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Cleanup starts rolling



Antonio Sanchez scrambles across the top of a pile of tires at Idaho Tire Recovery Inc. near Shoshone. Craig Hadden, a former owner of the business, says there are more than a million tires on the property that need to be recycled.

Ex-owner works to remove sidewalls, shreds, treads

By Jennifer Sandmerr Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — At the Shoshone tire pile, work is under way to prepare tires for disposal. Shoshone real estate agent Craig Hadden, past owner of the tire pile property north of Shoshone, is looking for takers interested in sidewalls, treads and shreds. There are plenty to be had. He estimates between 1.5 million and 2 million used tires. Earlier estimates by officials placed the tire count at anywhere from 600,000 to 1.3 million.

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There is no sign from the man who abandoned them — Tom Floyd of Nampa — operator of the now closed Idaho Tire Recovery Inc. Along with Floyd's company, Hadden and the current property owner are being sued by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to clean up the tires. Neil Richards of Richfield bought the property from Hadden in November. Tire piles pose an environ-

mental and human health hazard. They offer breeding grounds for insects and rodents, are highly combustible and can cause uncontrollable toxic fires. This pile sits on the open range. The past-and-present property owners say they don't think they should be held responsible for cleanup. They express frustration over what they say was a lack of government regulation that resulted in the situation getting out of hand. Hadden, a former owner of ITR, is busy looking for ways to move out the tires. Richards, who is in ill

health and physically unable to get to the site, said he approves of Hadden's efforts. Richards says he bought the property as an investment — that it was cheap enough to be interesting. With an agreement in place to have it cleaned up, he said he planned to later re-sell it for a profit. It is worthless right now, he said. Hadden says he sold the property, because he wanted to get out of the many things he was involved in, retire and take it easy. Please see TIRES, Page A2

Air Force plans private bombing range opening

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A private ribbon-cutting ceremony closed to the news media is planned Friday for the Air Force's new Juniper Butte training range south of Mountain Home. The ceremony is planned for military officials, an Air Force spokesman said. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, is scheduled to accompany them before he joins a welcome-home celebration for Mountain Home Air Force Base troops recently back from the war in Afghanistan.

Ceremony set Friday near Bruneau Canyon

Friday's ribbon-cutting ceremony near Bruneau Canyon will include a bombing run, Air Force Lt. Lucas Ritter said. The event will be rushed to get officials back to the base in time for the welcome-home celebration and will not be much of an opportunity for the media to conduct interviews, he said. He mentioned plans of a media event at a later date. The controversial \$35 million bombing range critics say the Air Force never proved a need

for covers 12,675 acres in southeastern Owyhee County. It includes mock enemy radar sites, faux surface-to-air missiles and a dummy factory complete with smokestacks, warehouses and rail yards intended to look like an industrial area from the air. The 40-acre factory site makes up the bulk of the active "drop sites" in the entire reserve. Dummy bombs will be dropped only here and on other one-acre and quarter-acre sites where

fake surface-to-air missile sites are constructed. The Air Force fought opponents of a new bombing complex for a decade. During that time, the proposal was scaled back several times from the original plan of incorporating up to 2 million more acres into the existing Saylor Creek bombing range. Though they didn't defeat the range proposal as they had hoped, sporting and conservation groups say they got some meaningful concessions from the Air Force.

Israeli forces surround Palestinians at holy sites

The Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Israeli tanks rolled into the West Bank's largest city, Nablus, on Wednesday and other troops laid siege to a refugee camp in Jenin, battling Palestinians who barricaded entrances and fought back with bombs and guns. Soldiers also snatched hundreds of Palestinian gunmen holed up in the church marking Jesus' birthplace. Twelve Palestinians and an Israeli soldier were killed on the sixth day of Israel's offensive aimed at crushing Palestinian militias and stopping terror attacks on Israeli civilians. Shortly before midnight, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon convened the Security Cabinet, made up of his most senior ministers, to approve the next stage of



Stephanie Khoury, born in Austin, Texas, checks the remains of her car Monday.

Americans in Ramallah face onslaught

The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Trapped in their homes by shelling and gunfire, they're running short of food and water, soothing their fearful children and — in at least one case — dying in a hall of gunfire. They're American citizens in Ramallah, one of the half-dozen West

Bank towns that have come under Israeli military control in the past six days. About 16,000 Americans live in and around Ramallah, the largest and most important of the Palestinian towns seized by Israel as part of a military offensive that Prime Minister Please see AMERICANS, Page A4

Farmers say soil damage lingers

Oust will prohibit some crops this year, they contend

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News correspondent

PAUL — Some farmers whose crops were damaged last year by an herbicide sprayed by the Bureau of Land Management say they won't be able to grow sugar beets in those fields this year. "A lot of that soil we'll not be able to plant in," said Dan Schaeffer, who headed a committee of growers whose crops were damaged by spraying of Oust. In December, the Idaho Food Quality Assurance Lab at the College of Southern Idaho started testing soil samples from fields where crops were damaged. Oust was sprayed by the BLM in the fall of 2000 to control weeds on burned ground, and nearby crops were damaged. Farmers have said that damages amounted to \$95 million, and they're preparing to sue the federal government, DuPont and the herbicide applicator.

The damage might not stop with the 2001 crop. Don Morishita, extension weed scientist with the University of Idaho in Twin Falls — who has been working with the Quality Assurance Lab in the testing — said it appears some of the damaged ground will not grow sugar beets this year.

"With all the samples we've gotten in, I would say that about one-third of those samples show that the growers might not want to grow sugar beets," he said. Morishita suggests that those who have soils damaged to this extent plant something other than sugar beets. Cereal grains such as wheat or barley are probably the best alternatives to be grown in those fields, because grains are not affected by Oust in the way sugar beets are. "There is a better chance he won't have a problem with it," Morishita said.

But growing grain instead of sugar beets won't help those who have contracts to fulfill. John Schorr, ag manager for the Paul Amalgamated Sugar Co. facility, said the company is "going to work with the growers so it's not a hardship on them." While each grower is still responsible to plant 100 percent of the acres contracted, there are ways to do that without having to plant in damaged areas, Schorr said. "We are encouraging them to find other fields," he said. "We Please see OUST, Page A2

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U.S. signals willingness to open talks

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The White House said Wednesday it was willing to open discussions over Palestinian-political demands before the current violence is brought under control, dropping its insistence that diplomatic efforts be focused solely on achieving a cease-fire.

In setting out a political negotiating track concurrent with a security one, Bush administration officials notably separated their policy from that of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who has demanded calm before he addresses Palestinian interests.

"There are two vital guidelines that the president is seeking to advance and they can work independently; they can work together," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer. "The important thing is for the parties to begin the focus, with the United States assistance, to making progress in both of them or either of them."

Fleischer said that a cease-fire coupled with new security



Israeli border police push back a crowd of more than 2,000 Israeli activists - both Jews and Arabs - who tried to pass a checkpoint into Ramallah Wednesday to deliver humanitarian supplies to the besieged town.

arrangements between Israeli and Palestinian forces, would help enhance the chances that political talks would succeed.

But he added, "Political dialogue is an essential part of the dialogue to solving the fundamental problems in the Middle East."

While administration officials have long said they favor an overall political settlement to the Arab-Israeli dispute, Fleischer's remarks were significant because they seemed to elevate Palestinian demands to a matter of immediate concern.

This shift comes amid a crescendo of criticism, domestically and abroad, over the modest level of American engagement in trying to break the Middle East logjam.

American allies in Europe and the Arab world are particularly concerned about the wide latitude Bush has given to Sharon's invasion of West Bank cities, which threatens to topple Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's government and end the Oslo peace process.

Fleischer's comments also reflect a recognition by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice that Middle East turmoil cannot be solved solely by military means but requires the sides to create a political context for negotiations, according to sources familiar with White House discussions.

Research: Folded proteins may cause various ailments

The Associated Press

New research suggests illnesses as diverse as Alzheimer's, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and adult-onset diabetes are caused by proteins that fold themselves into defective shapes, rather than proteins that have undergone harmful chemical changes.

As they develop, these aberrant protein forms can clump together and wreck molecular havoc on healthy cells, according to two studies in today's issue of the journal Nature.

Previously, scientists believed that mistolding was an unusual occurrence limited to perhaps 20 or more protein types.

Instead, the effect may be common to any protein in the body, the researchers reported. Why it occurs remains unclear, but the process is believed to be associated

with diseases that take decades to develop.

"There is lots of evidence that any protein can form these structures in principle," said Christopher Dobson of the University of Cambridge in England, who helped lead one of the studies.

Thomas Sudhof, a Dallas-based investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, called the paper a major advance because it demonstrates the particular stage at which the toxic effects of the misfolded proteins can be gauged.

Proteins are the agents of change and chemical messengers in cells, and they carry out the instructions encoded in genes. The specific roles they play are dictated by both their makeup and the three-dimensional shape they take on when folded.

Archdiocese turns over list of priest sex abuse cases

NEW YORK (AP) — The Archdiocese of New York has given the Manhattan district attorney a list of cases from the past four decades of priests accused of molesting youngsters.

The allegations could lead to criminal charges, at least in instances where the statute of limitations has not expired.

Neither the archdiocese nor the district attorney's office would comment on the number of cases.

With 2.4 million members, the New York Archdiocese is the nation's third-largest.

The Boston Archdiocese, at the center of the child-molestation scandal that has rocked the nation's Roman Catholic Church, previously agreed to turn over to prosecutors such information. Other dioceses, including those in Cincinnati, New Hampshire and Maine, have also done so.

The New York Archdiocese said in a statement that the list resulted from "a comprehensive review of the personnel files for priests of the Archdiocese of

New York covering the last 35 to 40 years."

The information included "the date and location of the alleged activity and the outcome of any legal proceedings that may have been taken, along with the status of the accused, if it is known."

Joseph Zwilling, an archdiocesan spokesman, said the information was given to District Attorney Robert Morgenthau because the files are located in his district. Morgenthau will forward relevant information to district attorneys in other jurisdictions within the archdiocese, Zwilling said.

The statute of limitations for bringing charges in child-molestation cases is five years from the time the incident was first reported to authorities, or five years from the alleged victim's 18th birthday.

In recent weeks, New York Cardinal Edward Egan has been accused of helping to hide priest sexual-abuse cases when he was bishop of Bridgeport, Conn. He has said he handled the cases appropriately.

Wounded go unrescued, die in streets and homes of Bethlehem

By Keith B. Richburg
The Washington Post

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Demolished cars lined the narrow streets of Bethlehem. Shutters were ripped from the shops. And inside the homes, where frightened residents huddled for a second day, the dead shared space with the wounded.

In one small house, a woman named Fatheyeh-Mousa waited for help to get a dead man's body removed from her kitchen. She did not know the man. He was named Abdel Khader Abu Ahmad, he told her, and came from a Palestinian refugee camp in neighboring Jordan. But he was wounded during the invasion of the Israeli army Tuesday morning and the family took him in. With no ambulances allowed on the streets, he died on a thin mat on her kitchen floor.

"He kept bleeding. We tried to fix any kind of bandage on him, but he had a hole in his waist," the woman cried as a child of about four stood transfixed by the feet of the corpse. "We didn't know who he was, but we feel like he was family always. I feel like I lost a member of my family."

Nearby, in a small mosque, the body of another man, apparently a fighter, lay partially covered under a green coat and a striped blanket. The man had been wounded and, judging from the blood-stained bandages over his right arm, someone had tried to give him first aid.

These were some of the sights of Bethlehem two days after Israeli armored forces — moving from the north on the road from Jerusalem — had taken control of the city and spread out around the churches and shrines erected to mark its role as the place where Christian tradition says Jesus was born.



Initial resistance by Palestinian gunmen armed with assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades had largely died away. But Israeli troops stood at Manger Square and faced the Church of the Nativity. About 200 Palestinian fighters who had retreated into the church were surrounded by a ring of Israeli armor and troops in a dangerous standoff.

Father Parthenius, a Canadian Greek Orthodox priest inside, said the Palestinian militiamen were frightened but respectful of the church and the clergy. He said some of the fighters are Christians and join in the masses held there each day. Several wounded militiamen were treated on the scene, he said, mostly with light injuries.

The Church of the Nativity is shared by the Greek Orthodox Church, which has the large

Basilica in the center, the Armenian church, with a small corner, and the Roman Catholic Church. The fighters were mainly in the Orthodox and Catholic parts, sleeping in the large Basilica, the priest said. The biggest problem was lack of food; Father Parthenius said they were surviving on coffee, tea and biscuits.

"They're carrying their own weapons," he said. "But I think they are out of ammunition."

Another standoff at a nearby Bethlehem convent, Santa Maria, ended Wednesday when the Israeli army entered the compound to escort out the priest and five nuns who it said had been held hostage inside. "The terrorists used the church as a strong point," an Israeli army statement said, adding that the gunmen inside "escaped through the back door."

Under a 24-hour curfew, the entire town was declared a closed military area, meaning journalists and other foreigners were blocked from entering by the main roads. Some reporters ventured inside using back roads, however, and got a glimpse of the damage and casualties.

The Israeli military's refusal to allow ambulances to collect the dead and wounded drew cries of outrage from Bethlehem's residents, as well as from medical workers and clergymen. One ambulance was allowed out for about a half an hour Wednesday afternoon, under an agreement negotiated between the Israeli military and the Red Crescent Society. The driver, Jamal Balboul, picked up three dead bodies and two wounded people. He stacked the dead in first and put the two injured people on top.

"It's unimaginable," said Rector Lahman of the Latin Seminary. "Even in the worst of wars, the Red Cross was always allowed to come and help people."

Mideast

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the open-ended "Operation Protective Wall." Only two major West Bank towns — Hebron and Jericho — were still under Palestinian control late Wednesday. No details about the meeting were immediately available.

President Bush repeated his support for the Israeli assault. "He understands and respects Israel's right to defend herself," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said he was weighing a meeting with Israeli and Arab leaders during a trip to Europe next week.

The European Union, meanwhile, said it would send a high-level mission to the Middle East to urge the sides to open negotiations. The move came hours after top EU official Romano Prodi criticized U.S. peace efforts, asking Washington to stand down and make room for other nations to

U.S. special envoy Anthony Zinni remains in the region striving to implement a truce plan authorized last June by CIA chief George Tenet. The U.S. Embassy hasn't released any information on his activities in recent days, and no meetings were scheduled with either Israelis or Palestinians.

But daily anti-Israeli protests in the Arab world grew more violent. Thousands of Lebanese and Palestinians clashed with security forces Wednesday outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, with at least 25 reported injured as protesters threw stones and security forces used tear gas and water cannons.

Under pressure to cut off ties completely with Israel, Egypt took a more limited step Wednesday, announcing it would suspend all diplomatic contacts with Israel except those aimed at helping the Palestinians.

In New York, the U.N. Security Council debated a Palestinian-backed resolution aimed at pressuring Israel to withdraw from its cities but deferred voting until at least today.

Study: Children of cousin couples run lower risk of defect than thought

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Children born to couples who are first or second cousins have a lower risk of birth defects than is commonly believed, but it can still be nearly twice as high as usual, according to a study released Wednesday.

An unrelated couple has an approximately 3 percent to 4 percent risk of having a child with a birth defect, significant mental retardation or serious genetic disease, the researchers said. They found that close cousins

face an additional risk of 1.7 percent to 2.8 percent.

"That is lower than many people, including family doctors, believed to be the case, said one of the researchers, Robin Bennett.

"The commonsense point of this is that there is a definite risk, but the risk is rather small," said another one of the researchers, Dr. Arno G. Motulsky, professor of medicine and genome sciences at the University of Washington.

A railcar and track are attached to the girder aboard Atlantis and will be tested while the shuttle is docked to the space station. The track will grow as more and more of these intricate beams are installed, and enable the space station's robot arm to travel from one end of the outpost to the other for construction work.

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U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan head home

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) - The first major unit of American soldiers heading home from Afghanistan packed their bags Wednesday with everything from Qurans swiped from the bodies of dead al-Qaida fighters to Afghan hats traded for cigarettes.

But the infantry soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division also take home some more complicated baggage - new ideas about war and politics and, for some, the memory of what it feels like to kill.

"I didn't feel anything. I didn't feel hate, sad, happy - I just killed him," said Spc. Andrew Spurlock, of Popok, Fla., remembering the enemy fighter he found hiding near a cave during the Operation Anaconda offensive in early March.

