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**Time to go baty?**

**F&G seeks to dispel fear of these fabulous flying mosquito killers**

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — They don't want to suck your blood. Rather, they feed on the bugs that do. So why do bats in Magic Valley get such a bad rap?

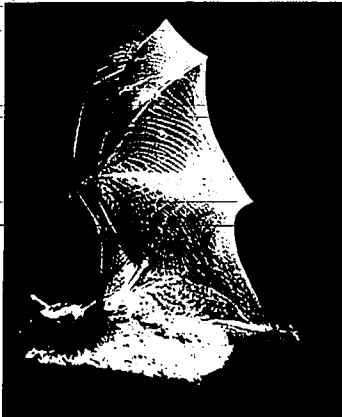
The bat's poor public image comes primarily from two problems: vampires and rabies. But it may be time to reexamine the sometimes controversial critter — especially now because bats feed on West Nile virus-spreading mosquitoes.

Because of the contemporary issues, I think people need to know the important role bats play in the ecosystem, especially by consuming mosquitoes," said Justin Barrett, a biologist with the Idaho

Department of Fish and Game. First, though, it's important to understand which bats live in the region. Three bats call the Twin Falls area home: little brown bats, big brown bats and silver-haired bats. And, no, none of them drink human blood.

Those pesky vampire bats live only in Latin America, Barrett said. While more than 1,100 species of bats roam the earth, only three depend upon human and animal blood for sustenance.

Only 0.05 percent of bats carry rabies. Those that do, just like rabid dogs, tend to die quickly, Barrett said. Unlike dogs, though, rabid bats are seldom aggressive. In 2005, 12 bats submitted to the Idaho Bureau of Laboratories tested positive



Big brown bat

for rabies. "This year, there's been an increase of rabid animals in the Lewiston and north Idaho area," Barrett said.

With the negatives about Magic Valley bats dispelled, Fish and Game is focusing on the positive. The agency will work with Scouts in the area to build bat houses to put up around Spierkes Lake, said Keltie Hutch, spokesman for the department.

Reporter Michelle Dunlop can be reached at 735-3237 or by e-mail at mdunlop@magicvalley.com.



Silver-haired bat

Lactating females eat 210 percent of their body weight.

**Bats in the Magic Valley**  
About 14 species of bats live in Idaho, but the little brown, big brown and silver-haired bats are the most common in Magic Valley.

**Silver-haired bats**  
Size: 3.54 to 4.53 inches long with a wingspan of 10.63 to 12.2 inches.  
Color: dark brown to black, silver-tipped fur.  
Lifespan: Up to 12 years.  
Habitat: Willow, maple and ash trees, open sheds and buildings. This species can be found in every state except perhaps Florida.  
Food: Flies, moths and beetles.

**Little brown bats**  
Size: 2.36 to 4.02 inches long with a wingspan of 8.74 to 10.59 inches.  
Color: dark, golden, reddish or olive brown.  
Some albino bats have been spotted.  
Lifespan: Average 6 to 7 years with some living as long as 31 years.  
Habitat: Buildings, trees, under rocks, abandoned mines and caves. They can be found in southern Alaska, Canada and across the United States.  
Food: Mosquitoes, moths, lacewings and midges. In active periods, bats can consume half their body weight nightly.

**Big brown bats**  
Size: body length of 4.33 to 5.12 inches; wingspan of 13 inches.  
Color: pinkish tans to rich chocolates.  
Lifespan: Most die in their first winter. Some live as long as 19 years.  
Habitat: Houses, barns, silos, churches, storm sewers, athletic stadiums and mines. They can be found in southern Canada and throughout North America.  
Food: Beetles, wasps, flies, mosquitoes and moths.

Source: University of Michigan's Animal Diversity Web.



Kali VanLaenen, Twin Falls County Weed and Pest Control supervisor, sets up a mosquito trap at Murtaugh Lake Park. The blue canister contains carbon dioxide, which attracts mosquitoes to the trap, and a fan sucks them into the netting below. Last week, mosquitoes trapped a half-mile from Murtaugh Lake tested positive for West Nile virus.

**County workers find mosquitoes carrying West Nile in Murtaugh**

By Julie Pence  
Times-News correspondent

**MURTAUGH** — The first proof of mosquitoes infected with West Nile virus in Twin Falls County was verified last week after county employees trapped the insects one-half mile southeast of Murtaugh Lake.

County employees have been trapping the insects all over Twin Falls. County for weeks, said County Weed and Pest Control Superintendent Kali VanLaenen.

Statewide, 545 cases have been reported through Friday, according to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. Idaho leads the nation this season in reported cases. Even so, VanLaenen said it appears, and health district officials have confirmed, that case numbers are underreported.

As a result, people are not taking enough precautions to avoid being bitten.

"If you're going to be out from dusk to dawn, you should always wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, and you should use repellent that is made up of at least 25 percent to 30 percent DEET (the active ingredient in most tick and insect repellents)," she said. "It's just common sense."

Idaho Power Co. employee Bryan Stonemess said Friday as he was relaxing at Murtaugh Lake Park that he had suffered several bites when he was working within the city of Murtaugh about two weeks ago.

"They attacked me. They were hungry," he said. "Then two days later, he began experiencing a severe headache and body aches and eventually a rash. He

called his doctor, who told him not to bother with anything to get a blood test unless he became more ill, he said.

"He told me if I could muster my way through this, then do, because there is nothing you can do," Stonemess said.

He said he went to work feeling miserable for a couple of days, missed a Friday was sick over a weekend and on a Monday, and then returned to work.

Shane Hepworth, who lives near Murtaugh Lake, is collecting signatures to establish a mosquito abatement district that would cover the eastern of Twin Falls County from the Garwin County Line to one mile east of Kimberly.

But even if Hepworth gets the correct number of signatures to put the issue on the November ballot, that doesn't necessarily mean the mosquitoes are going away, says University of Idaho entomologist Kody Hindall.

"People tend to think if they see an aerial spraying program in progress that they are safe. But that method is 'hit-and-miss,' Hindall said.

"Spraying doesn't always work well, because you have to have contact with the mosquitoes," Hindall said. "And mosquitoes can fly 10 or 15 miles, so there is always the potential for re-infestation."

"No matter what happens, people throughout Magic Valley should use common sense and cover up and use repellent while they are outside," Hindall said.

"People have to be more responsible and realize the government can't take care of everything," she said.

