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Today: Clouds, some sun, a stray shower. High 46, low 32.

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WEEDING OUT THE SICK



David Mead, chairman of the Twin Falls Tree Commission, right, and Dennis Bowyer, director of parks and recreation for Twin Falls, talk about trees at City Park Monday. They say many of the park's trees are dying from disease and old age and must be removed. The selected trees are marked with pink tags.

City prepares to take out sick, damaged trees

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — David Mead said he doesn't relish the idea, but some of his oldest friends might soon have to go.

As many as 20 trees in Twin Falls City Park will have to be removed over the next couple of years, according to information prepared by the city's tree commission and submitted to the City Council.

The council will consider the tree commission's ideas during the council's regular meeting today. The council meets at 5 p.m.

In the council chambers at City Hall.

Past abuse, disease and age have caught up with many of the trees in City Park, said Mead and Twin Falls City Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer as they surveyed a sickly ash in the park Monday. Like the other trees deemed to be past saving, it had a pink ribbon tied around its trunk.

The tree commission, which Mead chairs, decided to recommend to the council that the ash and up to 19 other trees be taken out — stumps and all — over the next two years. The tree commis-

sion, like the city's other appointed advisory boards, has no power to change regulations, make policies or take actions. All final decisions are up to the council.

"People don't generally like the idea of removing trees, especially from areas like City Park, Mead said.

"City Park is seen as an almost holy place," he said.

But many of the trees picked for removal are not only sick beyond repair, they've become a liability to other trees and perhaps the city and public, Mead and Bowyer said.

Many of the diseased and dam-

aged trees are choking off light and nutrients for younger trees, Bowyer said. And there's an increasing risk of brittle limbs breaking off, especially in high wind, and hitting somebody, Mead said.

Many of the trees in the park were planted around the city's founding in 1904, Mead said. So some of the elms and other trees have simply reached the end of their natural life spans. Others were severely over-trimmed or "topped" in decades past and never fully recovered, he said.

Dutch elm disease and beetle

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Bill could trigger abortion debate

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — Men, women and children couldn't hide their tears as a slight 17-year-old with long, flaxen hair told her tragic story on Monday.

Before the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee, Lisa Smith appealed to the lawmakers to put a statute in place that would adequately punish someone who caused the death of an "embryo or fetus."



Senate allows tuition increase at CSI — B1

Smith explained how a man wearing a ski mask broke into her family's Nampa home late in the evening of July 8. She got up to investigate the commotion, and soon the teenager who was eight months pregnant found herself on the hallway floor trying to fend off the intruder. He kicked and punched her in the stomach repeatedly with a gun, and even jumped on her stomach.

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Twin Falls County looks into raising CAFO fees

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Owners of animal feeding operations could soon be shelling out a lot more in application fees, and owners of existing operations could also be paying a new one-time registration fee.

The county is considering raising the application fee for new 100- to 999-animal unit operations from \$250 to \$545 — a 118 percent increase — and the application fee for new 1,000-plus animal feeding operations from \$250 to \$1,750 — a

Public hearing

What: Public hearing on increasing animal feeding operation application fees and planning and zoning appeal transcript fees.

When: 10 a.m. Wednesday

Where: Twin Falls County commissioners' chambers, fourth floor of the County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Contact: by Twin Falls County commissioners

600 percent increase.

Meanwhile, existing operations

would have to pay a new one-time \$250 registration fee, and the planning and zoning appeal transcripts would cost \$3.25 a page and require a \$25 deposit.

County officials said the fee hikes are needed to offset costs of the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Department to process animal feeding operation applications and transcripts.

"This just covers the expense of administration," said County Commissioner Bill Brockman. "Planning and Zoning did an hourly breakdown and discovered it took a lot of hours to

process a permit, so we're allowed to pass that cost on to the user."

County commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed increases at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the County Courthouse.

Brockman said the commissioners could make a decision Wednesday or wait a couple of days, depending on public comments made at the hearing.

According to Idaho law, a taxing district must hold a public hearing whenever it proposes a fee hike over 105 percent.

Dairyman Alvin Smutny has been in the business a half centu-

ry and owns a 497-animal unit dairy south of Twin Falls. He said the county is singling out animal feeding operations, and that's unfair.

"Why do we pick on the livestock industry?" Smutny asked. "Why don't they raise fees on people who build houses or the farmer's who grow beans? I've been in the business here more than 40 years. Why do they have to process me?"

Smutny said things have changed since he first went into the dairy business.

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Medals plaza jams with hot bands

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Mosh pits packed with undulating bodies. Athletes bodysurfing atop throbbing masses. Frenzied fans screaming at top pitch for big stars.

No, it's not the crowd at the ice dancing competition or, for that matter, snowboarding. The hottest ticket at these Winter Olympics is smack-dab in the middle of downtown Salt Lake City.

In a parking lot owned by the Mormon Church, in the land of Osmonds and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, 20,000 people a night are jamming to the likes of Smash Mouth, the Barenaked Ladies and the Foo Fighters.

The nightly concerts at the Olympics Medals Plaza have turned the usually staid Olympics in usually conservative



Fans enjoy the music of the Foo Fighters at Medals Plaza in downtown Salt Lake City Feb. 11. The concert immediately followed the presentation of medals to the three Americans, Ross Powers, Danny Kass and J.J. Thomas, who won the gold, silver and bronze medals in men's bobsledding snowboarding.

Salt Lake City into a rockin' nucleus of fun.

"This is more excitement than Salt Lake City's ever seen and probably will see — see, again," said Christopher Smart, managing editor of the alternative newspaper The Salt Lake City Weekly. "Even critics and curmudgeons like myself are feeling the excitement."

"We rock! We rock!" a 30-something screamed on one

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General begins mission to help build Afghan military

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A U.S. general began a mission on Monday to help Afghanistan establish a national army with fighters loyal to the central government instead of the tribal leaders or local warlords.

The visit by Maj. Gen. Charles Campbell, chief of staff of the U.S. Central Command, is part of a plan to create a training program for the Afghan army, a military representative at the U.S. Embassy said.

U.S. soldiers are expected to arrive in about a month to begin training an Afghan force of about 600 men, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The Afghan officers would go on to train future army units.

"Since the fall of the Taliban, warlords have sought to extend their authority in several

provinces. The cohesion of the government itself came into question last week when interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai accused high-ranking officials within his own administration of assassinating the aviation and tourism minister.

Virtually every day brings a reminder that Afghanistan has a long way to go in its pursuit of peace.

Land- and sea-based planes launched airstrikes against enemy forces in eastern Afghanistan over the weekend after coalition forces were attacked while trying to pass a roadblock. U.S. officials confirmed.

And police in Pakistan found four rockets aimed at part of Karachi International Airport used by the U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan. Wagar Mullan, an airport security official, said

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Maj. Gen. Charles Campbell

NATION

Count of unearthed corpses rises

NOBLE, Ga. (AP) - Grim-faced investigators on Monday unearthed dozens more corpses scattered around a northwest Georgia crematory, finding skeletons sealed in vaults and bodies that had been dragged into a shed. The count rose to 130.

Forensics teams said they had identified 22 bodies, and agents warned they expected to find many more. "I can't even begin to guess" what the total will be, said Dr. Kris Sperry, the state's chief medical examiner.

Ray Brent Marsh, operator of Tri-State Crematory in this rural town 20 miles south of Chattanooga, Tenn., was arrested for a second time and authorities filed 11 new theft-by-deception charges against him, bringing the total to 16.

Marsh, 28, had been arrested Saturday and was released from jail Sunday on \$25,000 bond. He was back in Walker County jail Monday. A bond hearing had not been scheduled because Marsh does not have an attorney, chief magistrate Jerry Day said.

Calls to Marsh's home and the crematory went unanswered Monday; voicemail boxes at both numbers were full.

As investigators combed the grounds, grief-stricken families arrived with urns of ashes, wondering whether loved ones they thought had been cremated were instead among the corpses.

Forensics experts studied 51 urns, and said nine likely contained powdered cement rather



Members of the K9 unit from the Georgia Department of Corrections search for bodies around the Tri-State Crematory, Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, in Noble, Ga.

than human remains, Sperry said. The other 42 appeared to be human remains, but it was not clear whose, he said.

"By the hour, this is getting bigger and bigger and bigger," the medical examiner said. "That's the toughest part. We do not know, and may never find out, the names of many of these people."

Walker County officials said they were calling in federal disaster mortuary teams to help erect a mass morgue to sort the bodies. More than 400 people were involved in the investigation.

The new body count of 139 was up from 97 a day earlier. The total doesn't include remains

found late Sunday in five concrete vaults and two pits, Sperry said.

"The skeletons are all intermingled together," Sperry said. The bodies have been discovered in varying conditions, some estimated to be weeks old and some decayed for more than a decade.

Doctors keep guard up while treating detainees

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) - Eleven patients in blue hospital gowns occupy a row of beds, some sitting and chatting. One man munches Froot Loops.

They could be patients in any well-equipped hospital, but their doctors are warned to keep one thing in mind: these Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners may want to kill them.

Still, these men President Bush has accused of being "evil doers" are getting the best of American medicine - in mammoth air-conditioned tents set up in the Cuban countryside at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.

Guards keep the patients handcuffed, and Navy physicians keep careful track of their sharp instruments, knowing that the captured fighters are under standing orders to kill Americans.

"When you have an adversary who wants to do away with you, you don't feel very good about taking care of him," said Capt.

Albert Shimkus, chief doctor of the task force in charge of 300 detainees at the U.S. outpost.

The prisoners are being treated in Fleet Hospital 20, which sits on a dusty field reached by a road also used by an occasional iguana. It is a 20-bed facility complete with operating room, X-ray chamber, pharmacy, even a laboratory and an ophthalmology ward.

The patient ward is a tent sheathed in leafy green camouflage and flying an American flag. Each tent has its own power and sewage system.

It was erected in just five days in January, to accommodate the men flown from Afghanistan to this remote U.S. military outpost. The entire hospital came out of shipping containers that line the field.

"It's basically a combat hospital," said Shimkus. Such hospitals have often been used for "friendlylies," or allied troops. This is the first time one is being used to house the enemy.

Woman's trial begins in drowning of her children

HOUSTON (AP) - Andrea Yates had a history of suicide attempts and was so psychotic that her delusions drove her to drown her children in their bathtub, Yates' attorney told jurors Monday as her capital murder trial got under way.

Yates suffered from postpartum depression with psychotic features, "the cruelest and most severe of mental illnesses," defense attorney George Parham said.

"It takes the very nature and essence of motherhood - to nurture, to protect and to love - and changes the reality," he said.

Prosecutors seeking the death penalty for Andrea Yates agreed she suffered from a mental illness but contended she was well aware her actions were wrong

when she held each of her children beneath water until they could no longer breathe.

"She knew this was an illegal thing," Harris County assistant district attorney Joe Owmby said during opening statements. "It was a sin. She knew it was wrong."

Yates, 37, fidgeted and pulled at her fingers as she sat at the defense table. She is charged with two counts of capital murder for the June 20 drownings of three of her five children, ages 6 months to 7 years. She has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity.

Peru high court upholds American's sentence

LIMA, Peru (AP) - Peru's Supreme Court has upheld a 20-year prison sentence against American Lori Berenson for collaborating with leftist rebels to seize Congress, the presiding justice said Monday.

Guillermo Cabala said that four of the five judges on the panel that oversees criminal appeals voted to confirm the 20-year sentence. One judge voted

to reduce the sentence to 15 years, Cabala said.

The panel was Berenson's last option for an appeal in the Peruvian justice system.

Berenson, 32, was convicted in June of terrorist collaboration in a failed bid by the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement to take over Peru's Congress in 1995. She was acquitted of being a member of the rebel group.

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Broadcasting legend Smith dies at 87

NEW YORK (AP) - Howard K. Smith, the newscaster who gained prominence during World War II as one of "Murrow's Boys" on CBS radio and ended his career as an ABC co-anchor and analyst four decades later, is dead at age 87.

Smith died of pneumonia aggravated by congestive heart failure on Friday at his home in Bethesda, Md.

Although largely out of the public eye for a quarter-century, Smith was a broadcasting pioneer and, from television's infancy, a familiar sight in viewers' homes.

Smith made at least two appearances of lasting impact even beyond the journalistic. In 1960, he served as the moderator of the first Kennedy-Nixon presidential debate.

Smith also is memorialized in Robert Altman's 1975 political satire "Nashville," in which Smith portrayed himself.

