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CANDLES OF HOPE



Mib Kelly (from left), Kyle Leuze, Father Brian Thom and Ellen Flanery joined about 100 others for a candlelight vigil for peace Sunday night at Twin Falls City Park. One war proponent watched at a distance as participants in the peace vigil lit candles and talked amongst themselves about why they were there.

Residents gather for peace vigil in Twin Falls

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Holding candles and huddling in quiet conversation, about 100 people of all ages gathered late Sunday in Twin Falls City Park for a vigil against war with Iraq.

"You are taking a moral stand by being here," said the event's organizer, Jeff Ruprecht of Twin Falls. "You are hard-working, tax-paying, red-blooded Americans."

After listening to a short statement by Ruprecht, the participants broke into smaller groups to visit or stroll along the sidewalk bordering the park.

A lone dissenter — a man carrying a sign reading "pro-war American" — silently paced the sidewalk for a few minutes before the event began.

The Twin Falls vigil was part of a "Global Vigil for Peace," organized by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other religious leaders, according to a press release from the event's organizers.

Ruprecht on Sunday night said the candlelight vigils had started about 16 hours before in New Zealand.

Thomas Weise, an exchange student from Dresden, Germany, said he expected that many people in his home country had participated in similar demonstrations.

That's a positive change from Germany's history, he said. Dresden was decimated by heavy bombing during World War II.

"We've been through a lot of conflict and things like that," Weise said. "I'm really happy to be able to be here. I really feel I'm part of something important."

Dan Rieke, the pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls, said he'd like to see more energy put into diplomacy and dialogue.

"I'm standing here in the wish for peace and the great yearning for peace," he said.

Rieke said he understands that war is justified under certain circumstances, but he doesn't think those circumstances exist right now in the situation with Iraq.

"A pre-emptive strike would send a signal to the world that is not healthy," he said.

Ruprecht said he's also concerned about the potential economic costs of war.

"I'd like to see \$1.6 trillion being used on something besides destruction and reconstruction."

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Wind farm study includes bird watching

Researchers consider impact on animals

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

ALBION — Under the cover of darkness, Tim Reynolds pushed his all-terrain vehicle off its trailer and, with its engine running quietly, crept up the dirt road for a day of high-stakes bird watching.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars and possibly the lives of as many birds depend on what Reynolds sees.

Boise-based Windland Inc. is paying Reynolds and other scientists to assess the how a wind farm on Coterrel Mountain would affect the environment. Birds kill themselves flying into structures, from radio towers to skyscrapers. Undoubtedly the slow-turning turbines and towers would kill birds. But how many birds? Of which species? Could towers be moved to spare them?

Reynolds is gathering some of the data to allow officials to make a "reasoned and informed decision," he said. Or at least informed.

"Those are two different words, informed and reasoned," Reynolds said, pausing halfway between road and ridge line to catch his breath.



Tim Reynolds loads his all-terrain vehicle at the break of day. Reynolds is a scientist counting birds in the mountains near Albion where Windland Inc. has proposed building wind turbines.

A wind farm on public land

- Windland Inc. has proposed building 130 power-generating wind turbines on Coterrel Mountain, between Albion and Interstate 84.
- If the plan is approved, the company will put up turbines, each 20 stories tall, on 4,600 acres leased from the Bureau of Land Management.
- BLM employees used suggestions from citizens to structure research for an environmental impact statement.
- The EIS should be published in September.
- Public comment will be accepted after that.

Sage grouse

Saturday morning Reynolds went first to places he suspected

to be sage grouse leks, or mating grounds. Coterrel Mountain "may be critical for the long-term persistence of sage grouse in the



Mountain bluebirds flit through the juniper groves and the aspens that grow in the draws of the Coterrels.

area," wrote Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional Supervisor David Parrish in a letter to the Bureau of Land Management.

There were seven grouse at the first lek and nine at the second. The males puffed out their chests and made dashing turns amid the brush. Reynolds expects he will find more birds.

"There is an extraordinary amount of grouse poop out Please see BIRDS, Page A2



President Bush speaks Sunday at a news conference following a summit meeting with Spain's Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar and Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair dealing with the Iraq crisis.

Bush sets deadline on Iraq

President says today is 'moment of truth for the world'

The Associated Press

LAJES, Azores Islands — On the brink of war, President Bush and summit partners from Britain and Spain gave the United Nations a deadline of today to endorse the use of force to compel Iraq's immediate disarmament.

"Tomorrow is a moment of truth for the world," said Bush, commander-in-chief of 250,000 troops ringing Iraq and ready to act with or without U.N. approval. He spoke Sunday after an Atlantic island summit with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar.

Though the leaders pledged to seek compromise with U.N. foes through the end of the day today, they offered little hope of a diplomatic breakthrough. Even if a compromise plan somehow secured approval of a U.S.-Britain-Spain resolution at the U.N., it would delay military action only a week or so, officials said.

Bush suggested the resolution might not even be put to a vote. "If Saddam refuses even now to cooperate fully with the

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Saddam: Iraq won't limit war to own country

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein warned Sunday that if Iraq is attacked, it will take the war anywhere in the world "wherever there is sky, land or water."

President Bush gave the United Nations one more day to find a diplomatic solution to the standoff.

Amid fears that war is imminent, U.N. weapons inspectors flew most of their helicopters out of Iraq; Germany advised its citizens to leave the country immediately and said it would shut down its embassy in Baghdad.

Residents of the Iraqi capital lined up for gasoline and snapped up canned food and bottled water. People mobbed pharmacies to buy antibiotics and tranquilizers. Workers sandbagged fighting positions outside government buildings.

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Blaine County plane crash kills Flying J founder, two others

The Associated Press

SUN VALLEY — A weekend plane crash near the Little Wood Reservoir killed three people, including Jay Call, the founder of the Flying J Fuel Centers. Blaine County sheriff's officials

said the Cessna 501 crashed Saturday afternoon, but was not found until Sunday morning. Sheriff Walt Femling said crews began looking for the plane Saturday around 5 p.m., but search efforts were hampered by rain and heavy snow.

Also killed in the crash were Richard "Buzz" Germer, recently retired vice president of Flying J, and his wife, Ilene.

The trio were reportedly flying from Salt Lake City to Ketchum. They were going to the Gerners' home in nearby Halley.

Officials said they do not know what caused the accident. A crew from the National Transportation Safety Board in Salt Lake City was investigating the cause.

Call leaves behind a wife and two children. The Gerners had three children.

Call founded the Ogden, Utah, based Flying J. Fuel Centers in 1968 with two truck stops. The company has grown to 154 travel centers which employ more than 11,000 people nationwide. Call named the company Flying J after his love of flying.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy with occasional snow. High in the middle 40s.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy and calm. Low near 30.

Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and continued wind. High in the middle 40s.

BURLEY/RURIC FORECAST

Today: Periods of clouds and increasing westerly winds. High in the middle to upper 40s.

Tonight: Continued mostly cloudy and calm. Low in the middle to upper 30s.

Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and continued wind. High in the middle to upper 40s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Moderately cloudy and windy	Continued windy	Continued windy and cool	Increasing sunshine and milder	Mostly sunny and mild	Partly to mostly cloudy skies
High 46	Low 30	45 / 25	50 / 28	52 / 41	53 / 32

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's High: 50 Yesterday's Low: 33 Normal High: 52.0 Record High: 75 in 1994 Record Low: 15 in 1988	Yesterday's: 0.39" Month to Date: 0.51" Avg. Month to Date: 0.53" Water Year to Date: 1.49" Avg. Water Year to Date: 5.65"	Yesterday's High: 93% Yesterday's Low: 40% Today's Forecast High: 40% Today's Forecast Low: 45% A winter year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30	6 pm Yesterday: 29.00 in Today Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 6:47 PM Tuesday Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 6:48 PM Wednesday Sunrise: 6:43 AM Sunset: 6:49 PM Thursday Sunrise: 6:40 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM	Today Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 6:47 PM Tuesday Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 6:48 PM Wednesday Sunrise: 6:43 AM Sunset: 6:49 PM Thursday Sunrise: 6:40 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM	Today: Low pollen count yesterday: 10 Low pollen count yesterday: 10 Low pollen count yesterday: 10 Low pollen count yesterday: 10 Low pollen count yesterday: 10 Low pollen count yesterday: 10

MOON PHASES

Mar. 18	Mar. 25	April 1	April 9
Full Moon	Last Qtr	New Moon	First Qtr

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Boise	40-50	40-50	40-50
Idaho Falls	40-50	40-50	40-50
Butte	40-50	40-50	40-50
Chubbuck	40-50	40-50	40-50
Conrad	40-50	40-50	40-50
Elgin	40-50	40-50	40-50
Grangeville	40-50	40-50	40-50
Hammond	40-50	40-50	40-50
Heppner	40-50	40-50	40-50
Idaho Falls	40-50	40-50	40-50
Kamela	40-50	40-50	40-50
Lowdown	40-50	40-50	40-50
Mountain View	40-50	40-50	40-50
Payette	40-50	40-50	40-50
Shoshone	40-50	40-50	40-50
Starline	40-50	40-50	40-50
Timberline	40-50	40-50	40-50

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.

Black, dark, and a few snow showers will be possible today. It will turn warmer and drier on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Today Highs 30 to 45 **Tonight's Lows 10 to 20**

Isolated showers will be possible today. Gusty winds are expected tonight. It will turn warmer and drier on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Today High/Low 48 to 53 **Low 20 to 31**

NORTHERN UTAH
Only light and light showers are expected over the next couple of days.

Snow showers will be expected in the mountains.

Weather's State Extremes - High: 60 at Lowdown; 29 at Starline.

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Israeli military bulldozer runs over, kills U.S. protester

The Washington Post

JERUSALEM — A 24-year-old American woman protesting the demolition of Palestinian houses in the Gaza Strip was killed Sunday by an Israeli military bulldozer that crushed her body as she crouched in its path, according to eyewitnesses from her Palestinian organization.

Rachel Corrie, a college student from Olympia, Wash., was the first international protester to be killed during the 30-month-long conflict between Israelis and Palestinians here, although numerous protesters have been injured, arrested or ordered to leave the country by Israeli authorities.

"This was a very regrettable accident," said Israeli military spokesman Capt. Jacob Dallal. "We're dealing with a group of protesters acting very irresponsibly, putting everyone in danger — the Palestinians, themselves and our forces."

Corrie, who had been in the Middle East for about six weeks as a volunteer for a U.S.-based Palestinian support group called the International Solidarity Movement, was kneeling in front of the bulldozer, then tried to scramble out of its way, said Tim Dale, 18, a British protester who said he was standing several yards away.

"She thought they'd stop, but



Rachel Corrie

kept going, and she was under the main body of the bulldozer. "I couldn't believe it. I was sure the bulldozer would stop," he said, adding that "when we arrived she was still alive but had blood all over her face."

An official at the nearby hospital where she was taken said Corrie died of skull injuries and chest fractures.

Dale said eight representatives of the international group were in the vicinity of the bulldozer during its operations late Sunday afternoon, but none of the demonstrators were within several yards of Corrie as she knelt in the rubble of a swath of sand, rock and debris between a Palestinian house and a main road.

The government is erecting along the southern Gaza Strip border with Egypt, Dale said she was wearing a bright orange vest.

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United Nations, he brings on himself the serious consequences," the leaders said in a joint statement. They went on to list their plans to target Iraqi officials, including repairing damage that might be caused by Saddam Hussein and preserving oil and other natural assets.

The leaders gathered with more than 150,000 troops, a naval armada and an estimated 1,000 combat aircraft positioned in the Persian Gulf area, an American-led force ready to strike if and when the president gives the word.

"The Iraqi regime will disarm itself or the Iraqi regime will be dismantled by force," Bush said.

The summit, held at a U.S. military base on the dot in the eastern Atlantic, amounted to less than two hours of talks. No more was needed, U.S. officials said, because the conclusion was preordained.

Even as they flew to a meeting billed as a last-ditch effort at diplomacy, Bush and his advisers worked on a major war address that he could deliver as early as Monday night. The speech would give Saddam a final ultimatum to disarm or face war, probably within days, senior officials said.

At a post-summit news conference, Bush urged other nations to support "the immediate and unconditional disarmament" of Iraq.

France, Germany and Russia have opposed an additional

United Nations resolution to set an ultimatum for the Iraqi leader to disarm — and the French have threatened to veto it. Efforts to win the votes of uncommitted nations at the U.N. Security Council have faltered in recent days.

Blair, speaking with reporters on his plane en route to London, said British diplomats would work through the night to try to persuade France to lift its veto threat of a war resolution.

The United Nations, diplomats said it was unclear exactly what the United States, Britain and Spain wanted from the Security Council on Monday.

France, unmoved by the summit, planned to push ahead with its proposal, a 30-day timetable for Iraq to meet disarmament tasks that would be set by chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix. The plan doesn't include an ultimatum.

Blair, under the most domestic pressure to get U.S. backing, accused the resolution's opponents of weakening the alliance against Saddam.

"I have to say that I really believe that we had given that strong message some time ago, Saddam might have realized that the games had to stop," the prime minister said.

Aznar, the prime minister of Spain, who had led dozens of protesters staged rallies Friday, said he was not dissuaded by dissent.

"We are well aware of the

international world public opinion, of its concern, and we are also very well aware of our responsibilities and obligations," Aznar said.

Portugal Prime Minister Jose Durao Barroso called the Azores summit "the last chance of a political solution. It may be a small chance but if there is only one chance in a million it's worth trying this opportunity."

Far from this lush Portuguese archipelago, Saddam warned that if Iraq is attacked, it would take the war anywhere in the world — "wherever there is sky, land or water."

Though Blix was working on details of a plan envisioning that inspections would continue for months — he was to present it to the Security Council on Tuesday — inspectors flew most of their helicopters out of Iraq. Germany advised its citizens to leave the country immediately.

Bush was expected to issue a similar warning to humanitarian workers and journalists in his upcoming speech, dubbed "the ultimatum address" inside the White House.

The president laid the choice at Saddam's feet.

"The decision is his to make. It's been his to make all along, as to whether or not there's the use of military," the president said.

"I've got to decide whether he's going to disarm, and he didn't. He can decide whether he wants to leave the country."

Saddam

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Saddam has made several war preparations, sidestepping the military chain of command to place one of his sons and three other trusted aides in charge of the defense of the nation. The decree issued late Saturday placed Iraq on a war footing.

In a meeting with military commanders Sunday, the Iraqi leader requested a broader war effort against the United States attacks.

"When the enemy starts a large-scale battle, he must realize that the battle between us will be open wherever there is sky, land and water," he said.

Saddam told his commanders, according to the official Iraqi News Agency.

Iraqi Vice President Najib Sabri said Iraq has long been preparing "if war is happening in our home."

Asked whether Iraq would use suicide attacks against invading American forces, Sabri told the Arab satellite television channel Al-Arabiya: "We have prepared ourselves for all kinds of war. For many months, tens of thousands have volunteered to serve as martyrdom-seekers (suicide attackers) in the battle with the American enemy. We trained them and readied them. We have prepared ourselves for street fighting and direct fighting."

On Sunday, U.S. weapons inspectors flew five of their eight helicopters to Syria and then on to Cyprus after an insurance company suspended its coverage.

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Birds

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there," he said.

Engineers might be hard-pressed to find places to put the huge concrete tower foundations where the construction won't disturb the birds. Then again, the grouse might live with some noise.

To capture sage grouse, biologists wait until dark, then drive toward a lek in a truck blaring rock 'n' roll from the speakers. Because the noisy truck approach slowly and drags out "danger sounds," the birds do not try to hide. The researchers drive back and forth across the lek, scooping up the birds in long-handled nets.

"These birds are not mental giants," Reynolds said. "But their behavior at night is different from their behavior during the day. They are pretty attuned to daytime predators."

Scientific method

Reynolds put his backpack at the base of the PVC pipe marking the spotting station. He started looking and listening for birds. He scanned the horizon

four times with binoculars and four times without, just as he does at every other spotting site. Between those rotations he jotted down his observations with mechanical pencil on a form. By the time the 20-minute timer rang, he had a list of birds, mourning doves, Townsend's solitaires, magpie and a whole load of mountain bluebirds.

These point-count surveys have been used successfully for 15 or more years. Wind farms, said Aaron English, a project manager for URS Corp., the contractor the BLM chose to do environmental field work.

Reynolds keeps his eyes open for any wildlife even when he is not scanning. While the animals sees between stations will not be included in the statistical analysis, the information is still useful, especially if he sees a threatened species, such as bald eagles.

In Cotter's the bald palisades Reynolds saw what looks like a waterfall of whiteheads. "I think an eagle nests there," he said.

How much data?

Reynolds has been visiting the

mountains every other week. As the weather warms, he will start coming every week at different times of day.

In his letter to the BLM, Parrish recommended more frequent studies and night surveys, especially for the biologists' migration from Lake Walcott which only pass the mountains twice a year.

"Most of your biggest waves of migration are at night," Reynolds said.

URS Corp. might do some night radar work to detect the number of night fliers, he said.

Parrish also said the surveys should continue through February 2004 rather than stopping in time to publish the environmental impact statement in September.

"If we had more time, it would be a more defensible project," Reynolds said. "There's no question that there's a lot on unknowns."

Development

To bring in the turbines and a crane, Windland will have to build 40-foot-wide roads up the mountain and to each place it

puts towers. Workers would be in the area to maintain the turbines. Workers would restore much of the roadways, but they would keep open one improved road. It's hard to say how all this would affect the area.

"In some areas windmills have been pretty tough on the wildlife, and in other areas they are relatively benign," Reynolds said.

The mountains, while beautiful, are not pristine. It doesn't seem fair that Windland should have to shoulder the entire responsibility for restoring habitat when the area has already been beat to hell by grazing," Reynolds said.

While cattle might have degraded the mountain, it is still almost free of people, which makes the Cotters a haven for mountain lions, sage grouse and deer, he said. "That is probably because it's tough to get into, Reynolds said.

"You don't have big parties or sloppy campgrounds," and the road itself is rough enough to keep four-wheelers from seeking cross-country challenge, he said.

Lab may have tainted 3,000 cases

Justice Department looks at pre-1997 FBI problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department has identified about 3,000 criminal cases that could have been affected by flawed science and skewed testimony at the FBI laboratory before 1997, and is letting prosecutors who handled those cases decide whether defendants should be notified.

To date, government officials

told The Associated Press they are aware of between 100 and 150 cases in which prosecutors decided to alert defendants of problems they concluded were material to their verdicts. None has resulted in overturned convictions, they said.