**Symptoms to look out for**

**Serious symptoms:** About one in 150 people infected will develop severe illness. The severe symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, ataxia, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.

**Milder symptoms:** Up to 20 percent of the people who become infected have symptoms such as fever, headache, and body aches, nausea, vomiting and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. Symptoms can last for as short as a few days, though even healthy people have become sick for several weeks.

**No symptoms:** Approximately 80 percent of people who are infected will not show any symptoms.

**West Nile virus cases in Magic Valley**

County	Population	Humans	Horses	Birds
Blaine	21,103	1	4	1
Camas	1,013	1	0	0
Cassia	21,393	0	2	8
Gooding	14,346	28	5	2
Jerome	19,279	4	0	3
Lincoln	4,526	4	1	5
Madison	19,227	7	9	0
Twin Falls	67,935	17	5	22

Source: Idaho Health & Welfare, as of 8/24/06

**Iraq says No. 2 al-Qaida official arrested**

By Elena Becatoros  
Associated Press writer

**BAGHDAD**, Iraq — Authorities on Sunday announced the capture of al-Qaida in Iraq's No. 2 leader, accusing him of "brutal and merciless" terror operations including the bombing of a Shiite shrine that touched off the sectarian bloodletting pushing Iraq toward civil war.

Iraq's national security adviser said Idris Hamud al-Saeedi, known as Abu Hamza or Abu Rama, was arrested a few days ago as he hid in a residential building southwest of Baqouba.

The arrest has left al-Qaida in Iraq suffering a "serious leadership crisis," national security adviser Mouwafak al-

Rubale said. "Our troops have dealt fatal and painful blows to this organization."

He accused the terror suspect of supervising the creation of death squads and ordering assassinations, bombings, kidnappings and attacks on Iraqi police and army checkpoints. "The operations were brutal and merciless," al-Rubale said.

Not much is known about al-Saeedi, but al-Rubale said he was the second most important al-Qaida in Iraq leader after Abu Ayub al-Masri. Al-Masri is believed to have taken over the group after a U.S. air strike killed leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi north of Baghdad on June 7.

Al-Rubale said al-Saeedi was "directly responsible" for

Haitham Sabah Shaker Mohammed al-Badri, an Iraqi whom authorities have accused of leading the Feb. 22 bombing against the Shiite shrine in Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad. The attack inflamed tensions between Shiite and Sunni Muslims and triggered reprisal attacks that have killed hundreds of Iraqis.

Al-Saeedi's capture "will affect al-Qaida in Iraq and its operations against our people, especially those aimed at inciting sectarian strife," al-Rubale said.

The U.S.-led coalition and Iraqi authorities have announced numerous arrests after al-Zarqawi was killed that officials claim have thrown al-Qaida in Iraq into disarray.

But rampant sectarian violence and other attacks have continued, with at least 20 Iraqis killed in bomb attacks and shootings on Sunday. The U.S. military command announced that four U.S. troops had been killed — two soldiers killed by a roadside bomb Sunday in Baghdad and two Marines in separate incidents Friday and Sunday in the volatile Anbar province, west of the capital.

The arrest of al-Saeedi came just over two months after Iraqi authorities announced that they had captured Yousef Fakher Mohammed Ali, a Tunisian also known as Abu Qudama.

"This is a very important Please see IRAQ, Page A3

**Americans spend Labor Day ... working**

By Daragh Johnson  
The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON** — No backyard barbecues for Department of Labor Secretary Elaine Chao today. No coolers of beer. No setting at the picnic table sizzling butter for all over one last batch of summertime corn on the cob. "She is going to be in the office," says Melinda Thielien, the cabinet secretary's press officer. "It's a typical Monday for her."

Thielien adds, firmly: "She's the secretary of Labor, and she's working." Chao might feel the need, in her scheduled CNN, Fox and other TV interviews, to highlight the 128,000 jobs added in July and to refute some recent headlines. Labor Day is often Target Day for those think-tankers who study our deranged, exhausted work habits and utter bleak pronouncements: • New Research Center: "Americans believe that work-

ers ... are worse off now than a generation ago — tolling longer and harder for less in wages and benefits, for employers who aren't as loyal ... in jobs that aren't as secure."

Economic Policy Institute's "State of Working America 2006/2007": Productivity might have boomed in recent years, but family incomes have stalled. • Peter D. Hart Research for Please see WORK, Page A3

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TODAY'S FORECAST

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Today: Warm. Slight chance for isolated thunderstorms. Highs lower 90s. Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows near 50. Tomorrow: Sunny. Highs mid to upper 80s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

FESTIVALS

Last day of the Twin Falls County Fair, with animal shows, carnival, face painting, Extreme Freestyle Motorcycle Show in the Shouse Arena (7 p.m.) and more, 7 a.m. to midnight. Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer, admission at gate \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, \$3 for children age 6 to 12 and no cost for children age 5 and under, 326-4396.

Believe Bluegrass Festival, with Public Radio, Strings Attached, Steam Powered Airplane, games, arts and crafts and food booths, 1 to 5 p.m., in the city park, Bellevue, 788-2128.

OUTDOORS

Redfish Lake Visitor Center Activities featuring SNRA movie screening of "White Clout Peaks" at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Redfish Lake Visitor Center, Redfish Lake five miles south of Stanley, no cost, 208-774-3376.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzie Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 733-0548; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

ONGOING MONTHLY EVENTS

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

Mingle in the Jungle free reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest, Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, no cost, 732-6655.

FIRST FRIDAY

"First Fridays," a once-a-month event featuring live music with local artists, beverages sold by the glass, food tasting and more, Rudy's - A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls; 733-5477.

THIRD FRIDAY

Bingo, sponsored by the Gooding County Historical Society, 6 to 9 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St., Gooding, no cost, 934-4412.

FIRST SATURDAY

Sally's Scrappers, a scrapbooking gathering (no children, please), 6:30 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St., Gooding, no cost, 934-4412.

THIRD SATURDAY

New Weight-Loss Surgery Support Group, for those who are preparing for surgery, have had the surgery or who have questions about it, 6:30 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St., Gooding, no cost, call 934-4412.

COMING THIS WEEK

Tuesday in Country Roads

The rock pile

A staple of rural Idaho landscapes.

Tuesday in Magic Valley

Images from the Twin Falls County Fair

Wednesday in Food & Wine

Built on rock

The challenges of canyon-side construction.

