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CSI rodeo teams place second at own rodeo.

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Digital decisions

BlueShield latest group to offer online patient feedback



By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

It's likely one of the most common ways people use the Internet.

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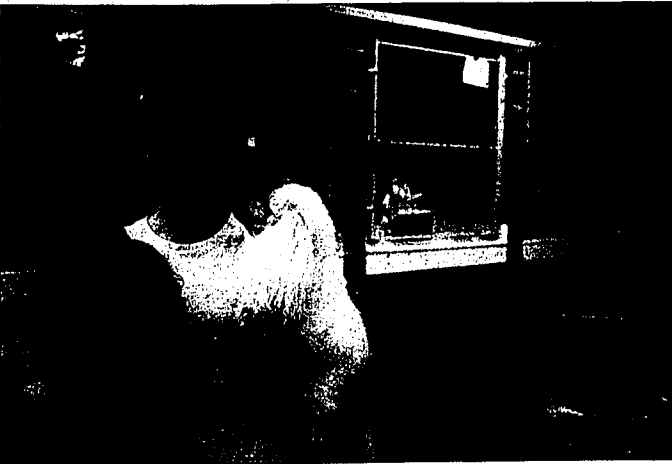
Ticked with the guy who sold you that limited-edition collectible on eBay? Take a moment to let him and others know.

Fed your doctor had his mind somewhere else during your checkup? Share that opinion with the world, or at least the Pacific Northwest.

A patient feedback program still in development on Regence BlueShield of Idaho's Web site allows its customers

to do just that, giving them a form they can use to rate their level of care and leave brief comments on their experience. At the moment, members can view only the average numerical rankings for each doctor, though comments will be available soon. Introduced in January, the program reflects similar undertakings by other private insurance companies. Regence spokesman Mike Talbot said, Welpoint, Actua and UnitedHealthcare have announced their own systems, as well as Microsoft and Google. Private Web sites such as RateMDs.com already provide a similar

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Photos by STEVE JACKSON/Times-News

Darcy Harcourt, manager of Hemingway's Happy Hounds, holds two small poodles Friday afternoon in Twin Falls.

New ordinance would revamp city kenneling rules

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

It was a symbol of what went wrong.

When sheriff's deputies and veterinarians called on Janet Rasmussen, then the owner of Rocky Mountain Cat Resort in Twin Falls, in April 2006, they found her living with 323 cats, some dead and many diseased.

The incident played itself out — 117 were euthanized, and Rasmussen was sentenced later that year to six months in jail. But it left county and city animal control personnel frustrated, feeling that the city's vague kennel licensing ordinance gave them no chance to prevent the situation from happening.

No more, said Gretchen Scott, assistant to Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney. At today's 5 p.m. meeting, the Twin Falls City Council will hold a public hearing on a revised ordinance that would better define the level of care expected of kennels within the city limits and give animal control officials a standard on which to base their inspections.

The cat hoarding case.

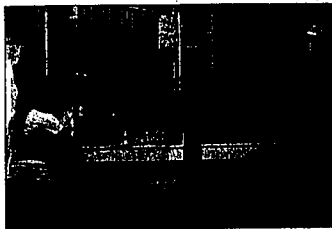
Scott said, spurred the city's Animal Shelter Advisory Commission to rework the ordinance.

"That was a very good instance in which animal control felt they really wanted to do something but felt they didn't have the ability or authority," Scott said.

The new ordinance uses guidelines from the Humane Society to specify how dogs and cats should be treated and raises license fees from \$25 to \$100. It also limits residents to owning to four dogs and four cats and doesn't apply to temporary pet-sitters or veterinarian offices.

The current ordinance specifies who licenses kennels — the animal shelter — and states that animal control may be asked to inspect a kennel before licensing it. But it doesn't mention cats and doesn't specify what inspectors should be looking for. As a result, Scott said, no active licenses are registered with the city, despite the fact that several kennels operate within the city limits. Neither Scott nor the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department had an exact number.

"I think they felt they were



Harcourt kennels two small poodles Friday afternoon in Twin Falls.

in a very difficult position," Scott said. "It'd be kind of like grading papers without a key."

Even kennel owners aren't sure what the city expects. Dan Chatterton, with Windswept Kennels at 700 Shoshone St. W., said he wasn't aware officials required anything more than the kennel to be in the industrial- or commercial-zoned areas of town. The kennel opened in Twin Falls in November, and a Jerome office has been open for a year and a half.

"There's no requirement for us to get a kennel license as long as we're in the prop-

erly zoned area," he said. Chatterton said he wouldn't mind some form of licensing. But the reworked ordinance, he said, sounded like it was targeted at cat hoarders and private residences more than kennels such as his. Given the current, broken system, he said, he doesn't have much faith the city will do things right the second time.

"It doesn't lend a great deal of confidence that anything's going to change."

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Former Supreme Court clerk faces disbarment suit

Perucca convicted for online sex enticement in Jerome County

By Cassioy Friedman Times-News writer

A private attorney in Boise who was convicted early last year of three misdemeanors in a Jerome County Sheriff's Office online sex enticement sting now faces possible disbarment.

A public hearing has been scheduled on March 28 for Rob Perucca.

"We'll see if it can get resolved without a hearing if he stipulates to a sanction that we can agree on," said Brad Andrews, Idaho State Bar Association counsel.

Perucca pleaded guilty

Jan. 5, 2007, to three misdemeanor counts of using a phone at the law clerk's desk at the Idaho Supreme Court to offend by lewd or profane language. Since then he's been a private independent contract attorney struggling against the stigma attached to his convictions.

"I don't know what the outcome is going to be," Perucca said. "The case was in the media. It drags out for a long time. I guess essentially what I have been trying to do for really a couple years, since this all started is work hard and build back up my professional reputation and do the best I can."

At no point has his prosecution affected the status of his license.

Perucca's misdemeanor convictions, which represent a drop from his original

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Not so healing waters

Pharmaceuticals found in drinking water, affecting wildlife, maybe humans

By Jeff Donn, Martha Mendoza and Justin Pritchard Associated Press writers

A vast array of pharmaceuticals — including antibiotics, anti-coagulants, mood stabilizers and sex hormones — have been found in the drinking water supplies of at least 41 million Americans, an Associated Press investigation shows.

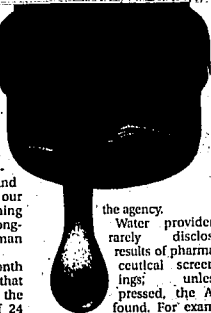
To be sure, the concentrations of these pharmaceuticals are tiny, measured in quantities of parts per billion or trillion, far below

the levels of a medical dose. Also, utilities insist their water is safe.

But the presence of so many prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications like acetaminophen and ibuprofen — in so much of our drinking water is heightening worries among scientists of long-term consequences to human health.

In the course of a five-month inquiry, the AP discovered that drugs have been detected in the drinking water supplies of 24 major metropolitan areas — from Southern California to Northern New Jersey, from Detroit to Louisville, Ky.

Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality does not routinely test water for pharmaceuticals, according to

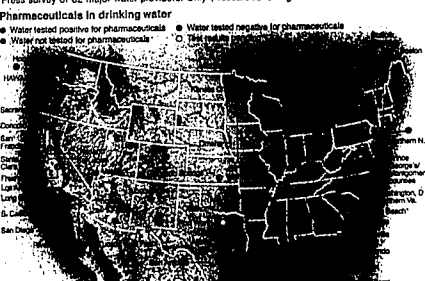


the agency. Water providers rarely disclose results of pharmaceutical screenings, unless pressed, the AP found. For example, the head of a group representing major California suppliers said the public "doesn't know how to interpret the information" and might be unduly alarmed.

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Major water sources positive for pharmaceuticals

At least one pharmaceutical was detected in 28 tested finished drinking water. Test results vary widely. Some water systems said tests had been negative, but the AP found independent Press surveys of 62 major water providers. Only pharmaceuticals in drinking water



NOTE: All press includes some information about water source: Albuquerque, N.M.; Dallas, Texas; Denver, Colo.; Detroit, Mich.; Houston, Texas; Los Angeles, Calif.; Memphis, Tenn.; New Orleans, La.; New York City, and Orlando, Fla.

SOURCES: Drinking water providers' responses to Associated Press questions; AP review of scientific literature.

Table with 4 columns: Section, Page, Section, Page. Includes items like 'Around the World', 'Classifieds', 'Horoscope', 'Morning Briefing', 'Scoreboard', 'At Your Service directory', 'Comics', 'Image', 'Movies', 'Sports', 'Bridge', 'Crossword', 'Jumble', 'Obituaries', 'Sudoku', 'Calendar', 'Dear Abby', 'Magic Valley', 'Opinion', 'Weather'.

TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Tuesday. Rows for Twin Falls, High/Low, and a MINI-CASSIA section.

Today: Building clouds throughout the day. Highs, upper 40s. Tonight: Staying mostly cloudy. Lows near 30. Tomorrow: A few showers are expected. Highs, 40s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

- ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT: "A Year with Frog and Toad," presented by Oakley Valley Arts Council...
CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS: Local Chapter 3559 Narts (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) monthly meeting...

EDUCATION: "The Role of Women's Clubs in Establishing Idaho's Carnegie Public Libraries," presented by author and professor of English at Idaho State University Dr. Susan Sweneman...

GOVERNMENT

- Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone, 886-2173.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Camas County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 501 Soldier Road, Fairfield, 764-2242.

HEALTH, RECOVERY AND SUPPORT

- Continuation of Curves Food Drive, a 13-day program to benefit local food banks; discounted service fee to new members who bring bag of non-perishable groceries...
College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations...

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MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE WORLD

IRAQ

Studies: Iraq war will cost \$12 billion per month this year

The flow of blood may be ebbling but the flood of money into the Iraq war is steadily rising, new analyses show. In 2008, its sixth year, the war will cost approximately \$12 billion a month, triple the "burn" rate of its earliest years...