One of those cases already has reached the Florida Supreme Court. The court last week ruled that convicted murderer George Trepan was not entitled to a new trial despite evidence the FBI's chief toxicology chemist gave inaccurate testimony.

The identification of cases and

prosecutorial reviews are the final stages of a scandal that rocked the FBI during the mid-1990s when a senior chemist at the famed crime lab went public with allegations of shoddy work, tainted evidence and skewed testimony.

A Justice Department internal investigation concluded in 1997 that 13 lab technicians made scientific errors in cases or slanted testimony to help prosecutors. Several were reprimanded, but none was fired or prosecuted.

FBI and Justice officials say they continue to review cases

handled by those technicians to determine if there are problems that could have affected verdicts. But they say the lab today is much different after a series of changes designed to ensure scientific and forensic analyses are subjected to checks and balances.

"I had confidence in the results of FBI laboratory exams even prior to 1998 but today my confidence level is even higher after the quality review process we have implemented," FBI Lab director Dwight Adams said in an interview.

U.S.-South Korea war games go high-tech

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A "war" was being waged Sunday across the divided Korean Peninsula with communist fighters bombing U.S. troops, submarines torpedoing ships and tanks shelling enemy bunkers.

But casualties weren't filling field hospitals. This battle was happening in cyberspace, the backbone of massive maneuvers being staged here by U.S. and South Korean forces to practice repelling any North Korean invasion.

The United States already has deployed an intimidating array of weaponry for the war games, including the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson and a wing of radar-evading stealth fighters, which is here for the first time in a decade.

But underpinning the month-long drills is the Korean Battle Simulation Center in Seoul, where soldiers role-playing U.S. and North Korean forces square off over keyboards 24 hours a day, plotting each other's destruction.

"This is not a video game," said Jude Shea, the retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. who is running the exercises.

The simulation center is in a

high-security building filled with rows of computers, dangling wires and huge wall-mounted



South Korean soldiers operate computers for war games at the Korea Battle Simulation Center Sunday at a major U.S. base in Seoul. The center is a command office for annual U.S.-South Korean joint exercises, called RSOI/FE 03, which began March 4 and are to last until April 2.

monitors charting everything from body counts to weather developments.

"Ground is being taken or lost, casualties are being assessed," Shea said. "Equipment is being damaged and destroyed, enemy and friendly aircraft are engaging each other... there are ships that are steaming."

The United States, which bases 37,000 troops in South Korea, says the annual maneuvers are not related to heightened ten-

sions over North Korea's suspected nuclear weapons programs.

But they come at a sensitive time and North Korea objects to the U.S. military maneuvers, calling them a rehearsal for invasion. Pyongyang's official Rodong Sinmun newspaper reported Sunday that U.S. military moves against the North Korea were "in full swing" and called them "a dangerous military racket to ignite the second Korean war."

South Korea wants the two

adversaries to use both direct and multilateral approaches to end the dispute peacefully.

Shea said the current war games were planned nine months ago, before tensions in the region started rising in October when U.S. officials said North Korea admitted having a nuclear reactor mothballed for years under U.N. seal.

Shea refused to divulge specific battle scenarios but said they are being used to train 14,000 soldiers.

Another 1,000 computer operators at five nerve centers, including one in Virginia and another in Hawaii, are creating the war conditions that keep U.S. and South Korean troops drilling in the field.

About 90 percent of the maneuvers are conducted in cyberspace, with field commanders punching in their countermeasures to enemy attacks. Others are full-blown exercises, such as next week's amphibious beach assault by U.S. and South Korean Marines backed by the carrier Vinson.

Gunplay revives image of N.Y. being battleground

NEW YORK (AP) — The bullets seemed to be flying everywhere in a string of store clerk slayings in Queens and Brooklyn, at a melee in a crowded Times Square arcade, during a police sting on the streets of the city's most sedate borough, Staten Island.

Those shootings alone killed six people this month, including two undercover detectives, reviving menacing images of the Big Apple as an urban battleground.

"Sometimes we have a couple of fights, but nothing like this," said Omar Leger, a security guard for the Times Square arcade's nightclub, where eight people were shot a week ago.

The violence has been a startling departure from the city's long, steady decline in crime. For the nation's largest police department, it also comes as officers are already stretching their resources to respond to terror threats.

The latest crime statistics show 43 people were shot in the city in the first week of March, compared with 25 in the same period last year.

Police officials call the spike an aberration.

"It was a bad week," said



New York City police officers stand at the entrance to the Broadway City Arcade, a Times Square nightclub where eight people were wounded by gunfire the night before, in this March 9 photo.

police spokesman Michael O'Looney. "But this is a city of 8 million people. You have to look at the big picture."

That picture shows 260 shooting victims through March 9, down more than 8 percent from the

same period last year and 71 percent from 1993. Officials also note that serious crimes — murder, rape, robbery, felony assault, burglary, grand larceny and auto theft — are down 11 percent this year.

The string of storefront slayings date to Feb. 8, when a supermarket worker and a convenience store proprietor died in separate shootings in Queens and Brooklyn.

They were investigated as unrelated. But then, on March 1, the manager of an auto parts store was gunned down. A week later, a worker at a 24-hour coin laundry was killed.

All four had been shot in the head at close range by a gunman who took little or no money.

Ballistic evidence linked three of the homicides to the same .40-caliber pistol, and surveillance videotapes captured matching images of a man in a hooded sweat shirt. A team of 20 investigators has been assembled to catch what they fear is a serial killer.

"It's a concern," O'Looney said. "We want to get him as soon as we can."

On March 8, the gun violence spread to tourist-friendly Times

Square with a dispute between patrons in an arcade nightclub. By the time the shooting was over, eight people had gunshot wounds and the normally bustling sidewalks were smeared with blood and cordoned off with crime scene tape. All the victims survived, and five people were later arrested in connection with the brawl.

Two days after that shooting, a pair of undercover detectives became victims of a sting operation gone bad.

The detectives, trying to buy a semiautomatic handgun on the black market, were shot in the back of the head as they sat in their unmarked car on Staten Island. Six men were arrested in connection with the killings, the first of police officers since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Last year, police arrested nearly 3,000 people for allegedly carrying or selling illegal weapons. More than 780 have been arrested since then.

Despite the rash of shootings, the overall crime numbers aren't high and should offer some comfort, said Thomas Reppetto, head of the Citizens Crime Commission.

Could NASA have done anything?

Astronauts wonder if rescue was possible

The Washington Post

Driving home from the funeral of Columbia astronaut Michael Anderson, former space shuttle pilot Joe Frank Edwards Jr. reflected on one thing NASA didn't do, one thing that might have made a difference.

While Columbia was still in orbit, NASA management rejected the urging of its own engineers to seek high-resolution images of the shuttle to assess whether it had been damaged by debris during liftoff. That decision became a focus of the board investigating the disaster even before last week's revelations that NASA also spurned offers from the nation's top-secret spy satellite agency to provide just such images.

Edwards said he's baffled. "This was a stone left unturned, and it is very un-NASA-like to leave stones unturned," said the former astronaut. "To not have pointed an asset at Columbia to try to ascertain if any damage had occurred is not during ascent I think is unconscionable."

The breakup of the space shuttle as it plunked through the upper atmosphere on Feb. 1 has confronted NASA with a scarring question: Had it foreseen disaster, could it have done anything to save the seven astronauts aboard Columbia? Several astronauts and engineers emphasized in interviews that any improvised effort to get the crew home safely would have required NASA to act quickly to diagnose the problem.

NASA's decision to forgo potentially pivotal information seems to reflect tensions inherent in the agency's mission and culture, in which the acceptance of deadly risks is handed down from a never-say-die spirit, and a concern for safety is balanced against budgetary and technical practicalities.

Many people in NASA hew to the can-do attitude reflected in the movie "Apollo 13," based on the story of the engineers and astronauts who improvised their way out of a potentially fatal crisis during a flight to the moon in 1970. In Hollywood's version, a NASA flight director declares, "Failure is not an option." The agency identified so deeply with the credo that visitors could find it inscribed on key chains in a NASA gift shop.

Yet there was little of that determination in the sober assessment that Ronald Dittmore, the space shuttle program manager, gave at a news briefing hours after Columbia disintegrated. If the shuttle's protective tiles were damaged when Columbia reached orbit, Dittmore said, "There was zero that we could do about it."

For that reason and others, Dittmore said, NASA decided against asking for military telescopes or intelligence satellites to try to assess the damage.

Other NASA officials said that instead of accepting defeat, NASA would have gone into an April 13 mode of intense troubleshooting if it realized the shuttle was in peril.

"I fundamentally, absolutely reject the proposition that there was nothing that could have been done on orbit," NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe said. "There is positively nothing that would have

been spared to try to find out what to do to avoid catastrophe."

NASA spokesmen declined to make officials available to discuss how the agency might have tackled the problem.

"The cause of the accident is not yet determined, so I don't want to put someone in the position of speculating on what could or couldn't, should or shouldn't have been done," NASA spokeswoman Eileen Hawley said.

Though the answers to the question of whether the astronauts could have been saved may be unknowable, more than a dozen former astronauts and engineers described the kinds of desperate solutions NASA might have considered.

During thousands of hours in a flight simulator, Edwards trained on disaster scenarios — with names such as "Terror" and "Nightmare" — that included engine failure, the loss of hydraulics, electrical short circuits, fire, and unusual heating in the landing-gear wheel well. He even practiced changing the angle at which the shuttle entered the atmosphere to compensate for damage to the orbiter's heat shield.

But attempting to bring a presumably crippled Columbia back to Earth would have taken him into uncharted territory, Edwards said in an interview.

"I don't know if we ever trained for anything that was this severe — anything that appears to be as severe as this was," he said. "If a scenario where... there's no possible way you could get back to Earth, where's the training value in that?"

"You assume the integrity of your vehicle," said Winston Scott, a former test pilot who flew on shuttles in 1996 and 1997 and has a background in engineering. "You don't train for a wing falling off. Likewise, you don't train for a whole bunch of tiles missing because... there's essentially nothing you can do about it."

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DALLAS (AP) — Natalie Maines, lead singer of the Dixie Chicks, is finding out that sometimes saying you're sorry doesn't make much of a difference.

Radio stations nationwide are boycotting the Dixie Chicks, even though Maines publicly apologized for telling a London audience last Monday: "Just so you know, we're ashamed the presi-

dent of the United States is from Texas."

Maines is a Lubbock native. In her apology Friday, Maines said: "As a concerned American citizen, I apologize to President Bush because my remark was disrespectful. I feel that whoever holds that office should be treated with the utmost respect."

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Bishop: Smart is 'pure before the Lord'

Family members say she can't be held responsible for actions

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Elizabeth Smart was brainwashed and robbed of free will during her nine-month kidnapping, and can't be held responsible for her actions, family members said Sunday.

Smart's grandparents and uncle spoke to about 250 people gathered for a Mormon church service that focused on the 15-year-old's safe return home.

"As a doctor, it's amazing to me that you can become so brainwashed that you identify with your captor," Charles Smart told those gathered. "Elizabeth was a captive for nine months, with only a couple of weeks that she wasn't camping out. During that time, Elizabeth had the chance of escaping. One day she was completely by herself, but she didn't try to run away."

Smart was snatched at knife-point from her home June 5, allegedly by drifter and self-



Amanda Smart, a cousin of Elizabeth Smart, talks with the media prior to a Mormon Church service in honor of the 15-year-old girl Sunday in Salt Lake City.

styled prophet Brian David Mitchell, a one-time handyman who went by the name "Immanuel." Mitchell and his wife Wanda Barzee are in a county jail awaiting charges.

Elizabeth, Mitchell and Barzee were found Wednesday walking in suburban Sandy. Authorities said the three had been living

under bridges and in tents in Utah and California, apparently panhandling to eat.

Elizabeth lost control of her free will and was "completely controlled" by her captors, Charles Smart said.

"We can do good or we can do bad. The question is, did Elizabeth have the right of

choice as a captive, or was she in survival mode?" he said. "I say this: She had no ability to control her life. She was completely controlled by Immanuel."

Those who spoke at the service did not address specifics about what might have happened to Elizabeth. A Barzee friend who visited her in jail said Barzee told her that on Thanksgiving Day 2000, the couple received a revelation that Mitchell was to have seven more wives. Barzee spoke about the need to take younger wives because older women would not be submissive enough to marry him, she said.

Church Bishop David Hamblin said despite anything that may have happened, the teen is "pure before the Lord. People who are in the control of others are not accountable."

Few details have been released about any abuse Elizabeth may have suffered while captive. Family spokesman Chris Thomas said Sunday that the girl has been interviewed several times by police, but her parents have not asked her for details.

Deadly outbreak may be due to new strain of influenza

The Associated Press

A deadly, mysterious respiratory illness spread largely among health care workers in Asia could be a new strain of flu or even an exotic virus passed from animals to people, a health official said Sunday.

Probably the most feared by health experts, however, would be a new and deadly strain of flu.

The illness, which carries flu-like symptoms, has killed nine people — seven in Asia and two in North America. Its rapid spread in southeast Asia in recent weeks caused a rare worldwide health alert to be issued on Saturday.

Health officials say it may be several more days before they are able to identify the disease. However, they said several of its features suggest it is caused by a virus, which can often be difficult to pinpoint quickly using standard lab tests.

"Certainly influenza is on the minds of many people," said Dr. David Heymann, communicable diseases chief for the World Health Organization.

Lab tests have ruled out some varieties of flu as well as some viruses that cause hemorrhagic fever. However, many other possibilities remain, Heymann said.

Those include "a new strain of influenza" or such exotic diseases as the closely related Hendra and Nipah viruses — both newly recog-

nized, causing flu-like symptoms and capable of being spread from animals to people.

"If it really is the flu, it could be we have a new organism that could cause a pandemic," said Dr. R. Bradley Sack, director of Johns Hopkins' international travel clinic. "People immediately start thinking of 1917," the year a worldwide flu epidemic killed at least 20 million people.

Experts discounted the possibility that terrorism is the source and believe it almost certainly is a contagious infection that spreads most easily from victims to their doctors, nurses and families through coughing, sneezing and other contact with nasal fluids.

"Nothing about that pattern suggests bioterrorism," said Dr. Julie Gerberding, head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Officials said they are encouraged that some recent victims seem to be recovering, although they are unsure whether that is because of the many antibiotic and antiviral drugs they have been given or simply the natural course of the disease.

Kidnap case one of many that puts spotlight on polygamy

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Despite the Mormon Church's centurylong effort to rid itself of the stigma of polygamy, high-profile cases like Elizabeth Smart's abduction have cast the church in an unfavorable light by linking it to the outlawed practice.

The Church disavowed polygamy in 1890 and excommunicates members who practice or preach it. But an estimated 30,000 polygamists whose beliefs are rooted in Mormonism live in Utah and other parts of the southwest, Mexico and Canada.

While most of them are consenting adults, living quietly, the region's history is littered with would-be prophets who, abandoning the traditional church, sought to lead their own polygamist groups or cults.

Among them, it appears, is Brian David Mitchell, the self-styled prophet arrested last week

in Smart's abduction. An excommunicated Mormon, he wrote a rambling manifesto espousing the virtues of polygamy and may have kidnapped the teen to make her his second wife.

Mitchell's case is just one of several involving avowed polygamists with extremist or fanatical views. Among them:

- In August 2002, polygamist Tom Green was sentenced to five years in life in prison for a child rape that occurred when he took Linda Kunz, a 13-year-old girl, as his "spiritual" wife in 1986 when Green was 37. Green drew the attention of prosecutors when he appeared on a half-dozen nationally televised talk shows to defend his brand of polygamy.

- In 1984, brothers Dan and Ron Lafferty, who had formed a polygamist cult called School of Prophets, killed Ron Lafferty's

sister-in-law and her baby because she agreed with Ron Lafferty's wife's decision to leave him.

- In 1979, Summit County, Utah, polygamist John Singer, who pulled his children out of public school, was shot by law enforcement officers for running away when they tried to capture him. His son Addam Swapp, who also became a polygamist, in January 1988 blew up the Marion, Utah, Mormon administrative center. Swapp was wounded after he led his clan in an armed standoff with police and was later sentenced to 15 years in prison.

- In the late 1940s, the excommunicated LeBaron clan established Colonia LeBaron, a polygamist colony in the Mexican state of Chihuahua. In the early 1970s Ervil LeBaron executed rival polygamists in Mexico and Salt

Lake County. He died in prison.

Some experts say Mormonism will never be able to shed itself of polygamy — and the sects or cults that arise because of it — because the practice is linked inextricably to the church's founding.

"Polygamy is an albatross the church has been unable to rid itself of," said David Bigler, a former Mormon and historian on the church.

At a conference in October, Gordon Hinckley, the church's image-maker since 1935, issued a powerful reminder that the members' faith depended on the belief that God and Jesus Christ revealed themselves to founder Joseph Smith in 1820 on an upstate New York hillside when he was 14.

Smith's teachings on polygamy remain in the church's four volumes of scripture.

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FBI probes terrorist links at U of I, other colleges

MOSCOW (AP) — The University of Idaho seems an unlikely backdrop for international terrorism.

Tucked into a small town amid the rolling wheat fields of the Palouse, the campus of about 9,700 students is far removed from regional and national centers of commerce or government.

Yet FBI agents on the hunt for potential terrorists are turning their attention to this and other college campuses, many in small-town America, where foreign students for decades have blended into diverse student populations.

The reasons are simple: Foreign exchange programs make it easy for people from other countries to arrive and stay in the United States for long periods, many campuses are in rural settings with few police officers, and they often have sophisticated communications links to the outside world, such as high-speed Internet access.

In Idaho, agents recently arrested two people with ties both to the University of Idaho and to a group suspected of funneling money to terrorist groups and is investigating two others.

"It's clear there's activity like this all over the country," said an FBI agent investigating the University of Idaho cases, talking about the cases on condition of anonymity.

Suspected Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, recently arrested in Pakistan, graduated from North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro in 1986. He had first attended tiny Chowan College in Murfreesboro, a town of about 2,000 residents in the northeast part of the state.

Samir Al-Arian, who studied at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, was arrested recently on charges of operating a terrorist cell while a professor at the University of South Florida. His brother-in-law, Mazen Al-Najjar, who spent more than three years in prison on secret evidence linking him to terrorists before he was deported last year, also studied at North Carolina A&T. Both maintained they were innocent.