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YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

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ISU aims to be top research center

POCATELLO — Deep inside a maze-like series of white concrete corridors at the Idaho Accelerator Center sits a Cold War relic: A particle accelerator that emits pulses of electrons through a metal tube.

The \$20 million device — part of the now mothballed "Star Wars" missile defense system — has become the heart of several research projects by physicists from Idaho State University.

"It's a fine line between work and fun," ISU Physics Chairman Dan Dale told the Idaho State Journal. The researchers say their work on large accelerator and several smaller versions could lead to better methods of scanning cargo at ports, imaging technology with 1,000 times greater contrast than that available today, and new ways of detecting and neutralizing airborne pathogens such as anthrax. The center is funded mainly through grants totaling about \$5 million a year. From the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Energy.

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Ranchers criticize 'grass-fed meat' rules

WASHINGTON — Meat-eaters usually assume a grass-fed steak came from cattle contentedly grazing for most of their lives on lush pastures, not crowded into feedlots.

If the government has its way, the grass-fed label could be used to sell beef that didn't roam the range and ate more than just grass. The Agriculture Department has proposed a standard for grass-fed meat that doesn't say animals need pasture and that broadly defines grass to include things like lefsevers from harvested crops.

Critics say the proposal is so loose that it would let more conventional ranchers slap a grass-fed label on their beef, too.

"In the eye of the consumer, grass-fed is tied to open pasture-raised animals, not confinement or feedlot animals," said Patricia Whisman, a Missouri rancher who heads the American Grassfed Association. "In the consumer's eye, you're going to lose the integrity of what the term 'grass-fed' means."

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Man allegedly had family join scam

Michael Joseph Balsamo is a skilled slot-machine cheater, practiced enough to be banned from entering casinos in two states but not good enough to keep from getting caught. Maybe that's why he allegedly brought his family in on it.

Over the years, Balsamo, 47, has been investigated 25 times and convicted six.

Now it's allegedly a family affair.

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OBITUARY Virginia Mae Attix, 89

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The arrest has left al-Qaida in Iraq suffering a "serious leadership crisis," the national security adviser Mowafak al-Kubaisi said.

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Candle blamed in fire that kills six children

CHICAGO — A candle in an apartment without electricity was believed to have caused one of the city's deadliest and most heart-breaking fires in years, a blaze Sunday that killed six children ages 3 to 14, some of whom screamed "we're burning" as neighbors watched helplessly.

The number of most of the victims and three siblings were injured. The three-year-old, three-bedroom apartment on the city's North Side also had no smoke detectors, said visibly shaken Fire Commissioner Raymond O'rozco.

"This is the largest multiple fire fatality we've had from a single fire in quite a few years. I mean it's chilling. It's difficult for everyone involved," O'rozco said.

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Experts warn world of obesity pandemic

SYDNEY, Australia — An obesity pandemic threatens to overwhelm health systems around the globe with illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease, experts at an international conference warned Sunday.

"This insidious, creeping pandemic of obesity is now engulfing the entire world," Paul Zimmet, chairman of the meeting of more than 2,500 experts and health officials, said in a speech opening the weeklong International Congress on Obesity. "It's as big a threat as global warming and bird flu. The World Health Organization says more than 1 billion adults are overweight and 300 million of them are obese, putting them at much higher risk of a range of health problems."

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Terrorism cases fall, to pre-Sept. 11 levels

WASHINGTON — The federal government has fallen back to prosecuting international terrorists at about the same rate it did before Sept. 11, 2001, officials announced in a study based on Justice Department data.

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European spacecraft finishes moon mission

Europe's first spacecraft to the moon splashed into the viscous plasma as planned Sunday, after a 10-day mission to test a bright flash of the end of a successful mission to test a new propulsion system and navigation technology for flights to other planets.

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MAGIC VALLEY

New season of exercise for seniors starts soon

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho's "Over 60 and Getting Fit" program begins next week at all 10 of its Magic Valley and Wood River Valley locations. Program creator and CSI physical education professor Jan Mittleider says the program, which has become a model for similar programs nationwide, is a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training — all geared toward senior citizens.

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Bats good; image bad

TWIN FALLS — They don't want to snuck your blood. But that may be one of the bugs that the So why do bats in Magic Valley get such a bad rap? The bats' poor public image comes primarily from two problems, vampires and rabies. But it may be time to reexamine the sometimes controversial critter — especially now because bats feed on West Nile virus-spreading mosquitoes.

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Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile

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Twin Falls woman nurtured neighborhood

TWIN FALLS — Mary Houser was known by many as a second mother. Anyone, especially neighborhood kids or her children's friends, could find comfort in her kitchen and a special place in her heart. The energetic, hard-working woman who opened her home and home died Aug. 27. She was 57.

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Four decades of fair fun

FILER — From helping out in the fair office, working the admission gates and paying out project premiums, Lydia Yoder has worked nearly every job at the Twin Falls County Fair. This past fair week marked Yoder's 43rd year volunteering. Most recently, she has served as the Flower Department superintendent but is willing to fill any shift. "She's worked nearly every job except manage the fair," said Bonnie Seaman, Twin Falls County Fair office manager.

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Mimi implants solve some dental problems

JEROME — For 12 years — Frances Berg endured problems with her lower denture. But recently, Berg had three mini implants put in for lower jaw to hold her denture and she's enjoying the stability they provide. "I feel like a kid with a new toy now," she said. Jerome dentist Dr. Scott Chandler said that although mini implants have been used in other parts of the country since 2001, they are relatively new for Magic Valley.

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SPORTS



Agassi's career comes to a close

NEW YORK — Andre Agassi walked off the court the way he wanted, to a champions' ovation. In the end, despite all the tears, it hardly made a difference to him or his fans that he didn't win. A career for the ages came to a close Sunday with Agassi's final match, a winking, losing to 112th-ranked Benjamin Becker 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 7-5 in the third round at the U.S. Open.

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Howard homers thrice for Phillies

PHILADELPHIA — With each home run, Ryan Howard is keeping Philadelphia's wild-card push alive.

Howard homered in his first three at-bats, raising his major league-leading total to 52, and the Phillies rallied after wasting a five-run lead to beat the Atlanta Braves 8-7 in Sunday's doubleheader opener.