Beyond 2008, working with "best-case" and "realistic-moderate" scenarios, they project the Iraq and Afghan wars, including long-term U.S. military occupations of those countries, will cost the U.S. budget between \$1.7 trillion and \$2.7 trillion — or more — by 2017.

WASHINGTON

Consensus builds for mail-in primary in Florida

A consensus began to emerge Sunday that the best way to give voters a statewide vote is to make a candidate for president live with the U.S. Postal Service. The Democratic National Committee stripped Florida and Michigan of all their convention delegates — a total of 313 — for holding the primaries too early, making both contests meaningless.

ON THE AGENDA

TUESDAY

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Twin Falls, 785-5500.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 844-2700.

WEDNESDAY

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
DeMory Memorial City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 430 W. 4th, 417 Seventh St., Rupert, 436-3874.
Twin Falls Public Library Board, 7 p.m., City Hall, 2392 Main, 655-4225, 3086041.



John Carroll University student Joe Gaudio, 24, slowly digs his car out on Euclid Heights Blvd. in Cleveland Heights, Ohio on Sunday. Drifting snow and piles from snow plows buried his car. A winter snowstorm dumped nearly two feet of snow in some areas. (See story at right)

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ARIZONA

Competing for spotlight and raising money top McCain's agenda

PHOENIX — John McCain sees one downside to having clinched the Republican presidential nomination: There's less attention focused on him than on the volatile contest between Democrats

THURSDAY

- City Hall, 2392 Main, 655-4225, 3086041.
Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.
Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151.
Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways Advisory Board meeting, 7 p.m., 450 Sixth Ave. W., 734-9499.
Blairfield School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room, 406 N. Park, 544-2102.
Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office, 409 N. Apple, 886-2038.

OHIO

Ohio buried in as much as 20 inches of snow

COLUMBUS — Highway and utility crews worked overtime Sunday to recover from the huge storm that buried Ohio and other parts of the Midwest in snow and tore down power lines elsewhere. More than 20 inches of snow fell from Friday through Saturday at Columbus, eclipsing the city's previous record of 15.3 inches set in February 1910.

Many churches in the Columbus area canceled Sunday services because roads were so slippery. Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, which shut down Saturday, reopened Sunday but flight delays and cancellations were expected as airlines tried to get their schedules back on track, spokesman Todd Payne said.

SPAIN

Conservatives concede defeat to Socialists in general election

MADRID — Spain's Socialist prime minister won re-election Sunday, as voters dismissed worries about a slipping economy, immigration and resurgent Basque militants to hand him a second term. The results were a clear endorsement of Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero's record, which includes reforms such as legalizing gay marriage and granting non-divorce, once thought unthinkable in this overwhelmingly Roman Catholic country.

MINNESOTA

Minnesota residents urged to get out early

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota residents were urged to get out early Sunday after a heavy snowfall blanketed the state. The National Weather Service said a heavy snowfall of 8 to 12 inches is likely to continue through the day, with some areas seeing more than 10 inches.

FRIDAY

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhor Road, 81 Elkhor Road, 262-4438.
Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Library, 2301 Progressive Drive, 775-755-2356.
Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128.
Fairfield City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 407 Soldier Road, 764-2333.
Murtaugh Highway District, 7 p.m., district office, 108 W. Archer, 432-5665.
Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main, 862-3313.
Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave., 734-9490.
Mintoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 402 Cherry St., 433-4101.

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# Feedback

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service across the country. "The better decisions they can make for their health care," Tatko said, describing why the company created the service. "The more information we can provide our members, the better informed they are, the better decisions they can make for their health care."

As good as that sounds, the initiative has attracted its share of criticism, especially from the Idaho Medical Association, the group that represents physicians in the state. The group has met with Regence at least six times during the site's development, including on Friday, IMA CEO Susie Poullot said. The insurance provider has been willing to make some

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— Twin Falls Dr. David Spritzer

changes — the most important being reviewing and moderating comments before they're posted, she said. But the association still has its concerns, including worries that incorrect information could tarnish a doctor's reputation.

"We support patient safety and quality improvement, and the ability of patients to make informed choices," Poullot said. "However, we're just not sure that Regence's survey and comment section is the best approach to

achieve that."

Physicians are able to visit the site to see and respond to reviews, Tatko said. But there, too, Poullot was worried, this time about a box they have to check that releases Regence from any liability for anything on the Web site.

"If Regence has on their Web site some sort of comments that a patient has posted ... that a physician feels has harmed them or their practice, Regence has no liability whatsoever for sponsoring this forum in

which this occurred," Poullot said.

Not all doctors seem quite as worried. Twin Falls Dr. David Spritzer, one of several in town with ratings on RateMDs.com, said he was concerned patients would more likely leave feedback if they were upset with their care. But he said he thought the trend would become more common in Idaho and that it might be more useful to patients than some of the quality-based data Medicare and other groups collect.

"This is actually direct from patients, and I think in some ways it means more than the criteria we get judged on," said Spritzer, who was unaware he had been rated.

Tatko said the company expected doctors to be cau-

tious about the site — hence the multiple meetings about it. And members who've used the service, he said, have been very happy with it. That may be because it caters to the current trend, he said.

"When you buy anything, a

lot of what goes into your decision is word of mouth," Tatko said. "I think people are doing that more and more with health care."

Note: Poppino may be reached at 735-3237.

# Perucca

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felony charge, led Andrews to not seek an interim suspension.

A year after Perucca was admitted to practice law, he was charged in Dec. 22, 2005, with felony enticement of a child under 16. But that case and 17 other online enticement cases were lowered to lesser crimes by then-Jerome County Prosecutor Jon Nicholson. Nicholson declined comment at the time.

A judge suspended Perucca's jail time and ordered him to pay a fine, then placed him on one year of supervised probation and ordered him to enroll in a sex offender treat-

ment program. The convictions were reported almost immediately to the Idaho State Bar.

On Sept. 25, 2007, the state bar filed a complaint demanding Perucca be suspended from the practice of law. Andrews challenged Perucca's license first on grounds that his conviction violates the state bar's rules regarding criminal conduct. Andrews also charged that Perucca engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation by sending sexual e-mails from his work computer during business hours.

Keith Roark, a Hatley-based attorney representing Perucca in October 2007,

challenged the second allegation.

"The defendant denies that the criminal acts for which he has been convicted reflect adversely on the defendant's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects," Roark wrote in a response.

Andrews and Roark are engaging in negotiations. "We're still in the process," Perucca said. "I'm trying to continue working and do the best I can to cooperate with the state bar and giving them all the information they need."

Roark, who also represented disgraced Rupert attorney Raymond Pena when he faced a host of criminal

charges in Jerome County, did not return a phone call Friday.

# Water

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How do the drugs get into the water?

People take pills. Their bodies absorb some of the medication, but the rest of it passes through and is flushed down the toilet. The wastewater is treated before it is discharged into reservoirs, rivers or lakes. The rest of the water is cleaned again at drinking water treatment plants and piped to consumers. But most treatments do not remove all drug residues.

And while researchers do not yet understand the exact risks from decades of persistent exposure to random combinations of low levels of pharmaceuticals, recent studies which have gone virtually unnoticed by the general public — have found alarming effects on human cells and wildlife.

"We recognize it is a growing concern and we're taking it very seriously," said Benjamin H. Crumbles, assistant administrator for water at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Members of the AP National Investigative Team reviewed hundreds of scientific reports, analyzed federal drinking water databases, visited environmental study sites and treatment plants and interviewed more than 230 officials, academics and scientists. They also surveyed the nation's 50 largest

cities and a dozen other major water providers, as well as smaller community water providers in all 50 states.

Here are some of the key test results obtained by the AP:

- Officials in Philadelphia said testing there discovered 55 pharmaceuticals or byproducts in treated drinking water, including medicines for pain, infection, high cholesterol, asthma, epilepsy, mental illness and heart problems. Sixty-three pharmaceuticals or byproducts were found in the city's watersheds.

- Anti-epileptic and anti-anxiety medications were detected in a portion of the treated drinking water for 19.5 million people in Southern California.

- Researchers at the U.S. Geological Survey analyzed a Passaic Valley Water Commission drinking water treatment plant, which serves 850,000 people in Northern New Jersey, and surrounding areas tested positive for six pharmaceuticals.

- The situation is undoubtedly worse than suggested by the positive test results in the major population centers documented by the AP.

- The federal government

doesn't require any testing and hasn't set safety limits for drugs in water. Of the 62 major water providers contacted, the drinking water for only 28 was tested. Among the 34 that haven't: Houston, Chicago, Miami, Baltimore, Phoenix, Boston and New York City's Department of Environmental Protection, which delivers water to 9 million people.

Some providers screen only for one or two pharmaceuticals, leaving open the possibility that others are present.

The AP's investigation also indicates that watersheds, the natural sources of most of the nation's water supply, also are contaminated. Tests were conducted in the watersheds of 35 of the 62 major providers surveyed by the AP, and pharmaceuticals were detected in 28.

Yet officials in six of those 28 metropolitan areas said they did not go on to test their drinking water. Fairfax, Va.; Montgomery County in Maryland; Omaha, Neb.; Oklahoma City; Santa Clara, Calif., and New York City.

The New York state health department and the USGS tested the source of the city's water, upstate. They found trace concentrations of heart medicine, infection fighters, estrogen, anti-convulsants, a mood stabilizer and a tranquilizer.