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NATION

Bush seeks Asian support for war on terrorism

Knight Ridder News Service

TOKYO — President Bush sought to rally Asian support for his expanding war against terrorism on Monday after warning potential foes that "all options are on the table."

"They should make no mistake about it. We will defend our interests, and I will defend the American people," Bush said at a news conference in Japan, the first stop on a six-day Asian tour.

Bush planned to travel to South Korea on Tuesday after wrapping up his two-day Tokyo visit with a speech to the Japanese Diet, and a courtesy call at the Imperial Palace for lunch with the emperor.

On Wednesday, his itinerary includes a symbolic visit to the heavily fortified frontier with North Korea, where the large, missile-equipped North Korean military still threatens nearby Seoul nearly 50 years after fighting in the Korean War ended. The two Koreas remain technically at war, because they never reached a peace agreement.

Bush set the tone for the trip on the eve of his Tokyo departure by issuing another blunt warning to North Korea, Iraq and Iran, the three countries at the top of his

Bush visits Asia

President Bush travels to Asia to shore up diplomatic relations with Japan, South Korea and China.



- Sat., Feb. 18**
U.S. troops on rotating stop at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
- Sunday**
Arrives in Tokyo
- Monday**
Visits national Shinto shrine Meiji Jingu; meets with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi
- Tuesday**
Breakfast with U.S. business leaders; addresses Japanese Diet; lunch with emperor; empress of Japan; flies to Seoul
- Wednesday**
Meets with Pres. Kim Dae-jung; visits DMZ; lunch with U.S. troops; visits road being built to connect North and South Korea; dinner with Pres. Kim
- Thursday**
In Beijing, meets Pres. Jiang Zemin; visits Cummins Engine facility; dinner with Pres. Jiang
- Friday**
Breakfast with Premier Zhu Rongji; speech at Qinghai Univ.; lunch with Pres. Jiang; visits Great Wall; returns to Washington

list for an expanded war against terrorism.

Bush said he underscored his determination to act in a meeting Monday with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, whose government backed the U.S.

attack on Afghanistan but is leery of participating in a wider conflict.

"I also explained to him that all options are on the table and that I will keep all options on the table. Other than that, there's nothing else to talk about," Bush

said at a joint news conference with the Japanese leader, after their fourth meeting in 10 months. Bush acknowledged that his hard-line stance rattled some U.S. allies, but he predicted that the anti-terrorism coalition would hold together after Afghanistan.

"The leaders I've talked to fully understand what needs to happen," he said. "I'm confident nations will come with us."

Secretary of State Colin Powell said later that nervous allies should not fear a "state of war tomorrow."

Standing next to Bush in front of a row of U.S. and Japanese flags, Koizumi said Japan would "continue to support the United States" in the war on terrorism. But the Japanese leader showed little enthusiasm for an expanded anti-terror campaign. Koizumi said he and Bush discussed their views "very frankly" — diplomatic code for disagreement.

U.S. officials said Koizumi agreed to use Japan's ties with Iran to help Bush establish contact with moderate elements in the Islamic nation. Japan, unlike the United States, has diplomatic relations and commercial ties with Iran, from which it imports oil.

"We want them to discuss our concerns with the Iranian government and see if the people who are reasonable can get the other folks under control," said a senior administration official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Bush also focused on the challenges facing Japan's struggling economy, the world's second largest, which seems on the verge of a full-blown banking and fiscal crisis. He expressed confidence that the prime minister will follow through on promised economic reforms.

U.S. pays Pakistan \$80M for logistical aid in war on terror

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The United States paid Pakistan \$80 million for providing logistical support to its forces in the war against terrorism, U.S. Finance Ministry officials said Monday.

The United States will pay another \$200 million next month, ministry officials said on condition of anonymity.

Finance Secretary Yunus Khan told The Associated Press that the \$80 million already received are for use of airports, power supply, water and other resources in support of military operations in Afghanistan.

Other officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the United States will pay an additional \$200 million next month which will clear all outstanding bills from October until February.

Leader says Georgia and U.S. may launch joint action

TBILISI, Georgia — Georgia's president said Monday his country would consider launching a joint security operation with the United States to uproot terrorists hiding in a gorge on the border with Russia's breakaway republic of Chechnya.

"As for the possibility of a future joint action with the U.S. special forces in the Pankisi Gorge, we haven't yet had systematic discussions on that," Eduard Shevardnadze told reporters. "But, if it becomes necessary, we have been and remain ready for dialogue."

The pressure on Georgia to deal with crime and instability linked to the gorge increased last week when U.S. charge d'affaires

Nation in brief

Philp Remler told a Georgian newspaper that several dozen terrorists from Afghanistan are operating in the region.

Police detain suspect in attack on embassy in Vienna

VIENNA, Austria — Police have detained a man of Arab origin suspected of planning an attack against the U.S. Embassy in Vienna, an Interior Ministry spokesman said Monday.

The man, whose identity was not revealed, was taken into police custody Feb. 10, said the spokesman, Rudolf Gollia. The suspect remained in custody on Monday, as police continued their investigation, Gollia said.

U.S. special forces travel near Philippine rebel base

UPPER MAHAYAHAY, PHILIPPINES — U.S. special forces ventured Monday to within a few miles of a jungle stronghold of the Muslim extremist group targeted in counter-terrorism exercises with the Philippine military.

Four American soldiers, their Philippine military escorts and journalists surveyed the area from a hilly Philippine marine camp in Maluso town on the southern island of Basilan before more special forces arrived.

The command post was about six miles from Mount Puno Mahaji, called an Abu Sayyaf rebel "playground."

— compiled from wire reports

Bush continues tradition of presidents visiting Korean border today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dwight Eisenhower's 1952 visit to the front lines of wartime Korea was kept a well-guarded secret until the president-elect was safely headed for home.

Three decades later, when Ronald Reagan ventured into the barbed and mined demilitarized zone dividing the Korean Peninsula, South Korean artillery gunners stood poised to fire if necessary to protect him.

Over the past half-century, visiting the DMZ and its front-line U.S.

troops has become something of a ritual for American presidents hoping to demonstrate their resolve to support South Korea and stand firm against aggression.

On Tuesday, President Bush will pay his first visit to the DMZ, the world's most heavily armed border, allowing him to gaze into a nation he has labeled part of an "axis of evil" with Iran and Iraq.

Despite such tough rhetoric, Bush hopes to use his visit to try to open up an avenue for dialogue with the North, making the

offer in South Korea as a gesture to that country's President Kim Dae-jung, a longtime proponent of reconciliation with the communists across the DMZ.

The two sides are separated by a 2 1/2-mile-wide, 151-mile-long zone strewn with mines, laced with barbed wire and guarded by nearly two million troops on both sides, the most visible vestige of the Cold War. The United States has about 37,000 troops stationed in South Korea.

The first American president to

visit the Korean Peninsula was Eisenhower, who came as president-elect in 1952 and returned as president in 1956.

The last president to visit was Clinton, who came to Korea three times. When he first visited in 1993, he strode onto the Bridge of No Return, where prisoners were exchanged after the 1950-53 Korean War, and peered through his binoculars at the shadowy silhouette of an enemy soldier. "I looked at him and he looked at me," Clinton recounted. "And I

wanted to wave, 'Come on over.'" Clinton warned that if the North Koreans ever used nuclear weapons "it would be the end of their country."

Tensions have heightened considerably since Clinton last visited the area in 1998 and urged North Korea to seize a "historic opportunity" for peace. But even then, Clinton told American troops that North Korea's suspected nuclear ambitions "remain an area of great concern" and that "signs of danger have intensified."

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DEAR ABBY: Since Sept. 11, I have been re-evaluating my life. It has been a traumatic time. We all need compliments, humor, and a reconnection to our inner selves. I can nurture others with a smile, a phone call, an invitation to go out for coffee, or allow a stranger to pet my dog.



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

What a wonderful equalizer my dog is. I conjure up the image of a dog lying in front of a warm fireplace, his expression quietly conveying calm and reassurance. I believe we can reduce our anxiety by creating peace in our minds and hearts.

DEAR ABBY: I want your readers to know that there are no bad dogs — only bad owners. Contrary to recent press coverage, rottweilers are loyal, hard-working dogs that originated in Germany. Here in the United States, they are used extensively by the police and have received awards for their assistance.

I had the privilege of owning a rottweiler named Otto for nine years. He was trained to be loving and obedient — not to attack. I am epileptic and can attest to Otto's loving loyalty. Because of his acute sensitivity, he sensed exactly when I was going to have a seizure. Otto would stay next to

me to protect me, allowing only close family or friends to come near. He would gently lick my face until I regained consciousness and recovered from my attack. Even after my recovery, Otto would never be more than a few feet away from me.

My loyal 160-pound friend passed away last year due to cancer. I will never be able to fill the void in my heart.

Abby, these gentle and beautiful dogs do not get the recognition they deserve for the good they do. We shouldn't condemn a marvelous breed of animal for the malicious and abusive training of a few bad owners.

I just finished a wonderfully readable and informative book, "The Healing Power of Pets," by Dr. Marty Becker and Danielle Morton. It is published by Hyperion, and it's now available in bookstores. It made me laugh, it made me cry, but most of all it educated me about a benefit of pet ownership I had been unaware of before.

- PATRICK J. KENDRICK, MORTON GROVE, ILL.
DEAR PATRICK: I agree. Please accept my condolences for the loss of your stalwart guardian. No one should underestimate the ability of dogs (or cats) to help their owners reclaim good health. A 1980 study at the University of Maryland showed

R.C. DUNCAN, COTTONWOOD, ARIZ.
DEAR R.C.: Being a nurturer can be as simple as reminding ourselves that I love the not always come first. I needs the mental image of the dog in front of the fireplace to symbolize peace and reassurance. Read on:

Failure to get drunk offended gods

British historians say many a European city 500 years ago operated a brothel, owned by the city itself and managed by a salaried city councilman. The city set the price of admission, quite low, always. And it set such rules as minimum age of customers, usually age 12.



REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

Among turtles, remember, males grunt, females hiss. Q. Says here there are only three native North American fruits. Name them. A. Cranberry, grape and blueberry.

When your great-great-granddad was a lad, it was against the law in Massachusetts for anybody there to own a pet dachshund.

clink! — that puts the head on a beer.

In Great Britain, a male housekeeper is called a batman.

That soldier-for-hire now known as a "mercenary" originally was called a "free companion." Fact that he provided his own weapon prompted Sir Walter Scott later to coin the term "free lance." Meanings change, but not much. There's still pay for what's now understood to be a "free lance," and today's "free companion" is even more in demand.

An ancient Greek law made it a crime to stay sober during the annual festival of Dionysus. Failure to get drunk then was an affront to the god.

How many I is "a few"? In the New Testament, St. Peter says it's eight.

Among even the most ardent of football fans, not one in umpteen jillion knows the prescribed width of the U.S. football field. Bet on it. Then ask around. Few will say 53 1/3 yards.

How many I is "a few"? In the New Testament, St. Peter says it's eight.

In no society in the history of mankind have men and women been treated alike. Nor have they dressed alike. Nor have they done the same sorts of work. So wrote Vance Packard.

Another thing about hitting age 50, your taste buds get less acute and the growth of your thumbnails slows down. Think you can adjust to that?

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Taurus will be in right place at right time

IF FEBRUARY 19TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are original thinker; some of your friends, associates insist you are "ahead of your time." You can be domineering in romance; you are "hungry" for affection. Leo, Aquarius individuals play important roles in your life, could have these letters in names: A, S, J. Breakup will come later in February but will be "shortly afterwards." October your most memorable, successful month this year.

HOROSCOPE

Sydney Omarr

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Libra cycle reveals you will be at right place at crucial moment. Powers of persuasion are heightened. Obtain needed material and proceed accordingly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You enter "dark areas." Provide enlightenment for those "afflicted" with fear, doubt and superstition. Answer: Yes go into business for yourself! Leo figures prominently.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll find the kind of home desired; make intelligent concessions to family. Tonight you learn more about direction, motivation and why you are here. Another Cancer involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): By entertaining top executives, you gain advantage over competitors. Emphasize humor and be willing to laugh at your foibles. You learn of promotion tonight. Sagittarius involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Long-distance communication tells you of what is going on in faraway place. Focus on advertising, publicity and publishing; you

might be involved in motion picture deal. Libra plays role.