Howard's 50th home run was a solo shot in the second inning, and he followed with a two-run drive in the third. His third homer was an opposite-field, solo shot to left in the sixth that made it 6-1. He leads the major leaguers with 133 RBIs.

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UNLV romps over Idaho State

LAS VEGAS — David Peoples scored two touchdowns and wide receiver Ryan Wolfe set a UNLV freshman record with 160 yards as the Rebels beat Idaho State 54-10 Saturday night.

Wolfe caught six passes, including a 71-yarder from Rocky Hinds early in the fourth quarter. He set the Rebels to their first season-opening victory since 2003.

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Bufs could be in for a long season

BOULDER, Colo. — If first impressions mean anything, Colorado is in for a long season. Montana State's Division I-AA team for goodness sake, appeared faster, quicker and stronger than the Buffaloes in its 19-10 stunner that spoiled coach Dan Hawkins' debut. Hawkins, who took over after a series of embarrassing losses cut short Gary Barnett's scandal-plagued tenure, even admitted Montana State was more disciplined and better coached. "They came in and made the plays they thought they should have made, and we didn't," Hawkins said after Colorado's first game against a lower division team. "That's pretty much the sum of it."

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## 'Neighborhood Mom'

By Janet Waldb  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — Mary Houser was known by many as a second mother. Anyone, especially neighborhood kids or her children's friends, could find comfort in her kitchen and a special place in her heart.

The energetic, hard-working woman who opened her heart and home died Aug. 27. She was 57.

She treated everybody as family; they were all welcome and they could talk to her, said Brad Houser, her son. "They didn't always like the advice they got, but they got an answer."

She was a woman who called things as she saw them, he added. It didn't matter who it was. She also seemed to feel her examples working as a stepmother about 10 years ago when at first Lionel lived for a few years. Brad said she worked hard all her life to make ends



camping and experimenting with her hair color — most many people know her natural color. It could be pink, red, black or orange.

She also loved Orange Dreamies and ice cream sandwiches.

Crystal Olson was pregnant when she met her, her ex-mother-in-law became like a mom to her, eating ice

meet. It didn't matter if she was sick or had to pull a double shift, she'd figure something out.

She enjoyed gardening and roses, cat-fishing and fishing with her husband. She was very outgoing, fun, lively ... She loved life. She could make the best of any situation. It didn't matter how bad it was.

Brad said a friend of his who never ever shows his feelings, let alone cry, visited him recently and broke down at the loss.

She was special and she touched a lot of people. All the kids that came in

### a remembered

cream and sunflower seeds.

Mary loved Crystal like a daughter, she helped her out with things through the years and even after she and Brad divorced. Crystal knew she had a friend and mother in Mary.

"She did anything and everything she could for anybody," Crystal said. "She was very outgoing, fun, lively ... She loved life. She could make the best of any situation. It didn't matter how bad it was."

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### Mary Diane Houser

Born: Oct. 8, 1948  
Died: Aug. 27, 2006  
Survivors: Sons, John (Marilyn) Houser of Boise, Brad Houser of Twin Falls; daughters, Crystal Olson of Twin Falls; mother, Margaret Feurer of Twin Falls; brothers, Darl (Trish) Feurer of Twin Falls, Wayne (Shirley) Martin of Missouri, J.C. (Vera) Brookshire of Oregon, Dennis Brookshire of Twin Falls and Ron Brookshire of Twin Falls; sisters, Linda Towns of Twin Falls, Betty (George) McDowell of Oregon, Lois Brookshire of Twin Falls; and grandchildren, Dustin and Kristin Houser, Brian, Tyler and Jordyn Houser and Gregory and Colton Olson.

Memorial: Donations can be made toward funeral expenses.

contact with her in life. I want them to remember how much she touched them," Brad said. "She touched everybody in a way that you won't forget."

### AROUND THE VALLEY

**Improvements shut down some of Jerome's roads**

Jerome — The city of Jerome is installing sewer main line, and public works crews are working on 400 South road between 200 East and 300 East until Wednesday. The road is closed to through traffic, with detours around the construction site.

Future road closures include 200 East Road between 300 South and 400 South, 300 South Road between 100 East and 200 East, and 300 South Road between 100 East and South Lincoln.

The city and public works department apologizes for any inconvenience. Road closure information will be updated as construction progresses.

For more information, call the public works office at 324-9669.

**Registration begins for Sixth Annual Raptor Run**

GOODING — The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind Foundation will host the Sixth Annual Raptor Run at 9 a.m. Saturday on the ISDB campus.

Participants may choose to enter the 5K or 10K run, 5K walk or one-mile kids run. Early bird entry is \$20 per person; race day entry is \$25, and a family entry is \$40. Runners and walkers will receive a t-shirt. All proceeds will benefit the ISDB Foundation's Raptor Fund, which assists with student scholarships and hearing aids.

To register or be a sponsor, call Paula Mason at 732-6257.

**Back to School Safety event comes to Jerome**

Jerome — The 10th Annual Back to School Safety event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Con Bishops dealership, 901 S. Lincoln.

The event includes car safety seat inspections, seat belt checks, first aid information, personal safety, Idaho Fish and Game hunter safety, fire truck and ambulance tours.

Drawings will be held for free bicycles, car seats, helmets and more.

For more information, call 324-3900.

**Flags to fly at Crossroads Business Center Thursday**

Jerome — The "Healing Field Flag Memorial" features 100 American flags will open Thursday at Crossroads Business Center in Jerome and remain open until Sept. 20.

A brief ceremony in memory of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorism victims will take place at 11 a.m. Sept. 11.

The flags can be purchased, with proceeds going to I FARM. The display is sponsored by Crossroads Public Business Center.

**Magic Valley Military Support Group to meet**

WENDELL — The Magic Valley Military Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Friday at the Wendell City Hall on East Main (not the American Legion Hall).

Kurt Hazen, a counselor from the Twin Falls Veterans Affairs Counseling Center, will discuss programs available to veterans and their families. He will share what he has seen in returning veterans and how families can cope with problems that have arisen from the war.

Those attending are asked to bring their favorite finger food to share. Anyone who is in the military or who has family in the military in the military is welcome.

For more information, call Sharon at 536-6119 or Sharla at 536-6159.

— compiled from staff reports

### Blaine County junks sales tax election plan

By Pedro E. Salom  
For the Times-News

**HALLEY** — Blaine County commissioners voted Tuesday to scrap plans for a 0.5 percent countywide sales tax election in November, with the revenue split evenly to support property tax relief and construction of a jail, sheriff's office and consolidated dispatch center.