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- General Surgery - Dr. David McClusky ..... 208-732-3450
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- Mobile MRI ..... 208-324-9729
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- Orthopedics (Spine) - Dr. David Verast ..... 208-788-7779
- Pain Specialist - Dr. David Jensen ..... 208-736-8006
- Pediatric Cardiology - Dr. Eloise Walker ..... 208-336-9188
- Podiatry - Dr. Randall Wroalstead ..... 208-734-3455
- Sleep Management - Dr. Kimberly Vorse ..... 208-726-0000
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## Officials meet to gauge water supply

Some hydrologists worry about another bad water year

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

With Idaho snowpacks hovering at near-average levels, the state's water supply committee will meet this week to review data and plan for what some hydrologists worry could be a bad water

year for irrigators. Some state reservoirs may not fill with spring runoff from the mountain snowpacks, leaving farmers without irrigation water this summer, according to the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Water officials hope the

state doesn't see a repeat of last March, a particularly dry month which led to water shortages last summer. Some snowpacks, however, are as much as 20 percent above average as of today, which could lead to flooding in some Idaho basins later this year. The committee is

**If you go**  
The Idaho Water Supply Committee will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Idaho Water Center, 322 E. Front St. in Boise to gauge the state's growing-season water supply. It is expected to give an update on flooding potentials in several river basins, particularly in the northern part of the state.

The annual mid-March meeting of the state committee — made up of hydrology experts from the private and public sectors — is one of the most important water supply meetings of the year. The committee will meet Wednesday, a few weeks before the April 1 date that marks the end of the winter mountain snowpack accumulation period.

In early April, stream flow forecasts actually predict how much and how fast runoff might flow from the mountains, are refined, and growing-season water supplies are assessed. The committee's meeting in Boise is open to the public.

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## Filing period for candidates begins

T.F. School District trustee seats also open

By Nate Poppino and Andrea Gates  
Times-News writers

Disagree with the way things are run around here? Now is your chance to do something about it. The filing period for the county, state and federal candidates wishing to be on Idaho's May 27 primary ballots begins today. Residents will have until March 21 to file as a candidate for Congress, the Idaho Legislature, several state judicial positions or a slew of county offices.

Two county commissioner seats, the county sheriff and the prosecutor will be open in each of the state's 44 counties. People can also file to be on precinct committees, Twin Falls County Clerk Kristina Glascock said.

Several people in the Magic Valley have already announced their intent to run, mostly for sheriff's positions, and Glascock said she expected to see several applications filed today.

"If you'll see people that have already got everything filled out," she said. Partisan and judicial candidates must either pay a filing fee or submit a nominating petition with their declaration of candidacy, Glascock said. Independent candidates can submit only petitions.

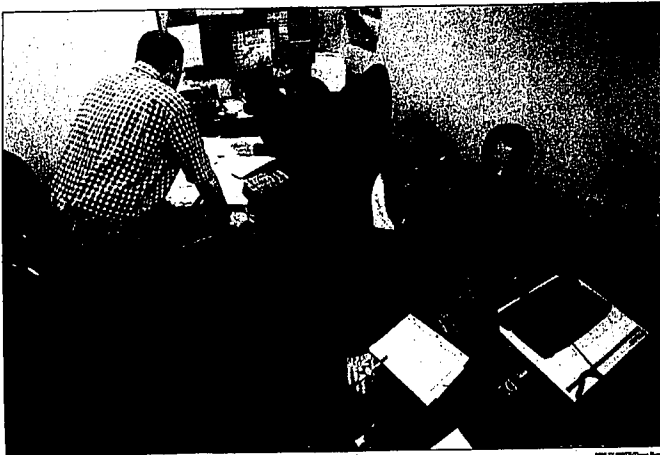
On the county level, the filing fee is \$40 and petitions must contain at least five registered voters within the mission seats, those voters must reside within the appropriate district. That total changes to \$30 or 50 signatures for the Legislature, and is different for each of the other positions available.

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### Pick one:

- Offices up for grabs in this spring's primary election include:
  - U.S. Sen. Larry Craig's seat
  - U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson's seat
  - Idaho Supreme Court seats held by Justices Joel Horton and Warren Jones
  - Court of Appeals seat held by Judge Sergio Gutierrez
  - Idaho Legislature, all seats in the House (70) and Senate (35)
  - County Commissioner District 1 (4 year term)
  - County Commissioner District 2 (2 year term)
  - County sheriff
  - County prosecutor
  - Precinct Committee seats
- For more information, contact your local county clerk or the Idaho Secretary of State's election division: (208) 334-2352.
- To see a TFSD trustee zone map:
  - <http://www.tfsc.k22.id.us/TFSD/Board%20of%20Trustees/Trustee%20Zones.htm>

## Movin' on up



Jackie Smith, front, and Tom Van Leeuwen, both with the work detail section of the Magistrate Probation Department in Twin Falls, review papers Friday afternoon.

## New office space is better than old house, probation officers say

By Andrea Gates  
Times-News writer

Twin Falls County magistrate probation officers said they really like their digs, after spending a week in their new building.

The magistrate probation office, which has a staff of 11, moved from a house at 162 Sixth Ave. N. to office space in a brick building at 245 Third Ave. N. Probation officers now have their own offices with larger waiting

and conference rooms. The old building wasn't ideal, officials said. "It was a house," said Jennifer Homberg, senior probation officer with the Fifth Judicial District Magistrate Probation Department. "It had a kitchen and a living room. It was a house set-up ... It wasn't as functional."

Twin Falls County bought the new building last year for an approximate value of about \$1 million, said Twin

Falls County Commissioner Tom Mikessell. Minor remodeling projects were done at the facility and a partition was added, probably for under \$5,000, but bills aren't all in yet, Mikessell said.

The old facility could potentially be moved, he said, and its site could be converted to parking spaces. "We need office space, and we need parking," he said. The office is currently serving about 742 clients

who are on probation for misdemeanor crimes such as DUI, drug-related crimes, domestic offenses and driving without privileges, Homberg said. The move on Feb. 29 didn't throw clients for a loop, Homberg said Friday. Maps to the new address were left at the court with judges and posted at the old facility.

Andrea Gates may be reached at 735-3300 or andrea.gates@tee.net.

## Buhl School Board chairman to face recall

Petition against Clemens has enough signatures

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

**BOHLE** — Buhl School Board Chairman Gene Clemens will face a recall election. A petition calling for the recall of Clemens has been canvassed and certified as having the 20 signatures needed under state law. The school district must schedule the special election by April 15.

"I'm working on the date and will notify the petitioner and trustee as soon as it is set," said Lynn Bussmann, the district clerk.

This is the second time the petition faced canvassing. The first time, the petition was returned to organizers Feb. 26 because some signatures were disqualified.

"There were a few questions about a couple of signatures, so we ended up having to go collect a few more," said Linda Billingsley, petition witness. "One lady put her address down wrong and another signature was thrown out because the lady, who is legally blind, had her husband sign the petition for her. It was decided that three signatures were needed, so we went and

got four more."

During the second canvassing, each signature passed legal muster. "We did it," Billingsley said. "And next, this issue will go to vote."

Clemens, who has come under fire from some Buhl residents not satisfied with his work on the board, said the district is doing everything it can to make sure the petition and recall process is followed correctly. He also said that he plans to fight for his seat on the board. "I have no intentions of resigning. We'll go to the election and see what happens," he said.

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## Wendell names new public works director

City hires Black to replace Munyon

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

The city of Wendell on Thursday hired Dan Black as its new public works director.

"He's been with the city for a while now and holds many of the necessary certifications needed for operating the wastewater system," said Mickey Walker, city clerk and treasurer. Black has been employed by

Wendell since October. Besides filling the role of a Level 2 certified wastewater operator, Black will oversee the half-dozen or so department employees who are responsible for city infrastructure such as roads and water.

The move was necessary due to the February resignation of former director Pat Munyon, who had been with the city for about one year. Munyon had moved out of the area

for personal reasons, said Mayor Rick Cowen.

"We're losing a very valuable employee, but we respect his decision," Cowen said. Black, who had worked on Twin Falls' wastewater facility for six years, is excited to help Wendell with its implementation of new rapid filtration ponds planned for upgrading the wastewater treatment facility. In 2006 Wendell passed a \$12.5 million bond to increase sewer treatment capacity. "I'm really excited," Black said. "There is a lot of good stuff coming to Wendell."

## T.F. School District election Tuesday

By Andrea Gates  
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls School District has one day left to campaign for its proposed 10-year plant facilities levy.

Voters will decide Tuesday if they want to approve a 10-year plant facilities levy for up to \$3.3 million every year for 10 years. Taxes from the levy could be used to construct, furnish and equip schools, buy school sites, make improvements to existing buildings, buy school buses, pay lease agreements or pay off construction loans for new buildings, according to a sample ballot.

A tax rate is not promised on the ballot.

Voting is set for 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday at all schools in the school district except Briggs Academy. Voters can register on site, and only residents who have lived in the school district for at least 30 days can vote. Ballots may be cast at the most convenient school to voters. Absentee ballots may be picked up at 201 Main Ave. W. and must be returned there by 5 p.m. today.

Sixty percent of votes need to be in favor for the levy to pass.

The school district is campaigning to the last minute. "We have a great message being auto-planned to all parents reminding them to vote," said Twin Falls School District Superintendent Wiley Dobbs on Friday in an e-mail.

A judge at each election site will count and certify votes. For additional information, call to the school district office where they will be (noted by Michelle Lucas, the school district's clerk, on a smart board using an excel spreadsheet, Dobbs said).

The school vote Wednesday at 7 p.m. during its meeting. Dobbs said Friday that 53 absentee ballots have been received, and they will be counted by the election judge at Magic Valley High School.

For additional information: 733-6900.

In related news, Buhl voters will also decide Tuesday whether to pass a one-year, \$600,000 supplemental levy.

The district has estimated \$5 million will be needed for upgrading district technology equipment and \$480,000 for elementary and middle school improvements. The bulk of the levy would go to Poppleville Elementary School to replace tables and benches in the lunchroom, playground asphalt and cement work around a special education modular.