LIBRA (Sep. 23-Oct. 22): Expound on lives of authors, composers. People express eagerness to hear what you say and read what you write. Filtration serious; it could develop into partnership or marriage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Domestic adjustment could include actual change of residence, marital status. You will be dealing with legal experts; be sure your accounting ledgers are in order.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have not been told complete story regarding employment. Obtain answers, not evasions. See people, relationships in realistic light. Pisces surprises you tonight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your kind of day! Creative juices stir find outlet for energies. You will be flattered, and one you admire will admit deep affection for you. Cancer native involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Young person seeks your counsel; advise up-to-date procedures. Romantic frustration is "part of the territory." Aries, Libra individuals will play dramatic roles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Let go of preconceived notions. Highlight inventiveness, original thinking and willingness to take chance on romance. Imprint style, wear bright colors and make personal appearances.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Financial transaction works out in your favor; erode confidence and don't go hat in hand. Relationship could get too hot not cool down. Capri. com involved.

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EDITORIAL

Crosswalk safety starts with careful students

Preventing prevent traffic vehicle-pedestrian accidents in front of Twin Falls High School shouldn't be this hard. Drivers and pedestrians both need to exercise defensive safety measures when they cross the intersection of Filer Avenue and Maurice Street. Last month's accident at the intersection involving a student driver and a student pedestrian illustrates how both drivers and pedestrians need to be aware of their environment.

help. Crossing guards are another possibility. Maybe seminary teachers could shoulder the duty, since their class breaks are when students cross the street.

But steps such as those aren't the main issue. Preventing accidents isn't a matter of altering the intersection. It's a matter of altering behavior.

Student pedestrians who cross Filer Avenue should never assume drivers will yield the right of way.

They should never start to walk in the lane until traffic has cleared, or until approaching vehicles have come to a complete stop.

Simply put, don't step into the path of a moving car.

Drivers who use Filer Avenue, especially student drivers, should observe all traffic laws, especially the speed limit, and be prepared to stop at all crosswalks. They should never drive with a foggy or icy windshield.

Both student pedestrians and student drivers should socialize less and observe more as they cross the intersection.

The best efforts of traffic engineers and police can't make this intersection safe unless kids stop, look and listen. It's a lesson they learned in kindergarten. They need to keep doing it in their teens.

Preventing accidents isn't a matter of altering the intersection. It's a matter of altering behavior.

Police said Monday they had issued a citation to 17-year-old driver Katie Blair for failure to yield to a pedestrian in the Jan. 30 accident. The pedestrian, 18-year-old Katie Jucker, is in fair condition at a Boise hospital.

The crosswalk at Maurice and Filer sees a heavy flow of pedestrian traffic, with students walking to and from LDS seminary classes throughout the day. Since 1998, there have been eight accidents in which kids have been struck by cars at that location.

City leaders have lowered the speed limit to 15 mph, posted fluorescent crosswalk signs, and assigned traffic cops to watch the intersection. More elaborate physical improvements - a stoplight or a pedestrian bridge - would be too expensive.

Maybe a flashing yellow light would



Reform bill abridges freedom of speech

To what can the orgasmic sound of Congress protesting itself from the sin of tainted campaign contributions be compared? It's like the owner of a house of ill repute who, during a raid by the vice squad, demonstrates her commitment to civic virtue by firing the piano player.

Last week I forgot (and a majority of the House last week apparently did when it passed its version of a campaign finance reform bill), the Constitution says in the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech...or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

What does "abridge" mean? It is defined in Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary as: "deprive; reduce in scope; diminish." No law means exactly what it says: no law. Congress is now enacting a law that will abridge the freedom of speech and reduce the ability of people to redress their grievances. The act is unconstitutional on its face.

With the exception of a provision that requires full disclosure by radio and TV stations about who is paying for political advertising, the rest of the bill is seriously flawed. Among other things, it would prohibit unions, corporations and some interest groups from broadcasting certain types of political ads within 30 days of a general election or 30 days of a primary. But this is precisely the time period when most voters begin paying attention to a campaign. To deprive them of access to perspectives from various sources is to abridge the information vot-



CAL THOMAS

ers need to thoughtfully choose among candidates.

Proponents of "campaign finance reform" say that money has corrupted the system. No, it hasn't; otherwise, everyone who receives campaign donations would be corrupted. Corrupt people will always find ways to get money. They did following the "Watergate reforms" nearly 30 years ago and they will if this bill becomes law. Besides, whose money is it? The organizations and unions who donate to campaigns receive the money from their members and supporters. If donors don't like what's being done with their money, they can replace their leaders or stop giving.

During the last presidential campaign and more recently, President Bush has stated his position on campaign finance reform. His first priority, as he wrote to then-Senate Majority leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., last March, was to "protect rights of individuals to participate in democracy." This bill fails to do that. The president also said that reform should not "favor any one party over another or incumbents over challengers." The new bill does both and proof of its lack of sincerity is a provision that delays implementation until after this November's election. If campaign cash is so evil and corrupting, why not stop the flow immediately, as one defeated amendment to the measure sought to do?

President Bush should veto this bill if it reaches his desk. He can explain why and answer the demagoguery that will follow from the self-styled "reformers," many of whom take money they say is corrupting.

There's nothing wrong, and much that is right, with people participating in democracy through organizations ranging in perspective from the liberal ACLU to the conservative National Right to Life. Both groups oppose the new bill. Free speech does not guarantee anyone the right to be heard but it does guarantee the right of the speaker to speak and not be silenced. For some, free speech means standing on a street corner and shouting that the president (or a member of Congress) is a fool or a crook. For others, it means buying TV and radio time in support of, or in opposition to, an incumbent or challenger. The answer to the problems that have arisen in political campaigns is not less speech, but more. All contributions to candidates and parties should be immediately disclosed and published on Web pages. That would enhance accountability and the public good. The airlines do this with frequent flyer miles, which are posted on the same day passengers fly.

There may be other ways to right the wrongs of campaign financing, such as term limits, but violating the Constitution is not one of them. This bill protects incumbents and deprives voters of their constitutional rights.

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Political correctness is dangerous

Believe it or not. Communist philosopher Herbert Marcuse has another name for political correctness. He calls it what it is: Cultural Marxism. He should know, he is the one who started the movement when he brought it to our colleges in the '60s and began spreading it. He said that if western civilization was to be destroyed, it must be done from within.

Some of his quotes follow, there were more:

If we get rid of masculinity, we would have a soft life in a matriarchal society.

If women leave their traditional roles, then the old culture is not transmitted to the next generation.

You aren't going to debate people away from the existence of God. What we found was that if you get people involved in deviant sexual behavior, the whole idea of God just disappears automatically.

Turn commands from God into matters of opinion. Once something becomes a "matter of opinion," the people who control the media tell you what opinions to hold.

We understood that the people who control the sexual morals of the country

control the country. The first thing you have to do is discredit authority. The standard authority in most people's lives, particularly at the beginning of this century, was religion.

Religion is where most people get their morals. Sexuality and sexual behavior is a function of the morals that you get from religion. So what you want to do is to loosen people's allegiance to these things and the first step on this was to liberalize divorce, then came contraception, then came abortion, then came homosexuality and feminism.

There is more, but it would take half the paper to tell it all. The point for me is that political correctness is not just something that happened. It is obvious what it is doing to our country, and we desperately need to stop buying into it. A great many of our nation's men are no more rugged than our women, and it's not because our women became more refined.

Find God, keep the freedom. DONALD HOFFSTETTER Mountain Home

Legislature slighted the people I thank you, Mr. John Gordon. You

LETTERS

inspired me to action. In 1994, 234,703 Idaho voters voted in favor of term limits on state and local officials (the federal term limits were overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, but they left local term limits applicable).

The incumbent re-election rate in 2000 for the Idaho Legislature was 97.8 percent! In the 2000 general election, 41 incumbents ran uncontested, including Mr. Bruce Newcomb. That resulted in 45 percent of the races where the voters had no choice at the ballot box. In the primary election for 2000, 67 incumbents ran uncontested. That's 72.83 percent of the races where the voters had no choice. Ninety-one of 92 incumbents won and that's a 98 percent incumbent primary return rate. These figures are astounding and undoubtedly do not occur in any other state.

The People of Idaho must defend their rights to enact legislation by introducing initiatives as vigorously as any other constitutional right. Our Legislature has voted to repeal term limits, called us (the voters) "the enemy" (Bruce Newcomb quoted in *The Times-News*) and told us "they knew better" and "we (the voters) didn't know what we were doing." I really hope we show them the same respect at the next election. Our time will come and we better take advantage of it. Gov. Kempthorne is to be commended for his action in vetoing the repeal of the term limits. KENIA WILLIAMS Jerome

It's time for change in government If Mr. Newcomb thinks we are dumb and don't know how to vote, he should give that a second look. Lots of dummies put him and a few others in office, and there will be another election with these same dummies voting. There are 18 other states that have term limits.

Idaho was in the black not long ago; now we are in the red, same administration! When our governor was running for office, all we heard from him was education for our children. Now the money for the schools has been cut back. We are one of the highest states for gasoline prices and someone has screwed up and there is no money for our roads. These same people have been in office long enough; it is time for a change. Maybe someone new would learn some new methods of getting things done. We have state police protecting our governor and Capitol. How many of you have driv-

en from Twin Falls to Boise and practically been run over by the trucks? Their speed limit is 10 miles per hour less than ours.

We have one senator (11 terms) who was contacted by some citizens of Twin Falls County. He met with them; that was 1 1/2 years ago. He has not returned a phone call and was too busy to talk when he was called. We need someone who has time for the people who voted him into office.

As for the prosecuting attorney, we have some very good ones, but they don't stay. It is a training field for them. They can go into private practice for more money.

Our governor knew what he was doing. vetoing the term limits recall. It was going to go his way anyway without his vote.

One person wrote in that he voted for the term limits to get a Democrat out of office. That Democrat could be your neighbor, brother or the pastor of your church. Does it make him a bad person or someone that cannot do the job or as good as a Republican? I don't think so. We need to stop thinking party and start putting in the man that can do the job. HELEN MEYER Twin Falls

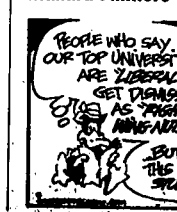
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According to a new study, most Ivy League professors are right-wing nuts.



Professional tech center will fill the training gap.

(Editor's note: Keith Farnsworth is a former industrial arts teacher and currently personnel director for Twin Falls School District.)

READER COMMENT Keith Farnsworth

To the progressive, forward-thinking parents and patrons of the Twin Falls School District: I wish to pay you the highest of compliments regarding your desire to significantly increase opportunities for the students by supporting the construction of a professional technical center. During my 35 years in education (with 20 of those years as an industrial arts teacher), there has been a continual quest to improve the educational system. The public sector has asked educators to do something about the gap between high school, employment and college. The new and innovative tech center provides us with the answer. As a qualified industrial arts educator, I feel my experiences can be of encouragement to you. When I started in Twin Falls, progressive parents, patrons and administration helped me to build a futuristic, state-of-the-art

facility and program for students. The young men and women enrolled in my program won their share of awards during the annual Idaho State Industrial Arts shows. I was appointed to serve on Gov. Cecil Andrus' State of Idaho Vocational Education Advisory Board and the State Industrial Arts Curriculum Committee. I was nominated Industrial Arts Teacher of the Year and had many programs featured in state publications. Oh, to be 20 years younger, I would do everything in my power to be a part of the tech center. What a positive, innovative program for high school students.

Think of the classes students in this valley will have available to them. Classes that can provide hands-on learning experiences, as well as certification, to allow them career access or the option of pursuing a higher degree. I wish that my sons would have had the opportunity to be in such a program. I would not want my sons or former students to be back in any of the industrial arts programs of the past. Even though I taught advanced programs for the day, I wouldn't even consider teaching the same curriculum now. We have moved into the 21st century, and our educational offerings should mirror industry trends and advances in technology. Let us vote "yes" on March 5 and provide students in this valley with the very best educational programs we can. **KEITH FARNSWORTH**
Jerome

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Park deal is no good

The Billingsley Creek Park, McFadden farm, I did my civic duty best I could. Times-News writer Jennifer Sandmann explained that Matt McFadden, past owners contract for one year with an option for four more at \$13,000 per acre, 176 acres primarily to keep down weeds. This tells it all, far as I'm concerned. The complete site acquisition cost taxpayers \$6.4 million. This, for openers, was in a horse deal, \$2 million too much money. The farm should have been left alone. And for darn sure not worth the price paid. Contract to manage it is ridiculous; it could had rented for \$200 per acre by a neighbor. The park people contend that they, by law, can't rent it and make a profit. What in the he-- is going on? If taxpayers were told at John Sandy's special meeting, this was the case, things couldn't have taken place.