"I didn't feel anything," the 23-year-old repeated.

Spurlock, among departing U.S. soldiers heading out Wednesday at Bagram air base, playing football, napping and doing some last-minute packing, said he won't be like others "who might go crazy or get depressed" by what they witnessed.

"I'll always be there, but I didn't change any," he said.

The 10th Mountain soldiers,



Pvt. Christopher Best, of Northeast, Pa., left, Pvt. Brett Sullivan of Columbia, Mass., top, and Pvt. Richard McKimson of Port Orchard, Wash., pack up a bag in preparation for their departure from Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan Wednesday.

making up the allies' main fighting force in the Afghan campaign, began heading home Tuesday from Bagram, a former

Soviet base about an hour north of Kabul. More troops were heading out Thursday, and nearly all 1,000 from the division should be

gone by mid-April, stopping in Germany before arriving home to Fort Drum, N.Y.

Looking out at the mountain of stuffed duffel bags laid out at Bagram's camp, soldiers described the few souvenirs they had packed: traditional Afghan hats - called pakouls - blankets, scarves and dress uniforms traded with soldiers from other countries. Some described their colleagues stealing keepsakes from dead enemy fighters, including pocket Qurans and Pakistani currency.

The soldiers, many of whom saw combat for the first time, are bringing home stories about exploding caves and helicopter transports through mountainous fighting zones that were both beautiful and terrifying.

They are also bringing a new appreciation for what life is like in one of the world's poorest countries.

"We've seen the way these people live, little kids walking around without shoes," said Spc. Javish Rosa of New York City. "You watch it on TV at home and just turn the channel. Here you can't do that."

Rosa, 22, said he felt his tour in Afghanistan had given him a feeling of purpose.

North Korea says it will start talks with U.S.-led consortium

SEOUL, South Korea - North Korea said Wednesday that it will resume dialogue with a U.S.-led international consortium currently building two nuclear reactors in the isolated, impoverished country.

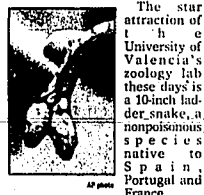
It was unclear from the communist North's official Korean Central News Agency's brief English statement whether North Korea also wants to open dialogue with the U.S. government.

Under a 1994 agreement between Washington and Pyongyang, the consortium is building two reactors in the north-eastern corner of North Korea.

In that accord, the United States promised those two reactors worth \$4.6 billion in return for a freeze on the North's nuclear facilities suspected of being used to build atomic bombs. The reactors, financed mostly by South Korea and Japan, are not of a type that can produce weapons-grade plutonium.

Two-headed ladder snake delights Spanish zoologists

MADRID, Spain - Scientists studying a two-headed snake found in Spain have two major questions: Does one head boss the other around? Will the creature ever find a mate?



This two-headed snake was found in Spain earlier this year.

The star attraction of the University of Valencia's zoology lab these days is a 10-inch ladder snake, a nonpoisonous species native to Spain, Portugal and France.

A farmer in Spain's southeast province found the snake in February, and it was transferred to Valencia last week. It now lives in a terrarium with a video camera filming every flicker of its two tongues and four eyes.

So far both heads seem to work fine, and move independently, said Vicente Roca, a University of Valencia zoologist taking part in the study.

World in brief

France's Catholic Church calls for religious tolerance

PARIS - The Catholic Church on Wednesday urged those responsible for a wave of anti-Semitic attacks not to see France as a battleground for rising tensions in the Middle East.

"Even if the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians has taken a dramatic turn recently, it does not authorize this rise of intolerance in France," Jean-Pierre Ricard, president of the Conference of French Bishops, said in a statement Wednesday.

"A true social peace is at stake." The comments came after two assailants brazenly hurled gasoline bombs at the Merlan Synagogue in Marseille late Tuesday even as it was under police guard. The incendiary devices landed only a few yards from the officers, but no one was injured and the synagogue was not damaged. The two assailants fled.

Islam is the second-largest religion in France after Roman Catholicism. France also has the largest Jewish community in Europe, with some 600,000 Jews.

Coalition promises protest in Britain to save fox hunting

LONDON - A coalition of rural activists said Wednesday that it will launch a protest campaign to fight government efforts to ban the age-old tradition of fox hunting.

The Countryside Alliance, which has led demonstrations of tens of thousands of people in the past, said its forthcoming "summer of discontent" protests will include a march through London to support all forms of hunting and criticize the government's handling of the issue.

"Hunting has now become a touchstone for people in the countryside who are feeling very disenfranchised. We want to see a number of things from government, and we are going to make sure they are aware of the depth of concern in rural people over the next few months," said Richard Burge, chief executive of the alliance, which says it has 100,000 members.

- compiled from wire reports

U.N. tribunal adjourns Rwanda genocide trial

ARUSHA, Tanzania (AP) - A U.N. tribunal on Wednesday adjourned until September the trial of the man accused of masterminding the 1994 genocide in Rwanda and three other military officers to allow the defense time to receive key documents from the prosecution, officials said.

The trial of Col. Theoneste Bagosora and his three co-defendants opened Tuesday with defense lawyers claiming they had not received French translations of the prosecution's pre-trial brief and the report of the first witness, American human rights activist, Alison De Forge.

Trial documents are supposed to be translated into English, French and Kinyarwanda.

Judge Lloyd Williams allowed the U.N. prosecutor Carla Del Ponte to make the prosecution's opening statement Tuesday, but following a closed-door conference Wednesday he adjourned



Donlei Bisumbukuboko fights back tears Jan. 26 as he discusses how his seven children and five brothers and sisters were killed in Nyamata, 18 miles south of Kigali, during the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. More than 500,000 Tutsis and politically moderate Hutus were killed in the 100-day slaughter.

the trial until September. Neengiyumba, Maj. Aloys Bagosora, Lt. Col. Anatole Ntabakuze and Brig. Gen.

Gration Kabiligi are charged with between 10 and 12 counts of genocide, crimes against humanity and rape. They refused to leave their jail cells to attend the trial's opening claiming their rights had been violated by the failure to supply them with the translations.

All four pleaded innocent to the charges at previous hearings held at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in this northern Tanzanian town.

Rwandan and tribunal officials hope the trial will reveal the military's complicity in the genocide, as well as the planning behind the 100-day slaughter in which more than 500,000 Tutsis and politically moderate Hutus were killed.

Bagosora, 60, is alleged to have walked out of peace talks with the Tutsi-led rebels in Arusha in 1993, saying he was returning to Rwanda to "prepare for the apocalypse."

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Civilian criminal courts give terrorists too many loopholes

Earlier this month, a career thief and murderer who was sentenced to death in 1984 for the rape, torture and murder of Denver bookkeeper Lorraine Martelli died in the Colorado State Penitentiary of natural causes. His last rounds of appeal still were pending. Frank Rodriguez was a lifelong street predator who savagely attacked a decent, hard-working person and whose case was otherwise unextraordinary. His case stands as sadly representative of a civilian criminal justice system that simply is not appropriate for adjudication of terrorist war crimes.

It is into the breach of that system that Attorney General John Ashcroft has ridden with a proposed death sentence for Zacarias Moussoui, the alleged 20th hijacker of Sept. 11. Moussoui's case has been relegated to U.S. District Court, along with various accused bank robbers and drug kingpins, despite Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's recent issuance of complete procedural rules for war crime trials before military commissions.

Can't the Bush administration get its Justice and Defense departments right on this issue? No compelling reason has emerged for not charging Moussoui and alleged shoe bomber Richard Reid as war criminals. Both are accused of targeting civilians for mass murder, which constitute war crimes under international law and should be tried before military commissions. The same goes for

SPENCER J. CRONA AND NEAL A. RICHARDSON

Ahmad Omar Saeed Sheikh, the alleged al-Qaida terrorist charged in Pakistan with masterminding the killing of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl; for all those alleged al-Qaida agents on the FBI's "Most Wanted Terrorists" list; and for the al-Qaida detainees at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Those who have argued against military tribunals have said that these commissions cannot be fair. That argument filters with the procedural rules, which provide for presumption of innocence, defendant right to private counsel, beyond-a-reasonable-doubt burden of proof, defense right to review the evidence, preclusion of double jeopardy, public trial except where necessary to protect national security or intelligence assets or witnesses, unanimity required for a death sentence and a 30-day appeal process. In one concession to the

reality of terrorism prosecution and to the aims of efficiency and truth, the rules provide for a relaxed standard of evidence compared with the civilian system.

In the civilian criminal justice system, we as a society find acceptable the risk that the guilty may go free as a consequence of providing extensive procedural safeguards to the accused. With terrorist war crimes, the risk isn't that a serial killer or a rapist may go free to prey upon future victims, but that the killer who goes free will later detonate a "suit-

case" nuclear weapon in mid-Manhattan or Los Angeles. We don't want a process in which decades pass while mass murderers of civilians cool their heels, contemplate their opportunities and percolate their hate in U.S. jails. Consider Sheikh. He was released when his cronies on an Air India airliner in 1999 to force Indian authorities, who'd been holding him in connection with the kidnapping of an American, to free him. Sheikh recently boasted that he'll be released again the same way.

The swiftness and certainty of the military commission process reflect a policy choice to err in favor of eliciting the truth and prosecuting the guilty in a fundamentally fair tribunal, rather than freeing the guilty to attain an absolute idea of procedural fairness. Since mass slaughter and economic devastation are national security issues, national security in time of war mandates military trials.

Spencer J. Crona is a lawyer and Neal A. Richardson is a deputy district attorney, both in Denver.

LETTER

Children shouldn't play around on rail cars

Summertime is just around the corner. This means that in some cases, your children are more than likely out wandering around unsupervised. In most cases, there is no harm done, but do you really know what your children are up to?

There have been reports of children playing on or around rail cars, not knowing the damage that could be done. Parents, please teach your children that the railroad is not a playground. They have no idea that if a brake is released and a rail car rolls down the track, it could actually cost you, the parent, a lot of money, and it could also seriously hurt someone or even kill.

For example, two children on their way home from school released brakes on two rail cars; both cars derailed, causing thousands of dollars in damage and the parents were liable. Children playing with switches can also do thousands of dollars worth of damage.

I am a conductor-engineer for Eastern Idaho Rail and I have to say that children are not only to blame. I witness every day adults running stop signs and flashing red lights with bells and whistles sounding. Drivers approaching stop signs and slowing down but not stopping. Many times I have had to stop the train because of drivers stopping in the middle of the tracks.

When I was in driver's education, I was taught that you stop, look both ways and proceed with caution when approaching railroad crossings - not to blaze through like you're in a race with the train.

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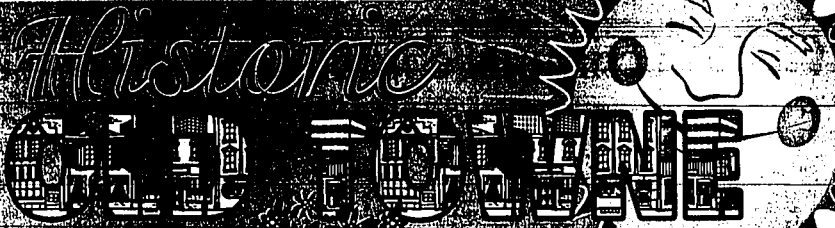
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Section B

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“ I signed a two-year contract to play. Obviously, my health will always determine my playing status. But at this time, my plan is to play next season. ”

—Michael Jordan, who was placed on the injured reserve list Wednesday effectively ending his season

TRIVIA QUESTION:

Who was the last repeat winner of the Masters?
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school baseball**
Rimrock at Glens Ferry, 4 p.m.
Jerome at Blackfoot, 4 p.m.
- High school softball**
Burley at Wood River, 3:30 p.m.
Highland at Minico (2), 4 p.m.
- High school tennis**
Minico at Skyline, 3:30 p.m.
Twin Falls at Jerome, 3:30 p.m.
- High school track**
Buhl Quad Meet, 3 p.m.
Brad Matthews Memorial, at Declo, 3 p.m.
Hillcrest Invitational, 3:30 p.m.
Skyline Invitational, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Ski and snowboard group names head

KETCHUM — Ketchum businessman Chuck Ferries has been named president of the board of directors of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association. Ferries, a two-time Olympian and two-time U.S. slalom champion, used to own Scott USA, which manufactured goggles, ski poles and other ski equipment. Ferries said he is optimistic about the future of U.S. alpine and snowboard racing given the many young people who gained valuable experience in this Olympic year. “Our challenge is to do the best and be the best,” he said.

Magic Valley Speedway season opens April 13

TWIN FALLS — For \$10.40 race fans will receive one adult and one child's admission for opening night at Magic Valley Speedway on April 13. Several special promotions will be held at the track this season including an exclusive all-women's Queen Bees division as well as the popular Hornets, Grand Nationals, Pony Stocks, Thunders and Modified classes. For more information, call 734-3700.

Twin Falls Women's softball meets April 11

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Women's Softball Association is holding an organizational meeting April 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Maxie's Pizzeria in Twin Falls. Agenda items include start dates, fees, tournaments, rosters and other league business. Games will be played on Thursday nights at the Frontier Field softball parks in May. All teams and interested slough-pitch players aged 16 and older are invited to attend. Players are still needed to fill out rosters. For more information, call Amy Sommers at 732-8929 or Connie Rippel at 733-9065.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Nick Faldo, who won in 1989 and '90, each time in a playoff.

Jerome, Minico look to repeat

SPRING High School Previews

The Times-News looks at Class 5A and 4A track and field teams today.
Friday: 3A/2A track
Sunday: 1A track

The Times-News

With the sun finally shining and the snow having melted away, area track and field teams are shaking off the winter doldrums and preparing for the six-week-long run at the district and state meets. “We’ve just been tortured early with the poor conditions, cold and wind,” Twin Falls coach Larry Lewis said. “Finally it’s been better and we’re excited.”

Class 5A Bruins look at return to top; Minico looks to rebuild

There's reason within Lewis' optimism. With nine state girls titles and 14 boys state team championships in its history, the Bruins rank among the state's best in the sport. But the recent past hasn't been as kind. The Twin Falls girls placed seventh at state last year, while the boys finished ninth. Lewis and the Bruins hope this year becomes a return to the past. And with as deep, talented and young a team as the Bruins field for both boys and girls, maybe

Twin Falls can make some noise when state comes around in May.

“So far we’re scoring on the track. We’ve had two meets and both have been in cold weather and they really performed well,” Lewis said. “I’m very happy.”

The Bruin girls posted 115 points in besting both defending girls state champions Minico and Jerome on March 15. They came away with another region win a week later. Leading the way for Twin Falls has been a core group of sophomores and juniors including Lynsey Scherbinske, Orla Walsh and Kylie Beggess to name a few.

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A DREAM COME TRUE



Muffy Davis winks at the crowd while offering to let them try on her Paralympic skiing medals at the Twin Falls Rotary Club luncheon on Wednesday. She said that when she was 8 years old her dream was to win a medal in the Olympics and have a ski run named after her. Davis thought her dream was over when she was paralyzed in a skiing accident when she was 16. Last month she won the medals at the Paralympic Games in Salt Lake. Last week a ski run on Bald Mountain in Sun Valley was named after her.

LISA H. COLLARD/The Times-News

MV drag racers ready for Vegas

Diana Anderson leads local NHRA contingent

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — If speed is what you need, Sin City is your best bet this weekend.

Twin Falls drag racer Diana Anderson and a host of the Magic Valley's best drag racers will be in Las Vegas for the annual NHRA — SummitRacing.Com National at Las Vegas Motor Speedway's "The Strip."

Anderson has been labeled one of the top female drag racers in the Northwest after getting off to a fast start this season. She had a strong finish recently at an NHRA national event in Phoenix and in the latest NHRA statistics she is the second-ranked Northwest racer in her bracket.

She finished fourth in her bracket at the end of the 2000 season, racing past a field of over 300.

Anderson will be driving a 575-horsepower 1967 Chevy Nova in the Super Gas bracket against 140 entrants from across the nation and Canada. The car can cover the quarter-mile track in nine seconds, reaching speeds of 150 mph.

Her husband, Don Anderson, will also be joining the Twin Falls racer in Las Vegas this weekend.

Don Anderson will be driving a 1957 Corvette in the Super Gas bracket.