Money would also be spent on upgrading the school's restrooms. The district wants to replace all toilets in the elementary school, install new sinks and cabinets in classrooms, retrofit building lighting and paint classrooms, hallways and offices. The levy would also upgrade the middle school's front parking lot and pay for engineering and architect fees.

The levy rate would increase homeowners' property tax an estimated \$10.40 a year, based on a home valued at \$150,000.



EDITORIAL

A lazy, back-handed Rx for illegal immigration

Let's say you're a farmer who hires field workers. They hand you documentation that they're in the United States legally, and it looks authentic. What if it's not? The Idaho House State Affairs Committee on Friday wisely rejected a bill that would put the onus on employers to stop illegal immigration.

The measure would have required employers to verify workers' immigration status. Companies could have had their business licenses suspended or revoked for hiring people unauthorized to work in the United States.

You're asking employers to basically police federal immigration law, said Republican Rep. John Vander Woude, a Nampa dairyman. He's right. Penalizing employers is a poor substitute for real immigration reform. It's the kind of piecemeal, Band-Aid approach that has actually made the illegal immigration problem worse.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Phil Hart, R-Boise, would have required an employer to sign an affidavit verifying the firing of all unauthorized workers. A second violation would have resulted in a 10-day suspension of a license. A third violation would have meant permanent revocation.

It's modeled on a three-month-old Arizona law, which has already proven to be an economic disaster. Scores of farmworkers have gone to other states.

The last thing Idaho agriculture, which already has too few farm and dairy workers, needs is to export labor to Texas and California.

The fact that extreme proposals like Hart's can even get a hearing reflects the damage that's being done by America's failure to implement a national immigration policy. Immigration reform should be job one for our new president and Congress take office next January.

America's Golden Door has fallen off its rusty hinges. It can't be fixed by turning farmer Brown into Marshall Dillow.

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A new kind of hundred-years war

Another 100 years of U.S. troops in Iraq? "Fine with me," GOP presidential contender John McCain said in January. McCain, who's famously irascible, was presumably exaggerating. His point, he charged, wasn't that he actually foresaw another 100 years of war, but that U.S. troops may retain an important role in Iraq that goes on for many years after direct combat operations end.

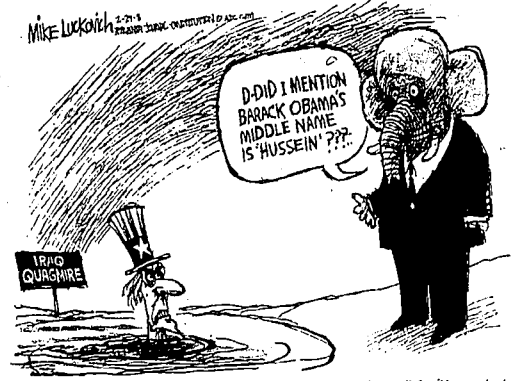


ROSA BROOKS

Don't like that idea? Get used to it. Because in many ways, McCain's comments are squarely in line with the latest Army doctrine.

This week, the Army released a new version of FM 3-0, the Army Field Manual on Operations. It says what the Army — which is not an institution prone to exaggeration — calls "a revolutionary departure from past doctrine." For more than 200 years, the Army has had two core missions: offense and defense. FM 3-0 adds a third: stability operations.

Remember the 1990s, when disgruntled Army officers waged a muttering campaign against the Clinton administration's decision to send them to Haiti, Bosnia and Kosovo, on the grounds that red soldiers ought to spend their time fighting, not acting as peacekeepers/cops/prison guards/civil administrators? Things are different now. The Sept. 11 attacks, Afghanistan and Iraq changed a lot of minds about the value of what the military once marginalized as "OOTW" — "Operations Other Than War." The rise of al-Qaida helped demonstrate that the many varieties of human misery — poverty, chaos, repression, civil conflict — also happen to be perfect breeding



grounds for extremism and terrorism. And our experience in Afghanistan and Iraq made it painfully clear that winning the peace matters as much as winning the war.

The U.S. military has always been exceptionally good at war fighting. In Iraq, for instance, defeating the military forces of Saddam Hussein took less than a month. But we all know what happened after that.

By adding stability operations as a new core mission, the revised Army Field Manual tries to ensure that the failures of Iraq will never be repeated. FM 3-0 foresees future Army forces fighting when fighting is called for — but troops also will work as needed to ensure civilian security and provide emergency infrastructure reconstruction, humanitarian relief (and) political, legal, social and economic institutions that support the transition to legitimate local governance.

Stability operations will be integrated into Army planning and training at every level and will take place across the "full spectrum of conflict"; that is, such activities may be preventive (intended to keep an unstable society from collapsing) or coexist with traditional war fighting, or occur in the aftermath of a conflict.

Imagine! If the White House and the Defense Department had seen Iraq in those terms from the beginning and committed resources accordingly, thousands upon thousands of Iraqi civilian lives might have been saved, the insurgency might never have gotten off the ground, al-Qaida in Iraq might never have gained a footing and the United States might have a lot more friends in the world today. So FM 3-0 is welcome, and overdue.

But here's the rub. Successful stability operations take a lot of time.

Maybe not McCain's 100 years, but if the United States is serious about seeing stability operations as part of the Army's core mission, we'll need a larger Army, and we'll be looking at extended deployments in trouble spots around the globe. You can defeat an enemy army in a month, but truly "stabilizing" a society is something that will happen — if it happens — over 10 or 20 years, not 10 or 20 weeks.

FM 3-0 also raises as many questions as it answers. "The Army can't possibly 'stabilize' every troubled society, as how will the United States select priorities? Will military involvement in traditionally humanitarian activities create new dangers for

private relief and humanitarian organizations? Will others around the world see U.S. stability operations as just a new form of imperialism? And should FM 3-0 be seen as a continuation of disturbing post-Sept. 11, 1911 trend toward the militarization of U.S. foreign policy? Or should it be seen as a sort of "civilization" of the military, insofar as it acknowledges that real security for the United States can't be achieved through force alone?

And: What role will civilians play? The State Department supposedly "coordinates" U.S. stability operations, including those undertaken by the military — but that's like saying a mouse will coordinate a pack of 600-pound gorillas. Will Congress commit the funds to build up civilian capacity to match our undoubted military capacity?

In the end, of course, the Army can't answer these questions. Congress and the next president need to. And let's hope they take the task seriously, because 100 years without answers would be an awfully long time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questions to answer about wolf pack elimination

To: Cal Green, director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game: The entire family of the Buffalo Ridge wolf packs has been eliminated by your department. This brings some questions to my mind that I'm sure are shared by other people also.

1. How much did it cost taxpayers to fly all the "control missions," including the ones that I understand were made in December 2007 and January 2008, in addition to last week's flights? How many additional unsuccessful flights were made in trying to hunt the wolves down and how many flights were made for reconnaissance purposes?

2. How much did the latest attack cost for the fixed-wing aircraft that belongs to Wildlife Services and also several days of a leased helicopter?

3. What did Fish and Game do to encourage the rancher to encourage the game, Wayne Baker, who runs the big calving operation on the Broken Wing Ranch that he leases, to scare away the wolves? And am I correct in understanding that it was Mr. Baker's complaints about the wolves that brought about their demise? Did he employ fladry, IAG boxes, nighttime lighting or dogs or herders or anything to keep the wolves away from his calves? Which calves and cows died of exposure, diseases and other

common maladies associated with calving, did he haul away all cow and calf carcasses immediately from his calving area? Or, did he leave them lying about which, of course, would attract scavengers also coyotes, foxes, ravens, magpies, bald eagles and all other scavengers?

I object, as I believe most Idahoans would, to the idea that instead of ranchers protecting their livestock they rely on taxpayer dollars to kill anything they consider a nuisance. I am requesting and would appreciate the financial report figures as soon as possible.

GLORIA CARLTON Halley

America must drop dependence on foreign oil

It is apparent that our politicians have no concern for the people who pay their salaries. Gas prices have skyrocketed in the past few years, causing prices to rise in every type of business and putting extreme pressure on the average person to meet the month's expenses. If the cost of producing oil had increased dramatically, there would at least be a rational for the increase, but that does not seem to be the case.

When the Republicans were running the government, the media was incensed at the huge profits made by the oil companies. Since Democrats rule, no one seems interested in the situation.

I have a few suggestions that could provide answers that might provide a solution.

First: Provide information about the price per barrel paid to oil producers at the wellhead.

Second: How many times has the crude sold before it gets to the oil refineries. Oil futures quotes suggest it might be more than once.

Third: Publish the names of politicians who receive money from oil company lobbyists and the amount — they receive each year; politicians who vote against bills that would improve our ability to become energy independent, including oil drilling offshore and in ANWAR and those who oppose building new refineries.

Fourth: Look at the portfolios of politicians and identify those who have significant oil holdings among their assets. Fifth: Investigate oil companies and see if they are quietly opposing any new oil refinery capacity.

If we could put faces to the opposition that is holding us back to the oil industry, we could make changes. We could vote out of office those who are getting fat while we rely on the oil industry and we might be able to prosecute some who have a conflict of interest and are being, in essence, bribed to put aside the needs of our country.

These are things that the major media could do that

would be useful for a change. MAX COVINGTON Burley

Tired of providing for illegals

This letter is in response to the readers comment in the Times-News on March 5:

Why are "we the people" (taxpayers) obligated to be financially responsible for the illegals' health care, etc.? It is not fair that another country's citizens get free hospitalization, etc., and benefits that we struggling citizens do not.

Some of the figures in the reader comment are incorrect: The United States admits more than 100,000 legal immigrants each year, not 10,000, and there are nine guest-worker programs. It is about time that Mexico took care of its own people. We have had to pay for their free hospitalization, food stamps, Women and Infant Children, new schools, indigency funds, etc.

With the illegals come many drugs and much crime and some diseases which we had eradicated in this country. Possible terrorists cross Mexico and come in with the illegals.