After the Sept. 11, 2001,



Samir Al-Arian

Program, intended to provide government agents with quicker access to information about foreign students, and the FBI has worked closely with campus police and administrators to keep tabs on foreign students and watch for evidence of terrorism.

That heightened security contrasts with the image of many universities as liberal centers where free and sometimes provocative speech rules.

"A tradition we value, which is openness, has been challenged by 9/11," University of Idaho president Bob Hoover said recently.

The University of Idaho, about 90 miles south of Spokane, Wash., was rattled in late February when more than 100 federal agents swooped into the married student housing area and arrested graduate student Samir Al-Hussayen.

The Saudi national is jailed on charges of visa fraud and lying to federal agents. He has pleaded innocent.

Federal agents contend Al-Hussayen is tied to the Islamic Assembly of North America and helped operate Web sites for two radical Saudi clerics, Salman Al-Awdah and Saeed Al-Hawali, who are believed to have direct contact with Osama bin Laden. The IANA says it is a nonprofit group formed to promote Islam; federal investigators, along, it funneled money to activities

supporting terrorism.

On Friday, an FBI source confirmed that a second man with ties to the University of Idaho and IANA had been arrested by federal agents in January as part of the widening investigation. That man, former Idaho student Bassem K. Khalaf, was arrested in New York and was taken to Michigan to face bank fraud charges, court documents show. The government says, The Egyptian national was a founding member of the Islamic Assembly.

Investigators also identified a third former University of Idaho student, who now lives in Detroit, as an associate of IANA. He has

not been charged and the FBI won't disclose his name.

The Spokesman-Review newspaper reported Friday that a former Washington State University student also is being held as a material witness in the investigation.

Washington State University is about eight miles west of the University of Idaho.

Khalaf, enrolled at the University of Idaho in 1986 and earned a master's degree in civil engineering in August 1988, school officials said. His master's thesis was on the design of prestressed girders, such as those used in high-rise buildings and bridges.



The New Jersey State Police Flie and Drum Corps marches in the St. Patrick's Day Parade last March in Savannah, Ga. While thousands will flock to Savannah on Monday to use the holiday as an excuse for a drinking binge, the holiday has retained a more traditional flavor for families with direct ties to Ireland.

Family reunions show sober side to St. Patrick's Day party

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Frank Rossiter has a zest for St. Patrick's Day that has little to do with green beer — though he does have a fondness for Guinness and Harp.

It's a passion for his family, starting with his great-grandfather who came to coastal Georgia 153 years ago from Ireland.

Three generations of Rossiters — more than 40 from across the country — will spend Monday in Savannah. First, they'll go to morning Mass. Then they'll march in the nation's second-largest St. Patrick's Day parade, chanting "R-O-double-S-I-T-E-R spells Rossiter! Proud of all the Irish blood that's in me!"

The day is an ironclad ritual of reunions. Missed gatherings at Thanksgiving or Christmas may be tolerated — but not on St. Pat's. "St. Patrick's Day is family," said Rossiter, a pediatrician. "You relive your own childhood, you establish traditions for your children and your children's children. And it goes on and on."

But for hundreds of thousands of others, many of them not even remotely Irish, St. Patrick's Day in Savannah is nothing more than the biggest post-Mardi Gras party.

The parade was started 179 years ago by Irish immigrants who came to Savannah seeking work at its ports and rail yards. The roster of parade organizers is still full of names such as Connolly and Doyle, Fahy and Finnegan, Kennedee and McPatrick, Mahany and O'Leary.

"I like to describe it as sort of a true celebration of Irish heritage," said David Gleeson, a history professor at the College of Charleston who's both an Irish native and former Savannah resident.

"It is social and there is food and drink involved," Gleeson said. "But there's very much emphasis on the things that helped the Irish survive over here — family, church, community and societies."

Still, Savannah has the image on St. Patrick's Day of an anything-goes booze fest. The 300,000 visitors make every March 17 the biggest tourist day of the year for a city where tourism is the second-largest industry.

"The celebration has been overshadowed by the revelry," said Patrick Rossiter, Frank Rossiter's younger brother. "The bottom line is so many people don't have a clue about the actual celebration."

For those who grew up Ireland, where sprigs of shamrock were pinned to lapels and families went to church, the party atmosphere provides a bit of culture shock.

"When I first came to the United States, I was absolutely surprised with it," said Bishop J. Kevin Boland of the Catholic Diocese of Savannah, who grew up in County Cork, Ireland, and came to Georgia in 1959.

"I saw green hair, green beer, green gits. It was absolutely foreign to me. I couldn't identify with it."



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Felony dismissals

Kurt Blane Higgins, 48, 322 W. 10th St., Burley, theft by receiving stolen property; Magistrate Judge Ross C. Holloway.

Chris G. Delbona, 23, P.O. Box 384, Burley, theft by receiving stolen property; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.

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Mari E. Navarette Jr., 19, 713 E. St., Rupert; contempt of court, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Shelli E. Ballard, 33, 1117 Irving St., Idaho Falls; insufficient funds check fraud, Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Arreaga Jr., 18, 402 B St., Rupert; contempt of court, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Danny E. Breen, 24, 801 Burton Ave., Burley; one count on container violation, one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Misdemeanor sentences

Jose A. Ortega, 20, 1557 Alamo Ave., Rupert; contempt of court, pleaded guilty, 575 fine, \$6.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Dora Maldonado, 27, 1012 E. St., Rupert; driving without privileges, amended to invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$6.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Jerry Alonso Gault Jr., 36, 1719 Miller Ave., Burley; invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$6.50 court costs.

Ethan J. Arreaga Jr., 22, 117 E. Fifth St., Rupert; battery, amended to disturbing the peace, pleaded guilty, \$96.50 fine, \$6.50 court costs, 10 days in jail, 10 days suspended, six months probation, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Amalia Diaz, 18, P.O. Box 283, Paul, driving without privileges, amended to invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$6.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Nancy Bollen, 29, 117 E. 28th St., Rupert; resisting officers, pleaded guilty, \$150 fine, \$6.50 court costs, two days in jail, two days suspended, four months probation, two days Mini-Cassia work, Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

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TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Magistrate Court in Twin Falls included the following:

John D. Grill, 21, 190 N. Fair, Fair; driving a vehicle without the owner's consent, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, \$1,000 bond.

Christopher John Sanders, 35, 430 Forestview, Twin Falls; burglary, public defender appointed, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for March 21, \$1,500 bond.

Danielle L. Zimmerman, 21, 598 Creeview, Twin Falls; battery, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent.

Darrell Harby, 35, 221 Addison Ave., No. 4, Twin Falls; battery domestic violence, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, \$200 bond.

Justin L. McLemore, 21, 421 Valley View Circle, Jerome; driving under the influence, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent.

Richard L. Chada, 52, P.O. Box 501, Dayton, Nev.; driving without privileges, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, \$300 bond.

Virgil E. Carpenter, 28, 500 Midway, Fair; battery domestic violence (matrimonial), public defender appointed, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for March 21, \$200 bond.

Daniel A. James, 42, 5401 South Ave., Boise; obstructing officers, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent.

Anthony Dustin Gough, 21, 4722 Ave. W. St. 4, Gooding; possession of a controlled substance, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent.

James W. Hall, 37, 124 Second St. W., Haven; battery, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent.

Keith D. Bock, 26, 48 Second St. W., Kimberly; driving without privileges, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent.

Shane L. Pollard, 35, 149 Jackson, Kimberly; driving without privileges, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent.

Ralph Lee Compher, 28, 80 Rosewood, Pocatello; malicious injury to property, pleaded guilty, sentencing set for March 14.

Fredrick West Lemus, 19, 806 Monroe, Twin Falls; failure to purchase a driver's license, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent.

Isla Belle Watson, 52, 3650 N. 72nd

Suspect in shooting of Idaho lawmaker's son turns himself in

BOISE (AP) - The 21-year-old man accused of killing a state legislator's son has turned himself in to police.

Boise State University student Cameron Wade Davis, 23, died early Saturday from a gunshot wound to the chest at a Boise party.

He is the son of Sen. Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls.

Accompanied by his attorney, Boise State student Vincent Craig Olsen turned himself in to police Saturday evening. He was

hooked into the Ada County jail on charges of second-degree murder and the use of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

He is being held on \$500,000 bond and is expected to be arraigned on Monday.

"It is a tragedy," said Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes of Soda Springs. "It's times like these that the Senate takes it as if we are all one family. Our hearts go out to the Davis family."

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U.S., British troops aim to win Iraqi people's trust

Knight Ridder News Service

LIVING SUPPORT AREA 7, Kuwait - If the Marines, Army and British soldiers invade Iraq, their mission will not just be to defeat Saddam Hussein's troops. They'll also be trying to win the "hearts and minds" of the Iraqi people.

All three forces have incorporated a variety of tools to put the Iraqi people at ease while using tactics to give Iraqi troops the greatest chance to surrender without a fight.

Assault troops, for instance, will be carrying humanitarian rations to hand out to hungry Iraqis and soldiers will be setting up food centers. Corpsmen will be ready to offer medical assistance to civilians. Translators will be with nearly every major unit and vehicles with bullhorns will be broadcasting messages to civilians to keep them from getting injured.

Commanders will be armed with "phraselators," hand-held computer translation devices that will say everything from "I am here to help" to "Stop, or I'll shoot."

And all units will be operating under rules of engagement dramatically different from those issued during Desert Storm.

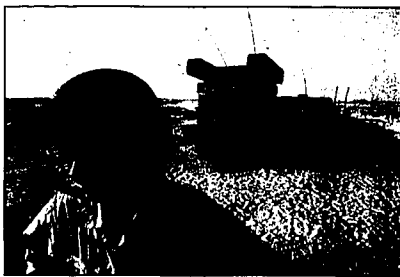
"During Desert Storm, we just pretty much shot anything wearing an Iraqi uniform," said Marine Maj. Gen. James N. Mattis, who fought here 13 years ago. "This will be different."

Mattis, the wiry, bespectacled general who recently led the Marines in Afghanistan and who now heads the Corps' main infantry force in Kuwait, has been driving that message home to his troops as he meets with them frequently for periodic pep talks.

"We want to show them we have no fight with Muslims," Mattis tells the various battalions as they gather in a semi-circle in the sand. "We want to show them that we live up to the highest standards."

He has been particularly targeting his message toward the junior enlisted Marines and what the Corps calls "strategic corporals," non-commissioned officers who make important combat decisions.

During one session, Mattis told Marines that one of the first things people notice about each



Sgt. Troy McManus, with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, directs fire control for an Avenger ADA (Air Defense Artillery) weapons system, somewhere in the Kuwaiti desert, Sunday. American and British troops are carrying on a public relations campaign to win over the Iraqi people.

other is the look in their eyes. So, it will be important to maintain eye contact with the Iraqis they meet and use a firm, but non-threatening posture.

But more than anything, he tells them, "Engage your brain before you engage your weapon."

The Marines have called in 3rd Civil Affairs, a reserve unit out of Camp Pendleton, Calif., to help.

"Our job is to come up with a plan to minimize civilian casualties, win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people and keep civilians out of the way so they don't get injured," said Maj. Frank Simone, 37, head of the unit.

"If there's any operative pause in the assault, Gen. Mattis wants to embrace the people, to pass on the message that we're here to fight the regime, not the people."

Civil affairs officers are working here and at other military staging sites to train Marines who are expected to push into Iraq how to avoid problems and put the civilians at ease. Here at Living Support Area 7, Simone and Captain Ezra Carbins, 33, have talked with every unit of the more than 6,000 Marines to explain to them behavior that could help make a favorable impression.

Marines have been told to avoid killing farm animals and destroying fields by trampling over them or running their vehicles through them. They have been told to avoid mosques and historical monuments.

About 50 of the phraselators, machines that look like large personal digital assistants on which English phrases are turned into Arabic, have been distributed among the Marine commanders expected to lead the assault into Iraq.

But the key to how the Iraqi people view the American and British invaders will be how they are treated by the rank-and-file military men and women, said Marine Maj. Bruce Bell, 34, a light armored reconnaissance company commander.

"Ultimately, it's the young Marines and the non-commissioned officers who have to make the right decisions," said Bell, of Westchester, Pa. "It really comes down to firmness, fairness and dignity: You have to have trust and confidence in your young Marines to do the right thing."

"If locals see the tactical commanders treating them right on the scene, they will understand that we're here to help them, not hurt them."

For the junior Marines, the challenge will be to distinguish quickly between friend and foe, and sometimes in very complex situations.

Marine commander says war is 'a few days away'

The Washington Post

CAMP COMMANDO, Kuwait, March 16 - The top Marine commander in the region predicted Sunday that war was "just a few days away" and suggested that it would begin with a three- or four-day bombing campaign intended to wipe out half the Iraqi defenders at the border before sending in U.S. and British land forces.

Lt. Gen. James T. Conway, who commands more than 85,000 Marines and British troops poised to attack, said his force would target Iraq's 51st Mechanized

Division with 130 fighter jets and about 75 attack helicopters, then rush in on the ground to seize southern Iraq.

His eve-of-war send-off speech to thousands of Marines gathered here at their main desert headquarters offered fresh details about the opening phase of the war, estimating that bombing would go on at least 72 hours before a full-fledged invasion.

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Wendell students add art to walls

By Betty Taylor
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Wendell High School students are adding art to the halls of their school.

"The influence of the HealthNet idea of building assets for young kids gave us the idea of encouraging art talented students to create and then display their work," said Brad Nebecker, art instructor. "The advanced students are given an assignment to do a mural. I think it's good enough, they get to put it on the wall to all see."

HealthNet is a coalition of agencies promoting health and asset building for young people. Assets are considered developmental building blocks young people need to succeed in life, and avoid risky behavior.

There are now four artworks in full color above the lockers in the school's hallway. The plans are to add one or two every year. This year's chosen artists were Rachael Goodhart and Holly Drury.

Goodhart, a senior, painted a picture of a boy with his hands outstretched and holding onto the shoulder of an adult.

"I chose this painting because it is different from the others and thought the abstract would add



Wendell High School students Rachael Goodhart and Holly Drury add art to the halls at school.

variety," Goodhart said. "I feel the picture illustrates 'dependency.'"

Drury, a sophomore, painted a

picture of someone holding an open umbrella in one hand and a small yellow duck in the other.

"I just like abstract," she said. Besides that, she likes ducks and has a collection of rubber ducks.

Play shows talents of writer, actors at TFHS

"Laugh and all the world laughs with you" is the opening line to a new play that was performed recently at Twin Falls High School by the drama class.

"Diary of a Gentleman," a comedy-drama, was written and directed by Twin Falls High School senior Billy Perry. Perry crafted a humorous and engaging play, which is his first play to be performed.

The play's main character, Harry (Scott High), is a big-hearted playwright and actor who hopes to one day take his variety show on tour. He appears to have an ideal life



BRUN BUZZ
Perri Gardner

with his wife Laura (Niki Magill) and his adoring daughter, Gwen (Arnoa Herie).

Harry performs his variety show with his two close friends and fellow thespians Samantha (Mandie Miller) and Robert (Lucas Wells). Things quickly

begin to dissolve for Harry when Robert, bitter from always being overshadowed by Harry, begins to drink heavily.

Robert also is jealous of the attention Harry receives from Samantha.

Complications develop when Harry is informed that a talent scout (Corrie Winterholler) will be present at his next show.

Things go from bad to worse for Harry when he arrives home to find his wife with another man, Jack (David Dahl).

Despite all the twists and turns, happy endings abound for everyone, and the curtains close

after a sweet kiss between Harry and Samantha.

"Diary of a Gentleman" was a big hit with the audience, and displayed the impressive writing skills of Billy Perry.

"I thought it was funny, and the writing was really good," junior Josie Morse said. TFHS definitely possesses some star talent.

Don't be surprised if this isn't the last you hear of these talented actors, and one very gifted writer.

Perri Gardner is a staff writer with the Twin Falls Times-News.

JHS debuts Information Technology Academy

Twenty-five students will work together in several classes each trimester through their sophomore, junior, and senior years to form the first small learning community, the Information Technology Academy in Jerome High School.

The students are excited to be the pioneers of the program which prepares students for post-secondary education or the work place through a rigorous combination of academic and technical vocational courses. Landon Marlor, computer teacher; Linda Arrossa, web-based learning coordinator; Mike Savage, technology teacher; Terry Gibbons, technology teacher; Houston Finn, careers



TIGER PRINTS
Patti O'Dell

teacher; and Scott Burton, speech teacher, have dedicated many hours to plan for the 2003-2004 implementation.

"In the future, we hope to expand and include more students through additional academies aligned to our career pathways," Mike Savage said.

The teachers, students and business partners will celebrate

together at an informational meeting and dinner on April 8. If any business leaders seek additional information, please call Mike Savage or Linda Arrossa at 324-8137. Academies are one example of the High Schools that Work improvement model taking effect in the high school.

The compass points to the future at JHS: All juniors took the College of Southern Idaho COMPASS test last week. CSI uses the test to place students in the appropriate courses in their freshman year at college. At the junior high school level, the results can help counselors and advisors assist students in selecting high school courses that will

increase the students' chance of success in college.

The juniors will have the chance to check out colleges at Higher Education Day on Thursday. All Idaho colleges will be represented at the event, which offers the students a chance to start planning now for college.

Jerome seniors are anxiously awaiting graduation and their advancement into the future. Jerome High School graduation will be held at 7:30 p.m. May 24 at the JHS track and football field.

Patti O'Dell is Jerome High School principal.

Spring College Fair comes to Kimberly High School

"Higher Ed Day," which also is known as the Spring College Fair, will be held Tuesday for all Kimberly High Juniors.

Hosted by Murrenough High School, this fair will give the juniors a chance to realize the different types of colleges available here in Idaho. The colleges represented are Albion College, Boise Bible College, Boise State University, BYU-Idaho, College of Southern Idaho,



KIMBERLY CHAT
Krista Wawser

Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, Northwest Nazarene University and the

University of Idaho. The fair will last from 12:45 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Another chance for Kimberly students to get out and see what's available is coming up on March 20. CSI is sponsoring a Multi-Cultural Day. This will give students the opportunity to tour the campus, as well as learn about the financial and academic opportunities CSI offers. The speaker will be Dr. Vincent Muli, a native of Kenya, Africa.

Sixty students were trained at KHS to become "Natural Helpers." Natural Helpers is an organization which gets students involved with helping out. This encompasses simply mediating a dispute between two friends to going to the elementary school to read, play and have lunch with the children there.