Gooding's Bill Hawks will be looking to drive his rear-engine Chevy dragster to a win in the Super Comp category. Hawks, 60, is one of the oldest drivers in the nation. His car boasts 900 horsepower and recently covered the quarter-mile in 8.30 seconds.

About 30,000 spectators are expected to watch the events in Las Vegas with \$1.8 million in prize money up for grabs. NHRA legend John Force will also be attempting to win his 100th NHRA national event. Force is an 11-time champion in the Funny Car event.

Magic Valley racers Mark Kidd, Jeff Devey, Kenny Anderson and Dan Lafferty are expected to stay home this weekend to prepare for the Firebird Raceway Ignitor in Boise on April 12-14. The Ignitor is the NHRA Northwest Division points opener for the year.

The final qualifying runs of the professional classes will be televised Saturday at 6 p.m. on ESPN2. Sunday's elimination rounds will be shown at 8 p.m. on ESPN2.



Diana Anderson of Twin Falls, the No. 2-ranked NHRA drag racer in the Northwest, will compete at the NHRA SummitRacing.Com Nationals this weekend in Las Vegas.

Courtesy of her coach

Texans settle on Carr to be NFL's top pick

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans know the ultimate success for most NFL teams lies at quarterback.

So when the Texans make the first selection in the NFL draft on April 20, the team will choose Fresno State quarterback David Carr.

That announcement, unusual in that it came more than two weeks before the draft, was announced Wednesday by owner Bob McNair, although the decision was made by general manager Charley Casserly and coach Don Capers.

“To win, you have to have a good quarterback. Charley and his people have looked at this long and hard,” McNair said. “We know enough about Carr that we feel like we know who he is.”

The Texans had been expected to go for Carr all along, although Oregon's Joey

Harrington is regarded as good a quarterback prospect by some NFL teams.

In 37 games at Fresno State, Carr completed 62.8 percent of his passes for 7,849 yards, 70 touchdowns and 23 interceptions.

As a starter, he had an 18-8 record.

As a senior, Carr led the nation with 4,308 yards passing and 42 touchdowns passes, becoming only the sixth quarterback in NCAA history to throw for more than 4,000 yards and more than 40 touchdowns passes in the same season. He led the Bulldogs to an 11-2 record last season.

Carr finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting and won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award as the nation's top senior quarterback.

“We felt he was the best player in a draft,” Casserly said. “You got a real solid individual off the field and a real talented individual on the field.”



David Carr

Knee injury ends Jordan's season

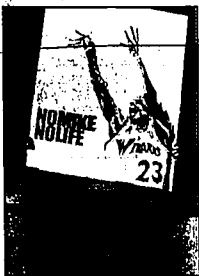
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A day after his worst scoring game ever, Michael Jordan woke up with a swollen right knee and decided enough was enough.

Jordan was placed on the injured list Wednesday by the Washington Wizards, and he said he is done for the season.

“I think it is best at this point to rest the knee and let it heal properly,” Jordan said in a statement. “I tried to get back and play as soon as possible and, early on, the knee responded well. But after the swelling this morning, I think it's best to give it rest.”

Jordan ends his season with a 22.9-point scoring average, the second lowest of his career. He averaged 22.7 in his second season with the Chicago Bulls in 1985-86, when he played just 18 games because of a broken foot.



Wizards fan Eddy Li holds up a sign before the game against Milwaukee Bucks Wednesday. The Wizards placed Michael Jordan on the injured list Wednesday.

Nets battle Lakers — B3 Webber goes home — B3

“He's a great competitor and he demonstrated that he can come back and be a top-10 player.” NBA commissioner David Stern said in Toronto. “I hope he's better for next year.”

Unless the Wizards overtake Indiana for the last Eastern Conference berth in the final two weeks of the season, Jordan will have played for a non-playoff team for the first time.

The 39-year-old star reiterated he plans to play next season if he is able.

“I signed a two-year contract to play,” Jordan said. “Obviously, my health will always determine my playing

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SPORTS

Bruins blast Wood River 10-2

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls conquered Wood River 10-2 on Wednesday night in tennis at Twin Falls...

Local sports

Local sports results including basketball and tennis games.

Tuesday's Late Results Golf Kimberly boys, Glenns Ferry girls win in Gooding...

Bobcat, Hornet netters fight to a draw... BURLY - The Burley and Declo tennis teams walked away from their match Wednesday...

Kylee Noble finished second and led the Fillets with a 49. Kimberly's Ashley Smith was the top medalist with a 47.

- List of basketball games with scores and team names.

Filer defeats Valley KIMBERLY - Filer dumped Valley 151-180 in boys golf at Pleasant Valley Golf Course...

Nick knew what he would change in the duo's performance: "Everything."

Bobcat, Hornet netters fight to a draw (continued)...

Bobcat, Hornet netters fight to a draw

BURLY - The Burley and Declo tennis teams walked away from their match Wednesday at the Burley tennis courts with a 6-6 tie.

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Streaking New Jersey holds off Lakers 94-92

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - After blowing an early 19-point lead and falling behind by 10 in the fourth quarter, New Jersey's final 22 points to defeat the Lakers 94-92.

The Jazz have won six of their last eight and this victory assured them of a 17th straight winning season, an NBA record. Utah had been tied with the Los Angeles Lakers at 16 straight, which the Lakers did from 1976-77 to 1991-92.

Raptors 117, Bulls 104 TORONTO - Morris Peterson scored 26 points and Antonio Davis 25 as Toronto won its sixth straight game without Vince Carter.

with 38 points as Milwaukee beat Washington just hours after the Wizard's Michael Jordan went on to be disabled list with a swollen right knee.

Jordan

Continued from B1 status. But at this time, my plan is to play next season. Jordan rushed his rehabilitation from the arthroscopic surgery Feb. 27 that repaired torn cartilage in his knee.

pushed the envelope trying to come back too quickly," coach Doug Collins said. "Last night before the game I went in to see him and I could see it was physically swollen. I didn't even want him to play last night, and you know Michael being the competitor that he is said I want to give it a whirl or whatever, and I said OK."

thing heal, get the inflammation out of there. And whether that's six weeks or eight weeks or whatever it might be.

because the game was one-sided. Afterward, Jordan said his knee felt fine, but Lakers coach Phil Jackson, Jordan's former coach with the Bulls, knew better.

Major League Baseball

Baseball standings table with columns for AL, NL, W, L, Pct, GB, L10, Str, Home, Away, Infr.

Baseball game results and schedules for various teams like Toronto, Detroit, Pittsburgh, etc.

David Wells, Yankees overwhelm Orioles

BALTIMORE (AP) - It was just like old times for New York: David Wells pitched marvelously into the eighth inning, and Mariano Rivera took care of the ninth as the Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles 1-0 Wednesday night.

Marlins 6, Expos 5 MONTREAL - A.J. Burnett (1-0) took a shutout into the eighth inning, and Derrek Lee hit a grand slam for Florida as baseball returned to normal in Montreal with a tiny crowd and an Expos loss.

Twins 1, Royals 0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Eric Milton gave up two first-inning singles, then retired 19 batters in the seventh off as Jason Johnson to break up an outstanding pitching duel.

Phillies 3, Braves 1

ATLANTA - Vicente Padilla (1-0) pitched six strong innings in his first major league start, and Pat Burrell hit a solo home run and scored twice for Philadelphia - defeated New York's Garry Sheffield home run for the second straight game.

Devil Rays 2, Tigers 1, 12 innings

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - Randy Winn snapped an 0-for-10 streak with an RBI single in the 12th inning that lifted the Tampa Bay Devil Rays over the Detroit Tigers.

Pirates 5, Mets 3

NEW YORK - Pokey Reese drove in three runs, two after an error by Gold Glove second baseman Roberto Alomar, and Pittsburgh defeated Steve Trachsel (0-1) and New York's Mo Vaughn hit his 300th career home run, his first in the National League.

Blue Jays-Red Sox rained out

BOSTON - The Toronto Blue Jays-Boston were rained out after two innings Wednesday night, but the Red Sox sustained a loss when starting pitcher Dustin Hermanson injured his groin.

Astros 15, Brewers 2

HOUSTON - Daryle Ward, taking Moises Alou's place in the Houston lineup, homered during an eight-run fourth inning and finished with four RBIs.

National League Cubs 10, Reds 3

CINCINNATI - Sammy Sosa hit his first home run of the season, and Kerry Wood (1-0) struck out 10 in only five innings Wednesday night to lead the Chicago Cubs to a 10-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Rockies 6, Cardinals 3

ST. LOUIS - Denny Neagle pitched six solid innings, and Larry Walker hit a three-run home run for Colorado.

Padres 8, Diamondbacks 7

PHOENIX - D'Angelo Jimenez singled home the go-ahead run, and Phil Nevin doubled in two more during the ninth inning for San Diego.

SPORTS

SCORES AND STATS

Capitals move into tie for final playoff spot

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sylvain Cote scored his first goal in 50 games, and Peter Bondra scored twice as the Washington Capitals beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-1 on Wednesday. The Capitals now are tied with the Montreal Canadiens for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Blues 2, Stars 1, OT

DALLAS - Pavel Demitra scored 2:29 into overtime. The extra point for winning the game pushed the Blues past Edmonton and Los Angeles into fifth place in the Western Conference standings. St. Louis has 88 points, one more than the Kings and Oilers.

Predators 3, Blackhawks 1

CHICAGO - Former Blackhawk Steve Dubinsky scored his first two-goal game in the NHL. Denis Arkhipov scored his team-leading 20th goal for the Predators, who snapped a five-game winless streak. Nashville has won just two of its last 15 games (2-10-3).

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NHL, Detroit at Los Angeles. ESPN2, 8:30 p.m.
Golf: PGA BellSouth Classic. USA, 2 p.m.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Crenshaw, Jacklin join golf Hall of Fame

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. - Ben Crenshaw and Tony Jacklin were elected Wednesday to the World Golf Hall of Fame, another common thread in careers that produced two major championships and special memories in the Ryder Cup.

Heating impaired Rugby gets help from fans

TOKYO - Japan's hearing impaired rugby players are about to get a little help from the fans.

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Maddux gets cortisone shot, could start Sunday

ATLANTA - Braves ace Greg Maddux will be held for opening day due to an inflamed nerve in his lower back, received a cortisone shot for the injury Wednesday and hopes to start Sunday against the New York Mets.

O'Neal sits out game with sore wrist

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Shaquille O'Neal missed the Los Angeles Lakers' game against the New Jersey Nets on Wednesday night because of a sore wrist.

No Yoursports today

Due to the Times-News' spring sports high school track previews, Yoursports will not appear in this week's sports section. Please look for Yoursports in next Thursday's paper. The Times-News regrets any inconvenience this might cause.

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SPORTS

Track

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"Bogges is running the 400 around 63 seconds and she anchors two relays," Lewis said. "Walsh has been winning the 100 and 200 for us and doing a great job. Scherbinske (long jump) and Stephanie Davis have been competing well. Megan Greenwood is anchoring our relays."

Seniors Kim Strunk and Malia Paluaini are providing leadership with the all-around Strunk running hurdles and Paluaini throwing shot and discus.

The Bruin boys are coming along as well, Lewis said. Chris Herzinger has taken a leadership role running the 400 in 50.7 seconds and the 200 in 23.1. Jake Salinas has a wind-aided 10.8 effort in the 100 and has a 21.1-foot effort in the long jump.

"Any time you get over 21 feet you have a chance to place at state," Lewis said.

In Region III, Lewis said the Minico girls should come around from their early season performances and Pocatello's Highland will always be a factor come district.

"I'm sure (Minico) is going to put some people to state and they have some good throwers," Lewis said. "Highland is always tough in boys and the Pocatello girls are improved."

Despite a low turnout off a state championship year and the graduation of two of his top performers, Minico coach Steve Haugeberg remains upbeat about his team's chances this season.

"We're all going to have our hands full with Mariah," he said. "I think they lost one jumper. But we're going to do our best to come away with a trophy."

The Spartan girls hope the field events make up for probable lost points on the track this season. Monica Jensen leads the Spartan girls with three events: hurdles, long and triple jump. Clare Bodensteiner and Erica Miller will be strong in high jumping and Kaye Dayton hopes to improve on her state fifth-place finish in the shot put.

But with speedster Creola Wiggins (state runner-up in the 200) and distance runner Malorie Sunderlund (fourth in the 1600) grandstand, Haugeberg hopes the girls team scrambling to find some runners.

"We're fairly young but we're not very deep. We got some big points up front but Twin Falls is loaded," he said. "They're certainly deep and they beat us handily in both (meets this season). It's tough to compete with that depth."

The Minico boys, on the other hand, have sprinter, Chuck Fleming (fifth at state in the 100) to lead the charge and the relay teams and Brian Hansen is showing promise in the hurdle events.

Again, however, the field is where the Spartans will score, said Haugeberg.

"We're going to be very strong in our throws this year. Luke Barr, Doug Barclay and Brian Grimm all return from state last year. We're young in the distance but I think we're going to surprise some people there this year."

Class 4A
Jerome follows tradition; Burley shows promise

The numbers speak for themselves.

Nine girls state team championships and 10 boys in team trophies cases and gymnasium rafters at Jerome High School. Not to mention the countless individual titles bestowed upon Tiger runners and throwers.

Add in the combined 20 state championship coaching titles between Jerome athletic director and former girls coach John "Skip" Andrew (six) and current boys coach Tim Dunne (14), and one understands the tradition of the Tigers. At a wintry Twin Falls meet, the Jerome girls edged the Diamondbacks (74.3-72.8) but the Tiger boys ran away with a 105-77 victory over the Pocatello school.

That pleased longtime coach



Jerome's Jennifer Pond leads the Lady Tigers as the defending state champion in the shot put. She hopes to make another run at an individual title as well as a team title this year with the Jerome track team.

200- and 400-meter runs (Melissa McLimore) and medley relay, coach Elmer Musgrave says there's no reason the Lady Tigers can't repeat at state.

"We're pretty good. We feel we've got pretty good potential," Musgrave said.

The Tigers' strengths begin, literally, with its strength-based events: shot, put and discus. Pond heaved a state meet record 40 feet, 1.75 inches in the shot and has already reached 36 feet this spring. Sophomore Vanessa West threw the discus 110 feet at state for fourth place and can only get stronger. Another hopeful is Wendy Kump, who has shot putted 33 feet.

Jamie Palmer leads the Tigers in pole vault, having placed fourth at state last year.

On the track, it begins with Melissa McLimore, where the future Idaho State University student won state titles in the 200 and 400, placed second in the 100 and ran a leg on the medley relay team.

Also leading the Jerome track team is Sarah Lott (hurdles, medley), Marjorie Bingham (800), Amber Wade (3,200) and Cindy Bingham.

"We're awfully good in the sprints," Musgrave said. "We've got McLimore and Sarah Lott ran all the relays and two freshmen - Jena Bubak and Sylvia Miramontes - have shown some things. We have some pretty good talent back. But in track, things happen on every given day. We look pretty good and we'll see how we end up."

Across the region, Musgrave said in their two meetings this season, Century looks to be the strongest competition for the Tigers. At a wintry Twin Falls meet, the Jerome girls edged the Diamondbacks (74.3-72.8) but the Tiger boys ran away with a 105-77 victory over the Pocatello school.

Tim Dunne, who said he didn't know what to expect early on from his 55-man team.

"It's a great team as far as the kids' attitudes," Dunne said.

As usual, the Jerome boys are again strong in the field where four-event stars Nathan Capps and Cory Musgrave will lead the Tigers in hurdles and the jumping events.

Joe Hawk will be counted upon to head up the sprints while Tyler Lane runs the distance events, including the 800.

In the region, Dunne and Musgrave said Burley will be competitive with standouts and state returnees Jed Thomas, Tyler Atkins and Cole Jones heading up the Bobcat boys and Tiffany Anderson, Amy Thomas, Lindsay Abo and Dalsey Helner for the girls.

"(Burley) is good, but just what I've seen they hadn't shown the type of depth that I thought they had," Musgrave said.

Dunne said Jerome just needs to avoid injuries and continue to work hard through the season. Jerome hosts this year's District Four-Five-Six meet May 16-17.

"I think we're on track. We should be a little higher than last year with the Capps kid and the Musgrave kid," Dunne said. "I really am proud of (the tradition). It's exciting when the kids get to school in the fall and they start talking track."