The president and Congress have no intention of ever installing a border fence or having enough border patrol. Each time an amnesty was granted in the past, more illegals flooded in to demand their amnesty.

Enough is enough. PAUL WILLIAMS Jerome

Changes to road a bad idea

The Jerome Highway District wants to make changes to the Bob Barton Road from Interstate 84 and running west toward Gooding County.

Unfortunately, this ill-conceived project will only make a dangerous road even more deadly, destroy some of the area's best farmland, home sites and businesses, and waste taxpayers' money.

After growing up on my parents' farm at 119 Bob Barton Road, I am acutely aware that every time the road has been "improved," the speed of traffic increases, making the road less safe. Years ago, the "S" curves in Gooding County were removed for safety. Now, the Jerome District is proposing to actually install curves on the first three miles of the Bob Barton.

Because of inflation, there isn't enough money left to even pave all six feet of the shoulders on the new road. Further, there are certain to be additional cost overruns besides digging up the underlying lava rock to move the irrigation water from one side of the road to the other.

In interviewing 19 of the affected property owners, all but one is against these changes. Many complained of a lack of information,

being given misleading information, being told exactly the opposite of what their neighbor was told, and feeling intimidated by those surveying their properties. As a chemical engineer, I was shocked when the project manager at I Horrocks Engineers seemed to have no idea how the irrigation water flows through this area.

No one is against making the Bob Barton Road safer. However, the solution is to remove most of the hills along the entire road to effectively use our taxpayers' money. If this had been done, we wouldn't be wasting hundreds of thousands of dollars on consulting firms in Boise and Utah.

Chris Otkrows, Wash.

Sports pages failed to include winter coverage

With spring nearly upon us, it's disappointing — to say the least — that your paper did not see fit to inform its readers about "winter" sports activities. Regional, state, national and world championships are going on in ice skating, hockey, ski-jumping, snowboarding, bobbleheading, etc. Never a mention of it among your ample sports pages.

It is sad to note the omission, especially when considering the opportunity the area we live in offers these sports. CHRISTEL BENOUDT Twin Falls

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CHINA

Chinese officials: Foiled terror plots targeted Olympics, plane

BEIJING — Chinese police killed alleged terrorists plotting to attack the Beijing Olympics, while a flight crew managed to prevent an apparent attempt to crash a Chinese jetliner in a separate case just last week, officials said Sunday.

Wang Lequan, the top Communist Party official in the western region of Xinjiang, said materials seized in a Jan. 27 raid in the regional capital, Urumqi, had described a plot with a purpose "specifically to sabotage the staging of the Beijing Olympics."

"Their goal was very clear," Wang told reporters in Beijing. Earlier reports on the raid had made no mention of Olympic targets.

China has ramped up anti-terror preparations before the August Games. The nation's top police official last year labeled terrorism the biggest threat facing the event.

The raid and the plane crash attempt were mentioned during a meeting of Xinjiang delegates to parliament's annual session that focused in part on terrorism.

The plane incident occurred Friday morning shortly after the China Southern Airlines flight left the far western city of Urumqi at 10:35 a.m., said Nur Bekri, the governor of the Xinjiang region.



The family of Eve Marie Carson, father Bob Carson, left, mother Teresa Carson, center, and brother Andrew Carson, right, leave the funeral of Eve Marie Carson, 22, at First United Methodist church in Athens, Ga., on Sunday. Carson, a native of Athens, Ga., was murdered on March 5 in Chapel Hill, N.C., where she attended the University of North Carolina.

N.C., university filled Athens First United Methodist Church and fellowship hall. Many wore Carolina blue ribbons in her honor.

"We should not be here this afternoon," the senior minister, Bill Britt, said, angry that she was not instead celebrating spring break or getting ready for the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament.

"It is too soon to be remembering the life of Eve Marie Carson," he said. Carson was found Wednesday morning lying on a street about a mile from campus. She had been shot several times, including once in the right temple. Police said she was likely the victim of a random crime.

Detectives have been searching for a man photographed using Carson's ATM card, releasing photos on Saturday of the suspect at an ATM machine in Chapel Hill.

VENEZUELA

Venezuela reopening embassy in Colombia

CARACAS — Venezuela said Sunday that it is reopening its embassy in Colombia and will allow back Colombian diplomats expelled last week by President Hugo Chavez in a crisis sparked by a cross-border Colombian attack on rebels in Ecuador.

The government cited an easing of tensions at a summit in the Dominican Republic on Friday, where President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela and Ecuador-born

President Rafael Correa shook hands with Colombia's U.S.-backed leader, Alvaro Uribe, after a tense debate.

The Venezuelan Foreign Ministry said it "has decided to re-establish the normal functioning of its diplomatic relations with the government of the Republic of Colombia," citing what it called a "victory for peace and sovereignty."

PAKISTAN

Anti-Musharraf parties agree to form new Pakistan government

BHURBAN — Pakistan's election winners agreed to form a coalition government Sunday and promised that parliament would restore senior judges fired last year by President Pervez Musharraf in a bid to secure his continued rule.

In the capital, Islamabad, police fired tear gas at protesters at the residence of the

Supreme Court chief suspended by Musharraf one year earlier, a move that triggered the political turbulence

still dogging Pakistan's return to democracy.

— Associated Press

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GEORGIA

Mourners remember slain UNC student body president at her funeral

ATHENS — Heartbroken mourners struggled Sunday to understand why someone would fatally shoot a popular University of North Carolina student body president and cut short a life with such promise.

Hundreds of people from Eve Carson's hometown of Athens and the Chapel Hill,

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## Kyle Busch gives Toyota first Sprint Cup victory

By Mike Harris  
Associated Press writer

HAMPTON, Ga. — It was like the good old days for Joe Gibbs Racing on Sunday at Atlanta Motor Speedway when newcomer Kyle Busch put the No. 18 in the Winner's Circle.

But there was a new twist — the first NASCAR Sprint Cup victory for Toyota. And Busch and teammate Tony Stewart also gave the Japanese automaker its first 1-2 finish.

It was the first win in 40 Cup starts for Toyota and it confirmed that the company's signing of the powerhouse Gibbs team over the winter will make its Camrys, which struggled in their 2007 debut, competitive with the other top teams.

"We were all apprehensive at the start of the year," said team owner

Gibbs, who returned to racing full-time after retiring late last year as coach of the Washington Redskins. "There was a huge amount of work we had to go through."

The win put the No. 18 back on top at Atlanta, where former Gibbs driver Bobby Labonte won six races in that car and was a perennial contender.

The significance was not lost on Busch.

"The 18! The 18! The 18 is back at Atlanta," Busch screamed on the radio after crossing the finish line ahead of teammate Tony Stewart. "Congratulations, (crew chief Steve) Addington, it's your first one."

Former crew chief Jimmy Makar, the first person hired by Joe Gibbs when he decided to go NASCAR racing, radioed the winner. "Kyle Busch, this is Jimmy. Thank you for

bringing the 18 back."

Busch, winning for the first time since last March 25 at Bristol, took the lead for good with 50 laps to go when Carl Edwards, trying for a third straight victory, went out with a broken transmission.

The first win for the Japanese automaker in NASCAR's top series came in its 40th race and is the first NASCAR victory by a foreign manufacturer since Al Keller drove a Jaguar to a road course win in Linden, N.J., in June 1954.

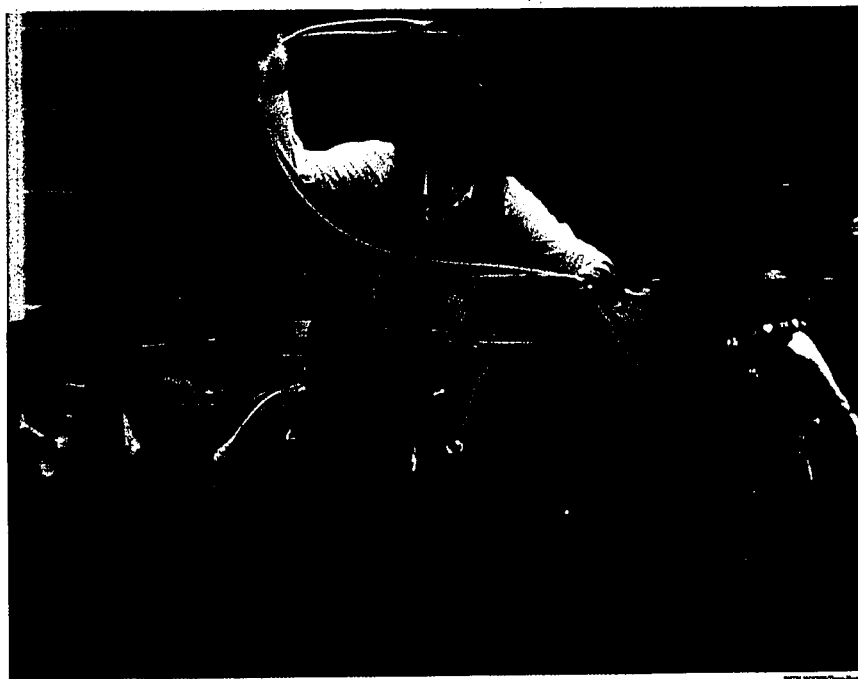
It was the fifth Cup victory for Busch and the first since last March 25 at Bristol for the driver who will turn 23 on May 2. He became the youngest winner on Atlanta's 1.5-mile oval since Jeff Gordon won in 1995 at 23 years, 6 months.

"It means a lot of out and win



Kyle Busch poses with the trophy after winning Kobalt Tools 500 auto race Sunday, at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga.

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College of Southern Idaho freshman cowgirl Kelsa Krenka rides out of the chute during Friday's 32nd annual CSI Intercollegiate Rodeo at the Eldon Evans Expo Center in Twin Falls.

