forrest E. Hawley, 61, known as "Frosty" for his white hair, and Gerry Hawley, 58, were driving snowmobiles about a mile and a half south of Atomic City when they collided about 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, according to the Blingham County sheriff's office.

Emergency personnel pronounced Forrest Hawley dead at the scene. Gerry Hawley, who was able to walk on her own and had no visible signs of injury, declined medical attention.

"Frosty" was probably the most perfect guy for mayor we've ever had," Dvain Payne, a city councilor in this town of 65 people, told the Idaho State Journal.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Idaho woman killed in snowmobile crash

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK — Sandra Bryant, 35, a master sergeant stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base, died after losing control of the snowmobile she and her husband were riding here over the weekend, park officials said. The name of her husband, who was injured, was not released.

Jerome rec center to open Wednesday

JEROME — The new expanded Jerome Recreation and Fitness Center will open for business Wednesday morning. Fitness early birds can be first in line at 5 a.m., while the more and-back will have until 9 p.m. to exercise.

Center Director Gary Warr said memberships for the fitness center total 67 so far and he's hoping for more.

The official grand opening will come later, he said, after the specialized surface for the elevated track surface is installed. "People can use the track now but we are waiting for the concrete to dry completely before we apply the cushioned surface," he said.

The community is welcome to come and tour the facility during business hours, he said.

Celebrate today at 'Mini Gras'

TWIN FALLS — A parade to celebrate Mardi Gras will start at 10 a.m. today on 5th Avenue South at Shoshone.

The event, dubbed "Mini Gras" and sponsored by Woody's bar and grill, is limited to vehicles no larger than a jeep or other light utility vehicle.

Organizer David Woodhead said he is encouraging event "vegans and wheelbarrows."

There is free, Participants should line up at 9 a.m. Mardi Gras, also called Shrove Tuesday, marks the last day before Lent, a 40-day period leading up to Easter and marked by fasting and other acts of penitence.

YMCA to host massage clinic

TWIN FALLS — The YMCA will host a massage clinic at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. The clinic is free to members and \$5 for non-members. Certified massage therapist Judy Stuebel will teach and demonstrate the proper techniques and therapeutic benefits of massage. Come alone or bring your partner or a friend. Participants should bring pillow, water and wear comfortable clothing for the class. Essential oils and lotion product sampling will be available. This 75-minute hands-on clinic will treat you and your associate in a session of fun and relaxation in a learning environment that will help you both feel great. For more information, call the YMCA at 733-1381.

Literacy gets boost from local authors

TWIN FALLS — Local authors Gary and Steve Stone will give a presentation at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Vets C. O. Green Junior High School auditorium about what it is like to be an author, and Gary will demonstrate an illustration. The event is part of the Read Across Twin Falls week, which has been organized by a group of teachers who find new ways to encourage reading.

Compiled from wire and staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	Feb. 27	% of normal
Salmon	112"	87%
Big Wood	124"	95%
Little Wood	115"	89%
Big Lost	99"	72%
Henry's Fork/Teton	116"	91%
Upper Snake Basin	114"	89%
Camby	119"	91%
Salmon Falls	128"	103%

As of Feb. 27

"A compilation of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average." "An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring."

"There is a theory that we learned in one of my classes that you're always doing something for a selfish reason. I think that might be true because I like to help people to see their smiles and stuff."

— Jenna Meeks, Gold Congressional Award winner.



Jenna Meeks rides her horse as her family dogs follow Saturday morning in the desert just north of the Snake River Canyon.

Teen honored for lending a hand, often

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It was a busy week for Jenna Meeks. She was awarded the Gold Congressional Award, and nominated as one of two students in Idaho to receive the Top Idaho Youth Volunteer award.

These are the awards that Meeks, 16, of Twin Falls, reluctantly receives during these rare moments when she's not working as a volunteer, organizing club events and trying to manage the responsibilities of a high school senior preparing for college.

"I don't think I'm energetic or anything," Meeks said. "If you saw me during the day, you would see that I'm usually tired with bags under my eyes. I think what I do have is inspiration."

Meeks was 8 years old when she joined her first club — 4-H. Now, 10 years later, she cannot remember all the clubs, associations and student groups she is involved with.

She said her family and her academic adviser, Lorainne Rapp, have inspired her to pursue her ideas, which she has done with great success — even receiving the Gold Congressional Award on Saturday.

Meeks said all the attention feels a little uncomfortable — and maybe a little misdirected.

"I appreciate the recognition, but I think the attention could be focused elsewhere," she said. "I mean, it's not



like I'm a martyr or anything."

However, Meeks has spent more time serving the community than most people her age — the Gold Congressional Award, alone,

requires 200 hours of community service. Although she doesn't know exactly why she enjoys helping others, she said seeing their smiles is something that motivates her to do more.

"There is a theory that we learned in one of my classes that you're always doing something for a selfish reason," Meeks said. "I think that might be true because I like to help people to see their smiles and stuff."

In a few months, Meeks will graduate from high school, say farewell to her family, friends and horse, and move to Fort Collins, Colo., where she has been accepted to Colorado State University. Meeks said she hopes to continue helping people — she even signed up for the university's dorm that specializes in community service.

But it will be difficult for Meeks, who has lived in Twin Falls all her life, to leave some things behind. She said she will miss riding her horse, and "the character building" of working with cattle on her father's ranch. But Meeks said her friends, family and the people she helped are the most difficult to leave behind.

"I'll miss the people the most," Meeks said. "Because all the memories I have are through the people here."

Physicians sign petition against coal-fired plants

Mercury dangers their top concern

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — More than 100 physicians — 107 to be exact — in Twin Falls and Jerome counties have signed a petition in support of a moratorium on the construction of certain coal-fired plants.

"We went personally to all the physicians," said Dr. David McClusky, an active member of the Keep Magic Valley Magic group that has come out against California-based Sempra Energy's proposal to build a coal-fired plant in Jerome County.

McClusky said he and retired physician Dr. Harry Brumbach went office to office to ask doctors to sign the petition. They had no problem getting signatures, between 80 and 90 percent of physicians in those two counties readily signed the petition. Others couldn't be reached because they were out of town on business or vacations, McClusky said.

So why are physicians so concerned? In one word — mercury.

T.F. Council acts

Twin Falls council votes to support moratorium on coal-fired plants. See Page A1

"Mercury can cause neurological problems in the developing brains and nervous systems of infants," McClusky said.

McClusky said of special concerns are pregnant and nursing mothers. Mercury can be transferred to the fetus and through the milk of nursing mothers, he said. And once it's there, it's there to stay.

"Not only is it toxic, but it's cumulative," McClusky said. "It doesn't leave your system. It's permanently there. I don't care what they say about the levels of mercury. Once mercury gets out there, it's there."

In fact, physicians are not allowed to use anything with mercury in their offices, McClusky said. Mercury thermometers are long gone, as are mercury blood pressure cuffs.

McClusky said he also got 381 signatures from others in

the health care field as well as patients.

"We're not arguing about water or land issues, but safety issues," McClusky said. "In the long term, we really don't know what mercury is going to do, but its potential is huge."

Also coming out against Sempra is the Idaho Medical Association's board of trustees. On Friday, the board unanimously agreed to support Rep. Sharon Block's bill for a two-year moratorium on construction of a coal-fired plant in Jerome County said Bob Seehusen, chief executive officer of the Idaho Medical Association. Her bill will be debated Thursday in the House Environment, Energy and Technology Committee.

"The board agreed with over 100 signatures from physicians in the Magic Valley that there are public health concerns about the Sempra plant in Jerome County," Seehusen said Monday. "The board is lending its support to our physician members in the Magic Valley."

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Blaine County eyes new building fees to get affordable homes

The Associated Press

KEICHUM — Blaine County Commissioners in central Idaho face resistance to their proposal of a work force housing ordinance that would establish fees on new residential dwellings that in some instances could be near \$7,000.

Commissioners say they need the ordinance to collect fees to fund affordable housing in the resort area, where they say service workers are being forced out by high housing prices.

At a public meeting last week, building contractor Ed McDonough called the proposal "a complete joke" and "just ludicrous," the Idaho Mountain Express reported.

But Virginia Egger, city administrator of Sun Valley, recommended the fees be assessed annually.

"This community is woefully behind," she said, adding that a work force housing ordinance is "the price of living in an extraordinary community."

Egger was city manager in Telluride, Colo., another resort community, for eight years before moving to Sun Valley. Sun Valley commissioners Sarah Michael, Tim Bowman and Dennis Wright all said Blaine County's affordable housing supply is less than what other counties who are home to mountain resorts offer. They said about 60 percent of full-time residents in Aspen, Colo., live in 2,500 affordable housing units.

"The board believes this is a major problem and this ordinance is an initial attempt to try to address it," Wright said. "If what is presented today is not a good idea, we want to hear ideas on how it can be improved. If you were sitting where we're sitting, what would you try to do?"

The amount of the fee is based on where a house is located and its size. The farther north in the Wood River Valley and the larger the house, the larger the fee.

A house in the northern part of the valley that is 3,000 to 3,999 square feet would require a fee of \$6,956.

The fee for a similar-sized house in the mid-valley is \$6,395. In the south valley, fees for a house that size drops to \$3,927.

Several residents from Carey, about 45 miles southeast of Sun Valley, said many of the county's service workers live there and commute to the Wood River Valley for work. They said if their children wanted to build near Carey but outside the city limits, they would have to pay the fee.

McDonough said the ordinance would push out local workers who own homes with large mortgages, and favor workers who will accept less pay because they live in affordable housing.

Other alternatives, such as a local-option sales tax, real estate transfer tax, or bonds to fund affordable housing have been explored, Bowman said.

Kemphorne honored for work on National Guard issues

The Times-News

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has received the prestigious Maj. Gen. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Award for his efforts in advancing the issues facing the National

Guard, the first governor to receive the honor.

Kemphorne received it during a National Governors Association luncheon with Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. Lt. Gen. Steven M. Hamm, the chief of staff for the

National Guard Bureau, presented the award to Kempthorne during the luncheon.

He is the first governor to receive the Montgomery Award since its inception 10 years ago.

OBITUARIES

Donald J. Stoltenberg

TWIN FALLS — Donald James Stoltenberg, 83, died away Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was born Jan. 28, 1923, in Monticello, Neb., the son of Ulrich and Alva Knapp Stoltenberg. He married Beth E. Dedman. Donald served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a switchman for Union Pacific Railroad. He enjoyed working on cars and was a member of the Model T Club. Don loved to help others.

He is survived by his son, Roy

Stoltenberg; and sister, Dorothy. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, son, Carl; and sister, Ethel Moore.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2006, at Lindquist's Beautiful Mortuary, 727 N. 400 E. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 3, 2006, in the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, 2245 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Condolences may be e-mailed to lbm@lindquist-mortuary.com.



Sandra Cruz Edwards

BURLEY — Sandra Cruz Edwards, 66-year-old Burley resident, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

She was born May 3, 1939, in San Mateo, Calif., the daughter of Bruno and Theresa Lopez Estrada. She attended schools in California and graduated with the class of 1957 from South San Francisco Senior High School. She moved to Burley 27 years ago. She married Armando Garcia in 1958, and they had three children together. They had five children. Sandra married Kevin F. Edwards on April 6, 2002, in Burley.

She had worked at Ore-Ida for several years as well as at Roland Jones and Sun Valley Produce. She had been a *Times-News* carrier for 10 years. Sandra especially loved the scenery of the great outdoors.



band, Kevin of Burley; a son, Reynel Garcia of Burley; four daughters, Christina (Donald) Markey of Burley, Pauline (Brian) Edwards of Rupert, Marquita (Doug) Schleich of Lewa and Sandra Garcia of California; a brother, Hermes (Corky) Trueba of California; three stepchildren, Sarah, Skyler, and Jeremiah Edwards; 16 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three nieces; two nephews; plus many great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 921 W. Main St. in Burley, with Pastor Richard Newaz officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 9 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral Wednesday at the mortuary.

She and Kevin enjoyed many recreational activities together such as hunting, fishing and socializing with the many friends they shared. She also enjoyed helping Kevin at the 610 Club.