A LOOK AT THE TEAMS

Class 5A
Minico Spartans

Coach: Steve Haugeberg, fifth year

Assistant coaches: Delbert Bennett, Cliff Holbrook, Gary Middlestead, Wes Paterson.

2001: Boys (3rd region, 16th state), Girls (1st region, 1st state)

Returning state placers: Girls-Monica Jensen, Clare Bodensteiner, Kabree Dayton, Kylee Dayton, Kristina Erbaugh, Whitney Martin, Erica Miller. Boys-Chuck Fleming, Brian Hansen, Juan Arreola.

Outlook: Girls will be very young and inexperienced this year. However the girls should be strong in the jumps, hurdles and throws. Boys will also be very young but will score in throws and on Fleming's feet.

Coach says: "Our girls will have more depth than last year but with less speed in the sprints. Our boys will make strong gains in the distance races."

Twin Falls Bruins

Coach: Larry Lewis, ninth season

Assistant coaches: Mike Tunker, Duane Strands, Karen Kohring, Ed Arndt, Kelly Younce, Chuck Brown, Joe Keeney, Curt Asay, Marty Espinoza, Jerry Kleinkopf.

2001: Boys (2nd district, 9th state), Girls (2nd district, 7th state).

Returning state placers: Boys-Chris Herzinger, Estevan Chapo, Eric Snow, Jake Salinas, Jaime Barborko, Girls-Kylie Bogges, Stephanie Davis, Megan Greenwood, Laura Grindstaff, Sadie Hafer, Heather Holston, Britany Hunzaker, Malia Paluaini, Lynsey Scherbinske, Kim Strunk, Orla Walsh.

Outlook: The Twin Falls boys are young but extremely fast. Girls team has a lot of varsity experience and many of them placed in state last year. Bruins field one of the deepest teams in recent memory.

Coach says: "Our boys have some good distance runners and some great jumpers to help them out. Our girls will be very strong in all events."

Class 4A
Burley Bobcats

Coach: Eugene Kramer (boys), Hal Strain (girls)

Assistant coaches: Don Pringle, Art Roper, Gary Elstasun, Daryl McFarlane.

2001: Boys (3rd district, 9th state), Girls (3rd district, 4th state)

Returning state placers: Boy-Jed Thomas, Tyler Atkins, Cole Jones, Cole Nelson. Girls-Amy Thomas, Chelsea Mitchell, Tiffany

Andersen, Lindsay Abo, Daisee Hiner.

Outlook: Boys will have some excellent distance runners who may surprise some people and they should also be competitive in the throwing events this year. Girls sprinters will also be strong.

Coach says: "We are looking to make state again this year and to place in the throwing events. We have not done that in a long time."

Jerome Tigers

Coach: Tim Dunne (boys), Elmer Musgrave (girls).

2001: Boys (1st district, 8th state), Girls (1st district, 1st state)

Returning state placers: Boys-Nathan Capps, Cory Musgrave, Joe Hawk, Tyler Layne, Craig Paulin. Girls-Melissa McLimore, Jennifer Pond, Vanessa West, Amber Wade, Marjorie Bingham, Sarah Lott, Jaime Palmer, Cindy Bingham.

Outlook: The boys have faced the challenge of replacing the departed seniors from last season and should be very strong in all events, while the girls will be looking to repeat as both district and state champs.

Coach says: "We have a tremendous group of returning athletes, and a good number of underclassmen (37). We will be looking for leadership from our juniors and seniors."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Wendell officials break ground for new school

WENDELL - After a roller coaster journey, Wendell Middle School groundbreaking ceremony happens today. The new facility consists of a 56,000-square-foot school and a separate 3,000-square-foot professional/technical center. The start of construction caps a two-year effort to replace the crumbling 80-year-old school, which, along the way, placed the city and school district into the national spotlight. "It's been a long time coming," said Superintendent Larry Manly. The previous school was partially condemned in 2000, forcing students to continue their education scattered at various sites throughout the district. But it was the community's inability or reluctance to pay for a new facility that brought it media attention. Much of the debate hinged on who should pay for the school - the state or the community.

After rejecting numerous school levies in the past decade, including one for the new middle school, Wendell taxpayers finally approved in May 2001 a \$4.6 million plant facilities levy. The levy was accompanied by a \$1.5 million state safe school plant facilities grant slated to pay the interest on the levy.

Construction has already begun this week, and the planned completion date is July 2003.

Today's event will begin at 2 p.m. in the Wendell High School auditorium at 750 E. Main St.

Among the dignitaries expected include Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, and state Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard.

"Whenever I see a new school being built I know that the people in that area have taken responsibility for educating the next generation and that they truly have an eye on the future," Howard said in a statement.

Gas leak evacuates Wendell High School

WENDELL - Students were briefly evacuated from the Wendell High School Wednesday following a gas leak that afternoon. Students were evacuated into McGinnis Park across the street around 2 p.m., said Wendell schools superintendent Larry Manly.

Construction crews working on the new middle school site behind the high school hit a gas line. The high school was evacuated and the gas shut off until repairs could be made. As soon as the gas company inspected the repairs, students were allowed to re-enter the school and continue classes.

Group holds meeting about homelessness today

TWIN FALLS - A meeting about the issue of homelessness will be held at 10 a.m. today at the First Christian Church, 681 Shoshone St. N.

Discussion will focus on the current facilities and resources available for the homeless and the estimated number of homeless.

The public is invited to attend and participate. For more information, call Phyllis Berg at 735-8787.

Investigators label Jerome fire accidental

JEROME - Investigators this week closed the case on a house fire that left a woman and her four children burned out for the second time in just over a year, a detective said Wednesday.

"There was no motive or no reason to believe it was arson," said Jerome police detective Jim Baker. No charges will be filed in connection with the blaze, he said.

No exact ignition source had been found for the fire that left Jerome resident Danielle Torres and her four children homeless, Baker said.

"So the blaze was officially labeled as 'probably accidental' but still 'suspicious,'" Baker said. The house suffered about \$15,000 in damage - about half its estimated value - during a blaze early March 26, according to fire department reports. Nobody was home at the time and there were no injuries.

Torres and her children were also burned out of a Jerome house on March 1, 2001, according to reports.

Compiled from staff reports

Race for new Senate seat ignites

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer



Jim Patrick

TWIN FALLS - While many Magic Valley legislators continue to go unchallenged, reapportionment is lending some interest to the May 28 primary election. On both ends of the valley, new districts are setting up new races.

Western Twin Falls County, with about 26,000 voters, has a distinct advantage over Owyhee County with its 11,000 voters in a newly defined District 23. Many would argue the two communities really have little in common.

Elections around Magic Valley
Twin Falls County voters show mostly in Twin Falls and attend churches and schools in Buhl, Filer and Hollister. Meanwhile, in the for-

merly sparsely populated Owyhee County, an urban population that works in Canyon and Ada counties has sprung up in the western area.

Jim Patrick, 56, of Twin Falls has filed to run for a Senate position in District 23. He's up against Buhl resident Tom Gannon, who announced in December.

Patrick said he waited until near the end of the filing period to announce because he wasn't sure the boundaries for the district would actually hold. The Idaho Supreme Court has not officially set the final redistrict-

ing map but has as much as said it will.

A fifth-generation Idaho farmer, Patrick said Wednesday he doesn't consider himself a hard-line conservative, though "I'd have to be conservative to survive as long as I have in business." He farms more than 1,000 acres and is a director and one of the founders of Magic Valley Bank.

He is also a former member of the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission during the early 1990s - a time when large dairies first became noticeable in the county.

"It was discussed, and one of the decisions the county made in its comprehensive plan was to place dairies on the Salmon Tract," he said. "Of course, at the time we didn't know that odor would drift downhill."

Patrick said he thinks rules will not necessarily solve the odor problems that have accompanied the new era of dairying in Idaho, but they will go a long way when combined with research. But he also pointed out that the dairy as well as the beef cattle industries have really cleaned up

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Riding the governor's coattails

By Chad Baldwin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's no surprise for Lt. Gov. Jack Riggs that he's facing multiple challengers from within his own party for the office to which he was appointed last year.

Riggs, stopping in Twin Falls Wednesday to help kick off his campaign, said he expected Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, and Senate Republican Floor Leader James Risch of Boise to challenge him for the job after they were passed over by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

"It's public knowledge they were both disappointed they weren't selected," Riggs told members of *The Times-News* editorial board.

Two other Republicans - Eagle businessman and former state party treasurer Larry Eastland, and political outsider Darrell Babbitt of Boise - have joined the race as well, creating a packed GOP primary on May 28.

Riggs said he's been told the high number of candidates will benefit him, the incumbent, at the polls.

"The political consultants say the more there are, the better for me," he said.

But the Coeur d'Alene doctor and former state senator said

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Rose Pilcher pulls a cart loaded down with her daughter and neighbor friends as they walk home from picking up her son, Christopher, from school in Filer on Wednesday afternoon. The gang decided to walk instead of drive because of the beautiful spring weather.

USA M. COLLARD/The Times-News

Regulators order Idaho Power to act on conservation

The Associated Press

BOISE - After four months of inactivity, state regulators on Wednesday ordered Idaho's largest electric utility to create a special advisory group and meet - a May 2 deadline for implementing long-term energy conservation programs.

The Public Utilities Commission issued the order at the request of the Land and Water Fund of the Rockies. Regulators had directed Idaho Power Co. to reinstate energy conservation programs when it approved the \$169 million rate hike for the utility's 400,000 customers nearly a year ago.

Meeting the May 2 deadline for implementing conservation programs will be difficult, the commission said, "but it is a situation of Idaho Power's own making."

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Chief Financial Officer - John Groesbeck called the hospital's decision not to release part of an audit report all "a misunderstanding."

Groesbeck and Jody Tremblay, the hospital's administrative director for business development, delivered the audit report's list of comments

What do you think?

Magic Valley residents have the chance to tell the Idaho Public Utilities Commission what they think should be done about Idaho Power's electrical rates, including whether the three-tiered rate structure adopted last year should continue. Public comments will be heard by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission Wednesday at the West Coast Twin Falls Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. The meeting begins

at 6 p.m. with a question and answer period, followed at 7 p.m. by the public hearing. Written comments can be mailed to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at P.O. Box 83720, Boise, 83720-0074, or faxed to 208-334-3762. Comments can be sent by e-mail. Find online comment forms at www.puc.state.id.us and click on "comments and questions." The comment deadline is April 26.

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The commission called Idaho Power's failure to appoint the audit committee "a situation of Idaho Power's own making."

valid concerns, but there was nothing alarming about the report. "In general, I think this report supports what (auditor) Steve Skaggs said in the audit presentation to the Finance Committee," Groesbeck said.

Here is a look at the auditing firm's recommendations and the hospital management's response to meeting those recommendations.

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Districts seek school board applicants

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley school districts are now accepting petitions for those who are interested in serving on their local school board. People can pick up a petition

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for candidacy at their school district's administrative office. Petitions are due back later this month, and the elections are May 21.

School board elections

The following is a list of Magic Valley school board seats up for election on May 21.

U Twin Falls County

Twin Falls School District (April 19 deadline for submitting petition)
• Zone 1 seat now held by Shiley Galley (running, three-year term)
• Zone 5 seat now held by Chad Hafer (running, three-year term)

Filer School District (April 12 deadline for submitting petition)
• Zone 3 seat now held by Shiley Galley (running, three-year term)
• Zone 5 seat now held by Bill Bitzenburg (running, three-year term)

Buhl School District (April 19 deadline for submitting petition)
• Zone 1 seat now held by Ermand Eckert (unknown, three-year term)
• Zone 2 seat now held by Jay Anderson (unknown, three-year term)

Castleford School District (4 p.m. April 12 deadline for submitting petition)
• Zone 1 seat now held by Keith Hulse (running, three-year term)
• Zone 2 seat now held by David Smith (running, three-year term)

Bliss School District (4 p.m. April 19 deadline for submitting petition)
• Zone 2 seat now held by Stan Standa (running, three-year term)
• Zone 4 seat now held by Tom Faulkner (running, three-year term)

Murtaugh School District (April 19 deadline for submitting petition)
• Zone 1 seat now held by David Cummings (unknown, three-year term)
• Zone 4 seat now held by Bob Wildmier (unknown, three-year term)

Hansen School District (April 12 deadline for submitting petition)
• Zone 1 seat now held by Chad Urie (running, three-year term)
• Zone 5 seat now held by Brent Funk (not running, three-year term)

Kimberly School District (April 19 deadline for submitting petition)
• Zone 1 seat now held by Donald Glenn (not running, three-year term)
• Zone 3 seat now held by Dick Rees (running, one-year term to finish out current term Rees was appointed to)

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MAGIC VALLEY

Jerome hears request for skate park

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - A skate park can become a reality in Jerome, but it is going to take some work. City administrator Rob Lundgren told a delegation of skateboarders at this week's council meeting.

About a dozen young skateboarders addressed the council Tuesday requesting help in finding an alternate place to skateboard. The council recently banned skateboarding and in-line skis in the central business district.

Lundgren, who is the county fair manager, said a skate park committee was recently formed and received a \$2,000 grant from Health Net through St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Lundgren said the skate park will be located near the half pipe at the fairgrounds on land the county has set aside for a skate park. Anyone interested in helping create the skate park should plan to attend an organizational meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday at the half pipe.

Meeting

A skate park committee organizational meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the half pipe at the Jerome County Fairgrounds.

Youth will be expected to help with fund-raising, making contacts, recruiting volunteers and cleaning up the area in preparation for construction, Lundgren said.

"The kids are going to have to work for this park," he said. Lundgren also wants youth to help with the design by providing suggestions for what they want in a park.

Lundgren said the \$2,000 grant will be used as seed money to get more grants or donations. It will go for such things as postage, copying and other related expenses associated with going after more money for a larger park.

Lundgren asked businesses to donate labor, materials and money to make repairs and add improvements to the half pipe that already exists at the fairgrounds. "Our youth are our biggest

asset," Lundgren said. "We have to help them."

Anyone interested in helping with the skate park should call Lundgren at 324-7209.

Other council business included:

• **Alley vacation** - The council approved the vacation of the alley on block 94 adjacent to Ee-da-how Specialties, located at 217 S. Birch.

Ee-da-how had requested the city to vacate the alley so Ee-da-how could expand its facility into the alley. The business agreed to pay for relocating the sewer line and to take over responsibility of the alley.

• **Annual payment** - The council will pay a \$5,000 annual assessment to the Idaho Groundwater Users Association. Membership in the Idaho Groundwater Users Association helps protect the city's current and future rights and provides legal and lobbying efforts toward this protection.

• **Mayor Charles Correll** said the assessment would ensure the city is "not at the bottom of the list when the cutoffs start."

Patricia 'Pat' Elaine Clark Blommer of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Rock Creek Cemetery (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Carol Horgan Cousineau formerly of Rupert, service at 1 p.m. today at the Rupert LDS 1st and 7th Ward Chapel; friends may call one hour before the service today at the church; burial will follow at the Carey Cemetery in Carey (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Frederick Gordon Mills of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley Third and Seventh Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2200 Oakley Ave., Burley; interment will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Odell J. McNamee of Rupert, service at 10 a.m. today at the Paul Pine Chapel; friends are welcome to join the funeral procession at Hansen Mortuary

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Rupert Chapel, where Odell will be transported by fire truck #545.

Viola May Peck of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 14th Ward on Caswell Avenue in Twin Falls; visitation from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church; burial will follow the service at the Carey Cemetery in Carey (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Clifton E. Isom Jr. of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Buhl; burial will be held following the service at the West End Cemetery in Buhl; visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls and from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Genevieve Jeanette (Wilcox) Tucker of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls; burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; friends

may call from 1-7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Claire R. Adams of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Oakley Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 North Center Ave.; interment will follow at Marion Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Adeline (Wills) Stewart of Gooding, service at 4 p.m. Saturday at Demaray's Funeral Chapel in Gooding; friends are invited to attend a meal and fellowship-in-memory-of-Stewart following the service at the Gooding United Methodist Church.

Caroline Higginson Parkin of Sacramento, Calif., service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at White Mortuary; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; visitation from 6-8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Gooding Council considers citizens' advisory board

By Almoea New
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - The City Council wants to implement a citizens' advisory board to funnel information to the council regarding residents' concerns.