Krista Wawser is a senior at Kimberly High School.

Dietrich Junior/Senior High School honors students of the month

It's that time again! Time to reward six outstanding, well-deserving young people for the hard work and level of excellence in their academic studies at the Dietrich Junior/Senior High School.

DIETRICH
SCHOOL NEWS
Charlene Fenelon

We would like to recognize the following students for their success in obtaining the right to represent this emblem of excellence: Chris Perron and Bryant Pitman, recipients of the award for academic performance; Kurt Meyer and Carrie Ritter, recipients for the most improved in academic studies; and Jared Hansen and Vance Dill, recipients for outstanding citizenship.



Chris Perron



Bryant Pitman



Kurt Meyer



Carrie Ritter



Jared Hansen



Vance Dill

These remarkable students have shown, through their sheer determination and unrelenting strides towards success, that they are more than deserving of their nomination status as February Students of the Month. Throughout the month of March, these students will celebrate their tenure of honor by taking advantage of the many opportunities rewarded them.

Each recipient is not only

given various coupons to spend at local merchants across the Magic Valley, allowed to leave five minutes early for lunch each day, given an award and recognition at a Student of the Month assembly, and recognized as Dietrich's finest, but they also are looked up to by the younger students who see them as the types of teen-agers that they would like to become, teen-agers who are not influ-

enced by peer pressures. When you pass a car on the street and see the bumper sticker of a parent who has a Student of the Month teenager, appreciate the fact that the student who earned such esteemed standing is indeed worthy of their call to represent the Dietrich School student body.

Charlene Fenelon is a paraeducator at Dietrich School.

SCHOOL NEWS

TFHS Brunettes hold showcase Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School will present the first Brunette Dance Team Showcase at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Roper Auditorium in Twin Falls.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets are available at the door or from any team member.

For more information, call the school at 733-6551.

Burley school announces 'Spring Fever Week'

BURLEY - Burley High School reported events this week.

B-Teens will meet at 11:35 a.m. today in room 308. Participants should wear green and come for lunch. Final service projects will be discussed.

"Spring Fever Week" runs this week. The schedule is as follows: today, Hat Day; Tuesday, International Day; Wednesday, P.E. Day and Thursday, Pink and Blue Day.

BSOPP will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday for its bowling party at Snake River Bowl. The cost is \$1.

Minidoka school district holds child find

RUPERT - The Minidoka County Joint School District is looking for children who are between the ages of 3 and 21 years of age who may have special learning needs.

Any parent or guardian of a child who is experiencing a speech, physical, mental or emotional difficulty is encouraged to contact their local school. The staff will arrange a meeting to discuss any concerns for the child. Three to five olds may be able to participate in a free screening. Parents of children who attend private or home schools are eligible.

The purpose of the screening is to determine if a child is eligible for the district's special education programs and services.

Jerome High School debate team wins first

JEROME - Jerome High School took first place at a district debate competition Feb. 28. Jerome also won the tournament sweepstakes award with 80 points.

Individual results in the Lincoln-Douglas category were first, Carrie Green; first, Hillary Chatterton and Kristina Smith; second, Aaron Hair; second, Janet Jessup and Jamea Walker; third, Tony Bailey and third, Christine Gardner and Brionne Wood.

4-H OFFICERS



The Minidoka County 4-H Teen Association has elected new officers for the 2003 year. They are, from left, Sarah Gillespie, president; Luke McCall, vice president; Erin Roth, secretary; Eric Lloyd, treasurer; Mercedes Vincent, reporter; and Addie Maxfield, teen representative. Not pictured is Amanda Studer, historian.

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OTHER VIEWS

Argonne waste variance may lead to improvements

The Idaho State Journal (Pocatello)

Argonne National Laboratory-West is asking the state to grant a one-time variance from its 1995 settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy so the lab can accept six commercial spent nuclear fuel rods for research.

On the surface, it will look like a bad idea to many people. But maybe it's not.

As Idaho continues to lobby the DOE for more research and contract work to be conducted at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory - of which Argonne and its contractor, the University of Chicago, is a partner - this proposal might be worth considering.

Argonne is a respected nuclear fuels research lab - its personnel have decades of experience with unstable nuclear fuels and reactor operations and many have invested their careers into finding ways to stabilize these dangerous radioactive compounds. If any lab in the country is suited to inspect the spent rods, half of which failed during initial testing due to microscopic cracks and the development of "pinholes," it's Argonne.

Understandable concerns by conservationists and INEEL watchdog and oversight groups should be considered, but the years and years of research conducted at Argonne qualifies for this kind of work. And, it's important to note that the spent rods will be removed from Idaho by 2035, the agreed-upon deadline for waste removal. By then, the national nuclear waste repository - Yucca Mountain in Nevada - should be accepting deliveries.

Presently, Yucca Mountain is little more than a conceptual storage site that still faces

legal hurdles. It won't be ready for quite a while yet, and that's why they need the variance allowing the lab to accept the material for research and keep it beyond the prescribed five-year research term. According to Argonne spokesman Paul Pugmire, the lab would gladly send the fuel on to a safe storage repository much sooner, but as of now, none exists.

Their view: This

guest editorial from the Idaho State Journal in Pocatello says Argonne National Laboratory's request to accept spent nuclear fuel rods could lead toward more scientific progress.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

simply wants the lab to remain a viable option when it comes to nuclear fuels research. Argonne pioneered methods in handling highly reactive spent fuels.

This grade of fuel is best dealt with by experts, and Argonne's engineers and scientists are proven. What's more, this is the kind of research that furthers mankind's knowledge of nuclear energy and could one day lead to cleaner, more efficient methods of harnessing the atom.

Also, according to McFarland, once the research of slicing the rods and microscopically inspecting them to determine the reasons for their failure is complete, the spent fuel will be stabilized by Argonne scientists by using a proven method that results in the hazardous material being converted to ceramic "brick" that's more easily transported and more easily stored.

Yes, a proposed variance to the 1995 agreement should receive thorough review. But it seems likely Argonne, the proposed waiver and the scientific project will all stand up to that scrutiny.

Is there still hope for health care reform?

What are the chances of any significant health care legislation making it through Congress and becoming law with the signature of President Bush?

Both parties have promised voters in the last two elections (or more) that they will provide a prescription drug benefit for senior citizens, reduce the number of people without health insurance and find a way to address the costs of long-term care that force so many families to bankrupt themselves.

But the struggle to reach agreement on how to arrange and how to finance these programs so far has yielded more frustration than results.

On a single day last week, I saw evidence that alternately offered caution and hope.

The hearing on Medicaid in the House health subcommittee showed just how fierce the partisan forces are that beset any effort to change the way the government tackles medical issues. Medicaid is the 47-year-old federal-state partnership that pays doctor and hospital bills for welfare recipients and pays for nursing home care for millions of the chronically ill.

Medicaid costs have been running out of control, draining the Treasury and causing even more havoc in state budgets. The Bush administration last month outlined an approach that would give states more flexibility to manage the program and additional money in the short term to help them through the recession, but require a payback in future years and limit federal financing for the long term.

At the hearing, Republican legislators praised the plan, while Democrats condemned it. Veteran Democratic Rep. John Dingell of Michigan called it "a legislative bait-and-switch



scam." The governors who testified were equally divided, with Republicans Jeb Bush of Florida and John Rowland of Connecticut urging approval and Democrat Bill Richardson of New Mexico criticizing its central features.

But if the politicians appear to be as gridlocked as ever, outside their offices you can see hopeful signs of a gathering consensus. One was the public relations campaign that last week brought together more than 100 organizations to sponsor town meetings and discussions on expanding access to health insurance.

"Cover the Uninsured Week" united such familiar antagonists as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the AFL-CIO, the American Medical Association, the Health Insurance Association of America and Families USA (a consumer group). They and scores of others joined the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in the effort.

Utilizing Census-based figures showing that more than three

out of 10 Americans under age 65 were uninsured during part or all of 2001 - almost 75 million people - the organizations tried to dramatize a crisis with profound social, economic and health effects. They did not attempt to define a solution; but their message was that this is a problem that cannot be ignored.

A more substantive approach to finding agreement has been taking place in recent years under the auspices of the Health Sector Assembly, which has enlisted 60 major players - representing a wide range of providers, employers, employees and consumers - in annual seminars on health care issues.

On the same morning as the

quarrelsome Medicaid meeting, I met with six of the Assembly's active leaders, who wanted to share their belief that serious dialogue among people of widely different backgrounds and interests could "bring together people who are usually on opposite sides," as Ron Pollack of Families USA put it.

Two forces have brought them closer together, they said: Honest discussions aimed at finding solutions that might command majority support and the growing signs that the present health care system is headed for collapse.

"In the past," Pollack said, as other heads nodded in agreement, "everyone had something in the current system that it was their top priority to protect. Now, everybody agrees that the status quo is not even a good seed and choice."

When that realization spreads to the politicians, action may be possible.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

LETTERS

Four-by-four plan puts some electives at risk

Count me as one of many who are concerned that the Twin Falls School District is even considering going to a "four classes for four semesters" schedule for next year. This type of schedule leaves little room for good education; it basically allows students to take their "core" classes and not much else. I firmly believe that music should be a core class, but that is another debate.

This is an FYI for those interested in the complete education of our youth. The arts, music, physical education and other classes that give students a complete education will be most at risk of going by the wayside. I also believe that if our voices aren't heard soon, we will be watching quality music programs perish before our own eyes.

If you look at the schedule carefully, and if you figure in any out-of-the-classroom experience - College of Southern Idaho classes, church offerings, etc. - there won't be room for music, art, or anything else worthy of all students' attention. This is not a roll-over block during the week, but four "semesters" of just four classes each. I believe this is dangerous to music in the schools and encourage people who care to voice their concerns to the Twin Falls District School Board. I truly believe this is that dangerous to music in the schools. Remember, it isn't just smart kids who take music - music makes kids smart!

HOLLIS PINCOCK
Carey

Letter writer offends by comparing Bush to Hitler

To Richard Byrd:
How dare you compare our president to Adolf Hitler? You should be packed up and sent so far away that you'd never again hear of the United States of America.

I assume you are another of those protesters who are allowed to protest because the true Americans have fought and died so you have that privilege.

Did you read "Parade" in the Sunday, Feb. 16, paper? Did you read about the cruel, degenerate dictators who are in power all over the world? It is a shame that you can't be transported to either of those countries so you can know how long you would keep your head when you dared to protest.

No one is forcing you to stay in this country.

Don't let the flag hit you in the rump on your way out!
EDITH ROBERTSON
Wendell

Hussein is real reflection of an evil dictator

Being 90 years of age, having served our nation 4 1/2 years in the military with 31 months in the Mediterranean theater of operations in World War II and having received my honorable discharge in August 1945, I can tell you unequivocally that it is the height of disrespect and stupidity to compare President Bush to Adolf Hitler or Benito Mussolini. That "honor" belongs to Saddam Hussein.

Thank you, President Bush, for calling upon and honoring God. Please continue to do so. (Of course, the American Civil Liberties Union and other misguided scam will receive unserved benefits.) "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."
HENRY E. SINGLEY JR.
Twin Falls

Simple solution for signs would work well

Kudos to Diana Leffler for her letter to The Times-News on March 12 on the ongoing saga of renaming the streets. She brought up the dilemma on address changes but came up with a simple solution of commemorative signs on top of the existing signs.

A lot of people still use the old names of streets, highways and farm roads - like Hankins Road, Sugar Factory Road, Old Jerome Highway, Golf Course Road, Singing Bridge, Red Cap Corner, Deadman's Curve and The High Bridge or Rim to Rim now called the L.B. Perrine Bridge. And I am sure there are a lot more roads known by other names in the valley.

BURTON PERRINE
Twin Falls

Education cuts take away from kids' future

In a world where knowledge is power, and success is measured in wealth, we the youth of today face a difficult reality. Due to the weakened economy and the ever-growing need for education funding, we are in the midst of a bomb-

ardment of state and federal budget cuts. Though not presently faced with the possibility of job loss, we are risking a loss far greater than that of our teachers, community leaders and mentors. We are at risk of losing our future.

Whether this has come about because of the war in Iraq, the nearing retirement of the baby boomers or a simple twist of fate, we, the youth of today and the leaders of tomorrow, should not have to take such a risk. Nor should our teachers be criticized for their efforts in preparing us for that reality. They have done all they can with what they have been given and continue to stretch their limits to provide us with an adequate education. We should not criticize what they do or do not teach but simply tip our hats to them for their noble attempts. Teaching is the noblest of professions and yet the least appreciated.

TARA ROWE
Declo
(Editor's note: Tara Rowe is a senior at Declo High School.)

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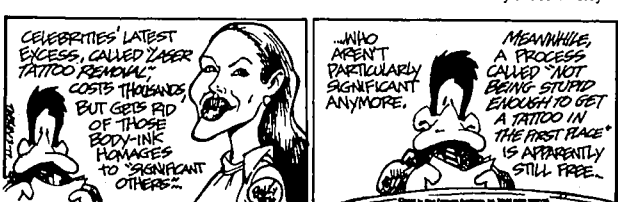
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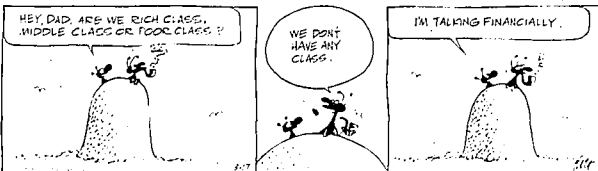
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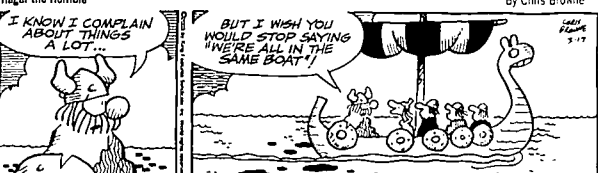
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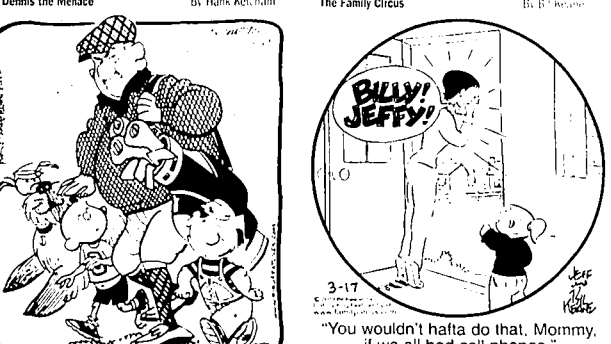


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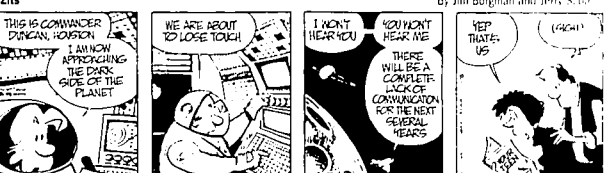
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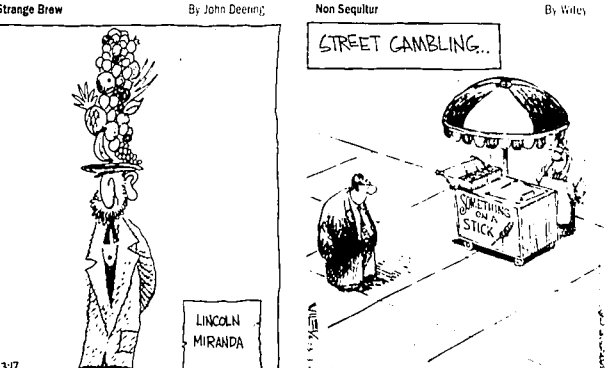


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AROUND THE VALLEY

T.F. will hold St. Patrick's Day parade

TWIN FALLS — The 18th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place at noon today in downtown Twin Falls.

The organizing committee announced the parade will follow the same route as in previous years — beginning at the Middlekauff (formerly Theisen Motors) area of Main Avenue East and continuing along Main, crossing Shoshone Street and continuing along Main Avenue North, ending in the area near AmeriPride Linn.

Any individuals or groups interested in participating should call Stan Thomas at Rock Creek Restaurant, 734-4154, or Frank Hely at Dunkin's, 733-8114.

Former TV reporter pens children's book

TWIN FALLS — Former KMYT news reporter Elaine Ambrose Romano will sign copies of her new children's book here Tuesday.

Romano, a University of Idaho graduate who became Idaho's first female TV reporter when she was hired by the Twin Falls station in 1973, is kicking off a book tour to promote "Gators and Taters: A Week of Bedtime Stories."

Romano, who grew up in Wendell and now lives in McGill, is a freelance writer and the author of a novel. She is a former associate editor of Boise Magazine and onetime manager in the communication department at the Boise Corp.

She'll sign books at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1239-A Pole Line Road E., Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Professor, students plan seminar on Venezuela

TWIN FALLS — A Latin American seminar, "Venezuela in Crisis," will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Aspen 108 at the College of Southern Idaho.

The seminar is presented by Russ Tremayne, CSI history professor, and Latin American history students and is sponsored by CSI's Phi Theta Kappa students.

Tremayne will give the keynote address, "Thicker Than Blood: Oil Politics and U.S.-Venezuelan Relations." Students will provide music and visual aids to illustrate the message of the contemporary crisis in Venezuela.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

Hospital offers breast cancer biopsy technique

KETCHUM — A new biopsy technique that might help breast cancer patients avoid major surgery is being offered by doctors at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center.

Sentinel node biopsy procedures involve the removal of only one or two lymph nodes in the armpit where breast cancer is most likely to spread first. The procedure can protect more than half the women undergoing breast cancer treatment from developing lymphedema, a painful swelling, numbness or loss of motion in the arms. Before, nearly all the lymph nodes were routinely removed in a procedure called axillary node dissection, a risky operation that could result in many complications.

"This is a significant breakthrough for breast cancer patients here in the Wood River Valley," said Dr. Martin Durtch, general surgeon. "This procedure is state-of-the-art for staging breast cancer, and the technique will soon become standard practice."

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg	% season peak**
Upper Snake River	91%	88%
Henry's Fork/Teton	70%	75%
Big Lost	86%	88%
Snake/Lost	78%	74%
Big Wood	91%	89%
Little Wood	94%	91%
Salmon Falls	97%	95%
Oakley Basin	92%	83%

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on March 15, with a 30-year average.
**The ratio of basin snowpack for March 15 to the season peak.