## CSI second at home rodeo

By Diane Pihlbin  
Times-News writer

The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's rodeo teams made strong showings over the weekend in their only home appearance of the year.

The women's team finished second, trailing the winning Weber State University team by only 35 points after the conclusion of the 32nd annual CSI Intercollegiate Rodeo at the Eldon Evans Expo Center in Twin Falls. With the runner-up finish, the Golden Eagles should maintain their second-place standing in the NIRA Rocky

Mountain Region standings. The men's team also finished second behind Weber State and should remain third in the region. Utah Valley finished third in both men's and women's competition.

In barrel racing, it was Italy Jo Sheehan of CSI, the leading barrel racer in the nation, scoring a clean sweep. Sheehan and her horse, Darby had a run of 15.25 seconds on Friday, and the two came back with a winning time of 15.35 in the short go to win the average title.

"I really like the arena at CSI," Sheehan said. "I've been running barrels in there for a long time and I haven't ever hit a barrel. We lost a lit-

tle time tonight on the first barrel when Darby stumbled a little going past the barrel."

Asked about the winning Weber State team, Sheehan said, "They are a very good team. They are deep in barrel racing, goat tying and have a couple of good ropers."

In bull riding, top bull rider in the Rocky Mountain Region, Zack Elliott of CSI, followed his 76-point ride on Friday by scoring a 72 Saturday on a Clown to win the round and claim the average.

Lacey England, Chelsi Schvaneveldt, Sarah Lappin, Kelsa Krenka, Jackie Smith and Megan Mackenzie all racked up points for

the women's team in the average. In breakout, England finished second while Sheehan and Schvaneveldt tied for third. A strong placing in goat tying of third, fourth, fifth and sixth in the average was made by Krenka, Smith, Lappin and Sheehan. Scott teamed with Drew Hummel, and Mackenzie with Elliott for fifth and sixth, respectively, in team roping. Schvaneveldt was fifth in barrels.

England had a good weekend, except for her final event in barrel racing.

"My horse, Shorty, isn't real solid,"

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## District IV All-Star games at TFHS

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The District IV All-Star games will be played tonight at Twin Falls High School. The East girls will take on the West girls at 6 p.m., with the East-West boys game following at 7:30 p.m.

Rosters feature the top players from the district in all classifications. Admission is \$5 for adults and students without activity cards and \$3 for senior citizens and students with activity cards.

### Girls

#### East

Kelsa Lloyd, Minico; Shaynee Gullford, Shoshone; Macy Jones, Declo; McKell Webb, Declo; Nicole Tolman, Burley; McKenzi Baker, Burley; Mae Hubsmith, Richfield; Nicole Harper, Ratt River; Kayla Hutcheson, Kimberly; Kassade Newberry, Kimberly.

#### West

Amber Peterson, Twin Falls; Brooke Robinette, Twin Falls; Kelly Vriesman, Twin Falls; Haley Ramsdeyer, Filer; Chance Axelsson, Hagerman; Shambray Pendley, Hagerman; Jordan Burnham, Jerome; Holly Reid, Jerome; Tiffany Jackson, Gooding; Neil Abramowski, Gooding.

### Boys

#### East

Anthony Garcia, Minico; Ty Pebley, Minico; Jason Harper, Minico; Caden Mason, Burley; Ben Sparle, Burley; Jordan Huesten, Burley; Brad Caresia, Burley; D.J. Simpson, Carey; Braiden Buckner, Richfield; Mike Dehonoy, Valley.

#### West

Brad Twiss, Buhl; Tory Cooper, Buhl; Patrick Osterkamp, Buhl; Destin Hosack, Wendell; Ruben Cortez, Wendell; Justin Stokes, Jerome; Jason Stokkes, Jerome; Max Whittington, Community School; Jesus Rodriguez, Glenns Ferry; Bryant Ward, Twin Falls.

## Golden Eagles top Concordia, College of Idaho

Times-News

Once again, youth and talent beat out experience and guile.

The No. 9 College of Southern Idaho softball team wrapped up a six-win weekend with Sunday's sweep of NIAA programs Concordia University (Ore.) and College of Idaho at the C of I Classic in Caldwell.

Less than 18 hours removed from wrapping up a weekend sweep of Snow College, the 22-9 Golden Eagles topped Concordia 3-2 before run-ruling the host "Yotes 9-0 in five innings.

"It was tough travel circumstances with daylight savings time, and most of the girls going to the basketball games last night," CSI head coach Nick Baumert said. "I was really pleased with their effort today."

Sophomore Stephanie Holmes had a nice day, improving to 5-2 on the season with a complete-game win over Concordia before crushing a three-run home run in the second



game. Holmes didn't get a lot of run support as the CSI batters stranded five runners in the first four innings, but a Jody Zillner single in the bottom of the fifth plated a chel Warren to

ignite a three-run game-winning rally in the fifth and sixth.

Desi Thomson pitched a three-hit shutout over the College of Idaho, striking out six "Yotes batters in the process. The sophomore improved to 4-3 on the season by pitching out of a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the fourth inning with a pair of strikeouts and a ground out.

Katelynn Warren doubled in the first game for CSI, while Dani Grand did the same in the second. The Golden Eagles return to Twin Falls for this weekend's Scenic West Athletic Conference home

series against rival Salt Lake Community College. The two teams are dead-tied in the conference leader board at 10-2 heading into Friday's 1 p.m. series opener.

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Pitchers - CSI: Stephanie Holmes and Megan Mackenzie; Concordia: Jenae Ostrowski and Kari Mabe. 1R: Freshmen (5-2); 2R: Freshmen (1-2); 3R: CSI, Katelynn Warren.

### CSI 9, College of Idaho 0, five innings

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Pitchers - CSI: Desi Thomson and Jevon Smith; C of I: Connor Carrick, Dwayne Hakeley (3), Brooks Auld (4) and Sammie DeLoe. 1R: Thompson (4); 2R: Carrick (1); 3R: DeLoe (1); 4R: Auld (1); 5R: Freshmen (4); 6R: CSI, Dani Grand, 1R: CSI, Stephanie Holmes.





TWIN FALLS TODAY CASE

Today: Turning mostly cloudy. Highs, 50s
Tonight: Continued mostly cloudy skies, but precipitation is not expected yet. Lows, lower to mid 30s.
Tomorrow: Showers, perhaps mixing with wet snow at times. Highs, 40s.

BOISE TODAY CASE

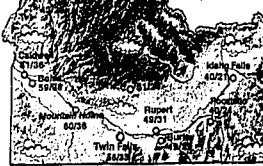
Today: Building clouds throughout the day. Highs, upper 40s.
Tonight: Staying mostly cloudy. Lows near 30.
Tomorrow: A few showers are expected. Highs, 40s.

BOISE FOURCAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
A weak front moving in later today will trigger a few mid-level showers or light snow in the far north. Most areas, however, will not see the precipitation until Tuesday. Tomorrow will also be cooler.

Today Highs 36 to 44, Lows 19 to 18-BOISE
Enjoy the pleasant temperatures and mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies today. Tonight into Tuesday morning a weak cold front will bring in more clouds along with a few passing showers.

Today Highs/Lows 67 to 62/28 to 41-NORTHERN UTAH
Moisture will start the work week off with mostly sunny skies and nice temperatures. A few showers are possible Tuesday.



Yesterday's Date Estimate: 56 at Lewiston. Low at 24. Sunday weather key: no hazard, cloudy to fog, heavy snow to rain, heavy snow to mostly cloudy, no snow, dry, partly cloudy, rain, showers, snow, or sun, in parentheses, as noted.

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Weather forecast table for Twin Falls Live Day Four Case, showing conditions for Today, Tonight, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Yesterday's Weather.

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Table with columns for Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, and Sunrise and Sunset.

MOON PHASES

Table showing Moon Phases for March 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

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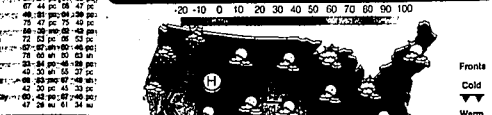
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National Fourcast table listing cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, etc., with their respective weather forecasts.

WORLD FOURCAST

World Fourcast table listing cities like London, Paris, Tokyo, etc., with their respective weather forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FOURCAST

Canadian Fourcast table listing cities like Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, etc., with their respective weather forecasts.



Sean O'Hair chips out of No.13 bunker during the final round on his way to winning the PODS Championship golf tournament Sunday March 9, 2008 at Innisbrook in Palm Harbor, Fla.