The board would consist of at least five, but no more than seven, members.

Interested area residents are advised to pick up an application at the city office.

Councilman Sharon Seifert

encouraged youth to apply.

Other city business Tuesday included:

• **Centennial celebration** - Councilman Dean Gooding reported that the city will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2008. The city would like a committee of city officials and residents to plan a celebration.

• **Request to vacate easement** - The council agreed to vacate an easement on property on Wood River Road at the request of Kevin Cassidy.

Cassidy told the council he purchased three lots on Wood River Road past the industrial area and is building a home on the property.

However, before Cassidy receives final loan approval, a pre-existing easement has to be vacated.

• **Out-of-state fees** - City Superintendent Todd Bunn raised the possibility of raising fees for out-of-state vendors who come to Gooding for highly advertised sales, specifically

referring to a recent tool sale at War Memorial Hall that "took a lot of Gooding money out of the town," Bunn said.

The council decided to discuss the matter further.

• **Officer wanted** - Police Chief Paul Brown was accepted to the Intermountain FBI Command College in Montana.

Brown said the city has only received four applications for the Gooding police officer position, but will proceed with interviews this week.

DEATH NOTICES

Katherine J. Miller

Twin Falls - Katherine J. Miller, 83, of Twin Falls died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Donald Chris Wageman

GOODING - Donald Chris Wageman, 69, of Gooding died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at his home.

The graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 8,

2002, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. No public viewing will be held at Wageman's request.

Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Frank Ireton

TWIN FALLS - Frank Ireton, 80, of Twin Falls died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at Sunbridge Care Center.

Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Filer Council unanimously approves water rate hike

By Mickey Brown
Times-News correspondent

FILER - Managers and owners of apartments and mobile home parks turned out at a public hearing this week to oppose what they thought is an unfair and disproportionate increase in water rates.

Following the hearing, the council unanimously voted to increase water rates. The new rates will go into effect June 15.

The city had proposed the increase to comply with grants that will help pay for the \$2.2 million water project. A \$1.2 million bond that voters approved in August, along with grants, will pay for a new water system.

"I don't believe this is a very fair arrangement for the people of Filer who have apartments or multiple dwellings," Mary Jean Elliott, owner of three single-household apartments, said Tuesday. "I don't know why you have to pick up multiple dwellings, because we don't charge very much rent, don't make a lot of money, and I hate to pass this on to my renters."

Before the increase, the entire residential complex paid a base fee of \$14.50 for up to 10,000 gallons per month. Now each unit will pay \$24.50 for up to 10,000 gallons.

The base rate for residential and commercial water rates went up from \$14.50 to \$24.50 for up to 10,000 gallons.

Rick Eggleston, owner of a 28-

space mobile park, and Joe Price, who has a six-unit apartment complex, echoed Elliott's concerns.

Clinton Dougherty, representing a 28-unit senior housing development, also spoke. He wanted the council to clear up just how much would be charged each unit and if separate meters would be needed. Presently a four-inch line and meter serve the development.

"The structure of the billing will change and there will be an increase just like there is for everybody else in town, but it's not as much as you're thinking it's going to be in my best guess," said Mayor Jay Fort.

Fort said the increase that residents voted on last June will help to repay the bonds for the water project.

"It is unfortunate, but to correct our water problem this is what it's going to cost," Fort said. "Well, until we see our first water bill I think you've answered my questions," Dougherty said.

Other council business Tuesday included:

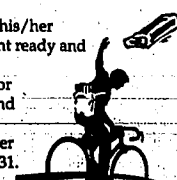
• **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast** - Fort announced the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held at 8:30 a.m. April 27 at the Filer First Baptist Church. The non-denominational event will feature a keynote speaker and a \$3.50 suggested donation.

• **Budget hearing** - Council members set a public hearing date for 7:30 p.m. Sept. 3 for the 2002-2003 budget.

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<p>2000 Kia Sportage 4x4</p> <p>5 Speed, ABS, PW, PL, Power Steering, Air, Tilt, CD, Factory Warranty, 12,000 Miles, \$21,995</p> <p>\$11,695</p>	<p>1996 Mercury Sable</p> <p>AT, V4, ABS, PW, PL, Power Steering, Air, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM Cass, \$20,967</p> <p>\$6,995</p>	<p>1997 Ford F150 4x4</p> <p>5 Speed, ABS, Air, Tilt, CD, Nice Truck, \$21,900</p> <p>\$11,995</p>

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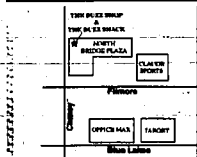
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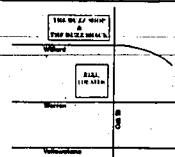
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U.S. plans to close border-easing bike lane

SAN DIEGO (AP) — With thousands of people waiting up to two hours to enter the United States by car or on foot, Fernando Gil whizzed by Wednesday on a mountain bike.

His total time to cross the border less than two minutes.

But that convenient alternative is due to end Monday for Gil and hundreds of other commuters at the world's busiest border crossing.

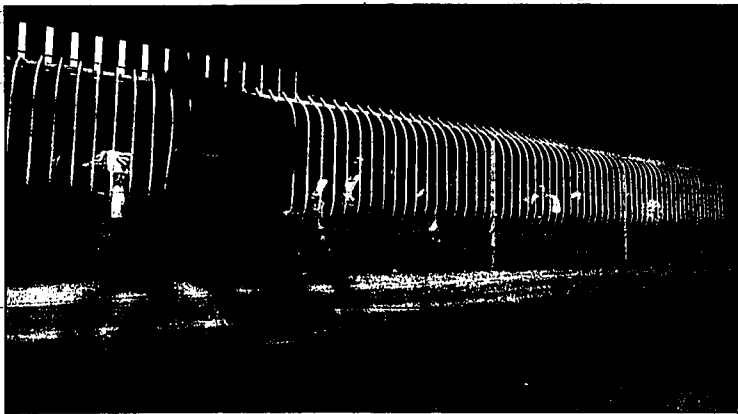
Citing safety concerns, U.S. officials have decided to eliminate an informal bike lane in San Diego that became popular after Sept. 11, when extra security created lengthy border-crossing delays.

"It's unfair," said Gil, a 29-year-old student who stays with relatives in Tijuana, Mexico, several times a week. "I'll have to get up two hours earlier to get to school."

Bicyclists have always been allowed to use the San Ysidro Port of Entry, which links Tijuana to the southern edge of San Diego. Because the bikes were infrequent, authorities allowed them to share a lane with buses.

Like so much else, that changed after Sept. 11.

In the pedestrian section, U.S. authorities installed metal detectors and began more thorough



One of the more than 2,000 daily bicycle travelers that cross into the United States at the San Ysidro Border Crossing speeds past the long pedestrian lines waiting to enter the U.S. on Wednesday in San Diego.

identification and background checks. In the 21 vehicle lanes, motorists also faced additional security and more intense inspections of their vehicles.

In all, up to 32,000 pedestrians and 42,000 vehicles enter the country through San Ysidro each day. Crossing time, which has always been burdensome, rose to

averages of three hours or more during the morning rush.

But some commuters quickly caught on to an alternative: Or bicycles, they could ride past

long lines of idling cars and grimaced pedestrians and encounter only a brief inspection — since it's hard to hide contraband on a bike.

Man raises funds for charity in jail

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Free from the chains of his best intentions, Michael Weiss stepped out of the Bonneville County Jail 17 days and six hours after checking himself in to raise money for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southeast Idaho.

Weiss, 54, went to jail March 15 to raise funds and build awareness for the program that provides role models for children. He vowed to stay there until \$20,000 had been pledged.

That took until Tuesday afternoon, a lot longer than he imagined.

He had little idea of what he was getting himself into: a small room with bare walls and a narrow canvas cot that made noise every time he rolled over. "It was a little tougher than I anticipated," he said. Worst of all was the fluorescent light that never went out, disrupting his body clock. The \$20,000 he raised is about a quarter of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program's annual operating budget of \$76,000.



Mayor Koleen Brooks, left, weeps as she learns she lost a recall election in Georgetown, Colo., Tuesday. Her attorney Michael Andre, right, Mark Newman, back left, and Linda Newman look on.

Embattled Colorado mayor loses recall election

GEORGETOWN, Colo. (AP) — Mayor Koleen Brooks, a former stripper accused of baring her breasts in a bar and mishandling her job, was ousted by a landslide in a recall election Tuesday.

The final tally was 339 votes to recall the mayor and 176 to retain her. More than 60 percent of the town's 854 registered voters cast ballots.

Brooks said she wasn't disappointed over losing the position after a contentious year in office. "It probably just saved me 10 years on my life," she said.

Brooks said she accepts the results but would ask for a recount to ensure they were accurate. She said a volunteer in the largest of three wards caught several errors in the counting process, but the errors were corrected before the results were announced.

Brooks, 37, said she might run for mayor or another town office next year.

She was elected mayor of this old mining town 45 miles west of Denver last April. Zoning changes were the stated reason for the recall, but people were also angry about Brooks' actions — allegedly baring her breasts in a bar and telling reporters she smoked pot. She also faces criminal charges for failing to attend.

Lynn Granger, elected to finish the year remaining in Brooks'

two-year term, said she hopes for a quiet tenure.

"I think boring after the last year maybe isn't a bad thing," she said.

Four members of the town Board of Selectmen survived recall votes after being criticized for approving new zoning regulations without a public referendum.

Voters Tuesday upheld the regulations on a 287-220 vote.

Opponents said the regulations would tarnish the town's Victorian architecture by allowing contractors to build newer structures. Supporters said the rules might draw people to the town.

Brooks said her opponents resisted change. As mayor, she supported increasing the tax base by encouraging new business, starting a skatepark for children and building a footpath across Clear Creek.

"I've got my year in, and if they think they're going to go back to the old ways, they're wrong," she said earlier Tuesday. "There are more people like me who are going to speak up."

Utah court will rule if intent can be factor in statutory rape

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Supreme Court heard arguments Wednesday that a man convicted of having sex with an underage girl should have had the opportunity to prove he was misled about the teen's age.

Michael Trevor Martinez was 19 years old when he had sex with a girl who claimed, and appeared, to be 17 years old, said Joan C. Watt, his attorney. The girl was only 15.

Martinez was charged with unlawful sexual activity with a minor. He was not allowed to introduce evidence during trial that he had been deceived about the girl's age, Watt said.

The court said the criminal charge is a "strict liability" crime, meaning whether or not

Martinez knew it at the time, he did have sex with a 15-year-old girl and was guilty of the crime. The Utah Court of Appeals agreed in a 2000 ruling.

Now he is asking the Supreme Court to overturn that ruling. Martinez was sentenced to 60 days in jail and probation, Watt said.

Assistant Attorney General Laura DuPaix said when the state Legislature drew up the law, it intended to protect children, "regardless of how a child looks."

She told the court that Martinez wants the law to be based on whether a child looks older than his or her actual age. "Those may be the children who need the most protection," she said.

Nevada sees cricket threat

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Mormon crickets are hatching by the millions across northern Nevada, promising another summer of infestations that threaten crops, gardens and even motorists.

"They're here — and there's plenty of them," said Jeff Knight, entomologist for the Nevada Department of Agriculture. "I would say we're looking at something at least as bad as last year."

From Red Rock north of Reno to Winnemucca, baby crickets are hatching as the weather warms. Within a few months, insects now little larger than a grain of rice could be more than 2 inches long, traveling in a creepy, crawling tide covering roads, driveways, fields and yards.

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Good student piercing plea falls on deaf parental ears

DEAR ABBY: I am a sophomore in high school and the middle child.

I get good grades, do the laundry, and usually don't complain when my parents ask me to do something. Overall, I'm a pretty good kid.

I asked my parents if I could get my tongue pierced if I got all A's on my report card. They won't even consider it. My mom said she would never change her mind. Every time I talk about it, they change the subject and it's really annoying.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

I just got my progress report back today and I got all A's. In English and math, I got 100. Most of my friends don't get straight A's.

Don't you agree my parents are being unfair and unreasonable?

able? My mom is scared of my being rebellious. My dad just thinks they look trashy. Abby, this is how I want to express myself. It is who I am, and I don't think my parents should prevent me. What should I do to convince them?

- DEPRESSED IN DECATUR, GA.

DEAR DEPRESSED: Tongue piercing may seem like a terrific way to "express yourself," but it can lead to chipped teeth and a speech impediment, not to men-

tion a nasty infection if you're unlucky.

While your parents may seem excessively controlling, they have your best interests at heart. (They probably think you already have enough holes in your head.)

Your intelligence is far above average. When you are 18 and out on your own, you can pierce to your heart's content if you wish. I'm sure you can find a less radical way to express your inner self if you put your mind to it.

Earthworm diet will lead to weight loss - one way or another

Earthworms are 72 percent protein and less than 1 percent fat. If they were prescribed as the only food in your diet, you'd lose weight, sure enough. If it were left to me, I'd starve maybe.

A hot beverage called "mate" - not coffee or tea - is the national drink of Argentina. The leaf of the mate bush is put into a pitch-lined gourd, placed with sugar, drenched with boiling water, and sipped through a metal straw.

No doubt you'll want to keep your books in the refrigerator. Bookworms go dormant below 70 degrees F.

Claim is unhappy people don't eat popcorn.

Instead of "Cast off," the native sailors in the Bahamas say, "Tie me loose, boss."

"Fossil" is from the Latin for "dug up," that's all.

Some scholars think the Mayans did better than their contemporaries because they worshipped time. The Mayans believed each day was a living god. These Mayans generated mathematics, astronomy, writing, architecture and the concept of the zero.

In our Love and War man's files is an historical footnote about Blackbeard, the pirate of the Spanish Main. He had 14 wives. Most of them still lived after he was killed in hand-to-hand combat. The ancient record shows they each went into deep mourning, but some ancient records are weird.

Q. How much of the United States used to belong to Mexico? A. A fourth.

Those scientists who daily check out particles in the air over Hawaii - there are a few, occasionally - can tell when the farmers in China start to plow.

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Aries: Tear down to rebuild

IF APRIL 4TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY - you were separated psychologically or otherwise from one or both parents at early age. Your ideas are unorthodox; you are drawn to the manic arts, including astrology. During May your creative energies surface; it will be a romantic, profitable month. You travel and socialize in September.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You receive "orders" to get assignments finished in record time. Tear down in order to rebuild.

T A U R U S (Apr. 20-May 20): Long-distance communication figures prominently. Express ideas freely; don't adhere to rigid rules. Read, write and teach.

G E M I N I (May 21-June 20): Attention revolves around where you live and with whom. Focus on travel, marital status. Money comes from surprise source.

C A N C E R (June 21-July 22): Utilize your extrasensory perception! Someone attempts to deceive you. Be aware. Plot will be exposed.

L E O (July 23-Aug. 22): What begins as routine task could become creative adventure. You gain recognition. Pressure will be on, and you will be up to it.

V I R G O (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Moon position highlights creativity, aura of sensuality and sex appeal. Keep options open. Be ready for change.

L I B R A (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take initiative; imprint style and do not wait for others. Wear bright colors, make personal appearances.

S C O R P I O (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will be busy with relatives, trips and visits. Major questions concern partnership, marital status. Focus on direction, motivation and need for medication.

S A C C H A R I U S (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Almost in a flash, financial pressure is eased. You will be in mood to entertain and be entertained. Highlight versatility, diversity and humor.

C A P R I C O R N (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You beat the odds! People who said it could not be done will apologize. Review and reverts. More people become aware of you.

A Q U A R I U S (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Toss aside previous notions; don't fear the unknown. Write about it, tell anecdotes.

P I S C E S (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You

won't believe it at first, but you are winning friends and influencing people. Timing, luck ride with you; stick with number 6. Family member has good financial news.

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Section D

Rope-tow misery no more

When I took my 4-year-old son on his first ski trip, I prepared myself for some hairy downhill moments.

But getting down wasn't the problem. He did just fine in that category. My problem was getting him up the hill.

For years, friends and family have told me the rope tow is best way to teach a youngster to ski. Simple, cheap, and non-threatening to a skittish child, rope tows are like training wheels.



CROSSING THE DIVIDE David Cooper

I wanted Taylor's first lesson to be as simple as possible, so I decided Magic Mountain's rope tow was the place to start. We rented the best equipment available - not the hand-me-down leather boots and strap-on bindings I had endured as a kid. We had sunny skies and a few inches of new snow.