Audit finds misuse of money in Filer

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The Filer School District has adopted some new business procedures after an "internal audit" revealed misuse and mismanagement of some money raised by student-athletes.

Among the findings Student funds were inappropriately spent for coaches' apparel in the wrestling, boys basketball, girls basketball, football and volleyball programs.

Superintendent Bill Feusahrens said disciplinary action against district employees "will be taken where warranted," but he said he could not reveal details of the discipline or the individuals involved. He also said the matter has been turned over to the Idaho High School Activities Association for review.

Longtime athletic director Lakell Patterson, who resigned last week, said his

move was not related to the audit.

The district's investigation was initiated last month after a parent reported that her daughter had not been required to turn in receipts for the money she collected during a boxed fruit fund-raiser for the girls basketball team last fall.

An administrative team led by district Business Manager Justin Lanting conducted a three-day internal audit Feb. 24-26 of all extracurricular clubs and sports teams at the high school.

"What they found was that our coaches and advisers had kept sloppy records or no records at all," Feusahrens said.

In instances where records were lacking, the auditing team used interviews with players and coaches to come up with what they consider an accurate accounting for the number of fruit boxes sold.

"They told me that they felt that people

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New procedures

Here are new business procedures adopted by the Filer School District as a result of an "internal audit" of money raised by high school student athletes. The procedures apply to all district schools:

- Student-raised funds may not be deposited into an administrative controlled account without proper authorization noted on the fund raiser or request form approved by the student council and the members of that particular athletic team.
- New cash-handling procedures.
- New fund-raiser request form, group cash management form and sales report form.
- All money deposited must be in a dual-controlled environment.
- Athletic department purchase orders must each have two signatures.

- Cash boxes will be deposited daily, and change books locked in a central safe.
- New administrative sub-accounts have been created for each sports team.
- Any purchases of coaches' apparel must be from an administrative controlled account.
- Payment for professional development from team sports accounts has been discontinued.
- Purchase of equipment from team sports accounts has been discontinued.
- The practice of prepaying non-reimbursed expenses has been discontinued.
- Restaurant purchases must have demand cash register receipts.
- Payment for employment of athletic assistants for faculty staff members will be processed through the district office payroll system.

LONELY NO LONGER



JERRY STOK/The Times-News

Maggie Lotz, left, and Paulie Warner share a laugh while watching a movie at a Friendship Club gathering Saturday night. Initiated in January by Kathy Williams and her daughter Heather, the club is designed to gather young adults with special needs to facilitate friendship and social activities. Meeting once a week, around 22 young adults ranging in age from 17 to 52 attend.

Young people with disabilities find friendship

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Though picture-perfect in appearance, Heather was spending most of her time isolated in a world of special needs.

And her lonely existence was breaking her mother's heart.

"For years I'd been looking at a lonely young lady," said Kathy Williams, Heather's mom.

"After she graduated from high school (with a modified diploma), she had no friends — and I was her only companion,"

Want to help?

People wanting to volunteer to help the newly formed Friendship Club for young adults with disabilities can assist in these areas:

- Money for outings and for buying volleyball and badminton sets, croquet sets and other equipment needed for summer activities.
- Transportation.
- Food and treats.

Williams said.

When Heather was only two

- Mailing and stationery costs.
- Places to hold functions.
- Helping at activities.
- Supervision during outings.
- A committee to help plan and coordinate a semi-formal Christmas banquet and dance.

For more information, call Kathy Williams at 732-8553.

weeks old, she contracted bacterial meningitis, resulting in severe

brain trauma. In her condition, Heather needs constant care and supervision, Williams said.

But Heather was not alone in her gloom. A majority of the area's young adults with disabilities were spending their days in much the same manner.

Williams had made inquiries as to what was available socially for Heather and had found little support within the community. And knowing the importance of social interaction, she was becoming desperate for help.

"And I knew I wasn't the only

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Council mulls new city hall

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — The City Council is expected to form a committee to select a site for a new city hall today during a regularly scheduled council meeting at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

City Administrator Ron LeBlanc says the current city hall, originally the site of a car dealer ship, is crowded and difficult to access for disabled people. What's more, he says, certain aspects of the building pose safety risks.

Ketchum architect Jim Roscino and developer Henry Dean offered up an unsolicited proposal in January that would put a \$12 million town hall complex on the site of the current visitor center at Fourth and Main streets.

In general, people liked the design.

"I really like the project," said Sue Noel, noting the historic fla-

vor embodied in the design. "With the character they came up with for the building, I think it's a win-win for everyone."

What people can't seem to buy is the location.

Putting city services smack in the middle of town doesn't make sense from a retail standpoint, they say. People will park in Desperado's restaurant lot to run into city hall and pay their bills, keeping potential customers from finding a place to park, they fear.

"I'm impressed with the design. But the location is not a winner," said Ketchum resident Mary Jane Conger. "We haven't figured out the transportation plan for Ketchum, but Main Street is already congested."

"And this will bring another 150 cars to this site. Putting the same design off Main Street somewhere else in town is an excellent idea."

CSI board will discuss budget uncertainty

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The state's capital may be more than 100 miles away, but efforts by lawmakers and education officials are being felt at the College of Southern Idaho.

As legislators struggle with the best way to balance the state budget, their lack of a budget to date has forced CSI, in turn, to delay formulating its budget.

Also in Boise, State Board of Education members have proposed creating state-wide educational service areas. As proposed, each area would have its home institution which would control education programs in that area, which in some ways doesn't bode well for CSI.

Those are some of the topics at CSI's monthly board meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in Room 250 of the Taylor Building.

President Jerry Meyerhoeffer continues to make regular trips to the capital. Yet he returns with few answers as to what had gotten crunches CSI will face, if any. Those uncertainties will force the college to delay its employee contracts for at least a month, Meyerhoeffer said.

A little more is known concerning the state board's efforts to eliminate duplication of higher education programs as well as thwart future turf battles, such as the one in Boise between the Boise State University and the University of Idaho.

Initially there was concern among CSI officials that its Micron Technology program in Boise would be jeopardized. Jerry Beck, chief academic officer, said Friday he was a little more at ease as the college's administrative makeup probably would exempt it from much of the state board's proposal.

Because CSI has its own board, its policies and procedures often take precedence over those of the state board.

Developing upper-level education programs may take a more difficult path, however.

If Twin Falls wanted, say, a master's degree program in social work, the state board's proposal would mean CSI officials would be obligated to seek Idaho State University's help.

Just like shopping for a new car, Beck said he'd prefer the option of having all of Idaho's institutions available in developing new programs here.

Beck today will offer the latest developments on a proposal which is likely to evolve over the next few months.

Also today:

- The board will consider a \$300,000 federal grant to allow CSI to upgrade its telecommunication system. As a result, Internet service will be faster and distance learning classes will be greater in number.

• Dormitory room and board charges could be increased between 2 and 3 percent.

Because the dorms must be self-sufficient, an increase is necessary to offset increases in food services and other overhead, said Mike Mason, chief financial officer.

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Cassia night classes prove popular

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Two students cut up fruit for a fruit pizza. Two others flatten biscuits for mini-pizzas. A third group of two decides whether olives really need to be in the bean dip.

It's the last night of "Fun in the Kitchen," one of the night classes offered through the Cassia Education Center to high school students in Cassia and Minidoka counties.

The classes began as a way for students who were behind in credits to make those credits up, Cassia Education Center Principal Lauri Bailey said. But they've turned into something fun for students to do after school.

"Kids have something positive to do after school," Bailey said. "I'm so tired of coming to school and hearing the escapades of the night before."

Some teens don't have many things to do when school is out for the day. Bailey said with the classes in place, students aren't out on the street; they are having fun and interacting positively with adults.

The Cassia Education Center has held 15 classes during the school year, funded through a \$40,000 Safe and Drug-Free Schools grant. Classes range from science and computer classes to classes about careers in criminal justice. A cooking class was in the mix, along with a humanities class where students attended community events such as plays and concerts.

Each class meets 12 times; some classes meet twice a week and finish in six weeks. All courses are worth one credit each. Students must register in advance for remaining classes by calling Bailey at 878-6690.

The courses are free, all materi-



Burley High School seniors Irene Bautista, left, and Jennifer Snoderly lay out biscuits for mini-pizzas on the last night of a cooking class at the Cassia Education Center.

als and supplies are furnished, and day care is available.

The careers in criminal justice class has drawn a great response in the fall that an advanced criminal justice careers class is being offered this spring. Bailey said the advanced class will work with the citizen academy offered through the sheriff's office, and students will attend classes with a parent. Those who don't have parents available are paired with community members.

Parent involvement is incorporated in all classes as much as

possible, Bailey said.

The criminal justice career class has drawn the biggest enrollment of any class. For many students, criminal justice has already been intertwined in their lives, Bailey said. The class is a chance to see another side of law enforcement.

"They see the system isn't out to get them, but to help them," Bailey said. "Kids think I could do that, I could help someone."

Computer and science classes might not be the students' favorites, but those classes are

full too because they are needed to graduate, Bailey said.

Irene Bautista, a senior at Burley High School, said she took "Fun in the Kitchen" because she needed credits. Fellow senior Jennifer Snoderly agreed.

Teacher Carolyn Gillett said each week the students had instructional time and lab time. They prepared food ranging from candy and cookies to breads, soups and casseroles.

Gillett said they also talked about nutrition and meal plan-

Minidoka voters will decide on bond issue

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - It's up to the voters on Tuesday.

Approving a change from the current \$9 million lease option loan to a \$10 million bond issue can generate about \$1 million more for the Minidoka County School District without increasing taxes, officials say.

The choice is to leave the money in the current lease-option loan and pay Zion Bank the \$1 million through a higher interest rate, or convert the money to a bond issue, at a lower interest rate, generating the extra \$1 million. The additional money would be used for more improvements

to schools, said Dan Lloyd, co-chairman of the district's facilities committee.

Voters decide Tuesday. Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. at all Minidoka County schools and three private residences.

Voters will not increase if the bond issue is approved, Lloyd said. Minidoka County School District Superintendent Nick Hallett and School Board member George MacDonald concurred.

MacDonald pointed out both he and Hallett, and other School Board members and facilities committee members, own houses and businesses in the school district. They worry about their tax bills, just like everyone else.

Friendship

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mother with these concerns," Williams said.

She was right. With her initial call to "Megan's mom," Cindy Stanley, she found a mother who shared her same anxieties. And within a few weeks, a first-of-its-kind Friendship Club is now with 25 members - is scheduling weekly meetings.

Through the efforts of their parents, young adults with special needs are enjoying the company of other children.

"It has changed so many worlds," Williams said.

"A support group is important to the parents as well as the children," she added.

Maggie's mom agrees.

"It's wonderful," said Phyllis Lotz, who was helping with the two lunchmen during a regularly

scheduled meeting at the Stanley home recently.

"They're involved, and they really and truly have friends," said Danielle's mom, Karlie Amis.

Nevertheless, with planned activities and a "limited budget," more help is needed. A membership waiting list, and with a weekly social itinerary that includes bingo, dances, and bowling, as well as picnics, swimming, and other outdoor activities, the club's networking could use some outside help.

Williams hopes that if the community is made aware of the Friendship Club, "it will generate some response and donations. But for now, next to bowling, Heather's favorite activity is taking her 'best friend,'

And what do they talk about?"

"Boys," Heather said.

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• Hear from Dave Shortwell about plans for improved playground equipment at Dierkes Lake.

• Present Con Agra-Lamb Weston with a Brightest Star Award.

• Consider bids for new restaurants at Harmon Park.

• Consider bids for an upgrade at the intersection of Main Avenue and Shoshone Street.

• Decide whether utility signs are needed at the intersection of Carriage and Ninth Avenue East.

• Consider a planned unit development agreement between

the city and Canyon Properties, LLC.

• Mull changing an agreement between the city and Locust Grove Development, LLC.

The council will also hold public hearings, starting with Addison, on the following items:

• A request from T.K.O. Inc. and Todd Ostrom for a zoning change on land located near Shoshone and Addison Avenue West and Row Street.

• A hearing on the status of the Dell Computer Corp. parking lot grant.

Filer

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were very cooperative and that nothing was being withheld from them," Feussahents said.

The district office would not release estimates of money raised or how many of the 1,500 boxes were sold.

The audit also revealed that baseball and football coaches raised money for their sports programs and deposited it in accounts controlled by the students.

Funds in these accounts are raised by students, and withdrawals must be approved by the High School Student Body Council. But Feussahents said

proper procedure was neglected.

"They just filled out a purchase order, and then the athletic director (Patterson) co-signed it," he said. "Funds raised by coaches should have been deposited in an administrative-controlled account where they are accessible for purchasing equipment or coaches' apparel."

Audit investigation findings were examined, and 13 new business procedures were approved at a special school board meeting on March 6. The procedures are mandatory for all district schools.

Laiting said the changes will ensure that money generated no longer handle money generat-

ed by student fund-raisers. All money will go from the students directly into the control of bonded administrators in the district office.

"Between the time a student brought money to school and its arrival at the office, we had no way of knowing just how much money had actually been raised," Laiting said. "This way we can eliminate the teacher, advisor or coach as the middle man."

The 38-page report detailing the audit investigation - 15 pages of which were made available to *The Times-News* - has been turned over to the Idaho High School Athletics

Association for review.

"I don't want our coaches or advisers to be tainted by any suggestion that they may be limiting their own pockets," Feussahents said. "So I've asked the association to comment on whether any regulations may have been violated."

A weak economy and education budget cuts have given fund-raisers a vital role in extracurricular sports programs of the district, the superintendent said.

"If we had a large enough budget, we wouldn't need them," he said. "But they really help supplement for sports equipment and uniforms."

TWIN FALLS CITY COURTS

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 19th District Magistrate Court in the city of Twin Falls included the following:

Drunken-driving sentencings

Richard Silva, 435 Shottie, Burley, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; 30 days in jail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Robert B. Lawrence, 23, 360 Elmore, Twin Falls, one count driving under the influence, excessive; amended to driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$750 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 18 months' probation; consume no alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; attend court alcohol school; the court fail to purchase/unlawful driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$75 fine; 12 months' probation; one count injury to a child; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Anfin Sewell, 23, 176 Maurice St., No. 315, Twin Falls, one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$750 court costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months' probation; one count battery; amended to disorderly conduct; pleaded guilty; \$150 fine with 90 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 24 months' probation; one count driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Daniel R. Urena, 25, 155 S. Warren, Moonmoth, Ore., one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$750 court costs; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended; credit for 30 days' served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months' probation; one count driving without privileges; one count driving without privileges; one count on container; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Misdemeanor sentencings

Richard Silva, 435 Shottie, Burley, domestic assault; amended to disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$630 court costs; 180 days in jail; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Angel Solari Canchola-Solares, 22, 42 Eighth Ave. N., Buhl, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use;



pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$630 court costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months' probation; consume no illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; eight hours' sheriff's work detail; one count possession of a controlled substance, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Neel Hyman Gibby, 24, 506 Gem, Kimberly, assault or battery upon certain persons under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$750 court costs; restitution to victim; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended; credit for eight days served; 18 months' probation; consume no alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; attend court alcohol school; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Ahmet Ibrahimovic, 47, 955 Delmar Drive, Twin Falls, trespass of privacy; amended to alcohol/drug testing; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$630 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; 18 months' probation; consume no alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Scott P. Levesque, 47, 155 Montrose, Twin Falls, domestic battery; amended to disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$630 court costs; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended; 12 months' probation; consume no alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Robert Eugene Bowlin, 41, 755 S. Washington, Twin Falls, disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$630 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; 18 months' probation; consume no alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Jason V. Higgins, 30, 222 K Ave. W., Jerome, petty theft; amended to \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$630 court costs; restitution to victim; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended; credit for three

days served; 24 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Brian David Rouns, 44, 500 Stevens, Filer, one count possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$630 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months' probation; consume no illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; eight hours' sheriff's work detail; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Michael I. Schmitt, 18, homeles, Twin Falls, one count petit theft; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$630 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 71 suspended; credit for 19 days served; 12 months' probation; Cameron Rodriguez, 30, Lakeview Apartments, No. 7, 856 S. 1900 E., Hatzelton, petit theft; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$630 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; restitution to victim; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; 16 hours' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Rogin Noble Evans, 45, 1389 Washington St., Twin Falls, one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; 180 days in jail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; one count provide false information to an officer; pleaded guilty; 180 days in jail; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Stephen K. Barker, 20, 612 N. 600 W., Buhl, petty theft; amended to \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$630 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months' probation; consume no alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; one count minor consumption of alcohol; dismissed by prosecutor;

Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer. Dustin Michael Bowman, 20, 237 Third St. S., Twin Falls, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$630 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; credit for one day served; 12 months' probation; do not consume any alcoholic beverages or any illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; eight hours' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Robert D. Thompson, 16, 1213 E. 400 N., Buhl, driving racing on public high way; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$630 court costs; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Timothy Lee Craig, 41, 146 Addison Ave. W., No. 21, Twin Falls, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$630 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; consume no illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Michelle M. Porter, 17, 321 E. Ave. F, Jerome, driving without proper driver's license; amended to purchase/unlawful driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$630 court costs; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Ken L. Rosecrant, 24, 256 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls, obstructing an officer; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; 30 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Ryan David Reinke, 24, P.O. Box 565, Filer, one count disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$60 fine; \$630 court costs; one count on container; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$630 court costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months' probation; restitution to victim; continue counseling; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Debra K. Fawcett, 42, 270 Meadow Lane, Twin Falls, petit theft; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$100 fine; \$630 court costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months' probation; restitution to victim; continue counseling; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Lloyd E. Miller Jr., 24, 598 Jefferson, N. A., Twin Falls, one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; \$630 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 29 suspended; credit for one day served; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Shareese M. Molina, 18, 659 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, petit theft; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; \$630 court costs; waived, 30 days in jail with 29 suspended; credit for one day served; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Albino Flores Jr., 23, 317 13th Ave. N., Buhl, driving without privileges; amended to purchase/unlawful driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$630 court costs; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer. Cathy Canty-Ostapchuk, 30, 605 S. Park, Twin Falls, reckless driving; amended to negligent/careless driving; pleaded guilty; \$630 court costs; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer. Casey T. Ward, 42, 1241 Normal Ave., Burley, one count fail to purchase/unlawful driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$630 court costs; credit for one day in jail already served; one count fail to appear; pleaded guilty; \$630 court costs; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer. Kenneth R. Rard, 17, 1567 Princeton Drive, Twin Falls, reckless driving; amended to negligent/careless driving; pleaded guilty; \$630 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

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Decan C. Ballinger, 40, 401 N. Road, Jerome, one count possession of a controlled substance; marijuana, pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$630 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; 24 months' probation; consume no alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; \$35 per month probation fee; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Robert D. Hebles, 24, 519 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls, carrying a concealed weapon; dismissed by prosecutor; one count driving without proper driver's license; waived, five days in jail, credit for time served; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Severo Trevino, 41, 258 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 30 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Francisco Javier Villa, 17, 208 Blue Lakes S., Twin Falls, fail to purchase/unlawful driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$630 court costs; waived, 30 days in jail, credit for time served; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Roger Noble Evans, 45, 1389 Washington St., Twin Falls, driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$750 court costs; waived, 90 days in jail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Jane Rojas Pina, 24, no street address, Jerome, Twin Falls, one count provide false information to an officer; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 30 days in jail, credit for time served; one count provide false information to an officer; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Casey A. Green, 27, 691 Malta Road, Burley, petit theft; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$630 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

3/17/03

Slow pace puzzles woman

DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old college student. I first met "Andy" in my freshman year. We became good friends and shared a fair amount of time with each other. I became very fond of him after several months of dinners, going to Mass each week and studying together. I finally asked Andy point-blank where our relationship was headed. He responded that relationships "evolve."