The commissioners did open the possibility of asking the voters to approve a bond to fund the project, which could take place as early as February through a special election.

In the absence of Commissioner Dennis Wright, commissioners Sarah Michael and Tom Bowman decided voters wouldn't approve the countywide sales tax, largely because the Idaho Legislature raised the statewide sales tax to 6 percent. That increase starts Oct. 1.

"I like the idea of a local option tax the best, but I don't think it has much of a chance of passing," Bowman said. "People will add these percentages up and say, 'We have enough tax right now.'"

He noted that the higher state sales tax, existing municipal local option taxes and proposed countywide sales tax would have brought the total tax load in Sun Valley to 9.5 percent, or 7.5 percent on a restaurant meal in Halley. He felt that was too much.

Another concern was that the tax would have applied to all taxed purchases, including groceries.

Blaine County Sheriff Walt Farnham said the delay in financing will mean increased construction costs and the possibility of losing the bid to build the public safety facility on a site near Friedman Memorial Airport.

Bowman concluded the topic by offering a tour of the jail for people who would like to see the aging facility first-hand.

## Four decades of fairgoing

### Filer woman celebrates 43 years as fair volunteer

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

**FILER** — From helping out in the fair office, working the admission gates and paying out project premiums, Lydia Yoder has worked nearly every job at the Twin Falls County Fair.

This past fair week marked Yoder's 43rd year volunteering. Most recently, she has served as the Flower Department superintendent but is willing to fill any job.

She worked nearly every job except managing the fair, said Bonnie Seaman, Twin Falls County Fair office manager.

The 82-year-old explained that her love of fair work started when her son prodded her to come down and help.

"Darwin would come home and say they needed help here or there. The whole family would come down. When my husband, Bill, was alive he worked in the cattle building," Yoder said. "I've worked in the Home Arts building, produce, the fair office, premiums, the flower department and even at the gates."

With her three children now grown and living from coast to coast, the experience is different but just as fulfilling, even with putting in long hours.

Yoder starts early in the morning to open the building at 10 a.m. and she stays until about 10 p.m.

"When I was a bit younger, I would be down here from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.," Yoder said. "I run into a lot of people and enjoy visiting with them, even if it is just once a year."



Besides running into friends at the fair, Yoder enjoys the projects and learning new things.

"This year the Castleford Petal Falls brought in so many different kinds of sunflower. I had no idea there were that many species of sunflower," she said. "I pick something up every fair."

Roses are Yoder's favorite and also a passion that she shares with fellow flower department volunteer Lillian Stuhlecker of Buhl.

Stuhlecker, a Filer American Legion Auxiliary member, has volunteered at the fair for four years, working side-by-side with Yoder.

"I've enjoyed working with the flowers and learning more about them," Stuhlecker said. "Plus, it is so interesting to come to the fair and see all the hard work it takes to get the fair what it is. It doesn't happen overnight and without a lot of effort."

As long as Yoder can extend the effort, she'll be back and is already anxious for next year.

"We had a really good turnout of flowers this year. I hope to see the trend continue," she said. "Without the people, we wouldn't have a fair."

Times-News correspondent Blair Koch lives in Buhl and can be reached by e-mail at blairkoch@gmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

### Today's fair schedule

- 7 a.m. — Fair Gates Open
- 9 a.m. — 4H Labor Day Dog Show, dog show ring
- 9 a.m. — 4H Working Ranch Horse, Zebrah Animal
- 10 a.m. — Fair Buildings Open
- 10 a.m. — 4H/FFA Junior Market Animal Sale, sale barn
- 10 a.m. — Petting Zoo Opens, Kiddie Land
- Noon — Carnival Opens
- 1 p.m. — Bvans Jim, in the park
- 1 p.m. — Team Sorting, Zebrah Animal
- 1:30 p.m. — The Bolest Family
- Free Stage
- 2:30 p.m. — Marc Savard, Hypnotist, Free Stage
- 4:30 p.m. — Bvans Jim, in the park
- 6 p.m. — Rylie Baker, Free Stage
- 7 p.m. — Bvans Jim, in the park
- 7 p.m. — Extreme Freestyle Motocross Show, Shouse Arena
- 7:30 p.m. — Marc Savard, Hypnotist, Free Stage
- 10 p.m. — Fair buildings close
- Midnight — Fair and carnival close

## Burley council continues to debate benefits issue

By Bruce Wale  
For the Times-News

**BURLEY** — "It just grinds my beans that (these two councilmen) insist they are going to a favor," said Steve McGill's response to a recommendation presented to the council Tuesday by Dennis Dexter that it do away with all insurance compensation for council members.

This was a 180-degree turn from what councilmen Dexter and Don Dean previously requested. The pair had each written letters threatening court action if they were not compensated for the insurance benefits they do not use.

McGill said if the solution to the benefits issue is for council members to run to a judge threatening to sue the people they serve, the city has no need for them. "I want it on the record right now," McGill said. "If you don't get your way,

are you going to do the judge thing?"

Councilman Don Dean told McGill he had been told court was the only solution, but he said he did not intend to pursue it.

McGill, Casey Anderson and Brent Kerbs, who had been asked to serve on a committee to study compensations of elected officials in other communities, all reported the issue was senseless in their estimation.

"While some argued that the council might be paid more than \$400 a month, they said the insurance is a benefit council members can take or leave and is not something that should be replaced with money if someone opts out."

Anderson reported that in studying compensation packages for council members in other Idaho cities, he found amounts from \$300 a month to nearly \$1,000. While some provided a full insur-

ance package to council members, many provided it for the council member only with an option to buy it for family. Others did not provide such benefits.

He pointed out the manner in which this issue has evolved is confusing to him.

"You started out upset because you didn't get the benefit, now you want to take it away from everyone," Anderson said. "With most issues I can set them aside and let it go, but when I think about what you have done here, it just keeps grinding and won't go away."

"If things need to be equitable, then raise the pay of the council and take all the benefits away, but don't tell us nobody does business this way — because everybody does it. You either take the benefits offered or you leave it."

Anderson said he believed Dexter and Dean had gone from "not getting enough" to "all getting too much."

"I think this is a pretty petty deal," Anderson said.

"I've been elected to protect the citizens, but I want to know who's supposed to protect us from our guys, or who protects you from yourselves?"