Best of all, we didn't have long lines. Nobody was using the rope tow. I quickly found out why.

With one hand on the rope and the other arm wrapped around Taylor, I experienced the sensation of playing tug-of-war with a Mack truck. My first thought was, "How much does this kid weigh?" But since Taylor weighs only 35 pounds, the real questions were, "What have I been eating?" and, "How did I let myself go?"

Each 60-yard uphill trip lasted three excruciating minutes. After which, I needed about five to recover. Each trip down took 15 seconds.

I definitely wasn't getting my money's worth of fun - even though I had paid only two bucks for myself, nothing for my kid.

"Dad, are you OK? Your face is all red."

"I'm fine, son. (Cough, hack, wheeze.) Give me one more minute."

With each new trip up the hill, I tried new tactics to keep my arms in their sockets. But each time, I would be more spent than the last. Taylor was looking forward to each ride down. I was dreading each ride up.

I had always known old age and skiing don't mix. But I had felt young when we started.

The straw that broke the camel's back came on our last trip up the hill. With weakened knees and rubber arms, I crossed my skis, slid off the rope-tow trail and collapsed under Taylor's weight. My skis pointed in opposite directions, and my bibs split straight up the middle.

"Whatsa matter, Dad? Are you hurt?"

"No, son, just let me lie here."

"But there are people behind you."

That was our last rope-tow trip together. And when I say last, I'm talking in the sense of forever. Fortunately, my son enjoyed the trip more than I expected. As we walked down to the car, we talked with the resort manager, who asked how our experience had gone.

"You know," he said, trying to hide a laugh, "the lift ticket is only 17 bucks. And your son rides for free."

"Yeah, Dad, why don't we sit on the chairs?"

"Trust me, we will from now on. We bought my last \$2 ski pass."

Spring brings antler hunters into the woods

The Associated Press

GARDINER, Mont. - For John Clawson, finding an elk antler in the woods after a long, difficult hike is exhilarating - a rush.

"I look at it like Easter egg hunting, finding a nice surprise," the miner from this tiny southern Montana town says. "No two are ever the same."

The mix of mountain air and nature awakening help draw antler hunters like Clawson to lands near Yellowstone National Park each spring, when elk in the region's vast herds begin the natural process of shedding their antlers.

For most antler hunters, it is a leisure activity conducted lawfully, usually in the region's national forests. Families make it a favorite spring

pastime, much as baseball outings are in other parts of the country. Boy Scout troops sometimes gather antlers as a fundraiser. Antler buyers set up shop in parking lots where people returning from weekend outings can sell their bounty.

"Ninety percent, I think, do it because they like the freedom and fresh air," said Clawson, who likes to take his children hunting with him. "They get out in the wild, and it's like you get a prize when you get an antler."

But for some, antler-hunting has become highly competitive and potentially lucrative. Shed horns are sold for use overseas as health or food supplements. Some in Asia consider powdered antler to be an aphrodisiac. In the United States, craftsmen turn antler racks into knives, chandeliers and even Western furniture that can sell for hundreds, sometimes thousands, of dollars.

The demand worries law enforcement officers at Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks. Antler collecting is forbidden within the parks; park resources, from obsidian rock to wild animals, are meant to be viewed and enjoyed - not taken or disturbed.

But the temptation can prove too great for some, who will take the risk that park rangers will be too busy with other duties to try to track them through the vast ranges.

"It's a crime but not against a person. So who's going to report it?" he said. "It is hard to detect (the crime) and apprehend the criminal, and the payoff is big."

Helms said plenty of folks are willing to risk getting caught in the park where, in one day, they could find the same number of antlers it might take two or three weeks to legally gather outside Yellowstone.

Prices for antlers are about half of what they were even a few years ago, which antler hunters blame on a poor Asian market. But even at \$4 to \$5 a pound, with a large antler weighing up to 10 pounds, walking the woods isn't too bad a day's work.

"Everything gets picked over," said Jim Dax, who began hunting antlers for fun 20 years ago and now sells some of those he finds near Gardiner.

The trade consists of a wide-spread network of hunters, sellers and buyers. An auction of antlers gathered at the elk refuge near Jackson each year attracts people from around the

backcountry supervisor at Yellowstone.

In Wyoming, state game officials are considering designating a gathering season on certain lands to help control the competition for elk antlers and prevent animals from being harassed.

At Wyoming's National Elk Refuge, shady antler hunters monitor the antler shedding as closely as game management officials. Officials try hard to pick up antlers as quickly as they are shed to deter poaching, but admit they are not always quick enough.

And some poachers sneak into areas set aside as winter range for the elk and take to people on the Bridger-Teton National Forest, near Jackson, Wyo. They stash antlers to be collected later in the spring.

When the winter range reopens to legal access and the antlers can be retrieved without raising suspicion.

"Some of these guys are real crafty. They will spend the night laying out under the bushes, just like somebody fighting a war, I guess," said Shane Wasem, a law enforcement officer with the U.S. Forest Service.

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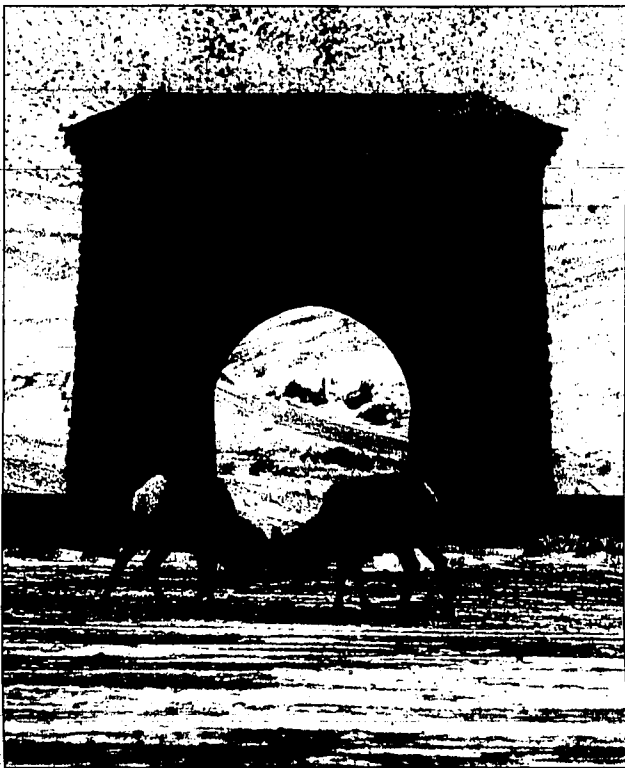
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Two elk butt heads just inside the north entrance to Yellowstone National Park near Gardiner, Mont., Jan. 24. The mix of mountain air and nature awakening helps draw antler hunters to lands near the park each spring, when elk in the region begin the natural, annual process of shedding their antlers.

world to the Western town. Antlers still are sent overseas for use as food supplements, said Don Schaeffer, whose Montana business is a major buyer of antlers in North America. And the market among craftsmen remains strong as well.

"They're still worth something," said Schaeffer, who calls it a "sin" that the Park Service lets the antlers lie on the ground.

Antlers shed on the park floors by migrating elk are considered part of the natural ecosystem. Rodents gnaw on them for nutrients and tourists who happen across shed antlers glimpse part of nature's cycle, said Steve Cain, a senior wildlife biologist at Grand Teton.

Park law enforcement officers say they have to work extra hard, with a limited number of rangers responsible for various jobs and budgets that are spread thin. Grand Teton has about 25 permanent law enforcement personnel; Yellowstone has roughly 50.

"We're definitely worried about falling behind," Kirschner says.

Collin Campbell, the chief ranger at Grand Teton, says

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A park special agent who did not want to be identified holds an elk skull and antlers confiscated from a park visitor Jan. 25.

Crossing paths with Dakota's migrating birds

By Paul Brown Times-News correspondent

WAGNER, S.D. - "There they are!" Doug exclaimed, pointing out the wind shield at a cloud of seething, pulsating waterfowl spanning several miles left and right on the horizon. Sunshine glinted off brilliant white bodies and wings, clearly identifying the snow geese as they spun and whirled in circles, some lifting off corn stubbles, others flying in tight circles to lose altitude quickly for landing.

We were near Wagner, the last week in March following up on gleaned Internet information from watchers who track the waterfowl migration.

This is the spring migration of many thousands of waterfowl from winter habitat in the south, north to their summer homes in lower Canada and farther north, above the Arctic Circle. The restrictions have been eased on snow geese only, to thin excessive populations that are decimating their winter habitat. Only Snow Geese are legal at this period of the year.

The other migrating birds such as Canadian Honkers, Speckle Billies, Lesser Canadians and a mixture of about all varieties of geese move northerly in the spring but are not legal for the taking.

This year's migration was a little slower moving north than normal. We were now 150 miles south of their previous location at this same time last year. The masses of waterfowl were moving a little slower this year because winter still gripped this land, keeping temperatures near zero at nights 20 degrees in the daytime.

Snow geese are a smaller bird than regular Canadians but much more colorful and wary with total white plumage except for black wingtips.

The plan now was to work out a strategy for placing ourselves within shotgun range of the white birds. They fly much higher than most other geese and come in for a landing quickly in tight circles to lose altitude fast when a gaggle decides to descend.

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Doug Brown shows off a snow white goose with black wing tips that didn't get away from hunter and retriever.

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OUTDOORS

Warmer weather sends deer up the slopes

Question: Since the weather is warming I no longer see any deer along Interstate 84 near the Oahe. Where have they gone and how did they survive the winter?

Answer: As the weather warms and green-up begins deer and elk slowly make their way back to higher elevation summer ranges. This movement allows them to get farther away from the highways and train tracks.

They are at their lowest point in body condition as they switch forage species from shrubs to young nutritious forbs quickly growing on sunny south exposures. This is also the time we see some of the animals just barely hanging on, unable to rejuvenate themselves on new green forage,

ASK THE OFFICER
Gary Hompland

succumb to Mother Nature's last attempts at winter. This past winter by some accounts was long and hard. But you don't have to have a long memory to remember winters much worse. We've been fortunate in the last several years to have pretty mild winters overall. I think if you compared this winter to those in the last 50 years, you'd have to agree it was more

normal than abnormal. Nevertheless, large numbers of deer and elk were displaced to lower elevations by snow and cold. Some biologists across southern Idaho think we may have lost most of last year's deer fawn crop to winter mortality and traffic accidents. In Magic Valley region biologists are more upbeat and think fawns mortality varied from twenty-five to fifty percent. Elk appear to have survived well.

As wild populations of deer, elk and antelope respond to environmental conditions and travel along their seasonal migration corridors they spend a significant amount of time on private land. Most of this land belongs to farmers and ranchers. These landowners provide security, space, and

forage so wildlife can survive Mother Nature, worst weather. Without recognition or compensation, most of them accept their position as a vital role in the "web of wildlife." Without the silent support of landowners our wildlife heritage would be in jeopardy. "Thank you" to all the landowners that tolerated deer, elk, and antelope on your property this past winter.

Sportsmen, please take time to thank the landowner the next time you hunt on his land.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. E-mail your questions to him at www2.state.id.us/ifsgame.

Fish and Game changes date for getting second tag

Idaho residents or nonresidents may buy a second deer or elk tag if the nonresident quota of tags does not sell out by Aug. 28.

The date for sale of these second tags has been Sept. 1. The Idaho Fish and Game Commission changed the date at its last meeting in Boise in March, because some hunts began before Sept. 1.

Residents as well as nonresidents pay the nonresident price for these general hunt tags.

Sage grouse numbers rise after years of decline

The numbers of sage grouse in Idaho are showing an increase after years of decline.

Sage grouse program manager Tom Hemker told the Fish and Game Commission last month that statewide chick production has been good in three of the last six years, and poor in the other three since 1996. The overall trend in numbers showed an increase.

In last fall's hunt, 7,013 sage grouse were taken by about 5,333 hunters in 12,135 hunter days. The 2001 take amounts to five to 10 percent of the population, Hemker said.

Counts on sage grouse leks (spring dancing and breeding grounds) show an increase in areas where hunting season is 23 days, in areas with a seven-day hunt, and where there is no hunting at all.

Hemker said research in Idaho has shown no difference in the numbers of adult hens taken by hunters in dry falls compared to wet falls. A popular theory before the research was that hens take broods to the remaining wet areas when conditions are dry in

Outdoors in brief

autumn, making birds more vulnerable to hunting.

In an update on a predator removal research project, Hemker said two areas in the Owyhees, two near Twin Falls, and two in eastern Idaho will be studied.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation holds banquet

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is having its 14th annual big game banquet on April 13 at 241 Main Avenue West.

The mission of the RMEF is to ensure the future of wild elk, other wildlife and their habitat. This is an event elk hunters and those who enjoy elk will not want to miss. Ticket information is available by calling Sherman Pope at 734-3533 or Layne Jackson at 324-4646.

Mule Deer Foundation hosts auction May 11

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Chapter of the Mule Deer Foundation is preparing its 6th Annual Banquet/Auction on May 11. The event includes a banquet dinner and raffle ticket drawing. The dinner will include a barbecue and pork roast.

All dinner and raffle tickets can be pre-purchased. Deadline for the Early Bird drawing is April 1. A variety of tickets and membership prices are available.

For any questions regarding membership or attendance of the roast, call Ron Filet at 733-5204. - compiled from staff reports

THE WINNING MOVES



Mount Ashland snowboard coach Sunny Campbell, of Ashland, Ore., takes to the air during the Inaugural Spring Break Half Pipe Snowboard Competition Friday on Mount Ashland. Campbell finished first out of 32 competitors.

State aims to protect children by tweaking life jacket laws

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Anyone interested in floating, boating or sailing Idaho's rivers and lakes this summer might want to study the boater safety laws.

For the second year in a row, the Idaho Legislature has tinkered with the life jacket laws.

A change that took effect Monday mandates a \$75 fine when children younger than 15 are caught without an approved life jacket aboard a boat.

Ann Van Buren, boating education coordinator for the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, said the rule applies to all watercraft 19 feet long or less, whether powered by paddle, motor or sail.

Idaho law since the mid-1980s has required all types of boats to carry life jackets for everyone on

board, but people were not required to wear them.

Last year, teens were added to the law with a requirement that anyone on personal watercraft, such as Jet Skis, wear life jackets, as well as anyone being towed by a boat on a "boogie board," inner tube or water skis.

This year's law has been in the works since 1995, Van Buren said, when boater safety advocates began lobbying.

Idaho joins 34 other states with laws requiring children to wear life jackets, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Montana, Oregon and Utah require children 12 and younger to wear a life jacket, while Wyoming and Washington have no age restrictions.

Fish and Game remains committed to protecting wild steelhead population

KETCHUM (AP) - The Fish and Game Department is continuing its two-year-old experiment in releasing unclipped hatchery steelhead, but the agency is reassuring fishermen that it remains committed to protecting the genetic integrity of wild steelhead.

Anadromous Fisheries Coordinator Sharon Kiefer says the department has been intent on keeping the hatchery fish with clipped adipose fins away from waters catering to wild fish.

Anglers and outfitters have been concerned since the experiment began in 2000 that the hatchery fish will wind up mixing with wild steelhead and dilute the gene pool.

Susanne Connor at Lost River Outfitters in Ketchum said there is a perception that hatchery-

raised steelhead are smaller, weaker and genetically inferior to wild fish.

And Les Bingham, co-owner of Exodus Wilderness Adventures in Riggs, could not recall seeing any unclipped hatchery fish this spring, but "I probably would have tossed them back, thinking they were wild," he said.

But by clipping the fins of up to 20 percent of the hatchery steelhead released each year and putting them off limits to anglers just as wild fish are means fewer fish for outdoor customers to catch.

"At the foundation, we share a lot of those concerns," Kiefer said, "and that's why we're doing it the way we're doing it - only placing these fish in areas where we've already had a lot of hatchery influence."

Antlers

Continued from D1 detection devices or certain markings can be placed on antlers to help officials track them. Tips from the public, he says, are invaluable.

Park officials have painted antlers bright orange - even cut

them into bits - but poachers still snatched them up, Helms says.

Officials at Yellowstone and Grand Teton decline to be more specific about current steps taken to deter - or catch - poachers.