Survivors include her husband, Kevin of Burley; a son, Reynel Garcia of Burley; four daughters, Christina (Donald) Markey of Burley, Pauline (Brian) Edwards of Rupert, Marquita (Doug) Schleich of Lewa and Sandra Garcia of California; a brother, Hermes (Corky) Trueba of California; three stepchildren, Sarah, Skyler, and Jeremiah Edwards; 16 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three nieces; two nephews; plus many great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

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Ella Sauer

JEROME — Ella Sauer, 83, of Jerome, passed away early Friday morning, Feb. 24, 2006, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit after a long illness.

Ella was born Aug. 26, 1922, in Menno, S.D., to George and Rosa Neuharth Serr. She was one of 14 children. Ella grew up and attended school in Menno. Her family moved to Jerome in 1937, where she helped on her parents' farm. Ella met the love of her life, Reuben Sauer, in Jerome, and they married Dec. 27, 1939. They were married in the preacher's house next to the old St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Ella was involved in the farm life until 1957, when Reuben retired. She was always a part of the lives of Reuben and her children and grandchildren.

As her children grew up, Ella was involved in their lives; she was mom, cook, nana, mother, FFA helper and Jack-of-all-trades. She remarked many a time that Reuben did the farming and she hauled the kids to their sports, church and to wherever they needed to go. She would work the potato harvest every year to earn money for the boys' school clothes. Some of the boys fondly remember the trips to Magic Reservoir to fish for perch, and they'd catch oodles of them. Some of the boys remember the



spring and summer. She would buy Reuben rose bushes every year for his birthday because she loved to have roses. Ella became interested in doing ceramics; she enjoyed making things for family. Over the years, family members and friends received many ceramic gifts Ella knew they liked or wanted. She was very humble about her artwork even though she created beautiful things.

Ella is survived by her husband, Reuben of Jerome; sons, Jerry of Spokane, Harold of Hagerman, Tom, Sam (Helen), Bryce (Rose) and Tim, all of Jerome; 20 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and siblings, Viola Davis, Gilbert Serr, Rose Wright, Altha Carlson and Ruth Lahti. She was preceded in death by her parents; eight sisters and brothers; daughter, Cheryl; and grandsons, Matthew and Ronnie Rae II.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jerome, with the Rev. Baldwin Camin officiating. Visitation will be conducted from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

“The Bell” and how they drove their mom crazy chasing after them when they done a not-so-good thing. After raising her children, Ella filled much of her time helping to raise and take care of her grandchildren. She did not know how to say “No.” If you needed help, she and Reuben were always there.

Ella contracted cancer five years ago but was able to survive her battle. Ella worked hard all her life. She would find time to do the things she loved in spite of the busy days. She loved to garden and make things grow. The front and backyard were always full of flowers every

Blackwell; sister-in-law, Kaye Siler; brother-in-law, Rick (Mollie) Blackwell, all of Circleville. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Frank and Alvina Reitz; Marvin and Lucile Krueghagen; grandma, Irene Blackwell; sister-in-law, Pat; brother-in-law, Cal; and nephew, Brandon.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at the Circleville LDS 2nd Ward Chapel. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial will be in the Circleville Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Magley Mortuary in Richfield, andina and Mant. Visit the online guestbook at www.magley-mortuary.com.

Larry L. Reitz

CIRCLEVILLE, Utah — Larry Louis Reitz, 55, passed away Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, in Circleville.

He was born June 2, 1950, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Louis and LaVonna Krueghagen Reitz. He married Glenda Louise Blackwell on July 17, 1971, in Circleville. He moved to Circleville in 1981, and served in the Circleville Fire Department. He was fire chief for 24 years. The greatest joys in his life were his wife, children and grandkids. He loved to Dutch oven cook and sit on his front porch. He enjoyed the 24th of July in Beaver with the Smith family.

His survivors include his wife, Glenda of Circleville; children, Jason (Dee) Reitz of Richfield, Jamie Reitz (Josh Chappell) of Pangutich, J.T. Reitz of St.



George; five grandchildren; parents, Louis and LaVonna Reitz of Hansen, Idaho; brother, Les (Cathy) Reitz and sister, Lana (Clark) Egbert, both of Twin Falls, Idaho; grandpa, Dick

Gilbert F. Williams

JEROME — Gilbert F. Williams, 86, of Jerome, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006 at his home.

He was born Oct. 20, 1919, at Twin Falls, the son of Frank and Viola Dekker Williams. He was reared and educated in the Magic Valley and the Wood River Valley. Gil joined the Army during World War II and then married Joyce. They spent time in Europe and England on Aug. 3, 1945. They returned to Jerome for a time and then he re-enlisted in the military, making it his career. Prior to his retirement in 1953, he spent his action during the Korean Conflict. Following his return from Germany, Gil and Joyce again made their home in Jerome and they lived in the city of Jerome for several years.

He was a member of the Jerome First Baptist Church and loved to do woodworking. He



had a passion for fishing and his grandchildren.

Joyce preceded him in death in 1997. Survivors include his daughter, Sandra (Carl) Bean and two grandsons, Aaron Bean and Blake Bean; and one granddaughter, Catrina Bean. He was preceded in death by a son, three sisters and four brothers.

The funeral for Gilbert F. Williams will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at the Jerome First Baptist Church. Friends may call from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

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Lorraine I. Beavers

TWIN FALLS — Lorraine I. Beavers, 82, passed away Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at Sunlight Care Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Lorraine was born June 29, 1923, in Competition, Mo., to Clay and Hila Garrett. Lorraine was the second eldest of five children. She married Fay D. Beavers on June 16, 1940, in Wilder, Idaho. They traveled to many locations with Fay's job with Union Pacific Railroad. Lorraine worked for a short time at a nursing home in Ontario, Ore., but the majority of her time was spent as a homemaker, crocheting, gardening and canning. She was a wonderful cook; this included her famous "no bake cookies." She was always there to supply generous time and love to her family and friends. The family would like to thank Heritage Retirement Center for the loving care given to Lorraine the last 10 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Janita Duncan of Keweenaw, Idaho; grandchildren, Kevin



(Haylene) Duncan of Twin Falls, Idaho, Lori (Tedd) Gluch of Boise, Idaho, Diana (Bob) Smith of Middleton, Idaho; seven great-grandchildren, Jennifer (Dustin) Gerstner, Alexander Gluch of Boise, Idaho, David Duncan, Zach and Katlin Smith of Middleton, Brandon and Derek Duncan of Twin Falls, Idaho. She is also survived by her sister, Elizabeth (Wayne)

Kirkhart of Nampa, Idaho; brothers, Dale (Betty) Garrett of Meridian, Idaho, Harold (Baltaine) Garrett of Eagle, Idaho; a sister-in-law, Jean Garrett of California; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Duvaline; Garrett; and great-grandson, Jeffrey Duncan.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, March 3, 2006, at Daken Funeral Chapel, 504 S. Kimball, Caldwell, Idaho. Viewing will be from noon until 1:30 p.m. on the day of the service. A special viewing with family and friends will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, March 2, 2006, at White Mortuary Chapel by the Park in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Memorials can be given to the Assembly of God, 143 Locust St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83401. Services and arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Lucy E. (Hersh) Gules of Boise and formerly of Kimberly, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, 5400 Fairview Ave. in Boise.

Patrick "Pat" Wayne Talbot of Filer, funeral at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Douglas Burton Egbert of Twin Falls, funeral at 3 p.m. today at the Twin Falls LDS 9th Ward building, 3155 Elizabeth Blvd., viewing one hour before the service at the church (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Audrey Green Hubbard of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Star 1st and 2nd Ward LDS Church, 100 S. 200 W. in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Resurrection Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from noon to 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Leslie Emma Steelsmith McCarty of Burli and formerly of Kimberly, memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Ivo Carlton Kuykendall of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

William W. Freeman of Rupert, celebration of life from 10 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Freeman home, 501 S. 1 St. in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

DEATH NOTICES

Marvin A. McConnell

TWIN FALLS — Marvin A. McConnell, 88, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at his home.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls. Interment will follow at the cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Keith E. Turner

GOODING — Keith E. Turner, 77, of Gooding, Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

The funeral will be conducted 11 a.m. Thursday, March 2, 2006, at the Gooding LDS Church. Interment will be at Garden City Cemetery in Garden City, Utah. Visitation for family and friends will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at Denary's Funeral Chapel in Gooding and one hour before the funeral Thursday at the church.

Ruth M. Purdy

PICABO — Ruth M. Purdy, 92, of Picabo, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum.

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Sherridan K. Florence

TWIN FALLS — Sherridan "Shen" Renee Kirsch Florence, 40, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

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

Bette Lowman

TWIN FALLS — Bette Lowman, 76, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

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NATION

Governors query Bush on Guard, other issues

By Robert Tanner
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush thanked the nation's governors Monday for their support of National Guard troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, even as state leaders are warning Bush his budget plans will cut Guard strength and leave states less able to respond to hometown emergencies.

The governors, attending the winter meeting of the National Governors' Association, hoped for answers during a private meeting with Bush and a private lunch later with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

"I can't thank you enough for not only supporting the troops in harm's way, but providing great comfort to the families as well," Bush told the governors before going into a private meeting to discuss a few of their questions.

Governors are united in their stance that the administration shouldn't reduce spending for the Guard. They meeting with Bush told he sought to address those concerns.

Meanwhile, GOP Gov. Mike Huckabee of Arkansas and Democrat Janet Napolitano of Arizona said Bush assured them he'd take their concerns. "He also extended to us a genuine olive branch on the Guard, offering to let us sit down and work out the details," Huckabee said.

Bush's 2007 budget submission would support a state-controlled National Guard of about 11,000 citizens-soldiers, the current total — rather than the 250,000 authorized by Congress. It also proposes to pay for 100,000 Army Reserve troops rather than the 200,000 authorized in Congress.

"We're going to talk that tooth and nail," said Republican Gov. Bob Taft of Ohio. "The National



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Guard is not just important from the standpoint of disaster response in the state of Ohio, and homeland security, but is crucial for overall military preparedness. It would be a real mistake to cut back."

Republican Gov. Dick Kempthorne of Idaho said the administration has since signaled it would not push for that reduction in strength, but he questioned whether the cuts within the Pentagon's spending proposals would end up forcing reductions anyway. Those plans would cut \$749 million next year, totaling \$5.3 billion over five years, Komphorne said.

"We're going to say 'Don't do this,'" he said.

9/11 families protest memorial design

By Amy Westfield
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Families of people killed in the World Trade Center attack demanded Monday that officials redesign the memorial, saying the current plan is unsafe and disrespects victims by placing their names below street level.

Police and fire union leaders joined victims' families at ground zero to seek a new design, although construction on the "Reflecting Absence" memorial is set to begin in March.

"We're asking that the memorial see the light of day," Pat Lynch, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, told about 150 people.

The design, chosen two years ago by a panel of artists, civic and cultural leaders, and one Sept. 11 family member, marks the outlines of the twin towers with reflecting pools surrounded by the names of the nearly 3,000 people who were killed.

A two-lined memorial plaza is planned for above ground,

but the museum to commemorate the 2001 terrorist attacks and part of the memorial where the names are listed will be as much as 70 feet below street level.

"It is all wrong in its symbolism," said Rosalene Tallon, whose firefighter brother was killed at the trade center. "I look up to the sky to remember him. I will never go down."

Tallon also said the underground design was a "death trap" for tourists in case of a fire or a terrorist attack. Families have said there should be four main ramps in and out of the memorial instead of two.

The Lower Manhattan Development Corp., which is overseeing the design and appointed the 13-member panel that chose it, said the memorial and museum would have 15 exits, including emergency stairwells.

The company's spokesman, John Gallagher, said police, fire and security teams would make certain the memorial was built to safely accommodate the mil-

lions of visitors who are expected. "The memorial will be a magnificent tribute to those we lost," he added.

Gullagher also said the decision to list the names of the dead randomly around the two reflecting pools "remains our plan."

Emergency workers and family members have asked that the dead be listed according to the battalion or precinct they worked in or the tower they worked in.

"They must be recognized together," said Steve Cassidy, president of the Uniformed Firefighters Association, who wants firefighters listed by their units, ranks and badge numbers.