After hours of argument, the council moved to send the issue back to its administrative committee to come up with some suggestions.

### City Council compensation

City	Population	Pay	Benefits	Total
Burley	9,190	\$4,800	\$10,200	\$15,000
Twin Falls	37,619	\$9,000	\$5,795	\$14,795
Jerome	8,377	\$6,000	\$3,383	\$9,383

# Mexican bullfighter dies at 91

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## Virginia Mae Atix

**TWIN FALLS** — Virginia Mae Atix, 89, of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at her home. She was born July 22, 1917, at Mitchell, S.D., the daughter of George D. MacDougall and Katherine Mae Disrow MacDougall. On Sept. 13, 1936, she married Reginald W. Atix at Long Beach, Calif. The family made their home in Garden Grove, Calif. Since 1950, the couple resided in Twin Falls, with Reginald W. passing away in 1999. She was a member of Twin Falls Chapter 29 Order of the Eastern Star, and Past Matron of the Garden Grove Eastern Star, Virginia is survived by her son, Reginald G. Atix of Twin Falls; two grandchildren: Chert Atix of San Diego, Calif., and Caitly Atix of Long Beach, Calif.

Gravestone services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006, at the Reflections of History Museum at Sunset Memorial Park with Pastor Dale Metzger of Rock Creek Community Church officiating with gravestone rites by Twin Falls Chapter 29 Order of the Eastern Star. Friends may call from 4 until 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4, 2006, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. The family suggests memorials be given to The Idaho Commission for Libraries, Talking Books Service, 325 W. State St., Boise, Idaho 83702-6072 or to Eastern Star Retirement Home. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

**MEXICO CITY** — (AP) — Silverio Perez, one of Mexico's most beloved bullfighters, has died. He was 91. Perez died Saturday at his ranch in Penicotes east of Mexico City after suffering from pneumonia, Mexican media reported. Born June 20, 1915, the legendary matador was considered one of the greatest bullfighters of Mexico's Golden Age

of toreros; He started his career in 1931 after a bull killed his brother, the famed Carmelo Perez. During a fight in Spain, nicknamed "The Phoenix," Silverio Perez's enticing, slow style attracted fans from Mexico to Spain. During a fight in 1943, crowd cheers of "Ole!" reverberated for blocks from a Mexico City bull ring after he killed "Tanguito" in what was considered a

supreme performance. He was "selective while carrying out one of the most difficult tasks in the world," the Mexican newspaper El Universal said Sunday. Perez retired from bullfighting in 1953. Mexican songwriter and singer Agustín Lara wrote the song "Silverio" in the 1960s in his honor. A statue of Perez waving his cape at a bull adorns one of

Mexico City's main avenues. He was an extraordinary man," Mexican bullfighter Eulalio Lopez said. Thousands of Mexicans planned to honor Silverio Perez in a ceremony Sunday at the Plaza Mexico, Mexico City's main bullfighting ring. His ashes will be enshrined at Basílica de la Virgen Guadalupe. He is survived by several children and grandchildren.

# Olympic gold medalist dies at age 75

By Judith M. Herbin Associated Press Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO** — At the 1948 Olympics in London, Bob Mathias became the youngest gold medalist to win a track and field event. British journalists asked the 17-year-old decathlon champion how he planned to celebrate. "I guess I'll start shaving," he said.

Mathias died of cancer Saturday in Fresno at age 75, his record intact. An Olympic historian said Sunday that Mathias' achievements, which included a second gold medal in decathlon at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, came at a simpler time in the history of sports.

"There were no sponsors. There was no money. There were no drugs," said David Wallace, author of "The Complete Book of the Summer Olympics." "He was just doing it to overcome a will — not to be in an advertisement." Mathias' 1948 medal came in only his third decathlon. He qualified for the Olympics by winning two events in the United States. At the 1952 Helsinki Games,



Bob Mathias, of Tulare, Calif., defending Olympic decathlon champion, heaves the discus in Helsinki, Finland, in this July 26, 1952 file photo, to add to his lead in the decathlon.

he became the first athlete to repeat as Olympic champion in the decathlon.

A Stanford star who led that team to the Rose Bowl, Mathias was drafted by the Washington Redskins but never signed. He won the 1948 Sullivan Award as America's top amateur athlete.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Glenn C. Iudd**  
**BURLEY** — Glenn Clark Iudd, 81-year-old resident of Burley, died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006, at Highland Estates in Burley. The funeral is pending and will be announced by Russmen Funeral Home in Burley.

**Thomas Strader**  
**TWIN FALLS** — Thomas Strader, 59, of Twin Falls passed away Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at his home. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

## SERVICES

**Joyce Marie Pruett (Hobdy) Woodruff** of Pendleton, Ore., graveside inurnment at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Burns Mortuary in Pendleton).

**Patrick Mingle-Valley** - Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Preston L. McNeely of Paris, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Russmen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

**Roland Roger Senften III** of Chubbuck, graveside service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

**Dolores Jane York Howard** of Rexburg and formerly of Rupert and Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Russmen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends may call from 10 a.m. before the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

**Leo Hurst of Declo** funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Russmen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

**Aven L. "Red" Orr** of Twin Falls, graveside service at 3 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

**David John Hartway** of Boise and formerly of Buhl, visitation and gathering of family and friends from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Bowman Funeral Parlor in Garden City; burial and military honors at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery.

**Terry Stewart of Palmyra**, Nev., and formerly of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Community Church on Soldier Mountain Road in Fairfield ("Bunkers" Funeral Home in Las Vegas).

**Leona Helen Griffith** of Buhl, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl

# EMT numbers decline; small towns sound alarm

**CULDESAC, Idaho (AP)** — Caldwell County Librarian Beverly Gilliam always listens — not just for overly noisy patrons but for a signal from her emergency response helper.

As a volunteer emergency medical technician, she sometimes has to close the library, switching gears from literacy to life-or-death situations.

During one recent call, Gilliam was sent to a car crash to tend to the victims waiting by a roadside. Luckily, no one was seriously injured.

"I was the only one on call and I was wearing white pants," she told the Lewiston Tribune, laughing. Like small communities across the nation, Culdesac is experiencing — a shortage — of emergency medical technicians.

There are 437 EMTs in the five-county area of Latah, Nez Perce, Clearwater, Lewis and Idaho counties, according to the Idaho EMS Bureau, and of those, three-quarters are volunteers. The others are career EMTs who are paid for their work.