Although I'm in no hurry to rush into anything, I wouldn't mind a little kiss from Andy now and then. He is very courteous and caring when we're together. He calls our get-togethers "appointments," and if he has to break one (which has happened only twice in two years) he is very apologetic.

My question: In developing a serious relationship, how slow is too slow?

-PERPLEXED SOMEWHERE

IN FLORIDA

DEAR PERPLEXED: This is too slow. Andy appears to be a master of the noncommittal understatement. He has a way with words, but they're not the words you want to hear. You are both young, and you clearly want more than Andy wants to offer. I suggest you look elsewhere if you're looking for romance.

DEAR ABBY: Excuse me? Did



DEAR ABBY
Abby VanBuren

I detect the perception of a correlation between "uncool" and "being in the high school band" in recent letters in your column?

I played baritone horn in school band and married my childhood sweetheart, a tuba player, 22 years ago. We gave birth to a French horn-playing daughter and a trombone-playing son, both all-state band musicians. Our homegrown brass quartet plays together in churches, at festivals and in our local community band, and I arrange music for us.

Can life even get any cooler than being able to share brass with your entire family? As they say (to paraphrase just a bit), "The family that plays together, stays together!" My advice to your school-age readers is, don't bypass those band people! Our kind of "cool" holds up over time.

-KAY IN BASS CLEF, MILFORD, DEL.

DEAR KAY: I certainly do. Through music, your children have learned more than the value of teamwork - you live together in beautiful harmony. What a gift!

DEAR ABBY: I am a 75-year-old married man. Recently a good friend of mine died. He is survived by his wife.

Is it proper for me to call her on a regular basis to see how she is getting along? Would it be more correct to just call her once in a while? Please let me know.

-FRED IN FLORIDA

DEAR FRED: You are a caring friend. It's fine to call her on a regular basis as long as you call her together with your wife.

You and your wife should also, as a couple, invite her out occasionally. Sometimes after a death, friends seem to pull back just when their friendship and support are most needed. I'm sure your friend's widow will appreciate being both remembered and included.

TO MY IRISH READERS:

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY:

May there always be work for your hands to do.

May your purse always hold a coin or two.

May the sun always shine on your winduppane.

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.

May the hand of a friend always be near you.

May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

Leo's popularity reaches peak

IF MARCH 17TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are a natural executive, capable of setting up "systems," bringing order of out chaos. Some accuse you of being a workaholic. When occasion calls for it, you can be a social butterfly. You are passionate in beliefs, and in romantic affairs. For you, it is all, or nothing! Cancer, Capricorn natives play unique roles in your life. Before March concludes, you make fresh start in new direction. The key this year is to avoid self-deception.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Take care of what must be done before venturing into other areas. Some depend on you for their welfare, financial and otherwise. Celebration tonight could include unexpected romance.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You may be "on the road" as result of communication from afar. A perfect time for reunions with family, friends. You may not agree with another's philosophy but are willing to listen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may feel chained to household responsibilities, "left out in the cold." Yet, revelers can appear on your doorstep; you are great at putting together impromptu party.

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Sydney Omarr and
Jeraldine Saunders

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A busy day for you; lots of coming and going involving relatives, friends. Remember to post bills promptly, meet other deadlines. Observe traffic rules. A neighborhood party can get rowdy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your popularity is at peak; many invitations come your way. People want to wine and dine you. OK, but make sure you are not stuck with the tab. A sense of humor can save the day!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Cycle moves up; without being argumentative, don't feel you must agree to everything others suggest. You know strengths, also recognize limits. You overcome bureaucratic red tape!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Creative energies need outlet. Read, write and satisfy curiosity, "inner needs." A romantic tryst may be on agenda; you learn a secret - more than you care to know. Virgo is in picture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An element of timing, luck rides

with you; you are at the right place at crucial moment. Someone presents you with a lovely gift, a luxury item that can brighten surroundings. Libra involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Moon at top part of your horoscope stimulates business, career activity. You mingle with community figures, persons in positions of authority. Investigate what seems "too good to be true."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Play your hunches; news from a distance apt to verify your views. You are "in the loop," but question is: What are you going to do about it? Safeguard financial welfare and reputation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A meeting, scheduled with accountants, brokers and those who control the purse strings. Upgrading insurance coverage, preparing a will could be featured. You can be rid of a losing proposition.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Lunar emphasis on legal affairs, partnership, marriage. Cycle low; avoid signing documents. Time on your side; play waiting game. Be noncommittal - a much better offer is on horizon.

Hawaii had cows well before it had horses

Q. Which got to Hawaii first - cows or horses?

A. Cows. In 1792. A gift from Capt. George Vancouver. Horses turned up there about 1803.

Q. You know anybody with a "quiet mind?" I mean of the sort Robert Louis Stevenson described: "Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened, but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm."

Q. What's the difference between "to grill" and "to barbecue?"

A. Meat size, cooking time, distance from the fire. You grill steaks, fish, burgers, close to the coals, maybe six inches, and quickly. You barbecue roasts, ribs, racks, sides, whatever, farther from the coals, maybe a foot and a half, and slowly.

Q. Rocky Mountain people eat more candy than people in the Deep South. Why?

A. Can only surmise calories count more where it's cold.



REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

Q. Does a baby, hung by its heels, know it's upside down?

A. Not until it's several months old, according to the specialists.

"The history of humanity," said John Ruskin, "is not the history of its wars, but of its household."

Butterflies, too, fight over turf.

Territorial little beasts.

An urban planner studied corporations that relocated from New York City elsewhere during one decade. To find out where they went and why. Nearly 75 percent moved to within eight miles of their chief executive officers' homes. Do you buy the notion that most big corporate decisions, however justified to stockholders, are really made for personal reasons?

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MONDAY, MARCH 17
Wendell Community Auction, Wendell
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Times-News Ad: 3-15
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TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 11:00AM
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Ads: Ag Weekly 3-8, Times-News 3-11
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TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 5:00PM
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 11:00AM
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THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 11:00AM
Farm & Ranch Equipment, Jerome
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Ag Weekly Ad: 3-15
MUSICK & SONS AUCTIONEERS
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Farm Machinery • Shop
Household
Times-News Ad: 3-25
MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE
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SATURDAY, MARCH 29
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Combine • Beet & Grain Planters
Ads: Ag Weekly 3-15, Times-News 3-24
U.S. AUCTION
www.us-auctioneers.com

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Times-News 3-16, 23, 30
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Section C

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

There would never be an assassination attempt on me. Charles Barkley is going to be my vice president, and rest assured, nobody is going to shoot me to put Charles in as president.

— Former Minnesota Gic: Jesse Ventura, talking to ESPN about running for president

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school basketball
East-West All-Star Games, at Twin Falls, 6 and 7:30 p.m.

High school tennis
Wood River at Twin Falls, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI men win team rodeo title

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho won the men's rodeo team title Saturday night, powered by a tie for the all-around title between cowboys Jesse Davis and Stetson Stoddard.

Davis won the bareback bronc event while Stoddard won the header part of the team roping competition with heeler Reg Hamilton, also of CSI.

Megan McLeod won the barrel racing event to give the host teams four of a possible 10 individual events.

Weber State's Jennifer Freeland won the goat tying event and all-around cowgirl. The Wildcats women also won the team competition.

Utah Valley State College had two winners in Jesse Lovelace in calf roping and Lance Sagers in saddle bronc.

Boise State's Jeni Garcia won the breakaway roping while Idaho State's Andy Bruwer won steer wrestling and Dustin Larson of Salt Lake Community College prevailed in the bulls.

Team scores and official individual results were unavailable Sunday.

Coaches, ADs: Fax spring schedules

All athletic directors and/or coaches of spring high school sports are asked to fax their schedules to *The Times-News* sports department at 734-5538.

Athletic schedules are still needed from: Bliss, Buhl, Burley, Camas, County, Carey, Castleford, Community School, Declo, Dietrich, Glens Ferry, Hagerman, Hansen, ISDB, Magic Valley Christian, Oakley, Raft River, Richfield, Shoshone, Wendell and Wood River.

KYA holding sign-ups later this month

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Youth Association is holding sign-ups for baseball, softball and basketball for ages 5-15 on Monday, March 31 and Tuesday, April 1 at the Kimberly High School Commons Area from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each day.

Anyone interested in coaching are also encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Jamie at 423-6173.

TF softball league meets Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Co-Ed Softball League will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Building at 136 Maxwell Ave.

For more information, call Heather Bennett at 733-6899 or Rob Kelly at 423-4629.

Compiled from staff reports

Hewitt, Clijsters triumph

The Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Lleyton Hewitt and girlfriend Kim Clijsters have matching Pacific Life Open titles.

Top-ranked Hewitt beat a weary Gustavo Kuerten 6-1, 6-1 to defend his championship, right after top-seeded Clijsters defeated Lindsay Davenport 6-4, 7-5 in the women's final Sunday.

Hewitt won for the second straight week, adding to his title at Scottsdale, Ariz.

He was never threatened Sunday by Kuerten, who had only about two hours to rest after finishing his rain-delayed semifinal with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 victory over Rainer Schuettler.

Kuerten, a three-time French Open champion and former No. 1, had trouble keeping the ball in play in the final, making 30 unforced errors to Hewitt's 10.

Hewitt, a 22-year-old Australian who has

been No. 1 since Nov. 19, 2001, had almost a 24-hour break between his semifinal victory over qualifier Vince Spadea and the championship match.

Although he struggled against Hewitt, Kuerten is playing well again after having hip surgery last year. The Brazilian won the Auckland tournament in January and is 18-5 in all matches this year, including 10-2 on hard courts.

Clijsters mixed lobs, volleys and pinpoint groundstrokes against Davenport to win her second title of the year.

A former No. 1 still working her way back from last year's knee surgery, Davenport had 10 double faults and made 39 unforced errors. Clijsters had only 27 errors.

Clijsters also won the Sydney tournament in January.

Davenport was denied an unprecedented third Indian Wells championship; she won the event in 1997 and 2000.



Lleyton Hewitt of Australia returns a shot to Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil during their championship match Sunday at Indian Wells, Calif., in the Pacific Life Open.

2003 NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

The Big Dance Awaits

Kentucky, Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma are top men's seeds

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Kentucky, Arizona, Texas and Oklahoma were selected as the No. 1 seeds for the NCAA tournament Sunday, the fourth straight year two schools from the same conference earned a top spot.

Texas, No. 1 in the South, and Oklahoma, the top seed in the East, are both from the Big 12.

Arizona of the Pac-10 was seeded No. 1 in the West. Kentucky, unbeaten in the Southeastern Conference and winner of the league tournament, was given the top spot in the Midwest.

Duke, the No. 3 seed in the West, ended its run of five straight years as a No. 1 seed in a season of parity on the court and troubles off it.

Georgia, expected to be a highly seeded team, Michigan and Fresno State declared themselves ineligible for the tournament over possible NCAA violations or academic fraud.

The Big 12 and Southeastern Conference each had six teams selected and Georgia would have given the SEC a seventh.

The Big Ten and Pac-10 had five teams each, while the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big East and Conference USA had four each.

UCLA (10-19) ended its string of 14 straight appearances, third on the current list behind Arizona's 19 and Indiana's 18.

"I don't think it ever gets old hat," Arizona coach Luke Olson said.

"When you get to the NCAA playoffs, I think it's the most



Butler University players and coaches react when the team's at-large berth was announced Sunday.

exciting time in sports."

Bob Knight's streak of 16 straight trips to the tournament also ended with Texas Tech. He made it from 1986 to 2000 at Indiana, and last year with the Red Raiders. He didn't coach in 2001.

North Carolina holds the record with 27 straight appearances, but the Tar Heels are not in the field for a second straight season.

The ACC had two No. 1 seeds last season in Maryland and Duke. The Big Ten had Illinois and Michigan State in 2001 and the Pac-10 had Arizona and Stanford the year before.

Among the teams expected to get one of the 34 at-large but didn't were Boston College, Tennessee and Seton Hall.

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The men's and women's 2003 NCAA college basketball national tournament brackets can be found on page C2



The tournament begins Tuesday night in Dayton, Ohio, with the play-in game. Big South champion North Carolina Asheville, at 14-16 the only team in the field with a losing record, will play Texas Southern, the champion of the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

The winner will play Texas on Friday in Birmingham, Ala., and No. 8 LSU will face No. 9 Purdue. In Spokane, Wash., on Thursday, No. 5 Connecticut plays No. 12 Brigham Young and No. 4 Stanford faces No. 13 San Diego.

The rest of the South will be on Friday with No. 6 Maryland, the defending national champion, against No. 11 North Carolina-Wilmington; and No. 3 Xavier's No. 14 Troy State at Nashville, Tenn. Also, No. 7 Michigan State plays No. 10 Colorado; and No. 2 Florida, a high seed despite losing its last three games, faces No. 15 Sam Houston State in Tampa, Fla.

Oklahoma perhaps helped itself move into a top spot by win-

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UConn, Duke, Tennessee, LSU perched atop women's field

The Associated Press

LSU joined regulars Connecticut, Tennessee and Duke as No. 1 seeds Sunday in the NCAA women's basketball tournament, which might have some suspense now that UConn actually lost a game.

It's the first No. 1 for LSU (27-3), which beat Tennessee in the finals of the Southeastern Conference tournament and tops the bracket in the West Regional.

Connecticut (31-1), the defending national champion, was made the top seed in the East. Tennessee (28-4) in the Midwest and Duke (31-1) in the Midwest.

UConn, a No. 1 seed for the ninth time in 10 years, remains the favorite for the national title, though the Huskies no longer are trying to extend a long winning streak.

Their 52-48 loss to Villanova in the Big East tournament finals broke a 70-game streak that was the longest in NCAA women's history, showed that UConn was vulnerable on a given night and gave hope to others.

"I think this is probably the most exciting year of all," Duke coach Dick Grootenkors said. "Because I think so many teams can get to the Final Four and win the national title. It's wide open."

Connecticut, which also won national titles in 1995 and 2000, opens at home Sunday against Boston University.

The Terriers made the NCAA tournament for the first time and as a reward gets a team stinging from its first loss since the 2001 Final Four.

Craven bumps past Busch

The Associated Press

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Ricky Craven won the Carolina Dodge Dealers 400 by inches Sunday, finishing alongside Kurt Busch after their cars hit repeatedly on the closing straightaway.

The unofficial margin of victory was two thousandths of a second — the smallest since NASCAR introduced electronic timing in 1993.

Craven earned the second win of his career by charging from fourth with 23 laps to go. He moved up to second place on lap 271 of the 293-lap event when pole-sitter Elliott Sadler bounced off the wall and lost ground.

Busch had taken the lead the previous lap after Jeff Gordon banged off the wall while trying to fend off Busch.

Busch appeared to have the race won at that point, but a power steering problem that got progressively worse as the race neared its end gave Craven his chance.

Craven, No. 32 Pontiac inched closer on every lap, and he finally pulled alongside Busch's No. 97 Ford along lap 291. As they drove into the first turn on the



Ricky Craven, right, bumps Kurt Busch on the final lap of the race Sunday.

next lap, Craven bumped Busch and nearly sent him into the wall as he took the lead.

Busch gathered in his sliding car and bumped past Craven in the second turn, nearly putting Craven in the wall.

"When we got together in turn one, I don't know how he saved it," Craven said. "Then, I don't know how I saved it. That was wild."

Busch, who also lost a close battle with Dale Jarrett last month in Rockingham, said, "It was awesome. That's what it's all about — racing as hard as you can."

Dave Blaney was third, the best finish of his career. He was followed by Mark Martin, Michael Waltrip, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Sadler and series-points leader Matt Kenseth.

Leonard bests Love to win Honda

The Associated Press

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Justin Leonard spent several days begging for tickets to the Honda Classic, trying to satisfy in-laws living near The Country Club at Miramar.

He got dozens of family members on the course for the tournament, taught them some golf lingo off it, and then gave them a pretty good lesson in the final round Sunday.

He showed them how to chip it close, how to get up-and-down from hazards, and maybe most importantly, how to win.

Now he's afraid they might want a repeat performance.

Leonard shot a 5-under 67 in the final round, broke the tournament record with a 24-under 264 and beat Love and Chad Campbell by one stroke for his eighth career tour victory.

Leonard, paired in the final round with his close friend Love for the first time since the 1997 PGA Championship at Winged Foot, rallied from two strokes

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down over the final 13 holes to win \$900,000.

"He did what he had to do," Love said. "He only hit a few bad shots and made some great up-and-downs, so I feel like he won it. I knew what I had to do. I had to shoot 6 or 7 under to win, and I just didn't do it."

Aussie holds up under pressure to win LPGA open

TUCSON, Ariz. — Wendy Doolan overcame soggy conditions and the pursuit of more prominent players to shoot a 5-under-par 65 Sunday and win the LPGA's season opener by three strokes.

The 34-year-old Australian did what she had to do — bounce back with a bogey with a birdie on the next hole — to blunt charges by Grace Park and Betsy King to capture her second title, the

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Panthers bounce back against Pens

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Niklas Hagman scored twice and Olli Jokinen had one goal and set up two others. Denis Shvidki added a goal for the Panthers, who had more than two goals for the first time in 12 games.