Funding experts have said controversy over the memorial could hurt the effort to raise the \$500 million needed to build and operate the tribute for a generation has raised more than \$100 million so far. The memorial is scheduled to open in 2009.

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CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

Case "580L" backhoe loader, Extenda Hoe, 2 wheel drive, 4000 hours - Ditch Witch "1820" trencher

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Maxvey Ferguson "65" diesel tractor, side front, 38" rubber - 2 front of front mounted tractor tires - pair of MF 38" adjustable rims - front rack shaft for JD 4020 - 2 John Deere single front ends - MF front tractor weights and bracket - IHC tractor weights - pair of 18.4x38 direct axle duals - 2 pair of 13.6x28 Snap on duals - IHC 44" tractor front axle - John Deere track tach hitch

HAYING MACHINERY

John Deere "3945" 14ft swather with draper platform, hay conditioner and gas engine - Case 6' hay side rake - New Holland "284" hay baler - IHC sickle mower - IHC hay turner - IHC side rake - Lockwood hay bluffer - 1 set of grapple forks

TILLAGE MACHINERY

John Deere "3945" 4 bottom Switch plow, 3pt hitch - IHC "140" 3 bottom 2 way plow, 14ft beams, 3pt hitch - Oliver 1 bottom 3 way plow, 3pt hitch - Oliver 2 bottom 2 way plow, 3pt hitch - John Deere "950" 15ft roller barrow - 12ft Ely Roterra ground conditioner, 3pt hitch - John Deere "110" 12ft roller barrow, 3pt hitch - John Deere field conditioner - IHC "5000" 12ft Ultra Shank field conditioner, 3pt hitch - Kewanee 10ft roller barrow - Brillion 10ft roller barrow - AG 8 Shank chisel plow - IHC "707" tandem disc, wings, hydraulic lift - Kenmore 12ft roller barrow with crown rollers - 12 row header - 22" spacing with ID hydraulic markers - IHC disc - Eversman 12ft plan plane with hydraulic lift - Noble plow - 4ft, 5ft and 6ft alfalfa combers, 3pt hitch - two 3 row corrugators - 18 MF corrugator with hydraulic markers - IHC front corrugator - 5ft blade width 3pt hitch - 4 row corrugator with gauge wheels - two 5 row corrugators - spring trip field conditioner, 3pt hitch - Graham Home chisel plow - Spring Deere "360" disc - John Deere "210" 13ft disc - 2 John Deere V ripper extensions - JD and Brillion roller barrow rollers

CULTIVATORS

Noble "S" the 12 row cultivator 3pt hitch - several 6 row T bar cultivators - Buffalo 6 row cultivator, 3pt hitch - Lilliston 6 row rolling cultivator, 3pt hitch - Allway 12ft cultivator - 13.5 cultivator bar

BEAN EQUIPMENT

New R.S. 12ft bean bluffer, hydraulic drive, 3pt hitch - John Deere "400" rotary hoe, 3pt hitch - Pickett 6 row bean cutter with mows - three 10ft bean pickers - Health 6 row bean cutter - Pickett 6 row front mounted bean cutter - IHC bean cutter - IHC front mounted planter, 3pt hitch - Lockwood 14ft pickup - Lilliston "7200" 8 row bean windrower, pulp type, pto, center dump - John Deere 6 row bean cutter - Pickett bean cutter

BET & POTATO EQUIPMENT

Alloway 4 row potato vine whopper, pto, 3pt hitch - Ace hand sprayer - 2 sets of 4 Ace potato vine rollers - pair of Alloway vine rollers - old Oliver single row pto potato digger - Ace 12 row hand sprayer

IMPLEMENT EQUIPMENT

HawkBilt side slinger manure spreader, pto and hydraulic drive - Farmhand Honey Wagon, pto and hydraulic drive - John Deere "544" dozer blade with hydraulic lift - Newline hose bale chopper, pto - pair of Triple K cultivators with extenders - 3 hitch choppers - 3pt hitch hydraulic lift - 150 gal sprayer with nozzles and pump - New Holland "971" 12ft non cutting header - New Allied pot hole digger with 2 augers, pto drive - John Deere chug wagon bed with manure beaters - John Deere 3pt hitch lift beam - Eversman roughneck open truck to grain drill auger - Case 20 hole grain drill with 6" spacing - 150 gal sprayer with nozzles - IHC 20 hole grain drill with 7" spacing and seeder - Spray Air 600 boom sprayer - Oliver grain drill with 7" spacing and seeder - 7ft manure loader bucket - 9ft bucket - 12ft loader bucket - 9ft articulating loader bucket - Case "65" hydraulic loader with hydraulic bucket - single axle trailer with sprayer on

ASSORTED MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Many new Seko feed box mixer parts - new auger fitting - several 30 gal plastic barrels - single disc drier - fuel tank frames - Howard rototiller parts - pair of 200 gal each sprayer tanks - 125 gal fiberglass tank - Valley Mount chug - 2 compartment trailer rack - 3pt rear end carrier - 300 and 500 gal tanks - pair of JD markers - 500 gal diesel tank on trailer - metal hopper - cable lift boom for truck - older shop welder - 400 gal metal tank - metal drier - 2 camper shells - 5th wheel plate for pickup - pneumatic pump - well stand - two 3/4 x 18" steel I beams - many pallets of farm miscellaneous items, cultivator tools and assorted miscellaneous

IRRIGATION ITEMS

Derrick 3600 rpm irrigation pump - 2 pallets of drip irrigation pipe - 3 pallet cartons of 1" PVC T - many 8" and 10" main line valves - assorted 3 phase electrical panels - roll of fiberoptic wire - roll of communication wire

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WORLD

Lost civilization

Scientists claim to find remains of people wiped out by volcano

By Ray Henry
Associated Press writer

NARIAGANSETT, I.I. — Scientists have found what they believe are traces of the lost Indonesian civilization of Tambora, which was wiped out in 1815 by the biggest volcanic eruption in recorded history.

Mount Tambora's cataclysmic eruption on April 10, 1815, buried the inhabitants of Sumbawa Island under scorching ash, gas and rock and is blamed for an estimated 88,000 deaths. The eruption was at least four times more powerful than Mount Krakatoa's in 1883.

Guided by ground-penetrating radar, U.S. and Indonesian researchers recently dug in a gully where locals had found ceramics and bones.

"They unearthed the remains of a thatch house, pottery, bronze and the carbonized bones of two people, all in a layer of sediment dating to the eruption."

University of Rhode Island volcanologist Haraldur Sigurdsson, the leader of the expedition, estimated that 10,000 people lived in the town when the volcano erupted in a blast that dwarfed the one that buried the Roman town of Pompeii.

The eruption shot 400 million tons of sulfuric gases into the atmosphere, causing global cooling and creating what historians call "The Year Without a Summer." Farms in Maine suffered crop-killing frosts in June, July and August. In France and Germany, grapes and corn crops died, or the harvests were delayed.

The civilization on Sumbawa Island has intrigued researchers ever since Dutch and British explorers visited in the early 1800s and were surprised to hear a language that did not sound like any other spoken in Indonesia, Sigurdsson said. Some scholars believe the language more closely resembled those spoken in Indochina. But not long after Westerners first encountered Tambora, the society was destroyed.

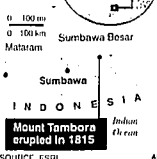
"The explosion wiped out the language. That's how big it was," Sigurdsson said. "But we're trying to get these people to speak again, by digging."

Some of what the researchers found may suggest Tambora's inhabitants came from Indochina or had commercial ties with the region, Sigurdsson said. For example, ceramic pottery uncovered during the dig resembles that common to Vietnam.

John Miksic, an archaeologist at the National University of Singapore, has seen video of the dig and said he believes Sigurdsson's team did find a dwelling destroyed by the eruption.

Lost civilization found

Traces were found of the Tambora peoples killed in an 1815 volcanic eruption on the island of Sumbawa, Indonesia.



This August 2004 photo shows Professor Haraldur Sigurdsson, left, and Igan Sutawidjaja of the directorate of volcanology in Indonesia, as they work at an excavation site north of the crater at Mount Tambora in Indonesia.

But he doubts the Tamborans were from Indochina or spoke a language from that area. If Vietnamese-style ceramics reached the island, it was probably through trade with intermediaries, Miksic said.

During the dig, Sigurdsson's team found the charred skeleton of a woman who was most likely in her kitchen. A metal machete and a melted glass bottle lay nearby. The remains of another person were found just outside what was probably the front door.

The team included researchers from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and the Indonesian Directorate of Volcanology.

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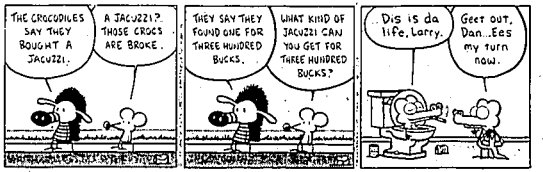
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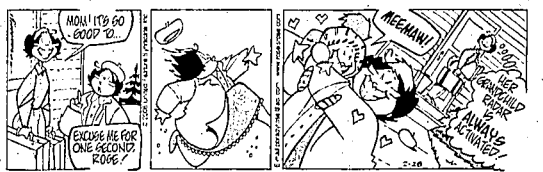


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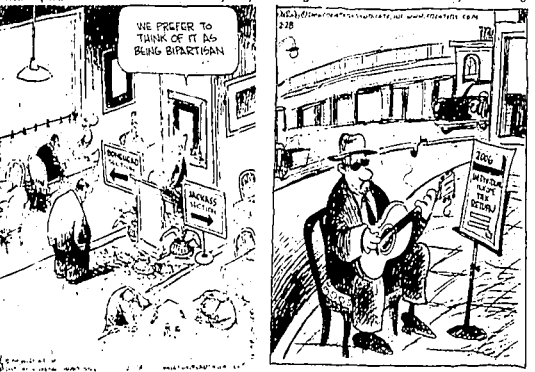
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Aries needs to concentrate on the small things

HOROSCOPE

Jeraline Saunders

IF FEB. 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The planet Uranus is dancing in your part of the cosmic pie now and again toward the end of 2006. You can be successful if you are in the entertainment business or when dealing with the public because you shine with friendliness and are open to alternative lifestyles. The changes you implement this year may not last unless you put plans into motion in March or August when persistence is a more influential factor and benefits are most likely.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An orderly spirit is usually fond of miniatures. Get out your building blocks and see what you can create. Concentrate efforts on the small things and the big things will take care of themselves.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take any opportunity to improve your public standing. People with power will be impressed by your minimal magnificence although they may label it efficiency for politeness sake.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Ferret out secrets. Changes are in the air and you are just the person to perform an intense investigation. Get to the crux of an important matter that could impact career or business.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Remember the old adage that the truth shall set you free. You could reach a turning point where finances or relationships are concerned. Delay making final decisions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get off the treadmill. If you have been acting responsibly and ethically, then pleasant rewards are in store. Remain cognizant of factors in upheaval that may pry open the door of opportunity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you have been hiding your true self it is almost time to act. Secret sorrows may no longer require burying as this week passes by. Changing partners or cronies may improve your attitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Celebrate a dual success. Though a credit card bill has been paid off or your 401(k) is fully vested,

Don't rest on laurels, but continue to work hard as maybe there is a raise on its way too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Strive to get ahead. If you have been trading water for a long period of time, this may be the week to try the breast — or act on the strength of your convictions to achieve your aims.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The responsible. Alie had to work to try the breast — or act on the strength of your convictions to achieve your aims.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Problems may not be as bad as they seem. There may be an object lesson in view. Keep an eye out for the silver lining in court drama — or act on the strength of your convictions to achieve your aims.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are no idle dabbler. When you dive into something new and different, you do it with enthusiasm. A clear path will open that will allow you to circumvent social obstacles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The generous and fair when making judgments and pronouncements. "Allegedly" and "purportedly" serve better than their word "definitely" if you must report dubious facts or plans.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



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By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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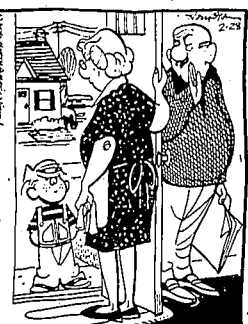
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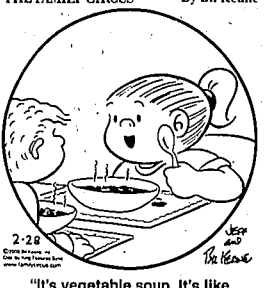
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Grandma with full life is not obligated to visit kids

DEAR ABBY: I think you were a bit harsh regarding the mother-in-law of "Forgotten in Idaho." You called her "flawed" and "self-centered" because she has refused to visit her son and his family during the last five years. (Apparently she went once, while her husband was still living.)