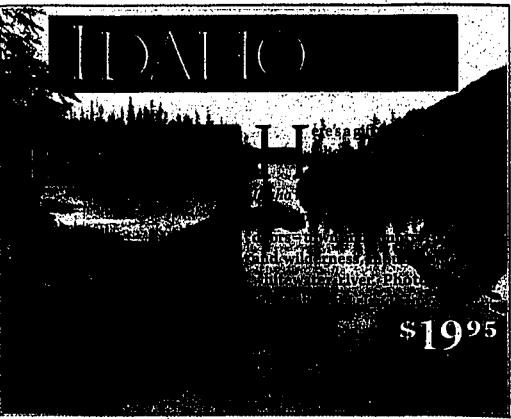
O'Hair rises to occasion to win PODS Championship

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Sean O'Hair took advantage of a stunning collapse by Stewart Cink to win the PODS Championship, closing with a 2-under 69 on Sunday to energize his young career and earn a trip to the Masters. O'Hair hadn't won since his rookie season in 2005 and felt as if he had been going nowhere over the last couple of seasons. But he turned it around on the back nine of Innisbrook with a 30-foot birdie and two par putts that were equally important, building such a margin that he could afford a bogey on 18 for a two-shot victory. It was his first victory since the John Deere Classic as a 22-year-old rookie in 2005, which got him into the British Open at St. Andrews. This victory sends him to Augusta National next month, and he will move into the top 40 in the world to qualify for the World Golf Championship at Doral in two weeks. Cink suffered a loss perhaps even more devastating than the Accenture Match Play Championship blowout against Tiger Woods. Cink had a four-shot lead after two

holes Sunday, still had control on the back nine, then dropped four shots in a four-hole stretch along the back nine of the Copperhead Course at Innisbrook. Toshiba Classic Newport Beach, Calif. — Bernhard Langer outlasted defending champion Jay Haas in the Toshiba Classic, birdling the final hole of regulation to force a playoff and winning with a birdie on the seventh extra hole. Langer, the 50-year-old German star who won the 1985 and 1993 Masters, has two victories in nine career Champions Tour starts. Last October, he won the AdmInStaff Small Business Classic in Texas in his fourth event on the 50-and-over tour. After bogeying the par-3 17th to drop a stroke behind, Langer birdied the par-5 18th to force the playoff at 14-under 199. Haas closed with a 6-under 65, while Langer had a 69 on the Newport Beach Country Club course. The seven-hole playoff fell short of the tournament record of nine, set by Bob Murphy in a 1997 victory over Jay Sigel and matched in 2001

in Jose Maria Canizares' victory over Gil Morganz, The Champions Tour record is 10, set in David Graham's victory over Dave Stockton in the 1999 Royal Caribbean Classic. MALAYSIAN OPEN KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Arjun Atwal, the Indian player involved in a fatal car accident last year, won the Malaysian Open, beating defending champion Peter Hedblom of Sweden with a par on the second hole of a playoff. Atwal, also the 2003 winner at The Mimes, birdied the 18th to force the playoff. He finished with an 8-under 64 to match Hedblom (71) at 18-under 270 on the Kota Permai course. Both players parred the first extra hole. Atwal, a three-time European tour winner, hasn't

been charged in the March 10, 2007, accident in Orlando, Fla., that killed fellow motorist John Park. Witnesses have said Atwal and Park were street racing with the Florida Highway Patrol estimating Atwal was going 80 mph in a 45 mph zone. —The Associated Press



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Master Educators Beauty School Opening for upcoming classes! Nail and cosmetology starts on March 10!

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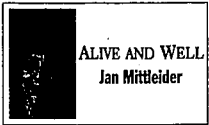




## Boost your sluggish metabolism

"And may you stay forever young."  
— Bob Dylan

You may be young at heart, but there is no doubt about it: Your metabolism does change, not for the better, as you celebrate birthdays. No wonder you look into the mirror and say to yourself, "According to my girth, I could be a 90-foot redwood."  
Maybe that's an exaggeration, but there is no shortage of embellished claims to boost metabolism, melt away unwanted pounds and tune up sagging energy levels. Dousing your food with red pepper or gulping green tea are two marketing bonanzas at the moment. Although there are small, maybe insignificant, studies to support the weight-loss potential attached to pepper and tea, you need more efficient ways to change your body from a fat-storing to a fat-burning mode.



ALIVE AND WELL  
Jan Mittleider

Here's the real deal in simple terms: Your ability to burn calories depends on the number and efficiency of your mitochondria — tiny energy-producing engines in every cell. The process slows naturally with age — about 5 percent per decade after age 40. Men generally burn more calories, because the more muscle you have the more your metabolism revs up. Yet some lucky people simply burn more calories doing nothing than others.

Although you can't stop the metabolism slump as you grow older, you can slow it down with these therapeutic lifestyle changes:

- Do strength training using weights or resistance bands. The more muscle you have the higher your resting metabolic rate will be. Every pound of muscle in your body burns from 35 to 50 calories a day, while a pound of fat burns a measly two calories. Muscle mass tends to decline with age unless you do something to preserve it. As little as two 30-minute strength-training workouts per week can make a significant difference.

- Try physical activity intervals. If you can alternate short bursts of intense physical activity with longer periods of lighter exercise, your metabolism will increase. In fact, there is compelling research supporting the calorie burn-off potential using hard/easy intervals — such as uphill/downhill walking — as being more effective than maintaining a consistent pace.

- Eat small, frequent meals or nutrient-dense snacks. In one recent study, reported in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, obese women who ate small, regular, frequent meals tuned up their metabolism rates higher than those who had irregular eating patterns.
- Eating at regular intervals — using whole grains, fruits, veggies and lean protein sources like hummus, yogurt or nuts — encourages a steady calorie burn without the spikes in insulin levels. If you go more than four hours without eating, your metabolism tends to slow down to conserve energy.

- Consumption of large meals can overwhelm the mature metabolism, according to research by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Older women burned fat at the same rates as younger women after eating lower-calorie meals. But older women's ability to burn fat after a 1,000-calorie meal was substantially impaired.

- Get enough sleep. Sleeping only four or five hours a night alters the levels of appetite-regulating hormones which stimulate hunger and, unfortunately, allows more tired awake time to munch mindlessly. Because more than a third of our population can qualify for the sleep-deprivation category, often due to Internet surfing and late-night television, good sleep etiquette becomes especially important to maintain high energy levels and control girth.

Health educator Jan Mittleider is coordinator of the Over 60 and Getting Fit Program at the College of Southern Idaho.

## 'EXTREME GROOMING,' PART 1

# The skinny on skin treatments

Technology makes them more affordable, comfortable



Botox has become more popular in recent years, and the anti-wrinkle treatment is available at several locations in Twin Falls.

By Melissa Davlin  
Times-News writer

Are they high-level pampering, self-esteem boosters or plain old vanity?

Call them what you will, but cosmetic procedures like wrinkle reduction and plastic surgery are more popular in southern Idaho than ever before.

"It doesn't seem to have the taboo associated with cosmetic procedures as there was a few years ago," said Carrie Nutsch, nurse at Center for Plastic Surgery in Twin Falls. "I just like to call it 'extreme grooming.'"

Technology has made it more affordable, safe and comfortable, and new clinics have made it accessible.

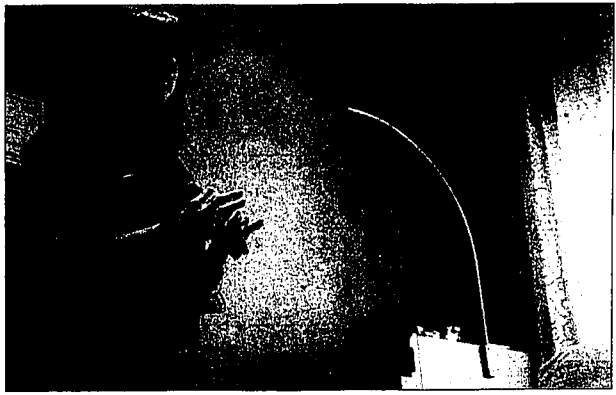
For the first of our three-part overview of cosmetic procedures available in south-central Idaho, we skinned the area for high-end cosmetic skin treatments ranging from wrinkle reduction to vein care. Costs range from \$12 a unit for Botox to \$500 for Juvederm treatments.

Whatever your budget and whatever you want, you can find a way to alter your looks.

**Botox** — Reduces wrinkles and facial lines. Best short for botulinum toxin A, is injected into the skin of the face or neck — about four units at a time per injection site. The toxins block the signals that tell muscles to contract, making it impossible for the skin to wrinkle. An appointment takes around half an hour and can produce mild discomfort. Effects last from four to six months.

**Available at Marod Medical Spa, Center for Plastic Surgery and Dr. Alan Olmstead's office.**

**Sclerotherapy** — Permanently makes less visible small blue spider veins. Spider veins are especially common on legs and appear only on women. Red spider veins, which are usually smaller, are most effectively treated with lasers or intense pulsed light, while blue spider veins are bigger and best treated with sclerotherapy injections. Sessions can take up to an hour and can cause mild discomfort. Treatment may require multiple sessions. After the session, compression stockings are worn for



Dr. Marilyn Righetti shows how the V-Beam is operated at Marod Medical Spa in Twin Falls. The V-Beam is a laser designed to reduce unwanted redness, including red or pink scars, rosacea and spider veins.

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- Center for Plastic Surgery**  
1880 Fillmore Ave. N., Twin Falls  
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- Dr. Alan Olmstead**  
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up to several weeks.  
**Available at Evanescence Vein Care and Southern Idaho Comprehensive Vein Care Center.**  
**Dermal fillers** — Reduce facial lines and wrinkles. Dermal fillers are injected — much like Botox — and include Restylane,

collagen and Juvederm. Although they all essentially do the same thing, they perform in different ways, have different side effects and last different lengths of time. Consult a physician before choosing one. An appointment takes around half an hour and can produce mild discomfort. Effects last from six weeks to a year, depending on the product.

**Available at Olmstead's office, Center for Plastic Surgery and Marod Medical Spa.**

**Intense pulsed light** — Permanently lessens or removes age spots, redness and pigments related to sun damage by focusing a bright, flashing light on the skin. The light penetrates the skin's top layer — anywhere on the body — and stimulates collagen growth in the dermis. Also used for spider

**Available at Southern Idaho Comprehensive Vein Care Center**

### Looking good

Watch 'em in the coming weeks for two more installments in our overview of cosmetic procedures available in south-central Idaho. What do you think of it so far? Log on to [magello.com](http://magello.com) to post your comments. Registration is free.

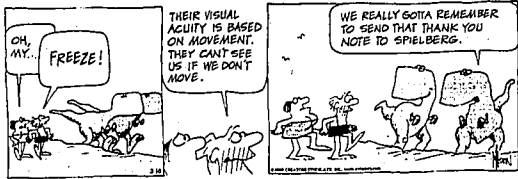
legs, and with men for facial hair, backs and chests. Laser hair removal works best on dark hair, so blond and gray hair are out. Customers sometimes get touch-ups, but the full growth of hair never returns. Topical cream can be applied to reduce discomfort, which is usually in the form of a tingling sensation. Sessions can take from 10 minutes for upper lip hair removal to 90 minutes for a full leg treatment.