State parks, Idaho State should be ashamed of this deal. The state won't pay any of the help of this venture. McFadden won't pay a wage to live on, I bet, to anyone but his family. The guys that irrigate it will draw negative wage at best. The revenue stated by McFadden is \$237,000, a season contract expenses \$226,000. This is a net of \$11,600. Then the state said it did this to beat tax people out of \$128,000 a year tax on the bonds. Who is it that benefits off tax? They got me chasing my own tail, or they chase their tails.

Who is it that lost the \$128,000 tax? I don't think it was the Russian government. A 20-year bond at \$128,000 times 20 years is \$2,560,000. The Billingsley Creek Park, land will be an asset to the people. The fish farm will cost a bundle to clean up. That state should make the past owners clean it up, but we the voters are not intelligent enough to be included in these kinds of deals. Ask Sandy; we are only looking at the tip of a massive iceberg. The coming elections should get some real scrutiny. This deal was made in the back room from Day 1, and they are now wheeling and dealing from the bottom yet. I think a public hearing is in order. Where are you Clinton, Jaquet -- make someone answer some hard-line questions (now). **BARNEY "BJ" ROWLAND**
Hagerman

President is wrong on flag

Our president bypassed the "flag code," which includes instructions on how to display and use the flag, times, occasions,

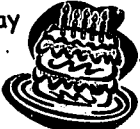
position and manner of flag display and how to show respect for the flag. The president said to wave the flag to be patriotic. Even terrorists and criminals can wave the flag. Does that make them patriotic? It appears he was misleading citizens or playing politics, using Old Glory for vote-getting. Not one congressman tried to prevent such a statement. Never before has a president tried this since George Washington founded the flag. This causes harm to the flag.

There are things to do to be patriotic; namely, honor our flag through knowledge -- know what it stands for and practice it. Red stands for courage, valor and strength; white conveys purity, light and peace; blue represents truth, loyalty and fidelity; the stripes signify unity of purpose as exemplified by the 13 original states; the stars represent our 50 states dedicated to freedom and democracy. To show you are a patriot, you have to be willing to lay your life on the line to protect the flag and country from destruction. How many would do that. The only true patriots are laying in cemeteries. I haven't heard one veteran protesting misuses of the flag or the president's remarks.

Cannot understand why citizens who love this country haven't spoken up. The American Legion and Congress drew up the U.S. Flag Code. Where are they? It makes me sick to go down the freeway and see U.S. flags flying outside cars at fast speeds. Someone who flies the flag disrespectfully or in a way that'll harm the flag is not patriotic. Seventy percent of the population is lacking in knowledge to show respect to the flag.

Remember, when you see someone who has served our country, lean over and say "thank you." That's all most people need, and in most cases, it will mean far more than any medals. The Flag code states, "The flag, when in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." Ask your elementary officials to teach U.S. Flag education to your leaders of tomorrow. Send your remarks to U.S. Flag Education, 901 D St., Rupert, ID 83350. For more information, ask Dr. Hallett, superintendent of Minidoka County School District No. 331 about U.S. Flag Education. **OTHA E. MCGILL**
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(Editor's note: Otha McGill is a veteran and life member of the American Legion.)

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Police continue to investigate death

MOUNTAIN HOME - Investigators Monday were looking into the circumstances of a 35-year-old Mountain Home-area woman's death Friday, but the case was still open-ended. "We're not ruling anything out. We still have a whole lot of interviews to do," said Elmore County Sheriff's Department detective Mike Barklay.

Emergency personnel responding to a 911 call from a house just outside Mountain Home early Friday found Mary Severson unconscious and not breathing, Barklay said. She was later pronounced dead at Elmore County Regional Medical Center.

Barklay said detectives later searched search warrants at the house and a Mountain Home business owned by Severson and her husband.

But that doesn't necessarily mean that foul play is suspected, he said. No potential suspects had been identified, he said.

"It's standard procedure when we have a younger person die or no readily apparent reason to cover all the angles," he said.

No exact cause of death had been determined, he said, and investigators were still waiting for the results of a autopsy performed on Severson's body, he said.

City will cite driver in crosswalk accident

TWIN FALLS - A citation of failure to yield to a pedestrian will be filed against a Twin Falls girl police say was driving the Ford Bronco II that struck and injured a fellow Twin Falls High School student, a police sergeant said.

Katie Blair, 17, of Twin Falls will be cited in connection with the Jan. 30 accident that left Katie Juker, 18, with serious head injuries, said Twin Falls police Sgt. Matt Hicks. Investigators and Twin Falls City Attorney Fritz Wondolich had decided to cite Blair based upon evidence at the scene and witnesses' statements, Hicks said.

Meanwhile, Juker had improved from critical to fair condition at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, a hospital spokeswoman said Monday. Juker was being treated in the hospital's rehabilitation unit, the spokeswoman said.

Kempthorne will declare day of remembrance

BOISE - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is scheduled at 10 a.m. to declare today a day of remembrance related to the Minidoka Relocation Center for Japanese-Americans in Jerome County.

On this date 60 years ago, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, empowering the U.S. Army to designate areas from which "any or all persons may be excluded." The act put into motion the removal, relocation and virtual imprisonment of nearly 120,000 Japanese-Americans across the country, said a release from the Idaho Human-Rights Education Center.

The Minidoka site was one of 10 camps created to house Japanese-Americans. It operated from Aug. 10, 1942, to Oct. 28, 1945. Plans are under way for a series of events April 18-28 to increase awareness and education about the period of internment, as well as to consider how issues of prejudice apply to post-Sept. 11 Idaho and the nation, said Les Bock, executive director of the human rights center.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	75 %
Salmon Falls Creek	101 %
Oakley Basin	107 %
Big and Little Wood	80 %

Police chief proposes promotions

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times News correspondent

JEROME - Police Chief Bill Reid wants to reorganize the city police department by creating the position of inspector.

Reid said the proposal is "not an increase to the department size but instead a promotional position." The proposal goes before the City Council tonight.

If approved, the position of inspector would be responsible for a variety of tasks

Meeting
The Jerome City Council meets today at 7 p.m. in the council chambers, 100 East Ave. A. The public is welcome.

necessary to the function of the police department, Reid said. The inspector would be a property and evidence custodian, make sure that all vehicles assigned to the police department are in good running

order and equipped with needed materials, and serve as range master, overseeing the weapons training of all members of the department.

The inspector also would represent the Jerome Police Department in anti-terrorism meetings and in training and conferences with state and federal agencies.

The inspector would be under the supervision of the commander and ultimately the chief of police.

Reid wants to promote Lt. Larry

Schwager to the inspector position at a salary of \$2,851 per month, or \$34,212 per year. This is an increase of \$790 per year over his current salary. Reid wants the promotion to be effective Feb. 17.

Schwager has been with the Jerome Police Department for 16 years and works in the evidence and property room.

Reid also wants to promote Sgt. Dan Chatterton to lieutenant of detectives, Schwager's current position, at a rate of Please see COUNCIL, Page B3

-HAY-HO, HAY-HO, IT'S OFF TO WORK WE GO-



Ampeio Montoya, an employee of Kusan Farms, loads hay early Monday morning to feed cattle on the farm near Malta.

Senate allows CSI tuition increase

The Times-News and The Associated Press

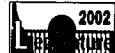
BOISE - The Senate helped the College of Southern Idaho move one step closer to raising student tuition by voting Monday to abolish a tuition cap now applied to the state's two community colleges.

The legislation, which now goes to the House, responds to a proposed \$2.1 million reduction in state support for the 2002-2003 school year as part of the Legislature's war on red ink.

To make up a portion of that deficit, CSI officials plan to raise student tuition this summer by \$60 to \$70 per semester, or 10 percent. But that only can happen if the state's lawmakers lift the current cap which limits tuition increases to \$50 per year, \$25 per semester. Student fees, on the other hand, don't have a limit.

"We thought all along they were going to pass it," said CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer. "If they didn't, we would be in a world of hurt."

Meyerhoeffer said he's confident the House will follow suit and pass the legislation, moving it onto the governor's desk.



Fetus rights - A1

Panel kills Ridinger bill to protect Guardsmen jobs

BOISE - The House on Monday narrowly rejected a Magic Valley legislator's proposal to protect the employment and education status of Idaho National Guardsmen members called into active duty for state emergencies.

Questions about the effect on small businesses and whether protection was needed overcame latent patriotic fervor as lawmakers killed the measure 33-24. "I don't think this is very high price to pay to see that these people are protected," Democratic Rep. Charles Cuddy of Orofino said.

The bill's floor sponsor, GOP Rep. Tim Ridinger of Shoshone, said National Guard personnel on active federal duty have received such protections since

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Commission looks at subdivision regulations

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - If the Cassia County commissioners amend an ordinance, developers of small subdivisions will be required to file final plats before subdivision development plans can be approved, just as developers of large subdivisions must do.

The amendment removes language from the 1993 subdivision ordinance, which set out less stringent measures for the approval of small subdivisions. An earlier ordinance required developers who were splitting the land into fewer than 10 parcels to file preliminary plats but not final plats, Cassia County

Administrator Tim Hurst said. The Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission will discuss the amendment at a 7 p.m. public hearing Thursday in the council chambers at Burley City Hall.

The amendment strikes from the 1993 ordinance the definition of a small subdivision as a division of property of four to 10 parcels for development. As long as each parcel has access to a road and has adequate space for a septic system, the current ordinance waives the requirement for a final plat.

In theory, allowing small developers to proceed without a final plat reduces the cost and Please see AMEND, Page B3

Jury awards damages to former county employee

By Shelley Ridinger
Times-News writer

RUPERT - A former Minidoka County employee was awarded \$197,400 in damages at the conclusion of a recent jury trial in 5th District Court.

A 12-person jury determined the county breached its contract with Maxine Perotto in awarding her the damage payment Feb. 4. Perotto's attorneys had not sought a specific damage amount.

Perotto was represented by Twin Falls attorneys Stephanie Fasset and Tug Worst.

In a recent interview, Worst said the jury's decision says "employers should value long-term employees. They subjected her to an unpleasant work environment, and that was wrong."

Minidoka County Clerk Duane Smith said the county is "still trying to figure out what it was we could have done different" in the matter.

Smith expects the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program to pay the amount due Perotto. That agency works like a self-insurance pool for government entities, Smith said. ICRMP appointed attorneys to represent the county in the law-

suit. Several attorneys represented the county at different times, including Kirt Naylor, Eric Bjorkman and Mark Kubinski.

The jury deliberated for about two hours following a four-day trial, Worst said. District Judge Jim Herndon of Blackfoot presided over the case and trial.

Perotto worked for Minidoka County for 26 years as a deputy clerk in the magistrate's court division, Worst said. Perotto had been a part-time employee since 1986.

Worst described Perotto's case as a constructive discharge case which violates Idaho public policies.

"She had a contract and couldn't be fired without good cause," he said. "They forced her out of that job."

The county's attorneys countered that the county is immune from liability by virtue of the provisions of the Idaho Tort Claims Act.

The county, Smith and Perotto's supervisor, Deputy Clerk Susan Dickson, sought a motion for summary judgment, which was denied Jan. 3 by Herndon.

In that, the defendants stated Please see BUNT, Page B3

Conservancy raises \$21 million in Idaho

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Nature Conservancy of Idaho reported Monday that it raised \$21 million in cash and more than \$6 million in land and in-kind gifts over a three-year fund-raising campaign.

The conservancy says it has preserved more than 200,000 acres in Idaho and wants to widen its focus to conserve larger landscapes.

"Using the same non-confrontational approach in the past, we will work with land owners, communities and agencies to conserve larger landscapes than we ever have in the past. We hope to form partnerships of all kinds to achieve this goal," state conservancy director Geoff Pampush said in a news release.

The Nature Conservancy, with headquarters in Arlington, Va., celebrated its 50th anniversary in October. The organization began its work in Idaho 25 years ago with the protection of the Silver Creek Preserve.

The organization says one of its key successes has been the use of conservation easements to protect land from development. Landowners retain ownership and traditional uses of the land, which is protected in perpetuity. Since the formation of Silver Creek Preserve, nearly 10,000

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- Geoff Pampush, state conservancy director

acres along the popular stream have been protected by easements, the Nature Conservancy said. Most recently, an easement donated by John and Elaine French protected nearly one mile of streamfront adjacent to the Point of Rocks public access area.