I'm 73, and can't travel comfortably for a number of physical reasons I don't care to share with my children. I also have a full life with my friends, volunteer work, plus e-mails and phone contact with all of my four children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Being with a large group—even family—for more than a few hours, especially after a tiring trip, takes a physical toll on me. I never seem able to take my medicines on time. I don't feel I'm selfish, nor do my children, if I don't choose to visit them at their homes. They visit me when they can, and we always have a good time. I accept them and their chosen lifestyles; they accept my preferences without my having to give them a detailed explanation.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

You were wrong to call the woman "self-centered and flawed." Perhaps it's the son and daughter-in-law who are selfish and self-centered to expect his mother to conform to their wishes. I'll bet you get quite a few women challenging your answer.

—LEE B. IN SANTA BARBARA

DEAR LEE: You're right. I got blasted. Not only was I being flogged with wet noodles, I'm drenched in marinara sauce. Here's a "taste."

DEAR ABBY: Flawed? "Flawed" because she doesn't care to make trips to Idaho? That lady has a life of her own, for crying out loud. Let her live it!

If she's like most women our

age, it's the first time in her life she comes first instead of the kids. Apparently she's active and healthy. She certainly isn't "flawed," as you assert.

I'm just short of 75, and let me tell you, about 2 1/2 hours with the little ones and I'm ready to go home. I am not alone in that feeling, and none of us consider ourselves "flawed." Bad choice of words, my dear.

—ANN F. JOLIET, ILL.

DEAR ABBY: You owe that senior an apology for the harsh criticisms when she did nothing wrong. Many single women her age are demanding of their children. They should be proud and happy she is doing well and enjoying what would be the last 10 years of her life. Grandmotherly feelings come in our 40s and 50s. By our 70s, we have great grandchildren and, trust me, enjoying them from afar is sufficient. Nature meant those final years to finally bring our own enjoyment in life from OUR choice of recreation—not our children. If not wrong, when?

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'Eke name' evolved into 'nickname'

"An eke name" was an early English phrase that meant "an additional name." The phrase eventually morphed into "a nickname."

This day in history: In an Oxford pub on Feb. 28, 1953, two high-spirited guys started slanting. "We have discovered the meaning of life!" It turns out that this was more than mere bragging—the two guys were scientists Francis Crick and James Watson, who were out celebrating their revolutionary discovery of DNA's helical structure.

July and August were named after Julius Caesar and the Emperor Augustus. Before that they were known as Quintilis (fifth month) and Sextilis (sixth month).

Was there a deviller in your family tree? There could've



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESS
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

been. In the textile industry, a "devil" was a machine that ripped cloth rags for recycling, and a "deviller" was its operator. **Jargon quiz:** What are farmers talking about when they talk about dent, sweet, flint, waxy, flour and puff? Corn. All corn falls within these six categories, within which there are thousands of individual varieties.

Arsenic is famous for its lethal properties, particularly in movie mysteries. But the semi-metallic element has a good

side we don't often hear about. It's used to decolor glass, harden metal, kill insects, and cure syphilis and other diseases.

Some people in the music world were so instrumental, as it were, that they had instruments named after them. These honorees include John Philip Sousa (saxophone), Antoine Joseph Sax (saxophone), Robert Arthur Moog (Moog synthesizer), and Leon Theremin (the theremin, the sliding-pitch electronic instrument often heard going "wooooo-oooo" in horror movies).

Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star Spangled Banner," but his son, Philip Barton Key, went down in history for a different reason: he was shot and killed by New York congressman Daniel Sickles for having an affair with Mrs. Sickles.

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EDITORIAL

Hazelton has valid doubts about Valley Beef facility

If you thought the smell of dairy waste was bad, be grateful you're not in Wendell having to smell another or two byproduct. Residents of Hazelton sure are.

Wendell's struggle to regulate Valley Beef and its waste dumping practices is a clear sign that other communities may not want a similar facility.

Valley Beef has failed to properly dispose of blood from its dairy cow processing plant. The plant, which has exceeded biochemical oxygen demand levels, is clogged with waste issues.

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A DEQ engineer said the department is currently working with Wendell to draft a letter of consent plan which includes a timetable and action plan. That's a start, but a late one. Mayor Rex Strickland has been told to expect fines for the city.

Given that history, Valley Beef's plans for another processing plant in Hazelton face some long odds. Merrill withdrew his special use permit request with the Jerome County Planning and Zoning board two weeks ago. The plan was to begin construction on a second plant on 174 acres. The plant would process up to 600 cows a day. Merrill said public concerns led him to postpone the application.

"I don't want to go in having to fight with my neighbors," Merrill told *The Times-News*.

That's because he'd probably have every reason to doubt Valley Beef can be a good neighbor when the state has to get involved with the Wendell facility. Not only is that facility a public health risk, but the looming fines could cost taxpayers as well.

If Valley Beef wants to expand in Jerome County, the company should get its operating license right in Gooding County first.

U.S. loses sight of bin Laden's plan

Osama bin Laden's plan to use terrorism to trigger an Islamic reawakening that will challenge Western dominance of world events and assure the ascendancy of Sunni extremists is moving forward — at an alarming rate.

JOHN BRENNAN

Illegitimizing secularism somewhere along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, bin Laden and his Egyptian sidekick, Ayman al-Zawahiri, must be deriving warmth from the fact that the Iraqi insurgency has taken on a decidedly Sunni extremist coloration. The Hamas has successfully exploited political opportunities in Palestine; that radicals within Europe's Muslim communities are gaining strength and destructive force; and that adherents of the prophet Muhammad have led to violence even among Muslims not inclined toward terrorism.

Terrorism, in bin Laden's view, would serve as a tactic to mean to achieve what he believes is a providentially ordained objective — global domination by an Islamic caliphate. He is currently focused on countering that tactic, missing the growth of the extremist Islamic forest as we flounder among the terrorist trees. Maybe it's because we have led ourselves to believe that the term "al-Qaida" means "kill Americans." It doesn't. It means "foundation" or "base." In Arabic, Bin Laden chose the word intentionally and cleverly. He knew that his battle-hardened core of veterans from the Soviet-Afghan war of the 1980s would serve as the traditional vespers to irrigate fields of political, social and economic discontent among



the Muslim masses. He also recognized that the global explosion of mass media outlets over the last decade gave al-Qaida a ready recruitment venue. Headline-grabbing violent attacks across the West, especially the United States, broadcast by al-Jazeera, CNN or the BBC, and abetted by instantaneous Internet communication — were certain to impress and win adherents. Bin Laden has also astutely employed terminology that lends legitimacy to his activities. He has hijacked the term "jihad" to such an extent that U.S. and other Western officials regularly use the terms "jihadist" and "terrorist" interchangeably. In doing so, they unwittingly transfer the religious legitimacy inherent in the concept of jihad to murderous acts that are anything but holy. While al-Qaida has been

rocked by a well-financed and increasingly successful international counterterrorism effort, there is no equivalent successful campaign to counter bin Laden's strategic plan and vision. Sunni extremist activists roam virtually unchallenged in the Islamic world, spreading political and ideological seeds among a younger generation thirsting for attention, power and celestial reward. Leaders of Islamic countries, organizers and local communities have most of the burden, as well as the best chance, of steering Muslim hearts and minds away from bin Laden's world vision. Yet while most distance themselves from his terrorist acts, their penchant for engaging in fiery rhetoric castigating the West helps breed greater intolerance of non-Muslims. The wide disparity between the haves and have-nots in the

Middle East also fuels the fires of Islamic activism. It would be in the United States' best interests to locate and deal with bin Laden sooner rather than later, to undercut his image of invincibility among his followers. But whether his ultimate demise is the result of a well-targeted missile, disease or old age, his days are numbered. His strategic plan, however, has the disturbing potential to live on — unless we are able to ensure that his vision, his values, his followers and he himself are discredited in the Islamic fields he has so adeptly cultivated.

John Brennan, former head of the National Counterterrorism Center and the Terrorist Threat Integration Center, retired from the CIA in November after a 25-year career as president and CEO of The Analysis Corp. of McLean, Va. Author's e-mail: jbbrennan@theanalysiscorp.com.

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LETTERS

Lies on plutonium come again on coal

It was interesting to see the Department of Energy lawyers were quoting me, in the ongoing lawsuit, over the buried plutonium. The DOE is refusing to remove the plutonium that remains buried and leaking over our water. They are also quoting Section G of this 1995 nuclear deal, just as my legal opinion said they would. The politicians and state officials had a hard time explaining why they have switched their story. In fact, the state has already signed a clean-up work plan in 2001, that leaves the buried plutonium here and opens new plutonium dumps here. Idaho has been lied to, by both the DOE and our politicians. Perhaps plutonium in our water supply is OK with you, but that is not what the Lockheed-funded lobby group of Sen. Mike Crump, Gov. Andrus and the delegation promised us in the shiny ads.

Now the coal companies are lying to Idahoans. I am so glad to see all the great anti-coal citizen groups organizing to protect Idaho. The misinformation tactics of the coal and nuclear energy companies are hampering similar efforts. The industry-bought coal Ph.D. Gail Charney, who wrote a letter about how great mercury is for kids, is also on the Bush's "Science" panel that offers coal dumping in the West. This doctor has sold her soul, but let me be specific on how she twists her corruption of legitimate mercury concerns. Gail states, "Most of the mercury in air comes from

natural sources, like soils and oceans, not power plants." Very impressive, but very twisted. Poisoning environmentalists as Henry Perry worrywarts is an old trick. Her statement neglects to reveal that "natural sources, like soils and oceans," are loaded with industrial mercury, not natural mercury. The coal plants have speared their toxin worldwide. When this mercury poisons a lake, not only do the fish become toxic but the lake becomes an ongoing "natural source" for the "re-emission" of mercury. I guess for doctor Charney, deception just comes "naturally."

The bottom line remains, for the first time in history, pregnant women are told that God's gift of heart-healthy fish will poison their newborn if they eat more than one per week from anywhere in the world. Our Bush energy plan calls for more coal. We need an energy plan that understands motherhood and protects the fetus from mercury and radiation. It is just common sense. DR. PETER RICKARDS Twin Falls

Sempra pushes its demands on residents

Regarding the Feb. 23 *Times-News* headline, "Company may mix Jerome plant if Block bill OK's": If the bully on the school grounds says, "OK, if you won't play by my rules, I'm going to take the ball and go somewhere else, we should show him to the gate. JACK GOODMAN Buhl

Federal funding goes a long way in Twin Falls

In light of the many recent news stories on the need for lobbying reform, specifically congressionally directed earmarks in Washington, D.C., we felt the need to share a local perspective on the issue. Most residents of Twin Falls would agree that reducing pollutants in the Snake River and improving the city's congested traffic arteries are high priorities. However, what many residents may not know is that the ability of members of Congress to "earmark" or direct discretionary funding toward specific projects, funds for these two categories would probably have never materialized.

Case in point: The city of Twin Falls tried unsuccessfully twice to secure competitive grant funding from the federal government to employ with federally mandated water quality regulations. Unable to secure extremely competitive grant funding to help improve water quality in the Snake River, we turned to the Idaho congressional delegation for help. After listing to our concerns, Sen. Craig and Congressman Simpson were able to direct federal funding (earmark) from the Environmental Protection Agency to the Auger Falls project, which would clean water quality in the Snake River and restore critical wildlife habitat.