The Panthers have been held to two or fewer goals in a franchise-record 10 consecutive games. They are winless in 12 games (0-11-1), matching the second-longest streak in the history.

Pittsburgh's eight-game home winless streak (0-7-1) is the second longest in its history.

Jokinen, who had just one point in his previous 10 games, converted Viktor Kozlov's pass for his third short-handed goal of the season, breaking a 2-2 tie with 37 seconds remaining.

Capitals 2, Avalanche 1
WASHINGTON (AP) — Sergei Berezin had a goal and an assist in the first period, leading the Washington Capitals to a 2-1 win over the Colorado Avalanche on Sunday.

Sergei Gonchar scored the other goal for Washington, which moved within a point of Tampa Bay in the Southeast Division.

Joe Sakic scored for Colorado, which lost consecutive road games for the first time this season.

Flames 2, Mighty Ducks 2
ANAHEIM, Calif. — Petr Sykora scored twice late in the third period,

including the tying goal with 31 seconds remaining, as the Anaheim Mighty Ducks tied the Calgary Flames 2-2 Sunday night.

Red Wings 6, Senators 2
DETROIT — Brett Hull's 32nd career hat trick lifted the Red Wings into first place in the Western Conference. The Red Wings won for the 15th time in their last 17 games.

Detroit, with 96 points, moved past the Dallas Stars and within two points of the Senators for first place overall in the NHL.

The Senators lost their second straight game. Curtis Joseph stopped 41 shots for the Red Wings, who only had 20 shots on goal.



Florida's Olli Jokinen, right, scores behind Pittsburgh goalie Sebastian Caron Sunday.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball
Spring Training Games
12:05 PM
AUGUST 12, 2003

Team	W	L	Pct
Arizona	1	0	.500
Baltimore	1	0	.500
Boston	1	0	.500
California	1	0	.500
Colorado	1	0	.500
Cleveland	1	0	.500
Florida	1	0	.500
Los Angeles	1	0	.500
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Seattle	1	0	.500
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
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Boston	1	0	.500
California	1	0	.500
Colorado	1	0	.500
Cleveland	1	0	.500
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Sunday's Games

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Sunday's College Baseball Scores

Team	W	L	Pct
Arizona	1	0	.500
Baltimore	1	0	.500
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Tampa Bay	1	0	.500
Texas	1	0	.500
Toronto	1	0	.500
Washington	1	0	.500

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
March 17, 2003

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Atlanta	1	0	.500
Boston	1	0	.500
California	1	0	.500
Colorado	1	0	.500
Cleveland	1	0	.500
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WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Area ski report

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Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 11th grade 1100 yards, 12th grade 1200 yards, 13th grade 1300 yards, 14th grade 1400 yards, 15th grade 1500 yards, 16th grade 1600 yards, 17th grade 1700 yards, 18th grade 1800 yards, 19th grade 1900 yards, 20th grade 2000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 21st grade 2100 yards, 22nd grade 2200 yards, 23rd grade 2300 yards, 24th grade 2400 yards, 25th grade 2500 yards, 26th grade 2600 yards, 27th grade 2700 yards, 28th grade 2800 yards, 29th grade 2900 yards, 30th grade 3000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 31st grade 3100 yards, 32nd grade 3200 yards, 33rd grade 3300 yards, 34th grade 3400 yards, 35th grade 3500 yards, 36th grade 3600 yards, 37th grade 3700 yards, 38th grade 3800 yards, 39th grade 3900 yards, 40th grade 4000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 41st grade 4100 yards, 42nd grade 4200 yards, 43rd grade 4300 yards, 44th grade 4400 yards, 45th grade 4500 yards, 46th grade 4600 yards, 47th grade 4700 yards, 48th grade 4800 yards, 49th grade 4900 yards, 50th grade 5000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 51st grade 5100 yards, 52nd grade 5200 yards, 53rd grade 5300 yards, 54th grade 5400 yards, 55th grade 5500 yards, 56th grade 5600 yards, 57th grade 5700 yards, 58th grade 5800 yards, 59th grade 5900 yards, 60th grade 6000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 61st grade 6100 yards, 62nd grade 6200 yards, 63rd grade 6300 yards, 64th grade 6400 yards, 65th grade 6500 yards, 66th grade 6600 yards, 67th grade 6700 yards, 68th grade 6800 yards, 69th grade 6900 yards, 70th grade 7000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 71st grade 7100 yards, 72nd grade 7200 yards, 73rd grade 7300 yards, 74th grade 7400 yards, 75th grade 7500 yards, 76th grade 7600 yards, 77th grade 7700 yards, 78th grade 7800 yards, 79th grade 7900 yards, 80th grade 8000 yards.

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Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 91st grade 9100 yards, 92nd grade 9200 yards, 93rd grade 9300 yards, 94th grade 9400 yards, 95th grade 9500 yards, 96th grade 9600 yards, 97th grade 9700 yards, 98th grade 9800 yards, 99th grade 9900 yards, 100th grade 10000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 101st grade 10100 yards, 102nd grade 10200 yards, 103rd grade 10300 yards, 104th grade 10400 yards, 105th grade 10500 yards, 106th grade 10600 yards, 107th grade 10700 yards, 108th grade 10800 yards, 109th grade 10900 yards, 110th grade 11000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 111st grade 11100 yards, 112nd grade 11200 yards, 113th grade 11300 yards, 114th grade 11400 yards, 115th grade 11500 yards, 116th grade 11600 yards, 117th grade 11700 yards, 118th grade 11800 yards, 119th grade 11900 yards, 120th grade 12000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 121st grade 12100 yards, 122nd grade 12200 yards, 123rd grade 12300 yards, 124th grade 12400 yards, 125th grade 12500 yards, 126th grade 12600 yards, 127th grade 12700 yards, 128th grade 12800 yards, 129th grade 12900 yards, 130th grade 13000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 131st grade 13100 yards, 132nd grade 13200 yards, 133rd grade 13300 yards, 134th grade 13400 yards, 135th grade 13500 yards, 136th grade 13600 yards, 137th grade 13700 yards, 138th grade 13800 yards, 139th grade 13900 yards, 140th grade 14000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 141st grade 14100 yards, 142nd grade 14200 yards, 143rd grade 14300 yards, 144th grade 14400 yards, 145th grade 14500 yards, 146th grade 14600 yards, 147th grade 14700 yards, 148th grade 14800 yards, 149th grade 14900 yards, 150th grade 15000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 151st grade 15100 yards, 152nd grade 15200 yards, 153rd grade 15300 yards, 154th grade 15400 yards, 155th grade 15500 yards, 156th grade 15600 yards, 157th grade 15700 yards, 158th grade 15800 yards, 159th grade 15900 yards, 160th grade 16000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 161st grade 16100 yards, 162nd grade 16200 yards, 163rd grade 16300 yards, 164th grade 16400 yards, 165th grade 16500 yards, 166th grade 16600 yards, 167th grade 16700 yards, 168th grade 16800 yards, 169th grade 16900 yards, 170th grade 17000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 171st grade 17100 yards, 172nd grade 17200 yards, 173rd grade 17300 yards, 174th grade 17400 yards, 175th grade 17500 yards, 176th grade 17600 yards, 177th grade 17700 yards, 178th grade 17800 yards, 179th grade 17900 yards, 180th grade 18000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 181st grade 18100 yards, 182nd grade 18200 yards, 183rd grade 18300 yards, 184th grade 18400 yards, 185th grade 18500 yards, 186th grade 18600 yards, 187th grade 18700 yards, 188th grade 18800 yards, 189th grade 18900 yards, 190th grade 19000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 191st grade 19100 yards, 192nd grade 19200 yards, 193rd grade 19300 yards, 194th grade 19400 yards, 195th grade 19500 yards, 196th grade 19600 yards, 197th grade 19700 yards, 198th grade 19800 yards, 199th grade 19900 yards, 200th grade 20000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 201st grade 20100 yards, 202nd grade 20200 yards, 203rd grade 20300 yards, 204th grade 20400 yards, 205th grade 20500 yards, 206th grade 20600 yards, 207th grade 20700 yards, 208th grade 20800 yards, 209th grade 20900 yards, 210th grade 21000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 211st grade 21100 yards, 212nd grade 21200 yards, 213th grade 21300 yards, 214th grade 21400 yards, 215th grade 21500 yards, 216th grade 21600 yards, 217th grade 21700 yards, 218th grade 21800 yards, 219th grade 21900 yards, 220th grade 22000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 221st grade 22100 yards, 222nd grade 22200 yards, 223rd grade 22300 yards, 224th grade 22400 yards, 225th grade 22500 yards, 226th grade 22600 yards, 227th grade 22700 yards, 228th grade 22800 yards, 229th grade 22900 yards, 230th grade 23000 yards.

Boys' races — Sun 10:30 a.m. 231st grade 23100 yards, 232nd grade 23200 yards, 233rd grade 23300 yards, 234th grade 23400 yards, 235th grade 23500 yards, 236th grade 23600 yards, 237th grade 23700 yards, 238th grade 23800 yards, 239th grade 23900 yards, 240th grade 24000 yards.

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Section D

A different kind of French kiss

OK, if nobody else will do it, I'm going to patch up this spat between the United States and France.

As you know, our two nations are not getting along, as evidenced by the high-level meeting in Paris last week, during which French President Jacques Chirac and U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, in what aides described as "a frank exchange of views," bit each other.

Yes, relations are at an all-time low. The French view us as a bunch of fat, simplistic, SUV-driving, gum-chewing, gun-shooting, mall-dwelling, John Wayne cowboys who put ketchup on everything we eat including breath



HUMOR
Dave Barry

mints. Whereas we view the French as a bunch of snotty, hygiene-impaired, pseudo-intellectual snail-sipping weenies whose sole military accomplishment in the past 100 years was inventing the tasseled combat boot.

Sadly - as is so often the case when people resort to vicious stereotypes - both sides in this dispute are 100 percent correct. But the fact that we hate each other, with good reason, does not mean we can't be friends! After all, the United States and France have a close relationship that dates back to the Revolutionary War, when we were helped in our struggle for independence by a French person whose name we will never, ever forget, as long as we have Internet access to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

His full name was - I am not making this up - Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Motier, Marquis de Lafayette. As a result, he had a hellish childhood. His mother would lean out the kitchen window and shout: "Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Motier, Marquis de Lafayette! You get back in here and finish your snails 'this instant'!" Hearing this, the other French children would tease Lafayette, calling him "Marie" and threatening to crush his teeth. So as soon as he could, he left France and came to America, where he joined the army and told everybody his name was Mark.

From that moment on, France and America were close allies. In 1886, as a gift symbolizing more than a century of friendship, France gave us the Statue of Liberty; in return, we sent the French 18 tons of jerky, which they claimed was lost in shipping. And the relationship continues to this very day, when, many of the words that we use all the time, such as "French fries," "French toast," "French kiss," "French poodle" and "Chef Boy-Ar-Dee," are, believe it or not, actually of French origin.

We simply cannot allow a close relationship like this to be destroyed because of some silly little dispute over who gets to run the world. That is why today I am calling upon you, my fellow Americans, to "extend the olive jar" to our French brothers and sisters and yappy little dogs. I want you to deliberately approach French people wherever you can find them - on the street, on the Internet, in the "Small World" ride at Disney World, in public rest rooms - and make friendly overtures to them in their own language (French). To help you do this, here is a list of friendly French phrases:

"Bonjour, personne française!" ("Hello, French person!")
"Je suis un Américain, et, d'ailleurs, je suis venu donner une grande bécotille éternelle!" (I am American and, dang it, I am going to give you a big old hug!)"
"Parole! Vous ne sentez pas demi aussi de mauvais que j'ai prévu!"

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Easier workouts may still help older exercisers' hearts

The Associated Press

For older exercisers, effort counts.

At least that's what a large Harvard study of heart disease in older men showed.

It found that those who thought their workouts were hard had a lower risk of coronary heart disease, even though the amount of energy they burned was below minimum federal guidelines.

"Are they getting any benefit? The bottom line is yes, they are," said researcher Min Lee of the Harvard School of Public Health. Even though the study involved only men, Lee said the study could be applied to women as well.

The study suggests that older people may be able to do less exercise and get heart health benefits - provided they feel they are working hard. The findings were published in February in the American Heart Association journal *Circulation*.

Researchers looked at 3,337 men in the long-running Harvard Alumni Health study. The scientists examined questionnaires from 1988-95 from men who had an average age of 60. In the study period, 551 developed coronary heart disease, a narrowing of the small blood vessels that feed the heart.

In the questionnaires, the alumni listed their physical activities. The researchers then estimated how much energy the men probably used in doing them. Those results were tallied in METs - multiples of resting metabolic rate, or the amount of energy a person uses just to sit quietly.

Sitting quietly is 1 MET; walking briskly would be about 4 METs, and jogging a mile in 12 minutes would be 6 METs.

The men rated the difficulty levels of the exercise on a 1-10 scale with 10 being the most difficult.

Researchers focused on the men whose workouts were at or below 3 METs, because the 1-to-6 MET range is the minimum energy expenditure that federal exercise recommendations consider healthful, Lee said.

Looking at this low-MET group, the scientists compared men whose activities felt hard to those who felt their activities were easy.

The ones who rated their intensity at 5 on the 10-point scale had a 31 percent lower rate of coronary heart disease than did men who rated their intensity at 5.

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The results make sense because the cardiovascular system is sensitive to increased effort, said

Stanford scientist William Haskell, who was not part of the research team.

If a person's fitness level is low at the start, then a strong effort can create a training effect, he said. Training that feels hard can be enough to increase the heart's ability to pump more blood with

each beat, and also could reduce cholesterol levels, he said.

Lee said she did the study to see if people who do less than the METs targeted in the recommendations would still get some benefit. However, neither she nor Haskell believe people should try to get on less. For one thing, a

Less vigorous, more time

Examples of moderate amounts of activity

- Washing and waxing a car for 45-60 minutes
- Washing windows on floors for 45-60 minutes
- Playing volleyball for 45 minutes
- Playing beach football for 30-45 minutes
- Gardening for 30-45 minutes
- Wheeling self in a wheelchair for 30-40 minutes
- Walking 1.3 miles at 30 minutes, 20 min mile
- Basketball shooting baskets for 30 minutes
- Bicycling 7 miles at 30 minutes
- Dancing to music for 30 minutes
- Putting a stretcher 1.1 miles at 30 minutes
- Raking leaves for 40 minutes
- Walking 2 miles at 30 minutes (15 min mile)
- Water aerobics for 30 minutes
- Swimming laps for 20 minutes
- Wheelchair basketball for 30 minutes
- Basketball playing a game for 15-20 minutes
- Bicycling 3 miles at 15 minutes
- Running 1.1 miles at 15 minutes (15 min mile)
- Running 1.1 miles at 15 minutes (15 min mile)
- Shoveling snow for 15 minutes
- Skating for 15 minutes

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

higher metabolic rate means more calories are burned - and weight can be lost.

But current MET standards don't adequately account for the slowing of metabolism that comes with age, Lee said. The guidelines are based on the bodies of younger adults who have higher metabolic rates that could run at 3 to 6 METs in moderate exercise, she said.

Lee said older people would feel they are working just as hard at lower METs. Although the science behind the exercise recommendations is based in part on METs, the guidelines themselves are written in language based on ratings of perceived exertion. Because people can't keep track of their METs, the guidelines call for at least moderate exercise for a minimum of 30 minutes on most days of the week.

Lee would not change the wording. The recommendations are easy to understand and widely applicable - and even older exercisers who won't reach 3 to 6 METs still could find their efforts rewarded, she said.

Don't look now - cleavage is back

The Baltimore Sun

There once was a time when a woman's bosom was queen in the art of the tease.

But then came Brinny and her short baby-tees, making the midriff fashion's new must-see zone. And when low-slung pants became the rage, cleavage was nothing. A hint of derriere? Everything.

Recently, however, there have been signs of a bosom renaissance. But the latest incarnation is not your grandmother's cleavage.

Instead of tantalizing with glimpses of deep valleys nestled in plunging necklines, the focus has shifted south. It's the soft, rounded, bottoms of breasts that have become exciting, daring - and very, very naughty. And women from pop star Christina Aguilera to "Baywatch" alum Pamela Anderson have been seen in wispy scarf tops or tiny cut-off tees flaunting the undercarriages of their bountiful busts.

"The new cleavage is the under-cleavage," said Jeanne Yang, a celebrity stylist with Cloutier Agency in Santa Monica, Calif. "In many ways, it's more provocative than regular cleavage. There's an element that suggests that you might get to see more."

The look began surfacing in fall when Aguilera attended the MTV Video Music Awards wearing a top that was little more than a crisscrossed scarf that made an enticing display of her bouncy under-cleavage. Though her outfit was remarkably Cher-



Brazilian fashion designer Walter Rodrigues' designed this low-cut outfit for next fall and winter's collection.

like, it was hardly as covered up. More recently, Spears was spotted wearing a long-sleeved T-shirt cropped so high her bosom must have gotten a good airing. The Neiman Marcus March catalog features a model wearing a silk chiffon scarf a la Aguilera.

Even the latest Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue hit newsstands last month featuring a model on the cover sporting a bikini top that sits so high it offers an enticing glimpse of the new Promised Land.

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Sorry, antioxidants don't cure wrinkles

DEAR PAULA: Have you found some new information about antioxidants that you haven't passed along? You seem to be encouraging the use of this type of product yet I have always been under the assumption that you feel antioxidants don't work. On the surface it appears that you are writing one thing, but recommending another. Can you please explain this inconsistency?

- CHRISTINE, VIA E-MAIL

DEAR CHRISTINE: I have not uncovered any new information pertaining to antioxidants, other than the abundance of existing research pointing to the anti-irritant and anti-inflammatory benefits of these topically applied ingredients. There are also a large number of studies showing antioxidants to be beneficial in helping skin heal, mitigating UV damage, and increasing collagen production.

However, I can understand how my comments about antioxidants may seem contradictory in regard to the antioxidant product I added to my line of skin-care products. What I am really raving about is that antioxidants are not the answer for wrinkles - nor do they make them disappear. They are also not a substitute for a well-formulated sunscreen, nor are they capable of stopping the skin from aging. Yet that is precisely how many companies whose products contain antioxidants present them as anti-aging miracles. Products containing antioxidants at best can hope to minimize free-radical damage. Minimizing free-radical damage



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will not change one wrinkle (or lift or tighten the skin, but it can help the skin defend itself from the very things (free radicals) that cause it to become impaired and gradually break down. How much and exactly which antioxidants are needed to accomplish this task is still unclear, as is the issue of whether or not you could ever apply enough antioxidants to truly affect long-term skin damage. I strongly feel that the topical application of antioxidants will likely turn out to be an extremely helpful step for maintaining healthy functioning of the skin, at least that's what the research points to.