In nearby Kamiah, just 12 regular volunteers try to keep at least two of the town's three ambulances running with a staff of three each.

"Sometimes we have to take one or two ambulances out of service because we can't cover them," Gordon Hawkins with Kamiah Ambulance said. "That takes quite a toll on us."

Nick Alters, the former Clearwater County Sheriff and now with the Backcountry Medical-Rescue Team in Orofino, says fewer people

seem to be interested in any kind of volunteering. "Getting up in the middle of the night or leaving dinner is sometimes not that appealing to people," Alters said. "But efforts need to be made as to what it's all about and why it is important."

In most large Western cities, emergency medical services are provided by paid staffers, said Nick Nudd, a regional operations manager for Idaho EMS Bureau in Boise.

But many smaller towns would have trouble trying to come up with the tax money to pay EMTs.

Shari Kuller, president of the Nezperce Ambulance, said pay-

ing an ambulance staff EMTs in the face of shy volunteer EMTs has served for 30 years in this area.

"It was something designed to be able to help people," she said. "We said we had to be there to help our families."

The amount of training required to become an EMT may also be contributing to the decline in volunteers. To become a first responder, national standards state a volunteer must take an in-depth first-aid class that takes between 60 to 70 hours. Basic EMT class is another 110 hours, and advanced EMT class takes an additional 20 to 30 hours.

## ON THE AGENDA

- Tuesday**
  - Albion City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 124 S. Main.
  - Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey.
  - Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave.
  - Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland.
  - Filler City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main.
  - Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Fifth Ave. W.
  - Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.

- Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
- Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N.
- Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W.
- Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 P St.
- Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Hall St. W.
- Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.
- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
- Twin Falls County Historic

- Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W.
- Wednesday**
  - Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old Highway 30.
  - Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake.
  - Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
- Thursday**
  - Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar.

- Kimberly Public Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 Madison W.
- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
- Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St.
- Friday**
  - Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

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## THIS WEEK AT CSI

- Today**
  - Campus closed for Labor Day.
  - Magic Valley Tennis Leagues, 6 p.m., tennis courts by Washington Street through Thursday until Nov. 1).
- Tuesday**
  - Idaho Virtual Academy special education instruction, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Troy 211 (also Thursday, through May 25).
  - Herrett Center for Arts and Science open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., (also Friday).
  - CSI Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 104.
  - "Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile revue, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rainforest.
  - "Journey to the Edge of Space and Time", 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
  - CSI Chi Alpha weekly meet-

- ing, 8 p.m., Student Union building.
- Wednesday**
  - Herrett Center for Arts and Science open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (also Thursday).
  - Center for New Directions single-parent student group, noon, Student Union 247.
  - Sixx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.
- Friday**
  - CSI Recreation Center hours, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
  - CSI library open 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  - CSI Testing Center open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - CSI Golden Eagle volleyball team participates in the Eastern Arizona Tournament in Thatcher, Ariz. (through Saturday).
  - "Journey to the Edge of

- Space and Time", 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
- Saturday**
  - Independent Meat Co. employee meeting and picnic, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Herrett Center, Rick Allen Community Room.
  - South Central District Health breastfeeding conference, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Taylor building meeting rooms.
  - Idaho Small Business Development Center tax-ride training, 9 a.m., Evergreen C93.
  - Twin Falls Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., across North College Road from Eldon Evans Expo Center.
  - Delta Kappa Gamma monthly meeting, 10 a.m., Thursday.
  - United Church of God weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.
  - CSI Recreation Center

- hours, noon to 10 p.m., (also Sunday).
- Herrett Center for Arts and Science open 10 to 9 p.m.
- CSI library open 10 to 5 p.m. (also Sunday).
- "Hubble Vision," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
- "The Cowboy Astronomer," narrated by Baxter Black, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
- Magic Valley Astronomical Society presents "Exo-Planets" with Dr. Candice Wright, 7 p.m., Herrett Center, Rick Allen Community Room.
- "Journey to the Edge of Space and Time", 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
- "Lyndard Skywynd," Fly On, Free Bird, 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
- Herrett Center free monthly star party (telescope viewing), 9 p.m., Centennial Observatory.

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# Ranchers say grass-fed rules could mislead people

By Libby Quaid  
Associated Press writer

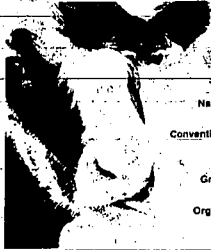
WASHINGTON — Meat-eaters usually assume a grass-fed steak came from cattle contentedly grazing for most of their lives on lush pastures, not crowded into feedlots.

If the government, in its way, the grass-fed label could be used to sell beef that didn't roam the range and ate more than just grass.

The Agriculture Department has proposed a standard for grass-fed meat that doesn't say animals need pasture and that broadly defines grass to include things like leftovers from harvested crops.

Critics say the proposal is so loose that it would let more conventional ranchers slap a grass-fed label on their beef, too.

"In the eyes of the consumer, grass-fed is tied to open pas-



SOURCE: Department of Agriculture

## Making sense of beef labels

The U.S. government would like the grass-fed beef label to apply to beef that didn't roam the range and ate more than grass. Opponents fear it would let conventional ranchers slap the label on their beef.

- Natural:** Minimally processed and free of additives such as preservatives, artificial flavors or colors.
- Conventional:** Beef comes from cattle that spend the first year or so of their lives in the pasture and are fattened on grain and other nutrients for the final three to six months until they are slaughtered.
- Grass:** Not yet defined, but a proposal would require 99 percent of an animal's diet to come from grass or forage, not grain.
- Organic:** Animals must be fed only organic grass or grain and cannot be fed antibiotics or growth hormones.

lose the integrity of what the term "grass-fed" means."

All beef cattle graze on grass at the beginning of their lives. The difference, generally, is that grass-fed beef herds graze in pastures, while conventional

cattle spend the last three or four months of their lives being fattened with corn or other grains in feedlots.

People buy grass-fed beef for many reasons: They want to avoid antibiotics common-

ly used in feedlots, they think it's healthier, or they like the idea of supporting local farms and ranches.

Grass-fed beef is a leaner meat; fat tends to form around the muscle. With conventional corn-fed beef, the fat streaks the muscle in marbled patterns.