Additionally, the same is true for federal funding provided to upgrade Washington Street from the recently passed Transportation Equity Act. While expansion of Washington Street is on the State Transportation Improvement Plan, it could have been years before funding for the project was actually provided. However, because the Idaho congressional delegation truly understood the impact that construction of U.S. 93 would have on Blue Lakes Boulevard and Washington Street, they directed the project a high enough priority to provide federal funding allowing the city to address congestion on Washington Street more quickly than we otherwise be possible. We agree that more can be done to provide more transparency in the appropriations process but also agree that local people know how best

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fix local issues. If Sen. Craig and Congressman Simpson, both personally familiar with our needs, had not been in Washington to fight for our fair share of tax dollars, we might yet again have lost out to larger and more populated states. LANCE CLOW Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Lance Clow is the mayor for the city of Twin Falls. He submitted this letter along with Twin Falls City Council members Glenda A. Dought, vice mayor; Gray Lanting; Don Hall; David E. Johnson; Steven Barigar and Trip Calk.)

Salmon decline goes beyond Northwest dams

I have read with interest the articles on the salmon recovery program. Why are the salmon not returning on the rivers the way they should? There has been a lot written about it, mostly by people who have something to gain one way or another. In Alaska, they are having the same problem, and there are no dams in the river, cities on the river or mines on the river or anything else, and yet the salmon are at less than 5 percent of their historical runs of 50 years ago.

To me, the problem is obvious and simple. If you kill off all the fish for the salmon and add more fishermen every year, what in the world do you expect? I sent a letter to the Alaska people asking them to rethink the new harvesting law. JILLVANDER POOL Castleford

History of Albion campus has personal connection

It is heart-breaking to see what the vandals have done to the lovely Albion campus, as seen in the Sunday (Feb. 19) *Times-News*.

My husband attended college for only two years when high school was not to stay home and help support his mother and little sister.

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I want to take a bit different perspective regarding mercury and in this, coal. I think I reflect the feelings of the majority of Idahoans. We are collectively, as a virgin state, among 48 sisters. We are the only one that is unwedded to coal power plants. We have to take a somewhat somber tone and many are saying coal is not such a bad spouse, or you can't wait around for Mr. Right. Not so!

Look in the mirror. Ask yourself if you settled for a spouse you did not love but simply tolerated, or worse, a spouse with whom you were co-dependent. Neither is it morally acceptable to say coal is a "stopgap," a guy to live for a while as we wait for Mr. Right. Mr. Right is here now, knocking at our door. If we say yes, he will not leave us in a few years, plundered and abandoned and used. I fold on to your puny Idaho! The right god-ordained spouse will come if we keep

looking in all the right places and keep our moral standards high. It will be a match made in heaven.

We stand alone among the states as virgin, as pure, as pristine, and it is admittedly not easy to remain with last century's coal technology. I believe holding out for chastity is worth the hardship.

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EDITORIAL

Hazelton has valid doubts about Valley Beef facility

If you thought the smell of dairy waste was bad, be grateful you're not in Wendell having to smell another or two hydroproduct. Residents of Hazelton sure are.

A DEQ engineer said the department is currently working with Wendell to draft a letter of consent plan which includes a timetable and action plan. That's a start, but it's late. Mayor Rex Strickland has been told to expect fines for the city.

Our view: A Wendell beef processing plant needs to fix its flawed waste system before expanding elsewhere in the valley. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Given that history, Valley Beef's plans for another processing plant in Hazelton face some long odds. Merrill withdrew his special use permit request with the Jerome County Planning and Zoning board two weeks ago. The plan was to begin construction on a second plant on 174 acres. The plant would process up to 600 cows a day. But Merrill said public concerns led him to postpone the application.

"I don't want to go in having to fight with my neighbors," Merrill told *The Times-News*. That's because he'd probably lose. Hazelton residents have every reason to doubt Valley Beef can be a good neighbor when the state has to get involved with the Hazelton facility. Not only is that facility a public health risk, but the looming fines could cost taxpayers as well.

If Valley Beef wants to expand in Jerome County, the company should get its operations right in Gooding County first.

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Members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hard, Chris Steinbach, Steve Crump, Traci Bliss, Bill Bitzenberg, Ramona Jones and David Cooper.

LETTERS

Lies on plutonium come again on coal

It was interesting to see the Department of Energy lawyers were spinning me, in the ongoing battle over the buried plutonium. The DOE is refusing to remove the plutonium that remains buried and leaking over our waste. They are also spinning Secretary of this 1935 nuclear deal, just as my recent petition said they would. The politicians and state officials had a hard time explaining why they have switched their story. In fact, the state has already signed a clean-up work plan, in 2001, that leaves the buried plutonium here and opens new plutonium dumps here. Idaho has been lied to, by both the DOE and our politicians. Perhaps plutonium in our water supply is OK with you, but that is not what the Lockheed-led lobby group of Sen. Matt Lujan, Gov. Andrus and the delegation promised us in the living will.

natural sources, like soils and oceans, not power plants. Very impressive, but very twisted. Painting environmentalists as a Henry Penny worrywarts is an old trick. Her statement tends to reveal that "natural sources, like soils and oceans," are loaded with industrial mercury, not natural mercury. The coal plants have speared their toxic worldwide. When this mercury poisons a lake, not only do the fish become toxic but the lake becomes an ongoing "natural source" for the re-emission of mercury. I guess for doctor Charnley, deception just comes "naturally."

The bottom line remains, for the first time in history, pregnant women are told that God's gift of lean-healthy fish will poison their newborn if they eat more than one per week from anywhere in the world. Our Bush energy plan calls for more coal. We need an energy plan that understands mitherhood and protects the health from mercury and radiation. It's just common sense.

DR. PETER RICKARDS Twin Falls

Sempra pushes its demands on residents

Regarding the Feb. 23 *Times-News* headline, "Company may mix Jerome plan if Black Hill OK's." If the bully on the school grounds says, OK, if you won't play by my rules, I'm going to take the ball and go somewhere else, we should show him to the gate.

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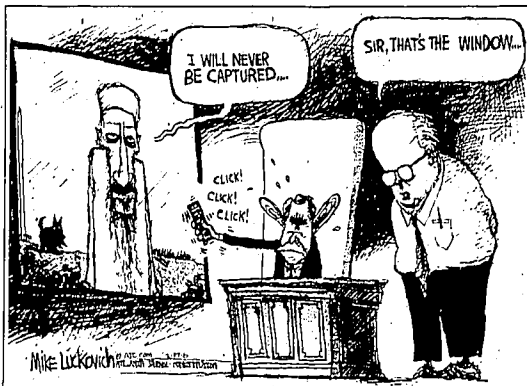
U.S. loses sight of bin Laden's plan

Osama bin Laden's plan to use terrorism to trigger an Islamic reawakening that will challenge Western dominance of world events and assure the ascendancy of Sunni extremists is moving forward — at an alarming rate.

JOHN BRENNAN

Hibernating securely somewhere along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, bin Laden and his Egyptian sidekick, Ayman al-Zawahiri, must be deriving warmth from the fact that the Iraq invasion has taken on a decidedly Sunni extremist coloration; that Hamas has successfully exploited political opportunities in Palestine; and that within Europe's Muslim communities are gaining strength and destructive force; and that caricatures of the prophet Muhammad have led to violence even among Muslims not inclined toward terrorism.

Terrorism, in bin Laden's strategy, is only a tactic, a means to achieve what he believes is a providentially ordained objective — global domination by an Islamic caliphate. Yet dangerously, the United States is focusing on countering that tactic, missing the growth of the extremist Islamic forest as we flounder among the terrorist trees. Maybe it's because we have led ourselves to believe that the term "al-Qaida" means "Kill Americans." It doesn't. It means "foundation" or "base" in Arabic. Bin Laden chose the word intentionally and cleverly. He knew that his battle-hardened core of veterans from the Soviet-Afghan war of the 1980s would serve only as the foundational wellspring to irrigate the growth of his social and economic discontent among



the Muslim masses.

He also recognized that the global explosion of mass media outlets over the last decade gave al-Qaida a ready recruitment vehicle. Headline-grabbing violent acts against the West, especially the United States, broadcast by al-Jazeera, CNN or the BBC — and abetted by instantaneous Internet communication — were often to impress and win adherents. Bin Laden has also insistently convinced us to use terminology that lends legitimacy to his activities. He has hijacked the term "jihad" to such an extent that Al-Azhar and other Western officials regularly use the terms "jihadist" and "terrorist" interchangeably. In doing so, they unwittingly transfer the religious legitimacy inherent in the concept of jihad to murderous acts that are anything but holy. While al-Qaida has been

rocked by a well-financed and increasingly successful international counterterrorism effort, there is no equivalent successful campaign to counter bin Laden's strategic plan and vision. Sunni extremist acts, however, have been unchallenged in the Islamic world, spreading political and ideological seeds among a younger generation thirsting for attention, power and celestial reward.

Leaders of Islamic countries, organizations and local communities have most of the burden, as well as the best chance, of steering Muslim hearts and minds away from bin Laden's world vision. Yet while most distance themselves from his terrorist acts, many are drawn to his fiery rhetoric castigating the West, which breeds greater intolerance of non-Muslims. The wide disparity between the haves and have-nots in the

Middle East also fuels the fires of Islamic activism. It would be in the United States' best interests to locate and deal with bin Laden sooner rather than later, to undercut his image of invincibility among his followers. But whether his ultimate demise is the result of a well-targeted missile, disease or old age, his days are numbered. His strategic plan, however, has the disturbing potential to live on — unless we are able to ensure that his vision, his values, his followers and he himself are discredited in the Islamic fields he has so adeptly cultivated.

John Brennan, former head of the National Counterterrorism Center and a Terrorist Threat Integration Center, retired from the CIA in November after a 25-year career. He is president and CEO of The Analysis Corp. of McLean, Va. Author's e-mail: jrbrennan@analysiscorp.com.

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Salmon decline goes beyond Northwest dams

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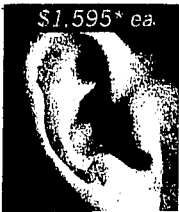
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'Gunsmoke' sidekick Dennis Weaver dies at 81

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dennis Weaver, an actor with a Midwestern twang who played still-legged Chester the deputy on "Gunsmoke" and the cowboy cop hero in "McCloud," has died. He was 81.

Weaver died Friday from complications of cancer at his

home in Ridgway, in southwestern Colorado, his publicist, Billian Myers, said Monday.

"He was a wonderful man and a fine actor, and we will all miss him," said Burt Reynolds, who appeared with Weaver in "Gunsmoke" in the early 1960s.

Weaver's 50-year career in-

cluded stage plays and movies. But his real success was on television, where in addition to his cowboy roles he shared the screen with a 600-pound black bear on "Gentle Ben" and faced down a murderous big-rig in the early Steven Spielberg movie "Duel."

Robert L. Scott, fighter ace and author, dies at 97

Warner-Robins, Ga. — Retired Brig. Gen. Robert L. Scott, who packed more adventure in his life than any 10 people, according to his closest friends, died early Monday at a Warner Robins nursing home.

He rose to prominence during World War II, first as a fighter ace in the China-Burma-India theater then as author of "God Is My Co-Pilot," an account of his wartime exploits. The book was later made into a 1945 movie.

Born on April 12, 1908, Scott graduated from Macon's Lanier High School. The summer between his junior and senior years, he took a job as deck boy aboard a Black Diamond Line freighter and sailed halfway around the world, beginning of a lifetime of adventure.

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— Three-time Golden Glove outfielder Minnie Miñoso on failing to be elected to the baseball Hall of Fame

IN BRIEF

Davis signs with Walla Walla

TWIN FALLS — Lauren Davis, a 5-foot-9 senior outside hitter from Twin Falls, recently signed a letter of intent to play volleyball for Walla Walla Community College (Wash.) for the upcoming season.

Davis joins a Walla Walla team that finished 36-4 in 2005 after earning All-Region Four-Five-Six honors as a senior.

"Lauren has all the qualities coaches dream about," Walla Walla head coach Tim Iron said in a Monday press release. "She is a great student, has demonstrated high moral character, and is an excellent volleyball player."

Her jumping ability helps set her apart from others. Lauren is a dynamic hitter and solid blocker. She will compete for immediate playing time.

Davis will participate for Twin Falls High School this spring.

T.F. freestyle wrestling meets

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls freestyle wrestling program will meet at 3:30 p.m. today in the Twin Falls High School wrestling room for its first informational meeting.