"Technology definitely helps us. But as we get more technolog-

ically advanced, guess who else does?" Kirschner says.

Some unscrupulous antler hunters go to extremes to get what they want. Jason Anderson, a spokesman for Bridger-Teton, says there have been reports of elk being chased among trees

where park wire has been strung to knock off antlers, and attempts to shoot antlers free.

Poachers at Yellowstone often find antlers by day, sneak them out by night. Some stow away antlers for pick-up later in the year, Helms says.

Hunt

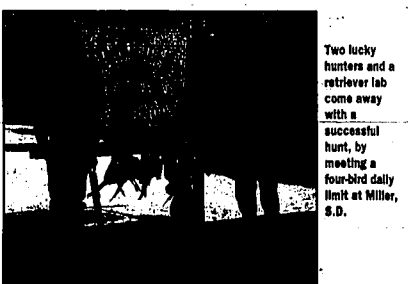
Continued from D1 His 12-gauge stoked with T shot barked twice and a snow-white goose with black wingtips hit the ground where it was immediately retrieved by T-Jack, the black Lab. "At least we're not skunked," Doug mumbled as he headed in with one goose.

Daily shooting hours were now expired at half hour after sunset as well as our planned hunting time for Snows. We headed north and west to keep an appointment next day at Dakota Expeditions for a one day pheasant shoot.

The next morning at Clint Smith's Dakota Expeditions near Miller, the stinging Dakota plains relentless wind still howled but the temperature rose past 20 degrees. An almost balmy feeling following the arctic cold from the past two days in the extreme southeast corner of the state.

"Stand near that mound in those weeds and be ready," Clint Smith instructed me. He and Doug and T-Jack would drive the birds toward me from a couple of hundred yards where the head high growth of weeds began.

Pheasant wings soon fanned the air as hens burst from the weeds and sailed past in groups of six to eight. "Cuk - Cuk - Cuk," I heard the cock before I saw him. He sailed past too far out, behind some elm trees along with four others. I mounted my 12 gauge about 10 times in 10 minutes without firing a shot as he after hen flew almost within arm's length with no roosters within shooting range.



Smith then pointed us toward an area of tall grass growing in a swale stretching for a half mile. A few paces into the cover T-Jack, the black Lab started to root out cocks from rangled grass that went right to my side or left to Doug's. Ringnecks that cackled when flushed, were the fun ones.

For a while, time stood still as cocks cackled and flushed, shotguns spoke and the lab was in full gallop on retrieve. Seven roosters fell to 44 buckshots from the rear end of the swale to the far end, a half mile away. One more finished the limit in another grassy field nearby.

By lunch time we had limited out at four each, cleaned and bagged the birds, thanked Clint for a good hunt and was rolling toward Idaho across Dakota's plains waiting the cold temperature would cool the birds sufficiently.

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Fish and Game proposes limited grouse hunting season on Big Desert

POCATELLO (AP) - The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is proposing a limited sage grouse hunting season on the Big Desert, west of Blackfoot, for the first time in six years.

Daryl Meints, a Fish and Game wildlife biologist, said the proposal is prompted by a significant increase in the number of mating grounds - or leks - counted in the area during the past six years.

"We are counting nearly 100 percent more birds since we counted the last time," Meints said. The season would last only seven days, and hunters would be limited to one bird per day and two in possession.

Meints said the department wants to have the season overlap the sharp-tail grouse season in order to give hunters a greater opportunity in the field.

The two proposed opening dates are Sept. 21 or Sept. 28. The sharp-tail season traditionally runs the entire month of October. To overlap, the sharp-tail season might be opened earlier.

Fish and Game also is considering closure of the sage grouse season on the Big Desert National Grasslands, where populations have been in sharp decline.

"We have had three years of poor chick production," Meints said. "Our spring lek counts are down to the point we don't feel comfortable in having a hunting season on them. If it is closed and we begin to see numbers increased on the Curlew, we will then consider reopening it." At Fish and Game open house on both proposals is scheduled April 11 at the agency's Pocatello office.

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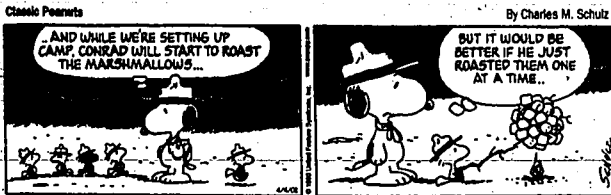
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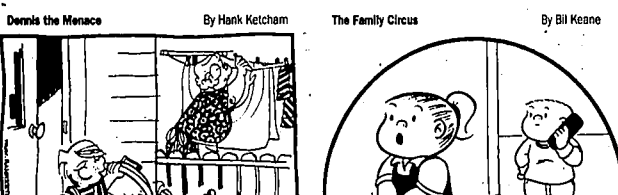
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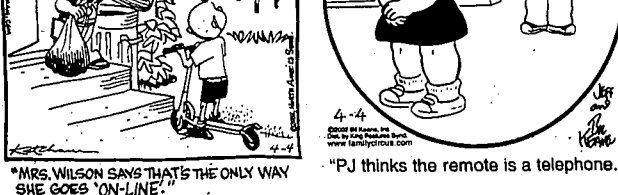
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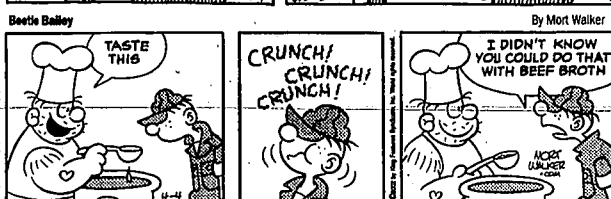
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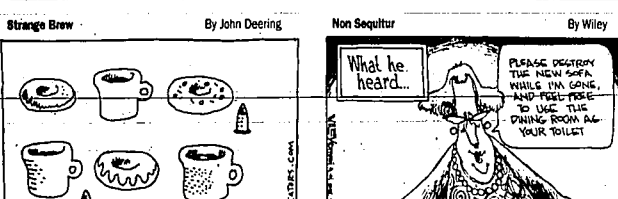
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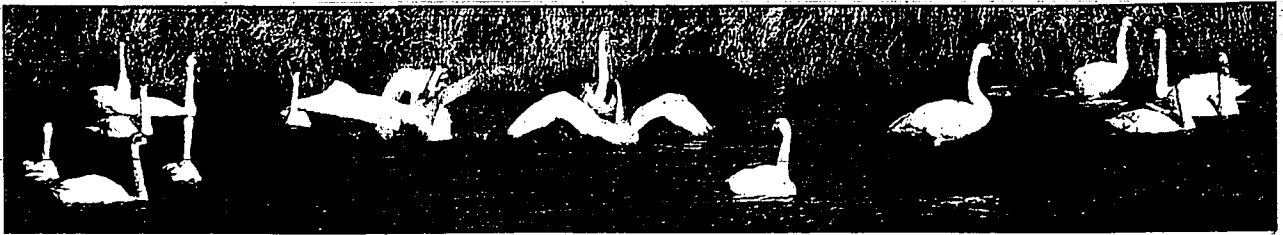
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OUTDOORS



More than 200 tundra swans stop on Swan Pond in Wisconsin March 27. The Pennsylvania Game Commission's study of tundra swans could lead to a state hunting season for the birds, angering at least one animal advocacy group.

Talk of a hunt has animal advocates riled up

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA - The tundra swan - a majestic, strikingly white bird with a six-foot wingspan that migrates through Pennsylvania by the thousands every year about this time - is already a hit among birders.

But if two national animal-welfare groups have their way, the swan is about to get a boost. It's headed for celebrity.

They are talking political clout, hundreds of tourists, slogans, high-profile endorsements, photo contests. The works.

Why? The two groups - Connecticut-based Friends of Animals and Maryland-based Fund for Animals - are convinced that the Pennsylvania Game Commission is going to seek a hunting season on tundra swans. Still smarting over their failure to mix a bobcat hunt in the state two years ago, they see a huge public relations campaign for the bird as the best way to forestall a hunt.

"We're trying to draw attention to the bird before a formal proposal for a hunt so we can nip it in the bud," said the Fund's Heidi Prescott, who last week was hobnobbing in Harrisburg, Pa., mustering support.

Wide popularity for the bird, said Friends' president Priscilla Feral, should discourage the Game Commission "from thinking of it as just another resource to be shot."

The Game Commission has no formal plans for a hunt, said spokesman Jerry Feaser. But it is participating in research for a management plan that, according to its own guidelines, would "provide for recreational hunting opportunities."

Feaser said the waterfowl-hunting community had expressed an interest. Andy Dively, president of the Susquehanna River Waterfowlers, said a poll of its members showed 65 percent in favor of a hunt.

He said that although he wasn't interested himself, others are "for every reason you hunt waterfowl. Every aspect is a thrill. Between the sights and sounds, it's unmatched."

The birds are under the purview of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and they have been since the United States, Canada and Mexico signed an international migratory bird treaty in 1918. The purpose was "to make sure that no one country had such a liberal season that it would endanger the future of any migratory population," said service spokesman Chris Tollefson.



A flock of tundra swans takes flight from a partially frozen pond at the Klamath Falls Wildlife Area in Klamath Falls, Ore., Feb. 15.

The tundra swan spends mid-winter in a broad area from North Carolina and Virginia, both of which have a limited hunting season, to Maryland and New Jersey. (New Jersey has permission from the Fish and Wildlife Service for a hunting season, but it has not yet instituted one. The bird is not hunted in Maryland or Delaware, which is also in its wintering range.)

Some tundra swans have also been wintering in Pennsylvania along the Susquehanna River and at the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area, a swath of wetlands spanning the border of Lancaster and Lebanon Counties, about 75 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

In late February and early March, thousands of the birds congregate at Middle Creek - for whatever reason, the southern terminus of a narrow migratory corridor - resting and refueling before making the long flight to their summer nesting grounds in the high Arctic. About 80,000 tundra swans,

which are not an endangered species, are in the Atlantic Flyway, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

If Pennsylvania wanted a hunting season, it would have to request permission from the service. The service would rely heavily on the advice of an advisory board, the Atlantic Flyway Council, Tollefson said.

But all seven of Pennsylvania's council members are on the staff of the Game Commission. And the service supports hunting. "Hunters pay the bulk of funds to do habitat conservation. Whenever it is compatible with the long-term protection of the resource, hunting is an appropriate activity," Tollefson said.

If Pennsylvania hasn't proposed a season yet, why the urgency?

The animal-welfare groups look back to 2000, when Pennsylvania declared a controversial bobcat hunt.

By the time activists got wind of it, flooded the commission with 6,000 protest letters, and showed

up on masses at meetings, the decision had already pretty much been made, if not yet officially voted on.

"We learned from the bobcat," the Fund's Prescott said. "We learned to become involved in the process early on."

She is hoping the Game Commission also learned a thing or two, including that it was a mistake to "ramrod a season through that the public does not support. And we are confident Pennsylvanians will not support a swim-hunting season."

Swan-lovers will have no shortage of emotional fodder, some of

it provided by the Game Commission itself. Its Web site says the tundra swan is "credited as the originator of the 'swan song,' a call purportedly made by a mortally-wounded swan as it falls from the sky."

Some have compared shooting a swan to shooting an angel. The groups draw many parallels between the bobcat and the tundra swan. Both are charismatic species. Neither is considered a pest, such as the white-tailed deer chomping its way through the state's forests and gardens or the messy Canada goose. Neither

is killed for its food value.

The only reason to hunt one, Feral said indignantly, is "for trophy purposes."

The thought appalls Donald Heintzelman, an Allentown ornithologist who has studied tundra swans since the mid-1950s. "Why kill anything in the name of recreation?" he demanded.

Last Friday, he drove to Middle Creek to photograph what birders consider to be a rare spectacle.

As the swans flew overhead, backlit by the sun and outlined in gold against the blue sky, issuing throaty hoo-hoosings, he clicked away.

"Now how can you shoot something like this," he asked, only to "wind up with a pile of bloody feathers?"

Cars loaded with people came down the small road in the management area and coasted to a stop as the people gawked through binoculars.

Just up the road from Heintzelman was Doug Slavic, who drove up from Bryn Mawr.

"Every time these guys take off, they give you a chill," he said.

Down the road was Game Commission biologist Matt Roberts, who rotated an antenna until he located one of the hundreds of swans outfitted with transmitters so researchers can track them - part of the commission's research effort.

Meanwhile, Heintzelman continued clicking.

"If you're going to shoot these birds, do it with a camera," he said. "You still have a trophy, everybody's happy, and the birds are still alive."

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Association in Ellensburg.
Startup costs can also be a barrier. Barns, fences, equipment and cattle are expensive, and the average rate of return on a cattle operation is less than 10 percent, he said.

"It's still a satisfying life and an honest living," he said.
Cows have fascinated Maureen Mai since her 4-H days. She showed Simmental steers at national competitions, and kept a small herd to pay for her college tuition.

"I may have my student loan to buy cows," she said.
The 25 animals became the collateral for the couple's first operating loan from the Bank of Latah in 1999.

"We were nervous," Maureen Mai said. "We wondered if we'd have enough collateral to put up, if they'd laugh at us, or require a co-signature from family members."

The bank didn't require a co-signature. The \$50,000 loan bought the couple's first tractor.

Maureen Mai and her husband, Eric, operate a hay and cattle ranch. He recognized his only child's desire early on.
"She was always there to do her part, whether it was helping with calving or roundup," he said.

Ryan Mai grew up on a farm in southern Idaho. When the couple started talking about a cattle operation, Olsen offered them the use of 300 acres in return for labor.

"It was like any other parent," he said. "You worry. 'Can they be strapped?' But they have their degrees to fall back on. If they decide down the road that they want to do something else, they're young enough to make a career change."

Maureen and Ryan Mai own

100 head of registered Simmental cattle, and care for 200 cows owned by another couple.
"It's a good way to get into the business without putting up a lot of capital," Ryan said. "If we had to go out and buy a place, it would be pretty impossible."

This is the couple's third year in agriculture. The first two went according to plan, but last year was a doozy.
"We didn't have hay to sell. Calf prices were low, and with the drought, we had to bring the cows home (from pasture) early," Ryan said.

The situation was a result of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and drought conditions.
"Drought decreased the couple's hay and alfalfa yields, and they had to rent pasture lands where cows normally graze until November."

Last year, the couple brought the cows home in October. The move was an expensive one. It cost about \$15 per month to feed a cow on rented pasture, and \$30 to \$35 per month on hay and feed.

"We could take another hit this year, and still be OK, but I hope we don't have to," Ryan said.

"We know we'll make it, and our banker has been very good about working with us," Maureen said.
Topics that seemed arduous to Ryan in school budgeting, balance sheets and cash flow are now critical. For the first six months of the year, the couple has no income. They rely on a \$150,000 revolving loan fund to pay for daily expenses.

Payments go back into the fund when they sell crops and cattle.

NEW YORK (AP) - Worries that rising tensions in the Middle East could quash the economic recovery drove stock prices sharply lower Wednesday, with the Dow industrials dropping more than 100 points in their fourth straight loss session.

Analysts said investors have no reason to commit to stocks, including those priced lower after two weeks of consistent selling.

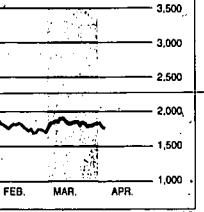
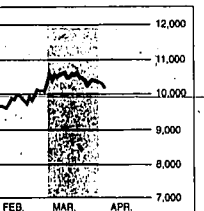
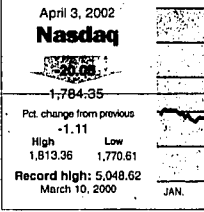
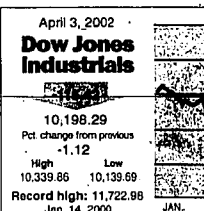
"The worry is that the turmoil in the Middle East will lead to a rise in oil prices and derail the economic recovery," both in the United States and globally, said Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany Corp. "It is very troubling. It is very nervous-making. You can't help but be worried."

The Dow closed down -115.42, or 1.1 percent, to 10,198.29. The blue-chip index has lost 228.62, or 2.2 percent, in the past four sessions. The Dow also posted its lowest close in five weeks, having last finished lower on Feb. 28, when it stood at 10,106.13.