**Available at Southern Idaho Comprehensive Vein Care Center, Marod Medical Spa and Center for Plastic Surgery.**

Melissa Davlin may be reached at 735-3234 or [melissa.davlin@lee.net](mailto:melissa.davlin@lee.net).

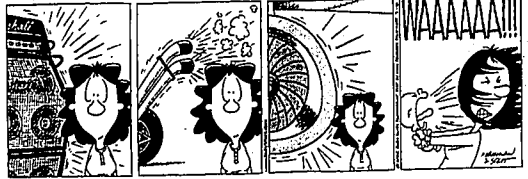
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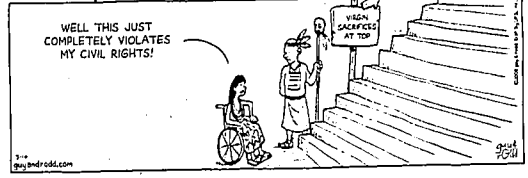
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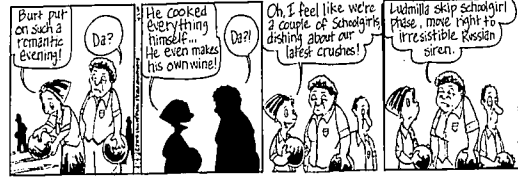
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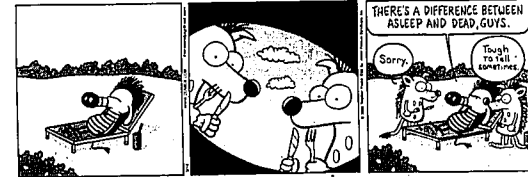
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IF MARCH 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Revolutionary Uranus plays tag with your part of the cosmic pie for the next six months. Life is exciting during this time period and you might make some whirlwind changes, experiment with new ideas and meet some flamboyant people. In August you will be wiser than usual and can put important plans into motion...

HOROSCOPE Leralaine Saunders

The flights of fancy that the two of you cook up could prove inspiring on other levels. CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may be stimulated by the sterling example of a highly admirable person and attempt something of high magnitude. A phone call could prove to hold a gold mine of information. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The results of your efforts will be no worse than you imagined, but no better. Let your imagination run wild and refuse to be bound by limits when you are using creative mental pictures...

your heart strings but must be kept confidential. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your glorious ambition is an almost palpable entity. Keep in touch with friends as they can keep you on track with earthly pleasures. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Whimsical, light-hearted conversations can lay the groundwork of ideas that eventually lead to success in business or career. Focus on home, family and prestige. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you absolutely must pull out the credit card to make a substantial purchase, make sure you are buying the very best. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Pull a rabbit out of your hat. By demonstrating a simple sleight of hand you can improve your finances, as well as those of another. What is good for you must be good for the others in your life. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Follow your inner compass. Dreams may give you a clue to things that you may otherwise overlook. A key relationship may gain increasing importance and a certain someone might be highly romantic.

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By John Deering



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By Mort Walker



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By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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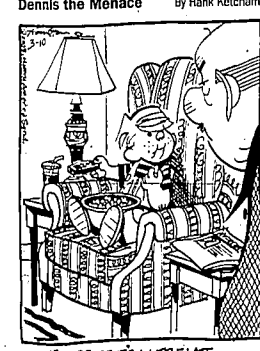
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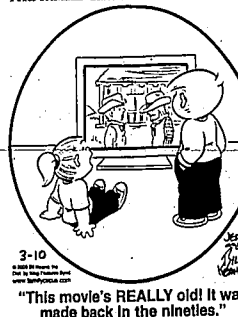
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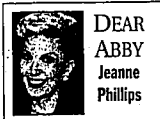
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



# Timely screening for cancer can save thousands of lives

DEAR ABBY: America is making steady progress in the war against cancer. It's largely because of early detection and improved treatments. However, there's more to be done, and here is where I need your help.



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

Abby, colon cancer remains the third-leading cause of cancer deaths in both men and women in the United States, with about 50,000 deaths expected this year. The good news is that colon cancer is one of the two cancers (the other is cervical cancer) that can be prevented through regular screening. Colon cancer tests allow doctors to find and remove growths (called "polyps") before they become cancerous, thereby preventing cancer. Furthermore, these screening tests can also detect cancer at an earlier, more curable stage.

Unfortunately, many Americans still aren't getting lifesaving tests for colon cancer. Only four out of 10 Americans get the recommended screening. Therefore, only 30 percent of the new cases are found at an early stage, when a cure is most possible. A substantial number of the 50,000 deaths expected from colon cancer this year could have been avoided with wider use of proven screening tests.

As always, the American Cancer Society is here to offer

help, including a free information kit to make it easy for people to talk to their doctor about colon cancer testing.

— ELMER E. HUERTA, M.D.

PRESIDENT, AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

DEAR DR. HUERTA: Thank you for reminding me to remind my readers that March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness month. We all know that testing saves lives, and it is my hope that because of your letter, Dear Abby readers will become more aware of the importance of getting tested for colon cancer and will talk to their doctor about having the tests done beginning at age 50.

Readers, for more information about this important subject, call (800) 227-2245 or visit [www.aacr.org](http://www.aacr.org) anytime, day or night, and let the American Cancer Society help you stop colon cancer before it starts.

DEAR ABBY: My nephew is being married this summer in an outdoor garden wedding. He casually mentioned that his future in-law plans to purchase several

large planters with five plants from a housewares store to use for the ceremony. She then intends to return the planters for a refund, saying, "They didn't work out."

I consider this to be totally unethical. My family agrees, as is paying most of the wedding costs, we feel it is inappropriate to speak up.

Now I'm beginning to wonder about the morals of the family into which my nephew is marrying. But since I'm only the uncle, I can't say anything without starting trouble. What do you think?

— DREADING THE WEDDING ANAHEIM, CALIF.

DEAR DREADING: There's a saying, "You can't need for evil to flourish is for good people to say nothing." If you and the family have already made your opinions known, then you have done enough. But while you're "wondering about the morals of the family into which your nephew is marrying," you should also wonder about the ethics and morals of a young man who would allow this to be done on one of the most sacred occasions in his life. Shame on him for not speaking up.

As to this practice of buying harmful, many companies have eliminated return policies because of it. So everyone gets hurt.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, March 10, the 70th day of 2008. There are 296 days left in the year.

### Today's highlight:

On March 10, 1876, the first successful voice transmission over Alexander Graham Bell's telephone took place in Boston as his assistant heard Bell say, "Mr. Watson— come here—I want to see you." (The words were recounted by Bell in his lab notebook.)

### On this date:

In 1629, England's King Charles I dissolved Parliament; he did not call it back for 11 years.

In 1795, Thomas Jefferson was appointed minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.

In 1848, the Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the war with Mexico.

In 1880, the Salvation Army arrived in the United States from England.

In 1948, the body of the anti-communist foreign minister of Czechoslovakia, Jan Masaryk, was found in the garden of Czernin Palace in Prague. Authorities said that his death was a suicide, but others continue to claim that he was murdered.

In 1949, Nazi wartime broadcaster Mildred E. Gyllars, also known as "Axis Sally," was convicted in Washington, D.C., of treason. (She served 12 years in prison.)

In 1980, "Seaside Dile" author Dr. Herman Tarnower was shot to death in Purchase, N.Y. (Tarnower's former lover, Jean Harris, was convicted of murder; she served nearly 12 years in prison before being released in January 1993.)

In 1985, Konstantin U. Chernenko, who was the Soviet Union's leader for just 13 months, died at age 73.

In 1988, prior to the 50th anniversary of the Anschluss, Austrian President Kurt Waldheim apologized on his country's behalf for atrocities committed by Austrian Nazis.

In 1988, pop singer Andy Gibb died in Oxford, England, at age 30 of heart inflammation.

Ten years ago: U.S. Air Force and Navy personnel in the Persian Gulf received their first vaccinations against anthrax. Indonesia's President Suharto was elected to his seventh term. Actor Lloyd Bridges died in Westwood, Calif., at age 85. Five years ago: Facing

almost certain defeat, the United States and Britain delayed a vote in the U.N. Security Council to give Saddam Hussein an ultimatum to disarm. Natalie Maines, lead singer of the Dixie Chicks, told a London audience: "Just so you know...we're ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas."

One year ago: In their first track talks since their track war began, U.S. and Iranian envoys traded harsh words and blamed each other for Iraq's crisis at a one-day international conference. President Bush, in Uruguay as part of his Latin America tour, asked Congress for \$3.2 billion to pay for 8,400 more U.S. troops needed in Afghanistan and Iraq on top of the 21,500-troop buildup he had announced in January 2007. Standup comedian Richard Jeni, 49, died at a Los Angeles hospital of what was believed a gunshot wound.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Talk show host Ralph Emery is 75. Bluegrass/country singer-musician Norman Blake is 72. Actor Chuck Norris is 68. Singer Dean Torrence (Jan and Dean) is 68. Actress Katharine Houghton is 63. Producer-director-writer Paul Haggis is 55. Actress Shannon Tweed is 51. Actress Sharon Stone is 50. Magician Lance Burton is 48. Actress Jasmine Jai is 46. Rock musician Jeff Ament (Pearl Jam) is 45. Music producer Rick Rubin is 45. Britain's Prince Edward is 44. Singer Edie Brickell is 42. Actor Stephen Moller is 42. Actress Peggy Brewster is 39. Country singer Darryle Singletary is 37. Happer-producer Timbaland is 36. Actor Cristian de la Fuente is 34. Singer Robin Thicke is 31. Actress Bree Turner is 31. Olympic gold-medal gymnast Shannon Miller is 31. Country singer Carrie Underwood is 25. Actress Emily Osment is 16.

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