Details on the program, along with additional practices, times and dates will be discussed.

Anyone interested in learning freestyle wrestling or honing their skills is encouraged to attend.

Boys sixth-grade hoops tourney set

CLEMENS FERRY — The Eastern Blaine County Recreation District will hold a basketball tournament for sixth-grade boys on Saturday, March 11, at the Glenns Ferry High School and junior high school gymnasiums.

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Compiled from staff reports

Baseball Hall of Fame elects first woman

O'Neil and Miñoso left out by committee



Buck O'Neil receives a hug from Albertine Morgan of Kansas City after a press conference for the former Kansas City Monarch at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City Monday. O'Neil was not included in a group of 17 former players and executives with the Negro Leagues inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

By Travis Reed
Associated Press writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Effa Manley became the first woman elected to the baseball Hall of Fame when the former Newark Eagles co-owner was among 17 people from the Negro Leagues and pre-Negro Leagues chosen Monday by a special committee.

"This is a historic day at the Hall of Fame," shrine president Dale Petroskey said. "I hoped that someday there would be a woman in the Hall. It's a pretty proud moment."

This year's Hall class — 18, including former reliever Bruce Sutter — is by far the biggest in history, breaking the record of 11 in 1946. There are now 270 Hall members.

Mike Suttles and Biz Mackey were among the 12 players selected, along with five executives.

Buck O'Neil and Minnie Miñoso, the only living members among the 39 candidates on the ballot, were not elected by the 12-person panel.

Manley co-owned the New Jersey-based Eagles with her husband, Abe, and ran the business end of the team for more than a decade. The Eagles won the Negro Leagues World Series in 1946 — one year before Jackie Robinson broke the major league color barrier.

"She was very knowledgeable, a very handsome woman," said Hall of Famer Monte Irvin, who played for the Eagles while the Manleys owned the team, as did

Don Newcombe and Larry Doby.

"She did a lot for the Newark community. She was just a well-rounded influential person," Irvin said. "She tried to organize the owners to build their own parks and have a balanced schedule and to really improve the lot of the Negro League players."

Manley was white, but married a black man and passed as a black woman, said Larry Lester, a baseball author and member of the voting committee.

Manley used baseball to advance civil rights causes with events such as an Anti-Lynching Day at the ballpark. She died in 1981 at age 84.

Ray Brown, Willard Brown, Andy Cooper, Ciriaco Torriente and Jud Wilson



Effa Manley

were the other former Negro League players elected. Five pre-Negro Leagues — Frank Grant, Pete Hill, Jose Mendez, Louis Santop and Ben Taylor — were also chosen.

Willard Brown was the only person among them to play in the majors — he hit .179 in 21 games with the St. Louis Browns in 1947.

Alex Pompez, Cum Posey, L.L. Wilkinson and Sol White were the other executives elected.

The new inductees will be enshrined with Sutter — elected by the Baseball Writers' Association of America last month — on July 30 in Cooperstown, N.Y. Only 18 Negro Leagues players had been chosen for the Hall prior to this election.

More than 50 historians, authors and researchers spent four years sifting through box scores in 120 newspapers of sanctioned league games from 1920-1954. The result was the most complete collection of Negro Leagues statistics ever compiled, according to the Hall, and a database that includes 3,000 day-by-day records and career leaders.

O'Neil, now 94, started his playing career in the 1930s and hit .298 lifetime. He became the first black coach in the majors in 1962 with the Chicago Cubs, and played a key role in the building of the Negro League museum in Kansas City. He served on the Hall's Veterans Committee for nearly two decades.

Minoso played in the major leagues for 17 seasons, mostly with the Chicago White Sox, and hit .298 lifetime. He was a seven-time All-Star and won three Gold Gloves in the outfield.

"I know that baseball fans have me in their own Hall of Fame — the one in their hearts," the 83-year-old Minoso said. "That matters more to me than any official recognition."

"If it's meant to be, it's meant to be, and I am truly honored to be considered. I've given my life to baseball, and the game has given me so much."

Clemens gives up first-pitch homer to son

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens' son took the Rocket deep on his first real pitch of spring training, crushing a trademark fastball over the left-field fence.

"That was probably one of the harder fastballs I cut loose," Clemens said after throwing to son Koby and other Houston Astros minor leaguers Monday at Kissimmee, Fla. "I got my attention."

Then the Rocket got Koby's. The next time his oldest son came to the plate, Roger buzzed him high and tight with another fastball. The younger Clemens dodged the pitch, then smiled at his father.

"I was like, 'Sorry about that pitch inside. I was trying to change the view of the ball for you a little bit,'" said Koby, a third baseman who was drafted by Houston last summer. "I said, 'I knew what you were doing.'"

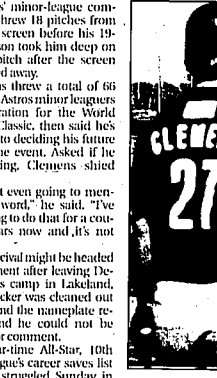
Clemens, 43, got applause from about 100 fans as he walked to the mound behind the Astros' minor-league complex. He threw 18 pitches from behind a screen before his 19-year-old son took him deep on his first pitch after the screen was moved away.

Clemens threw a total of 66 pitches to Astros minor leaguers in preparation for the World Baseball Classic, then said he's no closer to deciding his future beyond the event. Asked if he was retiring, Clemens shielded away.

"It not even going to mention that yet," he said. "I've been trying to do that for a couple of years now and it's not working."

Top officials might be headed for retirement after leaving Detroit Tigers camp in Lakeland, Fla. His locker was cleaned out Monday and the nameplate removed, and he could not be reached for comment.

The four-time All-Star, 10th in the league's career saves list with 324, struggled Sunday in his inking of relief in a simulated game at Joker Marchant Stadium, which included a long Please see CLEMENS, Page B2



Roger Clemens, right, delivers a pitch as his son Koby Clemens (27) looks on during a Houston Astros minor league baseball mini camp in Kissimmee, Fla., Monday.

Love loss doesn't help perception

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

CARLSBAD, Calif. — No one was sorry to see Tiger Woods leave, least of all Davis Love III.

No one understands better than Love that any number of players can be dressed up like Tiger Woods in the Match Play Championship, where anyone in any round can get a hot hand.

"I do not wish Tiger was here," Love said on the eve of his 36-hole championship match against Geoff Ogilvy. "I'd love to play him again, though."

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In 2008, it will be China's turn to host Olympics

By John Roderick
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Now that the winter Olympians have stolen away from Italy with their skis, skates and polished granite curling stones, the eyes of the sports world turn with rising excitement to the 2008 summer games in Beijing.

The excitement has been stirred by an irony of history. It follows the Athens games, site of both the ancient and modern Olympics, and comes for the first time to a vast and fast-growing Asian nation which got seriously involved in Olympic sports less than 25 years ago.

After the less than thrilling winter Olympics staged in a country familiar to millions of Americans, the Beijing games promise all the elements of an international thriller: mystery,

money, controversy and pageantry. It will offer to the West a glimpse, through press observation, into a little-known country whose old civilization is colored by two very different philosophies, Confucius and Karl Marx.

Although it is regarded as one of the cradles of human civilization, its interest in organized sports during its Confucian era, which lasted until 1949, was minimal. Sports were the individual diversions of a highly born few.

When the Olympic games were renewed in 1896, the empress dowager Tzu Hsi is said to have asked what they were all about. Told they involved running, she reportedly remarked she could send some of her eunuchs to take part since they

were experts at running her court.

True or false, in any event she was much too busy egging on a murderous nationalist group of highly unpatriotic fanatics called the Boxers, who believed magic charms made them unkillable and unbeatable.

They laid siege in 1900 to the foreign legations of Beijing, their defeat by an allied army of Americans, Japanese and Europeans paved the way for the 1911 fall of imperial rule and the beginning of the republican era.

Sports for the masses did not flourish in that period except for the foreign conquerors who settled down in the defeated country to squeeze what they could find out of it. Wealthy

built polo grounds, race tracks, tennis courts and swimming pools for their own diversion and put up signs saying "Chi-

nese keep out."

I met one of these Chinese in 1947, a highly educated mandarin whose long fingernails and courtly manner proclaimed disdain for work or sport. After lunch at the highly colonial Peking club, I took him to watch two sweating Brits playing a vigorous game of tennis under the hot sun.

"What," I asked, "do you think of this game?"

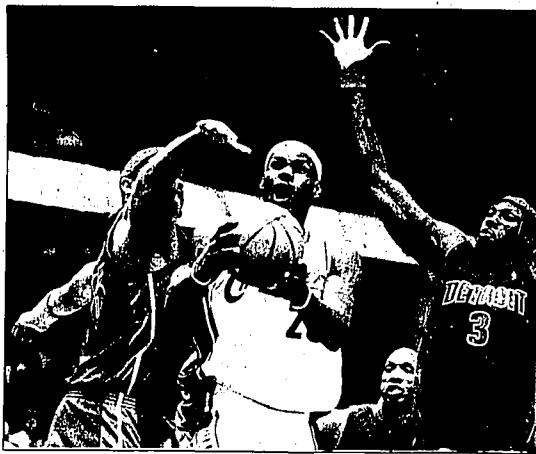
He smiled apologetically and replied, "It is much too much for me. I would hire coolies to do that kind of work."

Mao Zedong's communism whom I met in a seven-month stay in Yenan, their cave capital, had a very different view of sports. They actively encouraged widespread athletic activity not only for its own sake but for its value in war and na-

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SPORTS



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) drives between Detroit Pistons' Rasheed Wallace, left, and Ben Wallace (3) during second quarter NBA basketball action Monday, in Cleveland. James scored 26 points but Cleveland lost 84-72.

Pistons pound Cavs

CLEVELAND (AP) — Rasheed Wallace scored 24 points and Richard Hamilton added 22 to lead Detroit to an 84-72 victory over Cleveland on Monday night, the Pistons' sixth straight victory and second in two days against the Cavaliers.

Wallace made four 3-pointers, a night after he split open Cavs center Zydrunas Ilgauskas' head with an elbow during Detroit's 90-78 home win. Wallace was fined \$5,000 by the NBA on Monday for the flagrant foul.

LeBron James led Cleveland with 26 points and 10 assists, playing with five stitches in his head, but hit 10 points. The Cavaliers have lost four straight.

Chauncey Billups added 15 points and 12 assists for Detroit.

conference is scheduled Tuesday in Toronto to announce his hiring.

Hawks 104, Nets 102, OT

ATLANTA — Al Harrington scored 22 points, and Josh Smith and Joe Johnson added 19 points each for the Hawks.

New Jersey's Vince Carter attempted a long 3-point shot in the final seconds of overtime, but it rimmed out and Nenad Krstic also missed a follow attempt. Carter also missed a 3-point attempt at the end of regulation. Carter and Richard Jefferson scored 22 points apiece for New Jersey. Kristie had 21 points, and Jason Kidd had 19 points, a season-high 17 assists and nine rebounds.

had 32 points and 13 rebounds despite missing most of the third quarter while in a sprained right ankle. The Bulls won for the 19th time in their last 20 games.

Jason Terry added 24 points, and Dallas extend its club-record home winning streak to 15 games. Allen Iverson scored 29 points for Philadelphia.

Suns 111, Rockets 94

HOUSTON — Shawn Marion scored 23 of his 30 points in the second half and also had 10 rebounds to lead Phoenix to its seventh straight victory.

Marion has scored 30 points or more in all three games since the All-Star break.

It was the Suns' first game since learning that president and general manager Bryan Colangelo had resigned and is expected to join the Toronto Raptors as president and general manager Tuesday.

Nash added 23 points and 10 assists for Phoenix. Yao Ming led Houston with 27 points and 10 rebounds.

Grizzlies 108, Wizards 98

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Pau Gasol scored a career-high 39 points and the Grizzlies shot 70.9 percent from the field in the second half and 58.8 percent overall.

Gilbert Arenas led Washington with 37 points — his 27th 30-point game of the season — and Anwar Johnson had 34.

The Wizards had won three straight.

Gasol, who also had 10 rebounds, bettered his previous career high of 37 points.

Eddie Jones added 18 points for Memphis, 16 in the second half.