The broader market also stumbled. The Nasdaq composite index declined 20.05, or 1.1 percent, to 1,784.35 after falling 58.22 Tuesday to its lowest close in a month. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 11.36, or 1.0 percent, to 1,225.40.

The downturn came as the Middle East conflict escalated with Israeli tanks entering Nabulus, the West Bank's largest city, and with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat remaining a prisoner of Israel.

Wall Street analysts said fears are high that oil prices will spike higher and push the worldwide economic back into recession. On Monday, Iraq called for a new oil embargo as punishment to the United States and Israel.
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stock, investors took profits made in February and the first half of March amid a series of encouraging economic reports. The Dow is now down 4.1 percent from its high for the year, 10,635.25 on March 19.

"Portfolio managers who had been looking for a reason to sell certainly got it," Johnson said.

Technology and telecommunications stocks were among the weakest Wednesday. Many analysts expect the sectors to be the last to recover from the recession because of a continued lag in demand.

Dow industrial. Chip maker Micron Technology declined \$1.62 to \$30.78 following a ratings downgrade by Morgan Stanley.

WorldCom fell 27 cents to \$5.51 on news that the company will cut 3,700 jobs in the United States, or about 4 percent of its global work force. Additionally, Lehman Brothers downgraded the telecom stock.

Downgrades by brokerage firms hurt stocks of other companies as well. Dow industrial Caterpillar stumbled \$1.48 to \$54.92 after J.P. Morgan Chase lowered its rating.

Selling spread across most of Wall Street, however, and even positive news from some compa-

nies failed to trigger buying. DuPont, also a Dow stock, fell 68 cents to \$46.67 despite its forecast that first-quarter earnings will exceed analysts' expectations.

Analysts said first-quarter results due out this month are unlikely to give the market much of a boost.

"Individual issues may be energized by earnings surprises and an increase in earnings forecast, but that appears to be low and far between," said Alan Ackerman, executive vice president at Falmestock & Co.

Declining issues outnumbered advances almost 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated volume came to 1.47 billion shares, compared with Tuesday's 1.43 billion.

The Russell 2000 index, which tracks the performance of smaller company stocks, fell 3.89, or 0.8 percent, to 3,980.00. Overseas markets were mixed with Japan's Nikkei stock average finishing up 1.8 percent. In Europe, Germany's DAX index declined 0.6 percent, France's CAC40 finished up 0.1 percent and Britain's FTSE 100 slipped 0.1 percent.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing NYSE stocks with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and various market data.

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Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ, including Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diaries.

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Table explaining market report symbols and abbreviations.

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Crude oil prices jump on Mideast conflict

LONDON (AP) — U.S. crude prices have jumped by 36 percent since the beginning of February, and motorists are likely to see higher prices at the pump as the week's oil trading season approaches, energy analysts said Wednesday.

Many contracts of light, sweet U.S. crude were 19 cents lower at \$27.52 a barrel in afternoon trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, contracts of North Sea Brent crude were down 38 cents at \$27.28 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange.

The worsening conflict between Israel and the Palestinians continues to roll world markets, although several analysts said a possible Israeli oil embargo against the United States, Israel's main ally, would almost surely fail.

All Tahghighi, an analyst at Barclays Capital, said prices should stabilize, barring a major escalation in tensions in the Middle East. He said that would risk the world's proven oil reserves.

"I think prices are a bit overvalued right now," he said. "I don't think the possibility of a disruption justifies a continued increase like the one we've seen in the past few weeks."

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Fresh data from the American Petroleum Institute showing an

unexpected buildup in U.S. inventories of oil and gasoline deflated some of the concern about a potential Iraqi disruption in crude exports.

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Leucadia chairman tells of struggle to be successful

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Leucadia National Corp. chairman James M. Cumming told a standing-room-only audience at the annual growth rally for its shareholders Tuesday, Cumming relayed his experiences buying struggling companies, turning them around and selling them.

when there was plenty of capital and asset values skyrocketed.

In almost all the companies we have bought there was at least one person (in the organization) who knew what needed to be done (to turn the company around)," Cumming said.

Cumming was one of two top executives at Leucadia, a New York City company. He became chairman in 1978 at a time when the company had a negative shareholders' equity of \$7.7 million.

Since then, he has helped the company grow to a 23 percent annual growth rate for its shareholders, said Spencer Eccles, chairman of Wells Fargo Bank's Intermountain Region.

And that person was never the chief executive officer, but the chief financial officer. In one instance it was the sales manager. In another it was the company controller, he said.

The graduate of Harvard Business School served a number of Utah organizations over the years. He was a member of the Utah State Board of Regents and the Ballet West board of directors. He also was a member of the Utah Sports Authority board, which oversees the use of public funds to build Olympic venues.

Cumming urged the audience never to underestimate luck when faced with a successful business career. He said he was lucky to have worked in the 1980s and 90s

Leucadia, which owns Utah's American Investment Bank, reported a shareholders' equity of \$1.1 billion as of Dec. 31, 2001. The equity figure, however, was reduced by a dividend totaling \$812 million that the company paid shareholders in 1999.

Sturgeon

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caviar, bringing in sales of \$2.6 million.

Word that it takes \$10 million just to get the operation going has stalled the transition elsewhere, said Alan Huff of the Florida Marine Service, a state agency that regulates fish farming.

"Aquaculture in California revolves around niche marketing," said Peter Struffenger of Stolt Sea Farm. "Whether it be catfish or salmon, you have to grow as his market grows in California."

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Image de Idaho rep will speak at meeting in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - Agdy Guerra, a representative from Image de Idaho, an Hispanic organization, will speak at noon Monday at the Royal Restaurant, 645 Filer Ave. in Twin Falls.

Guerra will talk about Image de Idaho Sudeste, an upcoming fiesta, a Cesar Chavez group and doing community volunteer work.

The gathering is a regular monthly meeting of Hispanic professionals and business people. Anyone is invited to attend the no-host luncheon.

For more information, call Pat Marcantonio at 735-3288.

'Los Incansables' performs in Jerome this weekend

JEROME - Group "Los Incansables" will perform on Saturday at El Parralito Salon in Jerome.

The dance starts at 9 p.m. For more information, call 324-8674.

Mobile Mexican Consulate visits Jerome on Saturday

JEROME - The "Mobile Consulate" of the Mexican Consulate in Salt Lake City, Utah will be available from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome County Fairgrounds in Jerome.

Cost of consular registration is



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\$27. A one-year passport costs \$32 and a five-year passport costs \$83.

To obtain a consular registration, documents proving Mexican citizenship must be provided, such as original passport, military service records, voting identification or official identification with photo.

For more information, call Ag-Mart Services Inc. at 734-6417.

Hispanic Business Association meets Monday

BOISE - The Hispanic Business Association will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at Casa Mexico, corner of Fairview and Five Mile, in Boise. Robin Dodson will speak about Idaho State University and Patrick Olivos will discuss Celebremos La Vision.RSVP to Alice at 322-7033, Ext. 242.



'The Devil's Backbone,' a spooky film set during the Spanish Civil War, is one of the most talked-about Latin movies of the year.

Latino countries produce movies touching many subjects

By The Los Angeles Times

Language Film Oscar.)

Mexico, Taiwan, Iran, Argentina, Korea and Bosnia are among the countries producing vital and diverse movies, ranging from supernatural thrillers to dramas to edgy comedies. Here is a look at some of the most talked-about films and their directors:

Argentina

"La Cienaga" (2001). Director: Lucrecia Martel. A drama about a group of self-absorbed upper-middle-class youngsters who pass the time doing nothing and getting into trouble.

"Nine Queens" (2001). Director: Fabian Bielinsky. A drama about two friends and a life-changing experience that occurs during a 24-hour period.

"Son of the Bride" (2001). Director: Juan Jose Campanella. A dramatic comedy about a man's relationships with his family, friends and acquaintances. (Nominated for a Foreign

Mexico

"Amores Perros" (2001). Director: Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu. A drama about the intersecting lives of several characters trying to find love and to survive in modern Mexico City.

"The Devil's Backbone" (2001). Director: Guillermo del Toro. A supernatural thriller set during the Spanish Civil War.

"The Other Conquest" (2000). Director: Salvador Carrasco. An epic drama about the Spanish conquest of Mexico as seen through the eyes of an Aztec.

"Orilia Rauda" (2002). Director: Dana Rotberg. A quirky drama about a young woman who, out of spite for her evil husband, takes revenge against all men.

"Sexo, Pudor y Lagrimas" (1999). Director: Antonio Serrano. A comedy-drama about two middle-class couples and their sexual escapades.

Students pass new English class at Wendell High

By Betty Taylor
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - March 20 was a special night for several people as they received their certificate of completion from the new English second language class held at Wendell High School.

"The primary focus of this class was to learn English. I think everyone did well," teacher Julie Frader Wolfe said. "We also focused on life skills and how to ask directions."

"Community civics included taking everyone over to meet Wendell's mayor, Paul Isaacson," teacher Melody Kerner added. "The classes started in October, and are offered through the College of Southern Idaho.

Kerner taught up to 17 students. Trader Wolfe taught 37

Interested?
For more information on the next series of classes, call Judy Ruprecht or Monica Kessel at 733-9554, Julie Trader Wolfe at 934-5587, or Melody Kerner at 536-2792.

students, and Linda Quintero and Katie Wood taught 27 students between the ages of 3-10 years old.

Lorina Orozco, an ESL student, said the most beneficial thing she learned was how to read English. The course also gave her more confidence to speak with other people, and she will take more of the classes when they are offered again.

Five-year-old Nikki Calderon and seven-year-old Gaby Haunte particularly liked the rhyming that their teacher Linda Quintero used in her lessons. "My favorite thing was learning how to play charades. My teacher was nice," Cindy Calderon, 9, said.

"I think the class was great, and I am so proud of them," Quintero said.



Nikki Calderon, 5, receives her certificate of completion from Judge Mark Ingram at the closing ceremonies of the English second language class held at Wendell High School. Teachers Linda Quintero and Katie Wood applaud.



Lorina Orozco of Wendell, receives her certificate from Judge Mark Ingram. Teacher Julie Trader Wolfe applauds.

Spring-breakers ignore Mexico's rich culture

American students find all the scenery they want at the bars

By Matthew Brown
The Record

CANCUN, Mexico - By day he's Luis Carlos Gonzalez, 27, college graduate, son of a Guadalajara engineer.

By night he becomes "Pipo," purveyor of pint-sized daiquiris and other cocktails, facilitator of widespread drunken chicanery at a bar known as Senor Frog's.

As Pipo, Gonzalez sees young adults on spring break in their prime and at their worst, as they descend on Cancun from around the United States for week-long no-holds-barred indulgence. And it's fine by him if they "crazy students" don't care to stop partying long enough to join more sedate tourists in exploring the area's ancient cultural heritage.

"They're on vacation. They can

do anything they want," he said of the students who flock in to take advantage of the 18-year-old drinking age.

Tour booker Jorge Diaz, who has worked here for 25 years, has a more jaundiced take.

"The only thing spring-breakers book are bar packages - wherever there's drinking. They don't care about culture like the Europeans do. They only think about their next conquest, their next affair with a girl. They're rude. They drink all the time, drugs, sex. Do they do this at home? They're supposed to be getting an education. They don't seem very educated. They act like we have no rules, no laws. We have rules."

Mexicans tend to be cautious when asked to size up American tourists.

When Eric Schmeltz of William Paterson University was asked if he or his eight companions had any plans to leave the "Zona Hotelera" - Hotel Zone - and taste the unique Yucatan culture, he looked genuinely surprised by the question.



This Mayan ruin at Chichen Itza and other cultural sites near Cancun is mostly ignored by American college students on spring break.

"No, not really," he replied. "I hadn't thought about it. No, probably not."

Then he returned to craning his neck to catch a glimpse of the next participant in a well-attended wet T-shirt contest, staged on the beach behind one of

Cancun's estimated 65 large hotels.

Fewer still visit nearby Mayan ruins such as Chichen Itza or Tulum, considered two of the most spectacular examples of that ancient culture's great architecture.

Shell proposes major Baja California gas project

By Chris Kraul
Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY - If oil companies have their way, a short stretch of Baja California coastline immediately south of the U.S. border could someday be the scene of about \$2 billion in energy projects.

The latest proposal is to be formally unveiled by a unit of Royal Dutch/Shell Group that wants to build a \$500 million liquid natural gas terminal, a re-gasification facility and a pipeline at a site believed to be about 60 miles south of the border.

The Shell project would be the fourth liquid natural gas proposal

for the area, which is favored for its proximity to several natural-gas-fired power plants under construction or planned in Baja California.

John Chadwick, director of Shell Gas and Power, said the company was considering an inland route for the 55-mile pipeline. That would accommodate the Baja government, which prefers routing the gas through unde-

veloped areas, thereby promoting new sources of energy and business opportunities.

The three other gas projects have been financed by different companies. Each involves building piers half a mile or more in length out into the Pacific, where ships bringing super-

cooled liquid gas from Asia and Latin America would unload. The liquid would be stored in large silos, then turned back into gas for transmission via a pipeline to users in Baja

California and, via another pipeline network, to the Western United States. Each project would cost about \$500 million and take three years to complete. The likelihood that all four proposals would be built is considered small, but the market could absorb the supply from at least two projects easily, observers have said.

Shell's project, which could send out as much as 1.3 billion cubic feet of gas a day, is the largest. Shell's maximum output is enough gas to power about 15 medium-sized electric power plants. ChevronTexaco Corp. is known to be scouting Baja for a fifth liquid natural gas project proposal.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to each of the owners or claimants of the property hereinafter described that under the provisions of laws of the State of Idaho, the County Treasurer as Tax Collector of Twin Falls County, in said state is deemed to be the purchaser, in trust, of certain property described in delinquency entries made January 1, 1999 or prior in regard for unpaid taxes for the years 1999 and prior respectively and in regard for which the time for redemption will expire May 17, 2002 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Further particulars of said delinquency entries being as follows to wit:

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Case No. CV DR-02-12 OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JEROME COUNTY, SILENT KAREN L. SILL, Plaintiff.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: In the Matter of the Estate of MARY L. BAUSCHER, Deceased.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Magic Valley Regional Center will hold a public auction to dispose of surplus property from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. MDT, Saturday, May 10, 2002. The auction will be located at the Auction Barn, corner of Addison Avenue, West and Martin Street in Twin Falls, Idaho. All property will be sold as is without warranty, either expressed or implied. All sales will be cash and considered final. /s/John Kee Senior Vice President Date: April 1, 2002

PUBLISH: April 4, 2002 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME Case No. CV 01-00482 SUMMONS ALLIED MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, an insurance corporation, and JESUS PINON, an individual, Plaintiffs,

vs KENNETH COLEMAN, an individual, PATRICIA MCKAY, an individual, NOEL MCKAY (a/k/a Noel Aramian), a minor, by and through his parents, CHRISTOPHER MCKAY (a/k/a Lacey McKay), a minor, by and through his parents, LACEY MCKAY (a/k/a Lacey McKay), a minor, by and through his parents, MICHELLE MCKAY, a minor, by and through her parents, JESSICA COLEMAN, a minor, by and through her parents, STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES, an insurance corporation, JULIAN ZARZAYA, an individual, and JOHN DOES and JANE DOES, through X, and BUSINESS ENTITIES, through X, Defendants.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SERVED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFFS. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT, JULIAN ZARZAYA.

IF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within twenty (20) days after service of this summons on you. If you fail to so respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint.

1. The title and number of this case. 2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint in Interpleader, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint in Interpleader and other defenses you may claim. 3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney. 4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above. To determine whether you must pay a filing fee, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.

DATED This 29th day of November, 2001. CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT /s/Deputy

PUBLISH: March 21, 26, April 4 and 11, 2002 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS Case No. SP-02-289 NOTICE OF PETITION AND HEARING In the Matter of KAMRIN LEE DODSON, a minor.

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of March, 2002, Larry Evans and Debra Evans filed a petition for Guardianship of Kamrin Lee Dodson. A copy of the petition is on file with the clerk of the Court and may be reviewed upon request. The petition has been set for hearing in this Court at Twin Falls, Idaho, on May 7th, 2002, at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

Dated: March 25, 2002. /s/Fran R. Korbman Attorney for Petitioner PUBLISH: April 4, 11 and 18, 2002

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