Active projects reported by the conservancy include:

- Participation in the protection of Billingsley Creek, a vital spring in the Hagerman Valley.
- Sage grouse habitat protec-

tion through the acquisition of Crooked Creek Ranch in the Medicine Bowl country of eastern Idaho. The 30,000 acres contain one of the best remaining sage grouse populations in Idaho and provide excellent pronghorn habitat and big game wintering areas, the conservancy says.

• Participation in the Owyhee Initiative, a group of ranchers, environmentalists, the conservancy and other groups, the conservancy will be restoring wetlands important to migratory waterfowl. The land will provide a wildlife corridor for such species as mountain caribou and grizzlies.

• Acquisition of the Hooley Ranch, a property originally slated for home development along the Henry's Fork. The ranch will be transferred to Idaho Department of Fish and Game and open for public fishing and hunting.

• A increased focus on noxious weeds to stop their spread. The conservancy says non-native, invasive plant species are the second largest threat to biodiversity, next to habitat loss.

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Woman faces charge in computer case

LEWISTON (AP) - Nez Perce County prosecutors are in uncharted waters in their case against Debra Antilla...

Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District after she received notice she was fired from her position as secretary in August...

ther the state has probable cause to believe Antilla violated the law. The law was written in the 1980s...

to delete them. Most, but not all, of the files Antilla allegedly erased were recovered by computer technicians...

LEGISLATIVE LOG

- Introduced by Senate SB1455 (Finance) - Authorizes \$2.7 million for the 2003 budget of the Division of Human Resources...



SERVICES

Catherine Thaxton of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley West Stake Center...

DEATH NOTICES

Lyle Zimbelman TWIN FALLS - Lyle Zimbelman, 52, of Twin Falls died Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls...

Bigfoot expert dies at 70

PORT ANGELES, Wash. (AP) - A Bigfoot expert who spent his life believing in the creature's existence died of pancreatic cancer at his home Thursday...

INS arrests increase in Wyoming, Utah

DENVER (AP) - The number of illegal aliens arrested in a three-state area that includes Utah jumped 75 percent in 2001 because of tougher enforcement...

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names are omitted at the patient's request. Admitted: Earl Francard of Bull...

OBITUARIES

RUPERT Ivan 'Bill' Lorenzo Johnson Lorenz 'Bill' Lorenzo Johnson died Monday, February 12, 2002, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley, Idaho...

TWIN FALLS

Mary Grimm Mary Grimm, 68, passed away at Bridgeview Estates Feb. 12. She was born March 10, 1921, in Richmond, Va...

FRESNO, CALIF.

Barbara Jane Gurski Barbara Jane Gurski, 68, of Fresno, California and former resident of Twin Falls, died January 9, 2002...

School district reaches settlement on claim

BOISE (AP) - A school district reached a settlement in the age discrimination case of a high school government teacher who was passed over for a promotion to vice principal...

Research team will relocate to Idaho

POST FALLS (AP) - A microelectronics research program is relocating its multimillion-dollar budget and staff to northern Idaho, state and University of Idaho officials announced Monday...

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Hospital board targets security

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - The Minidoka Memorial Hospital board has set its sights. The board met last week to brainstorm long-term goals and determine how to attain those goals. Chairwoman Elvira Richan said the board focused on safety, quality assurance and security. The board and hospital officials also talked about reaching out to the community, especially the different ethnic groups within the community. "I think we had some pretty good dialogue," Richan said. The board will look at the list of ideas and draw up a concise plan to approve and act on, said hospital Administrator Carl Hanson. The importance of having bilingual personnel came up during discussion of several goals. The board talked about working with the College of Southern Idaho to provide Spanish classes.

Acting Nursing Supervisor Marsha Drage said it may take a year to start a Spanish class for effective communication. She suggested putting money into training employees who already know, or have a background in, Spanish. They could then work as interpreters. Sometimes medical terms, or long forms, can be overwhelming in any language, the board noted. Richan brought up questions about security at the hospital. For patient and staff safety, Richan said, there may be too much access to the hospital. The board discussed locking all doors after regular business hours. The emergency room entrance is now open 24 hours a day. Director of Imaging Joel Rogers said he's concerned about having a locked door between the emergency room and the public. There could be questions about response time and liability. He suggested ensuring someone be stationed at the door to monitor who is

coming and going, rather than locking the doors. In an interview Monday, Richan said the board has goals which had already been met, as well as those which need to be met. Falling by patents in the long-term care facility was a real problem which has now been curbed, Richan said. Activities were added to keep residents from becoming bored and restless, which is when they were trying to get up and sometimes then falling. Another goal met was the creation of a foundation, Richan said, with the recent hiring of foundation Executive Director Patti Hansen. Hansen is pursuing a grant to buy a new ambulance. "We have a really good show," Hansen said. Hansen has a list of projects the hospital has completed, those being worked on and projects for the future. The entities which award grants like to see goals and progress, Hansen said.

Students will receive congressional awards

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Idaho's congressional delegation, governor, lieutenant governor and other elected officials will present Bronze and Silver Congressional Awards to nearly 40 Magic Valley youth at 4 p.m. Thursday at the O'Leary Junior High School auditorium. Students from Twin Falls, Kimberly, Eden and Hazelton

will receive 17 bronze and 13 silver Congressional Awards during the Region 5 awards ceremony. Six students will be recognized as gold-elect recipients and will receive their gold medallions at a ceremony this summer in Washington, D.C. For more information about the program in the Magic Valley area, call Willy Dobbs at 736-6900.

HOT TO TROT



Contestant Ross Giles drives his team down the stretch at Peterson Downs west of Riverton, Wyo., earlier this month during the two-day chariot races at the annual Wild West Winter Carnival Chariot Races.

Report calls for investment in education

BOISE (AP) - A report released Monday calls investment in education a key to revitalizing rural Idaho. The report, from the Andrus Center for Public Policy, comes at a time when Gov. Dirk Croteau and lawmakers are making deep cuts in the state's financial support to schools. The report is based on a two-day conference on rural issues held last fall. It found education along with regional cooperation and refinements in tax policy are critical to bringing economic health to Idaho's small, far-flung communities.

One clear message from the conference and this follow-up report is the absolute necessity of sustaining a commitment to rural Idaho," former Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus, Idaho voters, Andrus said, "must insist on strong and consistent investment in education. They must develop local policy that puts more roots in the hands of local officials who must lead the rural recovery." Despite the state's economic problems, some members of the nation's most Republican legislature continue push for tax breaks aimed at luring business and development to rural towns. Budget writers have cut \$23.3 million from state aid to public schools, \$7 million from college and university support and \$1.4 million from the budget for professional-technical education. An additional \$16 million in sup-

port for the colleges and \$3.2 million for professional-technical programs would be cut in the 2002-2003 budget, while \$7.2 million of the money slashed from public school aid would be restored. All those reductions must still be approved by both the House and Senate. Budget-cutting advocates maintain that significant increases in state support in past years should enable the education system to withstand this year's cuts. But the Legislature's few Democrats accuse the majority of taking the first steps toward dismantling an education system that was finally catching up from the scripping that occurred during and after the near-depression of the mid-1980s.

University partners with Korean school

BOISE (AP) - Boise State University and Chonbuk National University in South Korea are working together to develop cross-cultural ties in the universities' education departments. The partnership is part of an effort at Boise State to ensure that its future teachers bring an awareness of other cultures into the classroom. During the first phase of the program the two universities will exchange some faculty members and develop collaborative research projects. "We look forward to building a long-term relationship with our colleagues at Chonbuk University," Joyce Garrett, dean of Boise State's college of education, said. Chonbuk University is located in the city of Chonju about 150 miles east of Seoul. The university was founded in 1947 and has about 20,000 students.

Suit

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Perotto was an at-will employee who could be terminated at any time and for any reason. The judge disagreed. "A reasonable jury could conclude that Perotto had been improperly demoted or deprived of her duties and that the employee manual offered her an opportunity to air her grievances to the elected clerk and the county commissioners. Perotto claims that the defendants' failure to do so directly caused her resignation. A reasonable jury could conclude that Perotto resigned because the county violated the terms of its own employee handbook and that Perotto reasonably believed the right to a hearing applied to her." The lawsuit, filed July 3, 2000, followed Perotto's Aug. 2, 1999 resignation. That was spurred by a series of actions dating back to 1997, according to court records. In May 1998 Perotto asked for time off, including a paid leave of absence. She filed a request for leave with the county commissioners, who never responded to the request. Records show Perotto planned to use her accrued sick days and vacation time and the duration of time off work to care for an infant grandchild, while another grandchild was undergoing a bone marrow transplant as part of a cancer treatment program. Her granddaughter, Nicole, had been diagnosed with cancer in November 1997. Perotto missed 82 days of work, all of which were covered by her accumulated time off or by days donated to her through the county's employee hardship program. Her granddaughter died.

Perotto returned to work Oct. 13, 1998, the day after the funeral. According to Perotto's complaint, when she arrived back at the office, she found her office chair and typewriter had been removed. She asked Dickson if she had a job, the complaint states, and Dickson reportedly responded they would discuss it later. However, Perotto's attorneys wrote, that conversation never occurred. In her affidavit, Dickson responded that Perotto's chair was "old and in poor condition" and Perotto had asked for a new chair, which was ordered while she was on leave. And, according to Dickson, Perotto's typewriter was broken while she was gone, but later replaced. Perotto kept showing up for work each day, the complaint states. When she attempted to do her work, Dickson kept telling her not to do it and assigned the tasks to other employees, the complaint states. "Dickson systematically stripped Perotto of her prior job duties and reassigned them to employees with less experience or hired new employees to perform these tasks," the complaint states. "For about two months, Perotto 'did odd jobs including cleaning and other menial tasks to occupy her time while she was at work,'" the complaint states. Attorneys for the county responded that while Perotto occasionally did some cleaning around the office, she was not ordered to perform such tasks. In addition, the complaint states, "Dickson was abusive and engaged in threatening and intimidating conduct including verbal abuse and other physically intimidating behavior such as

slamming files on (Perotto's) desk, ripping files out of (Perotto's) hands and throwing mail and money bags on (Perotto's) desk." On Feb. 23, 1999, Perotto filed an informal grievance requesting her job duties be restored and the hostile and intimidating behavior from Dickson cease. The grievance was not acknowledged, the complaint states. Perotto then reportedly sought assistance from Smith "to reacquire her job duties and to stop the threatening and intimidating behavior from Dickson," according to the complaint. Smith failed to assist her, the complaint states. Perotto spoke to Minidoka County Attorney Rick Bollar, who referred her to a mediator, Blaine Cannon. Perotto met with Cannon July 15, 1999, and Cannon sent a letter to county commissioners requesting they take some action to remedy Perotto's complaint. When no action by the commissioners followed in the next two weeks, Perotto "felt compelled to resign," the complaint states. Her resignation was a direct result of the mental and emotional stress she was experiencing at work, according to the complaint. In its response, the county claims Perotto was not resigning in his official capacity as county attorney. And the county claims Cannon is not a mediator. Cannon recommended to commissioners that Perotto's case be addressed as soon as possible. However, the commission did not respond.

Senate

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1940. The bill's critics were unconvinced there was a problem or that the change would be fair-to-businesses-with-only-a-few-employees. "Been there, done that. Got paid. It's a part of our civic responsibility," Republican Floor Leader Frank Bruneel of Lewiston said. "This is a case of, it isn't broke, let's not fix it." The House did approve separate legislation protecting National Guard members from civil court proceedings while they are on state active duty and for 30 days after completing that service. That bill was forwarded to the Senate on a 46-21 vote. Stennett casts lone vote to give labor bill a hearing BOISE - The Senate's leadership committee on Monday flatly rejected organized labor's proposed repeal of Idaho's 1985 right-to-work law. Although a majority of the Commerce Committee recommended that the repeal legislation be introduced, lone

most expensive ballot issue campaign in Idaho history. Both sides combined to spend more than \$3 million in 1986. Bill would require reports on higher ed funding equity BOISE - Legislation approved by the Idaho House on Monday would require the state Board of Education to track and report on imbalances in the level of financial support allocated to colleges and universities. Republican Rep. Kent Kuz of Pocatello, floor sponsor of the bill forwarded to the Senate on a 57-7 vote, said there has been a disparity of as much as \$2,500 per student in state support among the Idaho schools. "While there is no money available in a tight budget year to address the problem, the proposal would require the Board of Education to report to the Legislature on progress toward equitable funding every other year." The board also would be required to conduct a complete study of the situation every 10 years.