Mavericks 104, 76ers 92

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki

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Spurs 121, Knicks 93

SAN ANTONIO — Michael Finley scored 22 points in 22 minutes, making all eight of his attempts from the field — including a season-high five 3-pointers for the Spurs.

Tony Parker added 20 points and 12 assists, and the Spurs shot a season-best 62.5 percent.

Quentin Richardson led New York with 14 points.

The Knicks were 2-20 in their last 22 games and 4-24 on their last 30 games.

from lunch to heat him.

This time, Love had a birdie putt to win on seven of the first 10 holes in the morning round against Ogilvy and didn't make any of them. He won his first hole with a birdie at No. 11 — more a product of a poor bunker shot by Ogilvy — and was ready to seize control at the 14th with a delicate bunker shot that left him a 3-foot par putt to go 2 up.

It caught the right lip and spun away.

No one should have been surprised when followed. Love sent a 3-wood into the right rough, hit too strong over the green into a bad lie in the bunker and made dumbly bogey. And when Ogilvy made birdie on the fifth, the Aussie went from on the ropes to 1 up and never trailed the rest of the way.

Love had one last chance, but he used the gap to one shot deficit in the afternoon with a tremendous par save out of deep rough on the fifth to have the hole, then winning the next two to use the gap to one shot.

And when Ogilvy stuck out his chin, Love swung and missed.

Love was in the fairway at No.

9, knowing a par would almost certainly square the match. He aimed his 6-iron 20 feet left of the pin, and hit the shot 20 feet into the gallery and made bogey. On the next hole, Love had a 15-foot birdie putt that he left short.

Then came the roundhouse 4-iron from Ogilvy, and a 5-iron into 9 feet for birdie at No. 12, and the match was over.

Love remains without a victory since the 2003 International, and his loss Sunday at La Costa invited more skepticism about his game.

Love will be 42 the week after the Masters and still has time left to change the perception of his career from a good one to a great one. But the window is closing.

He is on the PGA Tour ballot for the Hall of Fame, although he isn't worthy of a vote just yet. "I have a chance to have a great career," he said that day.

"The next five or six years you'll either say, 'OK, I've done it.' Or you won't have it."

Love really got many chances like he had Sunday, especially with Woods, nowhere to be found.

ISU lets tourney spot slip away

By Mark Uptak
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — Over and out. It was there for the taking, but when push came to shove, Idaho State couldn't get over the hump, losing to Eastern Washington 94-87 Monday night.

The game eliminated the Bengals (13-14, 4-10 Big Sky) from a chance to claim the final spot in the Big Sky Conference tournament.

It also marked the end of the eight-year stay of head coach Doug Oliver.

The loss put a damper on some amazing performances by ISU players Tim Henry and Dan Schroeder.

Henry shot the lights out in the first half, torching the Eagles (14-14, 9-5) for 27 points and five three-pointers. He finished with a career high 35.

Schroeder, coming off a 27-point performance Saturday, poured in 29.

But rebounding sunk the Bengals, specifically offensive rebounding.

The Eagles had 16 offensive boards.

"We really struggled man-to-man against Eastern, especially on the boards because they are so much bigger than us," Oliver said.

Rodney Stuckey, the leading freshman scorer in the nation, scored 29 and carried Eastern in the stretch.

With 2:53 remaining in the game, Stuckey hit a three-pointer, then he had a conventional three-point play to push Eastern into the lead.

From the 2:53 mark until 49 seconds, remained, Stuckey scored 9 of the 11 points put in by EVU.

Eastern hit 7-of-8 free throws in the final 29 seconds to keep control of the game.

After the game Oliver reflected back on the season.

"It's almost appropriate that we lost the way we did. That's been the pattern to the season. We get down, we come back, we play hard but we just do a poor job when it comes down to time left and circumstances and that's my fault," Oliver said.

"But it was an entertaining group of kids. They never gave up and they always played hard. I would have liked to have the chance to play one more time against Eastern Washington."

Oliver announced in January that he would resign after the season.

Idaho State is expected to name a new coach around the time the NCAA basketball tournament begins.

Zags clip San Francisco, run WCC table

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Adam Morrison scored 34 points, but it was his assist on Pierre Marie Altidor-Cespedes 3-pointer with 1:12 left that lifted No. 5 Gonzaga to a 75-72 victory over San Francisco on Monday night.

The win completed the Bulldogs' second undefeated run through the West Coast Conference in three years.

Morrison scored 17 points over the final 11:43 as Gonzaga (25-3, 14-0) won its 16th straight game, tying No. 7 George Washington for the longest streak in the nation.

The Bulldogs won their 38th consecutive home game, the longest such streak in the nation and a school record.

Jason Wallace-Carter of San Francisco missed a long jumper at the buzzer.

Jerome Gumbs had 20 points for the Dons (11-16, 7-7).

J.P. Batista's layup with 25 seconds left gave Gonzaga a 72-70 lead.

lead. Gumbs tied it with a layup and Gonzaga called a timeout with 9.7 seconds left.

Altidor-Cespedes, who finished with nine points, then hit the game-winner.

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Kevin Pittsnogle, head scorerless in three games, led the Panthers to a 75-53 win over the Mountaineers (20-9, 11-4) who clinched a first-round bye in the Big East tournament, never trailed in earning a second straight 20-win season for the first time since 1997-98.

The Mountaineers led 57-53 scored 29 points on Feb. 9, a game in which Pittsnogle went 0-for-12 from the field and fouled out with 6:32 remaining.

Ronald Ramon and Sam

Young each had 12 points for Pittsburgh (21-5, 10-5).

No. 19 Oklahoma 67, Oklahoma St. 66

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Human Rights Watch, which

monitors denial of freedoms worldwide, has already given notice it will pay special attention to China's Olympic bid.

China's present rulers have yet to fully carry out Deng's plan to grant wider political and personal freedoms to match the enormous economic breakthrough which put China on its present path to unparalleled economic prosperity.

An object of astonished admiration for achieving eight to 10 percent annual growth, China sees the Beijing games as a boost to that process. Hundreds of stores have already begun to stock their shelves with Olympic-related products. It similarly expects enormous returns in Olympic-inspired tourism, travel and trade.

But more than anything else, it wants to collect what no money can buy: the goodwill and esteem of its neighbors and the prestige it enjoyed in ancient days as the illustrious Middle Kingdom.

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home run to nonroster invitee Mike Babcock.

"Obviously, in his mind, he doesn't think that he's ready to compete at this level," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said.

Perival, who signed a two-year, \$12 million deal with the Tigers before last season, partially tore a muscle near his pitching elbow last July and finished with a 5.76 ERA and eight saves in 26 appearances.

"Never was I counting on him or not counting on him," Leyland said. "The plan was to get him here and we'd see what unfolds and we'll take it from there."

The Tigers signed free agent closer Todd Jones to a two-year, \$1.5 million deal in the offseason. Jones saved 40 games last season with the Florida Marlins.

At Jupiter, Fla., Joe Borowski appears to be the leading candidate to replace Jones with the Marlins, though the former Cubs reliever's last save came in May 2004.

Borowski's best season came in 2002, when he had 23 saves and a 2.63 ERA. He missed

much of 2004 with a shoulder injury that broke a bone in his right forearm in spring training last year. After the Cubs released him in June, Borowski joined Tampa Bay and set a club record with 21 consecutive scoreless innings. But then he gave up 13 earned runs in his final 14 1/3 innings of the season.

At Tampa, Fla., New York Yankees outfielder Gary Sheffield took part in most drills Monday, including batting practice and running, after sitting out Sunday with back spasms.

Sheffield's back has a sore left knee and was held out of baserunning drills.

The two could see limited action in the team's intrasquad game Tuesday.

Ricardo Rincon finally arrived at St. Louis Cardinals camp in Jupiter, Fla., nearly two weeks late because of visa problems in his native Mexico.

The 35-year-old left-handed reliever, signed to a two-year, \$2.9 million free-agent contract in December, wasted little time in meeting with manager Tony La Russa to smooth any hard feelings. He then immediately

pitched live batting practice.

Third baseman Scott Rolen, coming back from a shoulder injury that forced him to miss most of last season, continued to show good progress and could play this weekend, according to La Russa.

At Bradenton, Fla., the Pittsburgh Pirates appear to be resigned to miss pitcher Kip Wells for extended time due to a blood clot near his right arm.

If Wells has surgery, he would likely miss several months and possibly the entire season. A decision was expected within the next few days, Pittsburgh general manager Dave Littlefield said.

Although Wells was 8-18 last season, the right-hander led the staff with 182 innings and has a career 4.56 ERA.

Love

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has failed to make the Tour Championship.

It doesn't matter that when Australians talk about their best talents, conversations usually don't get very far without Ogilvy's name being mentioned. He showed his resolve all week at La Costa, winning four consecutive matches in extra holes and building momentum by whipping up on Tom Lehman in the semifinals.

"It's always better to not run up against the world No. 1," Love said. "But Geoff Ogilvy is playing great."

No doubt, the 28-year-old Aussie was 1 under in the morning round and was 4 under through 16 holes in the afternoon, and he hit a 4-iron from 227 yards into 6 feet for a conceded eagle on the par-5 11th that swung the match in his favor.

But this was as much about Love's shortcomings as anything Ogilvy did.

Love knew from experience that he was supposed to get your opponent down and then step on his neck. He failed to do that in 2004, and Woods came back

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Nasdaq composite	+20.14	2,307.18
Standard & Poor's 500	+4.89	1,294.12
Russell 2000	+4.03	740.63

Stocks of local interest

Company	close	change
Albertsons	\$25.45	▲ .01
Con Agia	\$21.39	▲ .44
Dell Inc.	\$29.44	▲ .34
Kroger	\$33.18	▲ .50
Micron	\$15.65	▼ .23

Commodities

Commodity	close	change
Oil, by barrel	\$61	▼ 1.91
(March, light sweet crude)		
Live cattle	\$90.22	▲ .15
Gold (April)	\$562.2	▼ 4.1

Backlog of new homes hits record

WASHINGTON — The backlog of unsold new homes reached a record level last month, as sales slipped despite the warmest January in more than 100 years.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that sales of "new" single-family homes dropped by 7 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.233 million units last month. That was the slowest pace since January 2003 and led the number of unsold homes at a record high of 529,000.

Lowe's reports 4Q profits up 37%

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Lowe's Cos. reported its second highest fourth-quarter profit to its profit for the fourth quarter rose 37 percent, fueled by growth in special orders and commercial business sales. Its shares rose more than 5 percent. The Mooresville, N.C.-based company said its quarterly net income rose to \$255 million, or 87 cents a share, for the quarter ended Feb. 3 from \$208 million, or 64 cents a share, in the same period last year.

Sales rose 26.4 percent to \$10.1 billion in the quarter from \$8.5 billion a year earlier. And sales at stores open more than a year — a key component for retailers — gained 7.6 percent.

AFL-CIO partners with largest teacher's union

CORONADO, Calif. — The AFL-CIO and the nation's largest teachers union, the National Education Association, announced a partnership Monday that could help the labor federation regain some of the ground it lost when several unions defected last year.

The 2.8-million-member NEA agreed to join its local affiliates to join the AFL-CIO. The hope is that the AFL-CIO will give teachers more muscle when they campaign for political candidates and push legislation.

NEA President Bob Wever said that allowing the NEA's 1,200 affiliates to join the AFL-CIO is "absolutely not" a prelude to a merger of the NEA and AFL-CIO on the national level.

Tomorrow

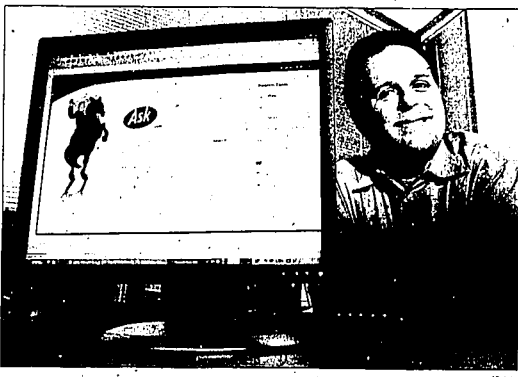


Pet boarding industry finds pampering pays

"This is really the first time in our history that we have been able to stand up and shout about what we are doing so we can get the attention we deserve."