In short, I feel that antioxidants have a significant place in skin care for all skin types. There is enough substantiated research showing that topically applied antioxidants have merit and are an important consideration when shopping for skin-care products.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Technique helps parents choose child's gender

Los Angeles Times

Once they decided to have children, Mishi and Carl Meissner tackled the next big issue: Should they try to have a girl?

It was no small matter. Mishi's brother had become blind from a hereditary condition in his early 20s, and the Meissners had learned that the condition is a disorder passed from mothers to sons. If they had a boy, he would have a 50 percent chance of having the condition.

A girl would be unaffected. The New Hampshire couple's inquiries about gender selection led them in 1995 to Fairfax, Va., where a new sperm-separation technique, called MicroSort, was under investigation. The couple's first attempt at artificial insemination, using sperm sorted by sex chromosome, was a failure.

But on the second attempt a few months later, Mishi became pregnant and gave birth to a daughter.

They will try to have a second daughter using the technique

later this year.

"I probably would not have had children if not for MicroSort," she said. "This was pretty much our only option for kids."

The technique separates sperm into two groups — those that carry the X-chromosome (which leads to a female baby) and those that carry the Y-chromosome (which produces a male baby).

The process was developed in the early 1990s by the Genetics & IVF Institute in Fairfax, and the recent opening of a MicroSort laboratory in Laguna Hills, Calif., marks the company's first expansion.

"We believe the number of people who want this technology is greater than those who have access to it," said Dr. Keith L. Blauer, the company's clinical director.

The expansion brings with it not only a seemingly effective way to select a child's gender — it also highlights a host of ethical and practical considerations that accompany sex selection, especially for the majority of families who use the technique for non-



Brooklyn Jamison, Rose Ganley and Paige Gulton discover makeup at a preschool in Decatur, Ill. A new process called MicroSort makes it possible for parents to choose a baby's gender.

medical reasons.

The Laguna Hills clinic, which is a joint effort with the Huntington Reproductive Center of Southern California, offers sex selection for two purposes: to help couples avoid passing on a gender-linked genetic disease and to allow fam-

ilies who already have a child of one gender "balance" their families by having a baby of the opposite sex.

(More than 500 X-linked diseases, such as Duchenne muscular dystrophy and hemophilia, are passed from mothers to sons.)

The technology is still experimental; couples using the method will do so as part of a clinical trial overseen by the Food and Drug Administration. However, Blauer says the company has impressive success rates: 91 percent of the women who become pregnant after sorting for a girl are successful, while 76 percent who sort for a boy and get pregnant are successful.

Couples hoping for a girl are nine times more likely to get a girl compared with natural selection, while those desiring a boy increase chances by threefold.

Fertility experts agree that the technique is significantly different from other sex-selection methods, some of which they describe as little more than "voodoo."

They include sex-selection diets (eating salty foods supposedly increases the chances of having a boy), an ancient Chinese birth calendar that suggests timing conception to a particular time of the year and the more common sperm-spinning methods that many infertility clinics offer today.

The spinning technique uses centrifugal force to try to separate sperm. But most doctors say the method is hardly better than the 50-50 chance nature provides.

"The success rates for these other methods are not good," said Dr. Larry Lipshultz, a professor of urology at the Baylor College of Medicine, in Houston. "They are very comparable to flipping a coin." The new technique separates sperm based on the fact that the X chromosome is larger than the Y chromosome.

A machine is used to distinguish the size differences and sort the sperm accordingly. The result is then checked using another type of DNA analysis to ensure that it contains mostly X- or Y-bearing sperm.

The desired sample is then used for artificial insemination or in-vitro fertilization. While the Meissners wished to avoid passing on a genetic disease, 86 percent of the MicroSort's clients so far have used the method for "family balancing," with most of them seeking girls.

CRMC offers breastfeeding information class

A breastfeeding class will be offered from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The class will discuss the advantages and physiology of breastfeeding and common breastfeeding problems and solutions. The course will be taught by a certified lactation educator. Participants are asked to bring a doll or stuffed animal.

Cost is \$20. For registration information, call 677-6500.

Infant CPR

An infant cardiopulmonary and child safety class will be offered from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Instruction will include first aid techniques to assist infants who are choking.

Cost is \$20. To register or for more information, call 677-6500.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer Baby and Me classes from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Infant Massage II."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

Diabetes support

Diabetes Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the South Central District Health office, 1020 Washington St. N., Twin Falls. Those attending the meeting will need to use the north entrance of the district health building.

Ann Bybee RN, will lead the

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discussion about interpreting blood sugar levels numbers.

The free meeting is open to the public.

For more information, call Carol Gandiaga at 733-5300 or Susie Beem at 734-5900, Ext. 246.

About Alzheimer's

SunBridge Care Center and Rehabilitation will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at SunBridge, 640 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls.

For more information, call Steve Jones or Dawn McCoy at 734-8845.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday through April 16, in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and newborn, including breast and bottle feeding, along with a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$50. Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

CPR for babies

Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The program is offered as part of the prepared childbirth

course. New parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend to learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and prevention of injury.

The class is free, and preregistration is not required. For more information, call 737-2900.

About childbirth

Cesarean childbirth class will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class is offered as part of the prepared childbirth classes. Topics will include information on cesarean deliveries, hospital procedures, postpartum care and preventative techniques.

The session will be taught by a registered nurse. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to the class.

The class is free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. For more information or to register, call 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

Breast cancer support

Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 a.m. March 24 in the reception area at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute Twin Falls Cancer Center, 656 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The ongoing group is open to breast cancer survivors or patients (male or female) and their families and friends. For more information, call Lydia Gilman at 737-2979 or Mary Howard at 734-1766.

CPR class

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6-10 p.m. March 25 in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley

Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Preregistration is required, call 737-2547 or 737-2007.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

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("Say! You do not smell half as bad as I expected!")

"Voulez que je vous porte au mail dans mon SUV?" ("Want me to take you to the mall in my SUV?") "Vous pouvez vous rendre au garde de securite!" ("You can

surrender to the security guard!") "Ha ha, je suis badin juste autour hors de l'amiti!" ("Ha ha, I am just kidding around out of friendship!") "He, revenez ici!" ("Hey, come back here!")

"Il n'y a aucune cause pour

l'alarme! Mon pistolet a une surete!" ("There is no cause for alarm! My gun has a safety!")

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Doctors shy from touting alcohol use

Knight Ridder Newspapers

AKRON, Ohio - Want heart health? You know the prescription: exercise, ditch the cigarettes, eat right, take a doctor-ordered pill or two.

And - maybe - pour a drink regularly.

Bath Township, Ohio, resident Ray Labuda, 52, is one of the many who regularly make a toast to health. Labuda underwent surgery for an arterial blockage two years ago. Afterward, besides eating right and exercising, he decided to drink a bit more regularly.

"I try to have a little bit of wine in the evening," said Labuda, who is under a local cardiologist's care.

"I have to remember to do it. Two or three ounces of wine."

Labuda is not alone in thinking that alcohol might help his heart. In recent decades, many researchers have looked at the relationship between drinking and cardiovascular disease, including one famous study that led to the term "the French Paradox." The French, it turns out, tend to have lower incidence of cardiovascular disease, despite enjoying a fatty diet. They also drink higher-than-average amounts of red wine.

"I've been there and I'll tell you - they eat heavy," said Akron (Ohio) General Medical Center cardiologist George Litman, who, like his colleagues, is keenly interested in research about alcohol and heart disease.

Recently, the relationship between alcohol and cardiac health again made headlines. The New England Journal of Medicine published the results of a 12-year study by Boston scientists, who analyzed the drinking patterns of 38,000 male health professionals, both drinkers and abstainers.

The research group, which



Broughton Aragon shops for beer in a supermarket in Portland, Ore. Despite growing medical evidence that moderate drinking helps stave off heart disease, most doctors are slow to endorse alcohol use.

included researchers from Australia, found that those who drank some sort of alcoholic beverage three to four or five to seven days a week had fewer heart attacks than did men who drank alcohol less than once a week.

The study had some shortcomings, Litman said. For one, it was not a controlled, randomized experiment, considered the gold standard of research. Also, the group studied was very specific: highly educated men. It also didn't track the causes of death of the subjects, simply their rate of heart attacks, he said.

"Would I change my pattern of practice based on this study?" Litman asked rhetorically. "No - because I think alcohol is a drug."

Despite the study's flaws, one heart expert noted that the Boston study yielded the provocative finding that frequency of alcohol consumption may play a protective role in heart health.

"That was a little unanticipated," said Dr. Gary Francis, chief of cardiac intensive care at the

Cleveland (Ohio) Clinic. Francis and others, however, are cautious when it comes to talking about alcohol's cardiovascular benefits.

Until there are rigid, controlled studies, alcohol consumption is a tough practice to enthusiastically promote. The reason why is obvious: drink is responsible for ruined lives and fractured families, and is a major cause of vehicular accidents and a host of other problems.

The dangers of drinking were noted in an editorial that accompanied the New England Journal of Medicine study.

"If alcohol were a newly discovered drug, we can be sure that no pharmaceutical company would develop it to prevent cardiovascular disease," the editorial said.

Yet, while alcohol has drawbacks, it may also benefit certain statistical groups.

While researchers don't know why alcohol is linked to heart health, they do know that those who drink moderately have fewer heart problems than those who drink heavily or those who

are teetotalers, said Dr. Robert Liebelt, director of Ignatia Hall drug and alcohol treatment services at Summa Health System in Akron, Ohio.

But for years, this knowledge wasn't widely publicized, because of concerns about the dangers of drink.

"It's always been kept quiet, so to speak," Liebelt said. "They've never made alcohol and heart health a public health issue" because there are so many people who are genetically predisposed to develop alcoholism.

About one out of 10 people is believed to have a genetic predisposition to alcoholism, Liebelt said.

Making the matter more complicated, he added, is that experts can't quickly administer an objective test to determine whether a person is or is not destined to be an alcoholic. "I say, well, there are some people (drinking) is going to be good for, some who it will be bad for," Liebelt said.

"Hopefully, we can educate those who it will be bad for."

What's a safe dose of medicine for kids?

The Washington Post

It's not just adults who mistakenly overdose on nonprescription painkillers.

Every year, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), 27,000 children are victims of acetaminophen overdoses.

While deaths are rare, and many incidents involve accidental poisonings, some cases occur because adults, typically parents, administer the wrong dose or form of the drug.

Sometimes they substitute an adult formula for a pediatric one. In other cases they give a child a teaspoon or two of Infant Tylenol - concentrated drops that are three times more powerful than Children's Tylenol and are supposed to be administered by dropper.

"People don't understand how critically important it is to dose this correctly," said Michael H. Cohen, a pharmacist who is president of the Institute for Safe Medication Practices, a consumer group dedicated to reducing medication errors. "The confusion between infant drops and liquid children's Tylenol has been going on for years" because the formulations are not standardized, Cohen said.

That means that a parent who confuses the two preparations and uses the wrong one could get a sleepless night, or who has chil-

dren of different ages and assumes the formulations are interchangeable, could administer an accidental overdose.

In a paper about acetaminophen toxicity published in October 2001, the AAP's Committee on Drugs found that it is difficult to determine the dose that's harmful to children's livers. As is the case with adults, lack of food appears to be implicated in liver damage.

"Severe toxicity has been observed despite apparently reassuringly low acetaminophen levels," the committee noted, recommending that an antidote be administered if a physician is suspicious that a Tylenol overdose may have occurred.

To reduce the chance of dosing errors, the committee recommended that pediatricians provide parents with specific written information about over-the-counter pain relievers and that they be told to avoid the use of more than one product containing acetaminophen.

"Parents should search the entire label of any over-the-counter product for acetaminophen content, especially those recommended for colds, cough, fever, headaches or general aches and pains," the committee advised.

Pediatricians, they continued, should also "dispel the misconception, even with over-the-counter drugs, more is better."

Study: Ailment increases women's heart attack risk

Los Angeles Times

Rheumatoid arthritis can double and even triple a woman's risk of suffering a heart attack, a new study has found, suggesting that women with the painful autoimmune disorder should take aggressive measures to prevent heart disease.

Rheumatoid arthritis should now be recognized as a marker of increased heart attack risk, although it doesn't appear to increase risk of stroke, say authors of the study that appeared in a recent edition of the American Heart Association journal *Circulation*.

Rheumatoid arthritis involves inflammation of the joint linings and internal organs. Coronary artery disease is increasingly being linked to inflammation. Some of the cells that can be found in inflamed joints also turn up in the plaque that builds up inside arteries lining the heart.

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and the risk of heart disease deaths.

"The association between inflammation and heart disease is strengthened with the findings of this study," said Dr. Daniel L. Solomon, a rheumatologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

He and his colleagues said their work differed from previous analyses because they looked at generally healthy women - from the landmark Nurses Health Study, which has followed more than 120,000 women since 1976. The researchers identified 114,344 women ages 30 to 55 without heart disease or rheumatoid arthritis when the study began in 1976. They found 527 diagnoses of rheumatoid arthritis, 2,296 heart attacks and 1,326 strokes since the study was started.

Simply having rheumatoid arthritis doubled a woman's risk of heart attack, compared with healthy women; having it for at least a decade more than tripled heart attack risk.

The dirt on dirt: Just how clean is our food?

Knight Ridder Newspapers

ST. PAUL, Minn. - You'll eat a pound of dirt in your lifetime. Most of us have heard that bit of folk wisdom. But should we believe it?

Nope. Not the gritty truth: A pound is just the appetizer.

"We actually eat more than a pound of dirt in our lifetime," says Susan Moores, a St. Paul dietitian and spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association. "Probably several pounds, depending on how long an individual lives."

It's a tough thing to swallow. But the good news is dirt probably won't hurt you, depending on what you call dirt. Put it this way: Typical soil won't hurt you, soil and food experts say. Unless it's contaminated by things you really don't want to read about over your morning coffee.

Dirt is hardly the lone substance invading our culinary turf.

It's virtually impossible to get all the foreign objects out of food on its way to processing, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. So, the FDA has settled on monitoring what it considers acceptable levels of unappetizing offenders.

Here's your official warning: Do not continue reading this story if you're eating.

In processed cornmeal, for example, FDA guidelines allow one or more whole insects, 50 or more insect fragments, two or more rodent hairs and one or more rodent excreta per 100 grams.

In a can of peaches, 3 percent of the fruit can be moldy or wormy. And canned mushrooms will pass inspection if they have no more than an average 20 or more maggots per 100 grams.

Surprised? So was Jay Bell, now a faculty member in the

University of Minnesota's College of Agriculture, when he once worked at a job counting tomatoes, before they were shipped.

"It was my job to count the maggots, too," he says. "It was pretty amazing how high they'd let the number go."

But bugs and worms won't hurt you, either, he says.

In many cultures, people eat insects. And in many packaged products, they are exposed to heat-which kills disease-producing organisms-during processing. As a professor of soil science, Bell has the dirt on dirt, too. For those who don't make a distinction, he likes to establish the difference between soil and dirt.

"Soil is a living body that occurs on the surface of the Earth," he explains. "It has to be able to support plant material, and it usually has something growing in it. Once you remove it

from the surface of the Earth, it's dirt. Dirt is what you have under your fingernail."

And on some of your vegetables when you pick them out at the supermarket produce counter.

Unlike soil, which is full of nutrients, dirt no longer supports organic matter so has lost most of its nutritional value. That indicates it's low in calories, if that helps anyone to better accept it as part of the standard American diet. Some mothers have been known to tell their children not to complain about a little dirt on their veggies because dirt has minerals in it. But Bell doubts there's much nutritional value in dirt.

"Whether it's got minerals in it or not, it probably just passes through the human body," he says. "I doubt the minerals are available in a way that's going to do you much good."

Attitude

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Fashion observers say the look's popularity has been nudged along by the enduring buzz over Jennifer Lopez's 2000 Grammy Awards Versace dress, a creation that was little more than a strategically taped-down handkerchief.

"Once she was allowed to do what she did, the big stars just began playing games with material and double-sided tape," said Woody Thompson, a regular on *Us Weekly's* "Fashion Police" squad and co-creator of VH1's *Pop Up Video*.

Thompson said the prevalence of breast implants in pop culture also has given rise to the appeal of under-cleavage.

"This definitely has evolved from all these surgically enhanced women who can't keep their bikini tops covering their breasts," he said. "It's like these things just need to breathe."

The appeal of the look is manifold. Peeks of a perky under-cleavage can conjure thoughts of fertility, youth and a combination of playful girlishness and sensual womanhood.

"It reminds people of the crop-tops of cheerleaders," said Yang, who has dressed Angelina Jolie, Keanu Reeves and Calista Flockhart. "You think of the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders, or it's something that you'd see in a *Girls Gone Wild* video where you have someone who's wearing a T-shirt that's cut a little bit too short."

There are some basic rules that will sell the look, though - like, don't attempt this

look if you have a saggy bosom.

And, use a good double-sided tape to make sure the top stays in place. (Yang suggests Top Stick, a toupee tape that she calls the "celebrity

stylist's secret.")

Yang also said women with breasts that are larger than C cups should stay away from the look. "It becomes incredibly pornographic," she said.

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CROHN'S DISEASE PART II

WHAT CAUSES CROHN'S DISEASE AND WHO GETS IT?

Crohn's disease is a chronic inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) that affects the entire gastrointestinal tract. It is characterized by periods of remission and periods of active disease. The disease is named after Dr. Crohn, who first described it in 1932. It is a complex condition that can affect people of any age and ethnicity. The exact cause of Crohn's disease is unknown, but it is believed to be a combination of genetic, environmental, and immune system factors.

HOW IS CROHN'S DISEASE DIAGNOSED?

Crohn's disease is diagnosed through a combination of medical history, physical examination, laboratory tests, and imaging studies. The most common diagnostic tool is colonoscopy, which allows the doctor to look directly at the lining of the large intestine. Other tests include blood tests, stool tests, and X-rays. The diagnosis is often a process of elimination, as many other conditions can cause similar symptoms.

Next week, a discussion of the treatment options for Crohn's Disease.

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