Council

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\$2,514 per month or \$30,168 per year, an increase of \$960 from his current annual salary. Reid wants that promotion to be effective Feb. 17 as well. Jerome Police Sgt. Parry Ward is also up for promotion, with an increase in wages to \$2,587 per month or \$31,044 per year. The increase is \$2,320 over her current annual rate. Ward has been in law enforcement for 23 years. She has worked for the city of Jerome since 1982 and holds an advanced certificate through the Police Officers Standards and Training Academy. City Administrator Travis Rothwell opposes the creation of the inspector position primarily because it was not included in the current year's budget.

"The creation of this position could cause the personnel section of the budget to run in the red," he said. "In the long run, it will add to the taxpayer's burden in the department... Since I do not see the need for an inspector, a vacancy would not be created because of the promotion. I do not see the need for the promotion to occur." In other City Council business: Skateboarding - An ordinance to eliminate skateboarding, roller blading and roller skating in the central business district is being revised as it progresses through the council's adoption process. The definitions in the ordinance are being reworded to eliminate confusion. The school district property is also being left out of the ordinance.

Building inspection - A memo of understanding between the city of Jerome and the city of Wendell was approved in the past to provide reciprocal building inspection services for those times when the city building inspector is sick, on vacation or otherwise out of town. The agreement needs to be updated. The wage rate of \$16.11 per hour will stay the same, but the mileage rate will be upgraded from 32.5 cents per mile to 36.5 cents per mile to match the current federal rate. According to the agreement, when inspection services are necessary, the city needing the service must give at least 48 hours notice, unless an emergency exists and the city providing the service is able to meet the emergency need.

Amend

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labor of creating a subdivision. In practice, however, the exemption for small subdivisions caused some confusion, Hurst said. In some cases, developers had plats made before receiving approval from road, water, education or health officials. Some developers had to pay for new plats, incorporating suggestions made by authorities. The price for filing a plat for a small subdivision usually runs from \$1,500 to \$2,000, said Steven Pearson, a professional land surveyor. People became angry when they found they had to prepare another plat. By eliminating the special rules for small subdivisions, county officials hope to eliminate some confusion. Some argue the only those who did not take the time to read the ordinance would be confused. For those who understood the system, the final plat exemption came as welcome relief. "I kind of liked it, myself,"

Pearson said. The ordinance provision for small subdivisions was also out of step with state law, which defines a small subdivision as property split into four parcels, instead of four to 10, Pearson said. The proposed subdivision ordi-

nance is available for review at the commissioners' office in the Cassia County Courthouse. Times-News writer Nate Johnson can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 637, or by e-mail at njohnson@magicvalley.com.

The Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation presents
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Sat., March 2nd ~ 7:30 pm
Featuring some of the finest talent in the Magic Valley
The King Fine Art Center Concert Hall
2300 Parke Ave., Burley, Idaho
(South Entrance of Burley High School)
Reserved tickets \$8.00 and \$5.00 - Call 678-6868
General seating \$3.00 tickets at The Book Plaza, Welch Music in Burley and The Book Store in Rupert.
Ticket Office Open Feb. 27th, 28th, March 1st, 2nd from 5:00pm - 7:00pm

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WORLD

Man testifies about Milosevic invasion plan

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Slobodan Milosevic ended a three-day tirade against "new colonialism" by the West...



This image from television shows former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic opening the second week of his war crimes trial Monday at the Hague, Netherlands.

Milosevic, an ethnic Albanian and former head of Kosovo's Communist Party, said he had heard of the plan for a Serb invasion of Kosovo...

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China's vice president remains a mystery

BEIJING (AP) — On the world stage, he's the man everyone wants to know — and few do.

Vice President Hu Jintao is in line to be China's next leader. He could hold the post for 15 years while his country grapples with economic reform...

In one of his only encounters with an American official, Hu exchanged greetings in 1998 with then President Clinton...

With little access to Hu, China watchers hunt secondhand clues. They focus in part on the Party School on the outskirts of Beijing...



Hu Jintao

Victims of Congo volcano face uncertain future

GOMA, Congo (AP) — Given the choice, Kasavubu Moppepe says he would take a war over a volcanic eruption any day.

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"At least war may leave some things intact," said Moppepe, whose house and soap factory were wiped out when Mount Nyiragongo erupted on Jan. 17.

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Russian official: Navy stops use of torpedo used on Kursk

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On Monday, Vice Adm. Carlos Molina Tamayo, a U.S.-trained electronics warfare expert who recently was appointed ambassador to Greece, urged his armed forces colleagues to demand that Chavez step down.

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Pet of the Week advertisement featuring a photo of a dog and text about building a shelter.

Advertisement for a dog shelter, including contact information and a photo of a dog.

Advertisement for the 37th Annual Utah Sportsmen, Vacation & RV Show, featuring dates, location, and contact information.

Large advertisement for Musser Bros. Auctioneers, listing various farm equipment for sale and providing contact details.

Musical Valentines



By Paul Brown
 Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - A song of love. "Barbershop harmony is the perfect way to convey the Valentine message of love. A tear in the eye of the recipient of the singing Valentine is often our reward for doing a nice job performing the song," says Mike Hoopes, director of the Snake River Flats.

Three groups representing the Burley/Rupert chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber, Shop Quartet Singing in America were dispatched to different locations in the Mini-Cassia area on Feb. 14 with messages of love in song, plus flowers or candy. The Dependents, The Sawtooth Troubadours and an unnamed quartet participated in the event that started at 8:30 a.m. and lasted until early evening.

The valentine project provided a welcome break and an opportunity to mention the chapter's upcoming spring show at businesses, schools, hospitals and homes where deliveries were made, members say. Some deliveries even were by speaker phone to places as distant as Billingsham, Alaska.

Rehearsal is intense at the chapter meetings now in preparation for its spring show scheduled the first week in April at King Fine Arts Center in Burley.

The chapter meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Harmony Hall, 123 K Street, Rupert. The local chapter includes members from Burley, Rupert, Heyburn and Paul.

Several dozen sweethearts are serenaded in four-part harmony by members of the Snake River Flats. The singers also presented flowers or candy sent by admirers on Valentine's Day.

PAUL BROWN/The Times-News

Joan Anderson, Naomi Ames and Jan Thompson were among the sewing friends of the Twin Falls Sewing Center who made a quilt that will be raffled.

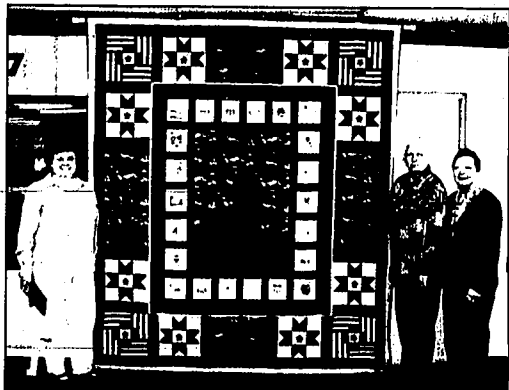


Photo courtesy of J.S.G. ALLEN

Group sews up Sept. 11 memorial

TWIN FALLS - Several "sewing friends" of the Twin Falls Sewing Center made a quilt entitled, "Lest We Forget" as a way of dealing with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The quilt will be raffled in

June with the proceeds going to the Valley House homeless shelter in Twin Falls.

Tickets can be purchased at Twin Falls Sewing Center, Stitchin' Time, Quilted For You, Pioneer Floor, Everybody's

Business, Twin Realty and First Federal, Falls Office.

Or by calling Twin Falls Sewing Center at 733-3344.

The quilt also will be on display around the Magic Valley at several locations.

A REMINDER OF WINTER



These icicles in Ben Valley are a reminder that winter will be around for awhile. These formed in between two snow storms passing through the area and were captured by area resident Forrest Ray

Photo courtesy of FORREST RAY

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Nieka Charles Sebastian, son of Michelle Betty Hurliman of Gooding, was born Saturday, Jan. 27, 2002.

Karl Jean Rasgorshek, daughter of Mark and Karen Rasgorshek, was born Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002.

Tyson Anthony Geluk, son of Victoria Lynn Jewett and Michael Allan Geluk of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002.

Liliana Yvonne Morquecho, daughter of Angelica Maria Martinez and Juan Armando Morquecho of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002.

Duncan George Roberts, son of Christie and John Charles Roberts of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002.

Edmundo Paul Garcia-Ramirez, son of Amanda Marie and Rosendo Garcia-Ramirez of Castleford, was born Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002.

Krysten Michele Low, daughter of Jennifer Lynn and Dustin Lee Alan Low of Gooding, was born Friday, Feb. 8, 2002.

Emily Jo Aguirre, daughter of Christine Marie and Joseph Wayne Aguirre of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Feb. 9, 2002.

Morgan Marie Trappen, daughter of Amanda Marie and Daniel Levi Trappen of Eden, was born Saturday, Feb. 9, 2002.

Grace Cathryn LeProwse, daughter of Heather Spring and Jeffery Michael LeProwse of Terome, was born Saturday, Feb. 9, 2002.

To announce a birth: Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or Fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Friday.

Kyah Nicole Henderson, daughter of Brindie Kae and Travis Lee Henderson of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002.

Aleksander Paul Stedman, son of Tracy Lee and Jeremy Paul Stedman of Hansen, was born Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002.

Stephanie Guadalupe Villa Mora, daughter of Adriana and Jose de Jesus Villa of Hazelton, was born Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Jerrae A. Vidal, daughter of Ray Vidal and Josette Gurle of Burley, was born Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002.

Ivan Calderon, son of Lo and Veronica Calderon of Declo, was born Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002.

Rilee Dean Morris, daughter of Allan and Chris Morris of Burley, was born Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002.

Puanani Emilia Cheryl Randall, daughter of Jeremiah and Kuitipo Randall of Burley, was born Friday, Feb. 8, 2002.

Daniel A. Rivas, son of Francisco and Martha Rivas of Burley, was born Friday, Feb. 8, 2002.

Isyla Nicole Saylor, daughter of Doug Saylor and Laura

Gallegos of Burley, was born Friday, Feb. 8, 2002.

Ret Glen Bennett, son of Kevin and Stephanie Bennett of Burley, was born Friday, Feb. 8, 2002.

Madison Marie Wing, daughter of Theresa and Don Wing of Burley, was born Monday, Feb. 11, 2002.

Collan Cyrus Bateman, son of Harley and April Bateman of Acequia, was born Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002.

Jordan Nicole Brown, daughter of Amy Brown of Burley, was born Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002.

Minidoka Memorial Hospital

A daughter was born to Carmina and Luis Serafico of Rupert on Monday, Feb. 11, 2002.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Christopher James Davitt, son of Lisa and Terence Davitt of Ketchum, was born Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002.

Valentin Suarez Vargas, son of Maricruz Vargas and Valentin Sandova of Ketchum, was born Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002.

Jessica Lopez Miranda, daughter of Lourdes Miranda and Javier Lopez of Ketchum, was born Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002.

Charles Barton Bullock, son of Brenda and Travis Bullock of Challis, was born Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002.

Diego Jesus Rosales, son of Mindy Smith and Juan Rosales of Hatley, was born Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002.



Kyle Kroeker watches Nash Beltran instruct Kacey Smith on how to throw a paper plate discus at the Kimberly grade school celebration of the 100th day of school. They competed in the mini-metric Olympics held by their class.

BETTY TAYLOR/The Times-News

Students measure up at metric games

By Betty Taylor
 Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - While the international Olympics are taking place in Salt Lake City, Kimberly Elementary teachers decided to celebrate the 100th day of school with their own version - a metric mini-Olympics. The idea came from fourth-

grade teacher Judy Snider and first-grade teacher Sue Pack, who decided to combine their classes for the tournament, which involved measuring using the metric system.

First, the fourth-grade students participated in events like the paper plate discus, paper straw javelin, marble grab, sponge squeeze and a contest, where stu-

dents measured the surface area made by "big foot." The fourth-graders, each of whom had a first-grade buddy, taught the younger kids how to do the competitions and then, they measured distance, weight and surface areas.

"Everyone had fun and the activities ran smoothly," Snider said.

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Virtual shredders change landscape

E-mail senders get greater control with new systems

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the offline world, it can be quite a challenge to retrieve and destroy confidential documents from a business deal gone sour or a top-secret project that involved outside help.

The options fall down to either trusting your former business partner — or resorting to illegal breaking and entering.

But e-mail is changing those rules, thanks to virtual shredding.

Senders can destroy messages either remotely or automatically, without a recipient's consent or cooperation.

And that gives senders unprecedented control over what they distribute.

Though usage of the technology is still relatively low, interest is growing, thanks in part to new federal laws governing privacy of health care and financial data.