— Ask.com CEO Steve Berkowitz

Jeeves, you're fired



Ask.com CEO Steve Berkowitz poses for a portrait next to an image of the search engine's new look at the company's headquarters in Oakland, Calif., on Friday. Notice that Jeeves is waving goodbye. After spending the last decade building its brand around a cartoon character named Jeeves, Ask.com wants everyone to forget the dainty butler and remember its long-overhauled internet search engine as the next best thing to Google.

Humanized search now as passe as the butler himself

NEW YORK — The butler mascot of the Ask.com search engine, which got the boot Monday, will say goodbye to the pre-Google era of searching online still intimate.

LESLIE WALKER
Washington Post

Top 5

1. Google, 40%
2. Yahoo, 29.5%
3. MSN, 24.3%
4. AOL, 8.5%
5. Ask, 6.3%

Source: Media Matrix, Associated Press.

dated must people. Back then, the cartoonish Jeeves helped humanize the impersonal search by encouraging folks to use the virtual valet their questions in plain English.

But after 10 years, Jeeves had outlived his usefulness, or so his new owner decided.

IAC/Interactive Corp. bought the search engine last year and re-launched it Monday with a new name, Ask.com; a new suite of search tools; and a big marketing push designed to persuade people that Ask's search results are as good as or better than Google's.

"While the others have been getting into all sorts of other things, what we've really been concentrating on is everyday search," IAC Chief Executive Barry Diller told several thousand people attending a conference here called Search Engine Strategies. Diller also is a director of The Washington Post Co.

In an interview after his talk, Diller said that in addition to special new tools and a brand campaign called "Use tools, feel human," Ask is building its own search advertising technology, which could allow it to compete more aggressively with Google and Yahoo. Ask currently shows its own Web search results but displays ads provided mostly by Google.

Ask will launch an "Ask Pass" loyalty program this year to reward frequent searchers on Ask.com with discounts and special benefits at other Web properties owned by IAC or its partners, Diller said. Those include LendingTree, CitySearch, Ticketmaster, Match.com, RealEstate.com, E! and eMediacast.

"It is possible that Ask could be the glue, the mortar, between all of our different

The news: Ask.com redesigned

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — After spending the last decade building its brand around a cartoon character named Jeeves, Ask.com wants everyone to forget the dainty butler and remember its long-overlooked internet search engine as the next best thing to Google.

To make its point, Ask.com is jettisoned Jeeves as its corporate mascot on Monday and unveiled a retooled Web site that is designed to make it easier to find and use its search technology.

The site's question-and-answer approach never worked like engineers envisioned, prompting Ask.com to shift directions. The company now believes its search tools are as good, if not better, than Google's — a message that Steve Berkowitz, Ask.com's chief executive, believes was difficult to convey as long as Jeeves stuck around.

"This is really the first time in our history that we have been able to stand up and shout about what we are doing so we can get the attention we deserve," Berkowitz said.

brands," Diller said.

In his on-stage talk, Diller quipped that even though he looked like Jeeves, it was time to fire the "fat butler" in a cheap shot, since Jeeves went on a diet in 2004 because the "Ask Jeeves" schtick had reduced Ask to a niche service where people went to ask specific questions like, "How much did Barry Diller pay for the search engine he wound up renouncing?" (\$5.1 billion, if you must know). Diller wants people to think of Ask as a place they can go to do general research, like Google and Yahoo.

But Google has such a standard on the internet search that they people look to you funny if you even mention another engine. So it was not surprising to hear even asking from Diller's voice when he told the crowd, "Google sneezes and it's on the front pages of every paper in the world today."

Still, Diller said, IAC is investing in Web search for the long haul and is willing to wait a long time for Ask to pay off. Today, despite what experts regard as its impressive Web-including technology, Ask.com remains a minor search player, ranked fifth in the volume of online queries handled, after Google, Yahoo, MSN and America Online.

Diller said he doesn't believe the public's infatuation

with Google "is a permanent condition" that will allow it to retain such a sizeable lead forever. Google's market share is variously estimated at anywhere from 40 percent to 60 percent. At its core, Google is a media company, and media companies are not natural monopolies, Diller said.

If we're just doing what they are doing, I would give up," he added. "I actually believe what we are doing with Ask's tools is different enough to have a reason for being... I am making a bet that there is room for others."

Among the tools Ask introduced Monday was a mapping feature that provides tool walking and driving directions — and lets users click on "play" for a virtual drive-by of any new, also new is a "toolbox" people can customize, placing links on the home page to their favorite Ask services.

One thing that sets Ask apart from Google, in my opinion, is a set of query-relevant tools appearing to the right of results for searches with ambiguous meanings. Ask presents a list of possible interpretations and asks users to click on one to narrow or broaden their search.

On the right margin of its results pages, by contrast, Google still shows text ads. Moreover, since becoming a publicly traded company under pressure to boost revenue, Google has boosted the font size of its ads, so they now appear virtually identical to its regular search results.

Achieving a healthy mix of paid and natural search results — and clearly identifying the two to users — has long been a hot button in search. Ask, which used to be overly ad-friendly, has swung back to ad-shy again in an attempt to differentiate itself from rivals, for now at least, showing fewer ads than the other top engines.

That could change because, as Diller noted, search has been and will continue to be a hot button in search. That's the whole point of Ask's new ad campaign, which attempts to show computerized search tools evolving and featuring an orientation to a primitive man and other creatures using the search service. Since humans die, it should have come as no surprise that Jeeves would disappear from the internet one day. But that doesn't mean I won't miss him, along with the whimsical do-corn era he represented.

Walker is Internet columnist for The Washington Post.

Rural Idaho phone companies ask to set their own rates

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — A year after Qwest Communications International Corp. purchased Idaho lawmakers to eventually allow it to set its own prices, the state's small, rural phone companies are in front of the 2006 Legislature asking for similar treatment.

"Last year, I said 'Remember when you are done with Qwest, there's more to be done,'" said Ken McClure, a lobbyist for the Idaho Telephone Association, which represents 19 communication-related companies. "This is the time to be done."

The House State Affairs Committee on Monday approved the bill for further debate.

McClure's bill would allow telephone companies that serve as few as 500 customers in Idaho's most-isolated regions to set their own rates after a transition period of three to five years. The maximum basic monthly rate for a residential line would be \$24.10 throughout the transition, based on today's rates.

Qwest tried for several years before succeeding to get lawmakers to deregulate "price-setting in Idaho. That decision finally squeaked through the Senate in 2005 after Lt. Gov. Rich voted to break a 17-1 tie.

Qwest will be mostly deregulated by 2010.

Idaho currently has eight rural phone companies under the eye of the state Public Utilities Commission, serving a combined 16,500 people.

Managers pushing the change are asking voters to leave the smaller companies regulated when Qwest, Idaho's largest traditional phone-service provider, already has begun the process of unwinding state rate oversight.

"It would allow small local companies to play on a level playing field," said Mark Marten, a manager at the Rural Telephone Co. of Glenns Ferry, located 50 miles east of Boise along U.S. Interstate 84.

"We would be able to respond more quickly to change in price than we are today."

McClure's bill also would require customers of wireless companies, as well as cable-telco and Internet-based phone-service providers, to begin paying into a so-called

"universal service fund."

"So far, it's this provision that's prompted criticism from some quarters."

The \$2 million-a-year fund, from a surcharge of 12 cents a month for each residential phone line and 20 cents monthly for each business line provided by traditional phone companies, gets divided up between the eight regulated rural phone companies. Since its creation in 1998, the fund has subsidized their networks in sparsely populated regions where service would otherwise be too costly.

Still, forcing companies such as Verizon Wireless to contribute to Idaho's biggest wireless company, to pay the surcharge amounts to a handout for rural phone companies at the expense of new, more-efficient communication technologies, said Suzanne Schaefer, a lobbyist for Verizon.

Schaefer "takes a dim view of having invested \$25 million to expand our network in Idaho" and "extend a subsidy to a small group of people who may be competing with wireless carriers." Schaefer said, "Everybody would like to have their business subsidized."

Small Idaho phone companies and five separate member-owned cooperatives that under the bill would for the first time be eligible to tap into the "universal service fund" — a measure that the fund is a necessary "safety net."

It will become even more important if existing federal subsidies for rural phone companies are cut, as suggested by Garrett, head of the Farmers Mutual Telephone Co., a cooperative in Fruitland.

Expanding the funds reach will help ensure small companies can continue to provide phone service to the most-isolated regions, said Charles Green, manager of Interphase, a project of Mutual Telephone Co. that covers 12,000 customer phone cooperative that covers 1,100 square miles of southeastern Idaho.

"New permits for the greater grid is part of good public policy," Schaefer said.

Newmont Mining's 4Q revenue up, income down

By Adella Harding
Elko Free Press

ELKO, Nev. — Newmont Mining Corp.'s net income dropped 17 percent in the fourth quarter of 2005 to \$62 million, or 14 cents per share, despite higher gold prices, the company announced Monday morning.

The average realized gold price was \$172 per ounce in the quarter, compared with \$126 per ounce in the fourth quarter of 2004.

Newmont's net income was \$190 million, or 42 cents per share, in the fourth quarter of 2004.

Newmont said net income was up because of higher operating costs, legal settlements and \$84 million in one-time asset write-downs.

Revenue was up to \$1.31 billion in the fourth quarter of 2005, compared with \$1.2 billion for the 2004 quarter, but the write-downs overshadowed the revenue increase.

Higher operating costs include expenses in Nevada that stem from the continuing labor shortage. Denver-based Newmont stated its earnings report that "experienced miners, particularly underground miners, remain in short supply in Nevada, with labor rates increasing commensurate with the shortfall."

The higher costs were also due to lower volumes of ore, increased costs for labor and

contractors, higher diesel costs and increasing costs for other commodities, according to Newmont.

"For 2005, we again generated industry leading operating cash flow despite lower costs resulting from industry-wide cost pressures and the impact of several non-cash accounting write-downs," Newmont Chairman and CEO Wayne Murdy said in the announcement.

Newmont's net income for the year was \$322 million, or 72 cents per share, down from \$433 million, or \$1.05 per share, in 2004.

Murdy also said Newmont is excited about the opportunities "investor initiatives will provide to improve our cost structure and competitive position in the industry."

Murdy said the company expects to complete its Phoenix-Cortez and C2C projects in Nevada and the Alamo Project in Ghana this year, and the goal is to complete the new IS Power Plant in Nevada, the Akoya Project in Ghana and the Hodgkinson Project in Australia in 2008.

Newmont reported the Leveille underground mine in Nevada is roughly 95 percent completed, with most of the work remaining on underground facilities, while the Phoenix Project near Battle Mountain is 95 percent done.

Newmont's new 200-megawatt power plant is under construction near Dunphy to supply Nevada mines.

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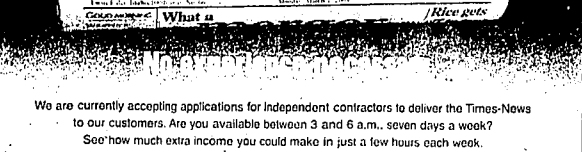
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1 Archibald of the NBA
5 H.S. subj.
8 West Indies' music

14 Author Haley
15 Old sailor
16 What squirrels squirrel
17 First-class
18 Physicians' org.
19 Young pigs
20 Singing group
22 Holler
23 Dancing companion.
24 Former
27 Spoke with drawn-out vowels

29 Can to a Brit
30 Picture puzzle
34 Towel word
35 Litter's littles
36 Australian birds
37 Moils
39 Scint
40 Nail trimmer
41 Falsehood
42 Abrasive material
43 Hospital wing
44 Bait for sea

47 Think seriously and calmly
49 Series of boat races
54 Puts in order
55 Distress calls
56 Immediately!
58 Prevent
59 Landed
60 Short swordlike weapon
61 Lyrical poem
62 Departed
63 Occupy one's thoughts completely
64 Shell propeller
65 Art print: abbr.

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1 Civil rights org.
2 Waikiki greeting

15x15 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-65.

Monday's Puzzle Solved

Solved crossword puzzle with words filled in.

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