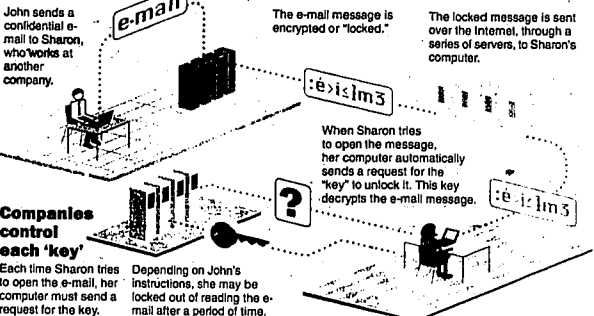
Interest has also been spurred by the antitrust case against Microsoft Corp., in which damaging e-mail memos from Bill Gates and other senior executives became the government's key evidence.

The recent shredding of electronic documents by Enron Corp.'s outside accountants, along with the growing use of e-mail in business, may prompt even more thinking about how to preserve and destroy records without running afoul of the law.

Authentica Inc. and other companies make online shredding systems that scramble e-mail messages and limit access to the software key needed to decrypt them. To make messages "disappear," access to the key is withdrawn after a given time.

Shredding e-mail: An electronic end to your message

Online e-mail "shredding" systems — ones that scramble, or encrypt, e-mail messages — take document shredding to a new level. They give senders the option of "destroying" e-mail long after it is sent.



Companies control each 'key'

Each time Sharon tries to open the e-mail, her computer must send a request for the key.

Depending on John's instructions, she may be locked out of reading the e-mail after a period of time.

SOURCE: Associated Press

Software company Peregrine Systems Inc. bought Authentica's system about nine months ago. Senior executives use it to send e-mail to one another and to the company's board of directors.

"Today's business market is so competitive, we want to make sure that communications that were meant to stay confidential and secure remain that way," said Doug Hampshire, Peregrine's systems administrator.

The trouble with e-mail is its persistence.

Hitting the delete key only removes a message from the computer's digital index, and forensic experts can often retrieve it later. Even if it's gone from a recipient's hard disk, plenty of copies exist elsewhere — on e-mail servers used in transit, on backup tapes kept for years.

Or perhaps an employee checked e-mail from home or forwarded it to a personal Hotmail account. Copies would then reside on the home computer or at Microsoft, which runs Hotmail.

Without systematic procedures for purging old messages, e-mail may linger for years.

Computer backup systems were generally developed for disaster recovery — not with lawsuits and investigations in mind, said Kristin Mingsger, legal consultant for Ontrack Data International Inc., a data-recovery company.

In addition to Authentica, Atabok Inc., SafeMessage Americans Inc. and Omniva Policy Systems have systems designed to keep embarrassing or incriminating messages from surfacing years later. In essence,

they allow e-mail to self-destruct.

Many of these services can also restrict what recipients do with messages — such as bar them from forwarding, copying or printing e-mail. These digital-rights management tools work much like copy-protection systems being developed for music, movies and ebooks.

For the most part, the law allows businesses to destroy documents as long as they do so uniformly and regularly, not in response to a specific threat of lawsuit or criminal investigation.

There are exceptions. The IRS, for instance, recommends keeping tax records at least seven years in case of audit. Brokers and other financial institutions also have strict record-keeping requirements.

Adobe program provides digital art essentials

By James Costes
Chicago Tribune

Computer Q & A

Q I am pretty certain that you got the name wrong when you recommended "Adobe Photoshop Essentials" to reader Don Homberg, who wanted advice on copying framed artwork as digital image files.

I checked the Adobe Web site and found only Adobe Photoshop Elements. I know from my own experience on my Mac, it is a very good program, and it is probably what you meant to write about.

Also in the same answer, you suggest taking digital photos of art (paintings) using available light, then using Elements' Fill command to alter the contrast. I must take issue with that advice because there are many variables when considering available light: fluorescent tubes, incandescent lights, sodium lights, sunlight, maybe even carbon arc light.

It is difficult enough to make good photos of artwork, but to suggest doing it with available light is just bad advice. Your correspondent should rent or borrow or purchase a couple of good portrait lamps with diffusion devices. These will eliminate glare and reflection off the surface of the paintings and provide consistently good quality reproductions.

I hope you will clarify these points in a future column.

—Tod Wicks, Palo Alto, Calif.
A Today's column needs to clarify not just my unfortunate misnaming of the best-photography software for home hobbyists on Planet Earth, but also my failure in an answer to another reader, Rob Zeig, to realize that the problem I showed him how to fix was being caused by a nasty computer virus.

So today, dear readers, I offer not one, but two skin-backs for the price of one.
First: Photoshop Elements

costs less than \$100, sometimes well below \$100, and it contains such a large selection of the tools offered in professional-strength Adobe Photoshop 6.0 that it more than suffices for Mac and PC hobbyists. Even professionals on a budget who need to manipulate photos or create commercial artworks in a wide variety of forms will find the program useful.

Executives at Adobe were rightfully dismayed when they went out of their way to create this sweet product for the masses only to have its name misstated in this particular arm of the mass media.

And now to Mr. Z's virus problem. He wrote to say that all his picture files had been changed to files with the extension .jbs instead of .jpg. I showed him how to rename the files quickly and then the mail poured in.

Here's the first one I received: Q The problem that you were trying to solve for the person who was having .jpg files rewritten as Visual Basic scripts sounds a lot like the "I Love You" Worm spread by Microsoft Outlook. The solution is a bit more complicated than you described. You can find computer info on this worm at the Computer Associates' Virus Center: www3.ca.com/Virus/Virus.asp?ID=9024.

Electronic aggressors target more home PCs

By Leslie Brooks Suzukamo
Knight Ridder News Service

Kathy Reber received a "home computer virus" as a gift last summer but has yet to get it on the Internet. First, the Woodbury, Minn., woman wants to learn how she can keep her PC safe from electronic attack.

"In my eyes, that's the first thing you've got to be aware of," Reber said recently as she signed up for a computer class at a local PC store. "There are strange people out there, and you've got to protect yourself."

Reber isn't being paranoid, computer experts say. Internet-connected home PCs, especially those with high-speed connections, are becoming increasingly alluring targets for hackers and virus writers.

The home PC is even replacing corporate computer networks as some hackers' primary object of desire.

"The home user is 'the new low-hanging fruit for cyber attacks and hackers,'" said Ian Hameroff, director of anti-virus solutions for New York-based Computer Associates, a maker of anti-virus software.

"You've got a community that's ripe for a hacking attack. Really, anything goes," agreed April Coostre, virus research manager for McAfee.com, another anti-virus software maker based in Sunnyvale, Calif.

"Not enough home users realize the dangers that await them online, though."

About 100 million American adults have computers hooked up to the Internet at home, but only half of computer-equipped households use anti-virus software, according to experts.

Only 5 percent to 10 percent of U.S. computer users run "firewall" software to insulate themselves from hackers, whose attacks can't be detected with anti-virus software, industry survey show.

Meanwhile, hackers and virus writers are busier than ever.

"The number of reported computer-security incidents doubled last year over 2000, with more than 52,000 Web-site attacks, malicious viruses, network intrusions and other security breaches recorded by the Computer Emergency Response Team at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University."

PC security tips

- Use strong passwords. Mix in numbers and symbols. Use uppercase and lowercase letters. Don't use common words or word combinations that would-be intruders can guess using dictionaries and other password-cracking methods.
- Backup up your data. Do this daily, and verify your backups monthly. Use anti-virus software. Check for updates weekly. Scan all the files on your computer periodically.
- Install a firewall. A firewall acts as a gatekeeper between your computer and the Internet. Anti-virus software won't detect hacker intrusions and
- If you have a home network with multiple computers, use a hardware firewall on a router that will sit between your network and the Internet.
- Shut down when done. Switch off your PCs when not in use, or physically disconnect them from the Internet. If you have a broadband connection, turn off your high-speed modem when not in use.
- Beware of attachments. Do not open e-mail attachments from strangers. Be suspicious of unexpected e-mail attachments from someone you know
- those could have been sent without that person's knowledge from an infected machine.
- Get security patches. Check your software vendors' Web sites regularly. Keep up with PC-security news that might affect you.
- Call the cops. Or contact the National Infrastructure Protection Center at www.nipic.gov.
- For detailed tips on safe computing, see <http://www.cert.org/tech-tips/home-networks.html>.
- For a list of anti-virus vendors, see www.virusbtn.com/AVLinks/

A virus such as "Nimda," which infected 2.2 million computers last year in only about 24 hours, counts as a single incident.

The number of so-called security "holes" in Internet-related software and equipment also doubled in 2001. CERT documented nearly 2,500 vulnerabilities last year, compared to 1,090 in 2000 — and last year's total made up more than half the 5,033 vulnerabilities reported to CERT since 1995.

Despite the stunning rise in attacks and security holes, though, home computer users and especially Internet newcomers tend to adopt a "who, me?" attitude. People don't believe they're interesting or important enough to be hacked.

Maybe that was once true, but not anymore, security experts say. People are finding new online uses for their home computers that make them potentially enticing targets.

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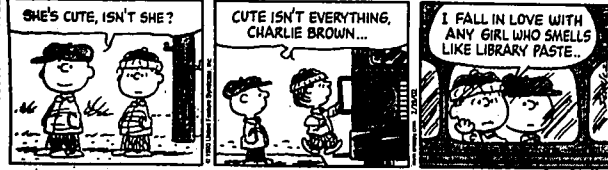
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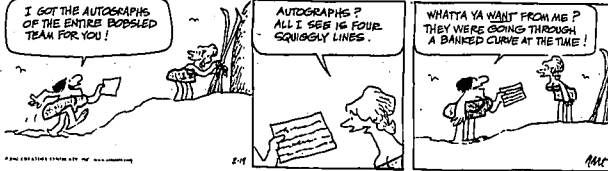
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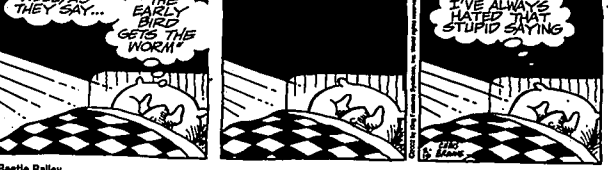
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Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



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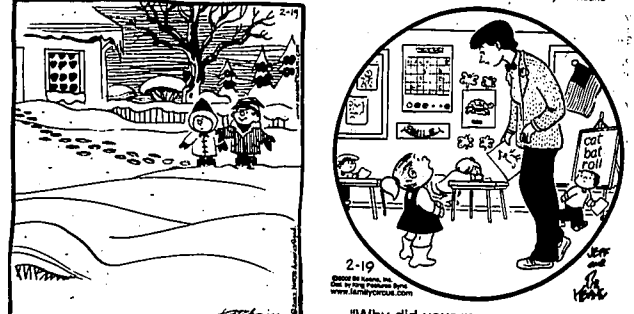


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



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Section D

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“If a Canadian does it, it's big news ... we're goons.”

—Wayne Gretzky, saying other countries—especially the United States—revel in Canadian failure

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball
5A Region III Tournament
Minico at Highland, 7 p.m.
4A District Four-Five-Six
Tournament
Burley at Bonneville, 7 p.m.
3A District Four Tournament,
at CSI
Declo vs. Gooding, 7 p.m.
2A District Four Tournament
Glenns Ferry at Wendell, 7 p.m.
Magic Valley Conference
Tournament, at Murtaugh HS
Murtaugh vs. Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.
NW Christian School
Tournament, at Pasco, Wash.
TFCA vs. Riverview Christian,
9 a.m.
TFCA vs. Country Christian, 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Pilots advance in 2A district touney

GLENN'S FERRY — Glenns Ferry rallied from a 33-25 half-time deficit to eliminate Valley 70-60 at the Boys 2A District Four Tournament Monday in Glenns Ferry.
Mark Black led Glenns Ferry with a double-double of 25 points and 12 rebounds. Black also had six steals. Cole Darrington added 15 points for the Pilots (14-3).
The Pilots used an explosive third quarter, outscoring the Vikings 27-10 in the period. Michael Grant led the Vikings (9-12) with 20 points.
Glenns Ferry travels to Wendell today. If the Pilots win, the teams play again Thursday night in Glenns Ferry.

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TFCA 44, Temple Christian 31

PASCO, Wash. — Twin Falls Christian Academy defeated Temple Christian of Olympia, Wash., 43-31 Monday at the Northwest Christian School Tournament in Pasco, Wash.
TFCA's Raymond Miller led all scorers with 12 points, including three pointers. Tyler Jordan added 10 points for the Warriors (8-11).
“Our athleticism wore them down,” TFCA coach Brent Walker said.
TFCA (8-11) plays host Riverview Christian at 9 a.m. today and Country Christian at 4 p.m.

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Twin Falls baseball team meets Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruins baseball team is holding a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria for all students and their parents — interested in trying out for the team.
Paperwork should be turned in at this time.
For more information, call Matt Rasmussen at 735-3366.

Cal Ripken league holds final registration

TWIN FALLS — There will be a final registration for any interested Cal Ripken baseball players on Monday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hampton Park recreation building.
Players need to bring a copy of their birth certificate and a \$50 registration fee.
Observation days will be held March 6 from 2-4 p.m. for the minors (ages 10 and 11) and on March 13 from 5:30-9 p.m.
For more information, call Matt Rasmussen at 734-7443 or Kim Hall at 734-8455.

Wildcats dump Declo to clinch state berth

Filer holds off Hornets in closing minutes

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Filer Wildcats had every answer Monday.
The Declo Hornets threw everything at them, an early first-half barrage, nine 3-pointers and a couple of late runs but the Wildcats prevailed with a 73-69 victory in the winner's bracket of

the Boys 3A District Four Tournament at the College of Southern Idaho to clinch Filer a berth in next week's state tournament.
“State is going to be fun,” said 5-11 junior guard Justin Meacham, who finished with 15 points on three 3-pointers.
And even though the Wildcats still need to knock off the winner of today's 7 p.m. game between

Declo and the Gooding Senators to secure the district championship, Filer coach Gary Moon was not at all opposed to such talk about state or the festive celebration following Monday's game.
“I've never been around a team that deserved this more than this one,” Moon said. “I told them, ‘You have till 3:30 (today) to enjoy this one and then it's back to work. They were the first team out of the tournament last

3A District Tournament	
Monday's Games	(eliminated)
• Filer 73, Declo 69 (Filer advances to state)	Tonight's Game
• Gooding 66, Kimberly 50 (Kimberly advances to state)	• Gooding vs. Declo, 7 p.m. at CSI (winner to state)

year and they really deserve this.”
It didn't look as though there was going to be any celebrating early from the Wildcats (14-9), who fell behind 20-14 in the late-going of the first quarter.
“(Declo) came out and shot very well and then got into the lane a few times,” Moon said. “We got out of what we were trying to do defensively by letting them into the lane. We wanted to make it.”
Please see 3A, Page D3

Bucs bag their man



Oakland Raiders head coach Jon Gruden shorts during a playoff game Jan. 19 in Foxboro, Mass. Gruden was hired Monday as the coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Gruden ends bizarre search by taking Tampa Bay job

By Bob Gleusner
Newsday

One of the NFL's most bizarre coaching searches ended Monday in stunning fashion as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers hired Oakland Raiders coach Jon Gruden.
The move ended weeks of failed attempts by the Bucs to hire a coach and came only a day after they appeared ready to sign San Francisco 49ers coach Steve Mariucci.
But Tampa Bay will pay heavily for Gruden. The Bucs will surrender first- and second-round draft picks to Oakland in this year's draft, a first-round pick in 2003 and a second-round choice in 2004.

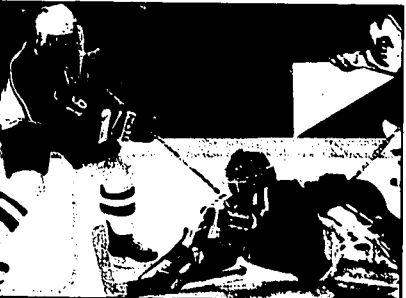
Changing colors
Oakland — Jon Gruden, TBA.
San Diego — Mike Riley, Marty Schottenheimer.
Tampa Bay — Tony Dungy, Jon Gruden.
Washington — Marty Schottenheimer, Steve Spurrier.
The Bucs also paid \$8 million in cash to the Raiders. It is the highest compensation ever given to a team in exchange for a coach under contract.
Gruden, who had one year remaining on his deal with the Raiders, received a five-year, \$17.5 million contract from Tampa.
“If this is what wanted to do, and he wanted to go home (to

Mariucci met with Bucs officials for nearly six hours Sunday, and the team was prepared to offer a deal worth about \$5 million per season to have him become the team's coach and general manager. But the Bucs had remained in contact with Davis, who decided late Sunday to reopen discussions about Gruden.
The deal was finalized shortly after 1 a.m. on the West Coast, as Gruden, 38, was awakened after returning home with his family from a Golden State Warriors basketball game.
Gruden, at 38 the NFL's youngest head coach, had a 40-28 record in four seasons as the Raiders' coach.

Gretzky lashes out at critics

The Associated Press

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — Team Canada executive director Wayne Gretzky lashed out Monday at critics of his Olympic hockey team, saying other countries — especially the United States — revel in Canadian failure.
Gretzky was discussing a come-from-behind 3-3 tie with the Czech Republic that gave Canada a seemingly much more favorable quarterfinal matchup Wednesday against Finland when he suddenly went on a tirade.
“It's comical. It almost sickens my stomach to turn on the TV. It makes me ill to hear what's being said about Canadian hockey,” said Gretzky, widely acknowledged as hockey's greatest player ever. “Am I hurt? Yeah, I'm tired of people taking shots at Canadian hockey.”
Other countries, he said, “hate us ... The Americans love our poor start. They love it when we're not doing well. I don't think we dislike those countries as much as they hate us. They don't like us and they want to see us fail.”
“Nobody wants us to win but



Belarus goalie Andrei Mezhn, right, stops a shot by USA's Brett Hull Monday in Krasnoyarsk, Russia.

our players and our loyal fans. We're very proud, and I guarantee you we'll be standing tall at the end.”
Canada, despite a roster featuring 20 current or former NHL All-Stars, played terribly in a 5-2 loss to Sweden and a tense 3-2 victory over lightly regarded Germany before tying the defending gold medalist Czech Republic. The Czechs beat Canada 2-1 in a shootout in the 1998 Olympic semifinals.
Gretzky's impassioned remarks seemed to reflect the pressure he felt, coach Pat Quinn and that his players are under to deliver Canada's first gold medal in 50 years.
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Shoshone cruises to Northside crown

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Jackson Uhrig scored a game-high 18 points to lead five Shoshone players in double figures as the Indians stormed Dietrich 70-53 Monday at a packed Shoshone High School gymnasium.
The win catapulted Shoshone to the Northside Conference championship for the first time in five years as Logan Brown had 15 points and Tyler McCowan 13 for the Indians. Shoshone sank nine 3-pointers and made 13 of 17 foul shots in the game.
“Our team is capable of doing that.” 28-year Indians coach Larry Messick said. “That's been one of the keys to us is any five of our starters can score (double digits).”
The victory puts Shoshone into Thursday's 1A District Four championship game against Southside champion Castleford (21-1) at Murtaugh High School.
Messick said if his team plays with the same tenacity it showed at times on Monday, it should be

a close game.
“That's going to be a chore,” he said. “They're big and they got Elvis (Medina).”
Chris Maughan scored 15 points and Mark Toward had 14 to lead the Blue Devils (13-11), who were hampered by 3-for-14 shooting in a six-point second quarter.
The Indians used Dietrich's cold snap to outscore their Lincoln County rivals 16-6 in the quarter, including a 13-2 run highlighted by a trio of 3-pointers by Uhrig, McCowan and Brown.
Even up 31-17 at intermission, Messick said he wasn't happy with his team's intensity at the start.
“That's something we're going to have to work on for Thursday,” he said.
Shoshone opened the third with baskets by Mike Fitzgerald off the fast break and a Josh Craig putback that the burly senior scored after picking himself off the floor.
Dietrich tried to claw back with a 3-point shot and a score by
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SPORTS

Young guns lead Rockets past Wizards; Iverson helps Philly drill Denver

WASHINGTON (AP) - Cuttino Mobley had 31 points, and Steve Francis, questionable before tipoff, scored 16 of his 20 points in the second half as the Houston Rockets beat the Washington Wizards 102-89 Monday.

Francis, Mobley and Kenny Thomas scored all the points in 22.8 run that gave the Rockets an 80-70 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Richard Hamilton scored 21 points, Chris Whitney had 19, and Michael Jordan had 11 points and 11 assists one day after his 33th birthday for the Wizards, who had won four straight at

home and six of eight overall.

76ers 110, Nuggets 83

PHILADELPHIA - Allen Iverson had 27 points, nine rebounds and eight assists, and Dikembe Mutombo added 20 points on 9-for-9 shooting to lead Philadelphia over Denver.

Avery Johnson and Raef LaFrentz each had 17 for the Nuggets, who lost their second straight after winning two in a row on the road.

Jazz 103, Cavaliers 92

CLEVELAND - Karl Malone scored

35 points to lead Utah past Cleveland.

Malone dominated the second half by scoring 23 points as Utah won its fifth straight and improved to 5-2 on its nine-game road trip, forced by the Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Lamond Murray scored 25 points to lead the Cavaliers.

Pistons 89, Raptors 76

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Jerry Stackhouse scored 20 points, and Ben Wallace added 13 points and 13 rebounds to help surging Detroit beat injury-depleted Toronto.

The Pistons (29-22) have won three straight and nine of 11 to move seven games over .500 for the first time since they were 14-7.

Heat 102, Bulls 80

MIAMI - Alonzo Mourning scored 23 points, and Miami defeated Chicago for its 13th victory in 17 games.

With trade rumors swirling, the Bulls dressed only eight players, holding forward Ron Artest and center Brad Miller out of the game and leaving injured forward Charles Oakley at home.

Hornets 101, Bucks 92

MILWAUKEE - Jamal Mashburn scored 22 points and led Charlotte past Milwaukee as the Hornets star played his first game in three months his first game in three months.

Only six players scored for the Hornets, but all reached double figures, led by Elden Campbell with 24. Baron Davis had 20.

Mashburn missed 42 games with a lower abdominal strain, but had 14 points by halftime.

Ray Allen led Milwaukee with 27 points.

Texans tag Boselli as team's first draft choice

HOUSTON (AP) - With face-painted fans shouting his name, Tony Boselli became the Houston Texans' top pick Monday - the second time an expansion team began building a franchise around him.

"We have a Hall of Famer and we haven't played a game," general manager Charley Casserly said.

Expansion draftees - D-3

After five Pro Bowl seasons as an offensive tackle with the Jacksonville Jaguars, Boselli proved to be too attractive for the Texans to pass up, even at a huge cost.

Hundreds of Texans fans wearing blue-and-red jerseys and helmets with bulls' horns cheered the choice of Boselli, who missed the Jacksonville draft with a shoulder injury that makes him something of a question mark. He seemed equally enthused about joining the new team.

"I've been with a group of guys that no one thought could play before," Boselli said. "The sooner this team comes together and becomes cohesive the sooner we can be good."

Boselli was the first player chosen by the expansion Jaguars in 1995 and quickly became a dominate offensive lineman. He has allowed 15 1-2 sacks in his seven pro seasons.

The first eight choices came from just three teams - the Jaguars, the New York Jets and Baltimore, all of whom had serious cap problems.

"Obviously Charley knew the teams in cap trouble - us, Baltimore and Jacksonville," said Terry Bradway, general manager of the Jets, who lost starting right tackle Ryan Young and both starting cornerbacks, Aaron Glenn and Marcus Coleman.

The Texans, who will play their first game against the New York Giants on Aug. 5 in the Hall of Fame game in Canton, Ohio, also took three players from Jacksonville - defensive tackles Seth Payne and Gary Walker, Baltimore, the 2001 Super Bowl winner, lost starting linebacker Jamie Sharper and Jermaine Lewis, one of the NFL's best kick returners.

The Texans took 19 players in the expansion draft. They also planned to make use of free agency and will get the first pick in the college draft on April 20.

"We got experience at positions that are hard," coach Dom Capers said. "We got two starting offensive tackles, two starting defensive linemen and a playmaker in Jermaine Lewis."

Glenn, who played college football at nearby Texas A&M, said he was happy to be coming home.

"I don't know what the Jets were thinking," Glenn said. "But I'll tell you, they did a favor for us. I think me and Marcus will do well on this team. The fact that we played together in New York will make it easier on us to communicate. I never thought I'd get a chance to come back home and play football."

The Texans are expected to make Fresno State quarterback David Carr their first pick in the college player draft in April. In the 17th round, they chose quarterback Danny Wuerffel from the Chicago Bears.

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