"When you eat steak that is corn-finished, there's a mouthfeel that you get specifically from the fat; it hangs there in the palate for quite awhile," said Thom Fox, the chef at Acme Chophouse in San Francisco and a member of the Chefs Collaborative.

Grass-fed beef tends to have a much quicker finish. The taste lasts for a few minutes and cleans itself off very fast," Fox said.

Demand for grass-fed products is intense and producers are responding. By Wisconsin's estimate, the number of farms

has grown from about 40 seven years ago to around 1,000 today.

With so many producers rushing into the market, the definition of grass-fed varies. Some meat is sold as grass-fed when grass is only part of the animal's diet.

Confusion has resulted. A survey by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association found that half of consumers had heard of grass-fed beef, but only 28 percent believed it came from cows that grazed on grass their whole lives. Sixty percent thought the cows also ate other things, such as corn, hay and alfalfa.

"The awareness is there, but yet I think there is confusion," said Leah Wilkinson, food policy director for the Center for Food Safety. "We need to come out with something that won't be misleading to consumers."

## Restaurants set up Web site to help diners make healthy choices

By Candice Choi  
Associated Press writer

ALBANY, N.Y. — Restaurants, under fire from health advocates for too-big servings and not enough detail on nutrition, are fighting back.

The National Restaurant Association is building a Web site that will provide a hefty list of healthy meals and restaurants across the country where they can be found.

While the Healthy Dining Finder site isn't as upfront as the onsite brochures and posters that health experts have called for, it is a step in the right direction, said Christine Gerbstadt, a nutritionist with the American Dietetic Association.

The Web site is a way to discreetly warn diners willing to do research without offending others who may not want to be confronted with shockingly high calorie counts.

"It's a happy medium," said Sue Hensley, spokeswoman for the National Restaurant Association.

Arming diners with nutritional information is especially critical now, with Americans eating out more than ever before, Gerbstadt said. "People need to know what they're consuming," she said.

Tricia Bliss, a petite 35-year-old, always logs on the Internet to check nutritional information before going to lunch with co-workers.

If their chosen restaurants don't have anything she can eat, she'll persuade her friends to go elsewhere.

That's just the type of customer the Healthy Dining Finder site is targeting. At <http://www.healthydiningfinder.com/> — is intended to reach.

The site is collecting nutritional information on the four to 10 healthiest dishes at restaurants in a community. Users can punch in their town or ZIP code and search for restaurants by cuisine or price range. It is already available for preview, but a formal launch with more

### On the Net

**National Restaurant Association**  
[www.restaurant.org/](http://www.restaurant.org/)  
**American Dietetic Association**  
[www.eatright.org/](http://www.eatright.org/)

than 10,000 restaurant listings is scheduled for January.

"It's going to be the Grand Central of nutritional information," said Erica Bohm of Healthy Dining, the company that developed the site with the restaurant association.

Their hope is to dispel the notion that diners must stay at home or leave their diets at the door.

"When people go on a diet, they think 'Oh, my God, I'll never be able to eat out again,'" said Nettie Levine, a nutritionist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

But with some help, Levine says people can find ways to stick to their diets wherever they go. It's a matter of doing a little research and asking servers the right questions. It's the spinach sautéed in oil? Is the sauce low-fat?

The Healthy Dining Finder will make that work easier, although Levine cautions that online calorie counts might not always be accurate. Two plates of chicken parmigiana—even from the same restaurant, can vary greatly.

The Web site begs the question: Why not put the information in the restaurants or on menus?

"It's sort of sneaky that they do it online but not in the store," said Elizabeth Pickler, a 19-year-old Albany resident.

"When people go out, it's usually a spur-of-the-moment thing, and they aren't going to be able to go online."

Some cafes are more upfront about what they serve. At Au Bon Pain bakeries, computer kiosks calculate calories and other details for sandwiches and pastries, and Applebee's uses the Weight Watchers point system on its menu.

## ISU aims to be premier research school

POCAHELLO, Idaho (AP) — Deep inside a maze-like series of white concrete corridors at the Idaho Accelerator Center sits a Cold War relic: A particle accelerator that emits pulses of electrons through a metal tube.

The \$20 million device — part of the now multibillion "Star Wars" missile defense system — has become the heart of several research projects by physicists from Idaho State University.

It's a line between work and fun. ISU Physics Chairman Dan Dale told the Idaho State Daily.

"The researchers say their work on large accelerators and several smaller versions could lead to quicker methods of scanning cargo at ports, imag-

ing technology with 1,000 times greater contrast than that available today, and new ways of detecting and neutralizing airborne pathogens such as anthrax. The center is funded mainly through grants totaling about \$6 million a year from the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Lawrence Ford, ISU's chief research officer, said he sees a bright future for the facility at the university because of the work being done on projects such as those at the Idaho Accelerator Center.

"We see the university headed onward and upward," Ford said. "We have a core we can build on. I hope 10 years down the road, ISU is recognized as

an outstanding research and teaching institution."

The recognition may even come quicker, thanks to an event planned next summer. ISU physics professor Phil Cole said. About 300 of the world's leading physicists, some representing the International Atomic Energy Agency, are expected to meet at the accelerator center next year.

"It will put us on the map as one of the top research facilities in the world," Cole said.

"The researchers are also trying to use the accelerators to find a way to keep solar flares from causing problems with electronic satellites. By zapping electronic equipment with electronic pulses, the physicists can test which

kinds of equipment are most resistant to the sun's electromagnetic waves.

Another machine, called the Linear Accelerator, shoots "microwave surfing" electrons that the scientists are using to detect materials such as uranium.

"We're working on detecting TNT and other explosives," Wells said. The Department of Defense is interested in the technology because it "could be used to find roadside bombs, he said.

"New ideas crop up based on outcomes of experiments," Wells said. "You follow those leads."

## Man allegedly tries to make slot machine cheating a family affair

The Washington Post

Michael Joseph Balsamo is a skilled slot-machine cheater, but he's also not out on his own. He's been banned from entering casinos in two states but not good enough to keep from getting caught. Maybe that's why he allegedly brought his family in on it.

Balsamo started out in the late 1970s with a yo-yo device, that could fool a slot machine into thinking new nickels were being plugged in. By the early 1980s, he was serving time in Nevada for cheating casinos with the yo-yo when he pleaded guilty to the same thing in New Jersey.

Over the years, Balsamo, 47, has been investigated 25 times and convicted six. He also got married and moved to Las Vegas, where he was banned from their casinos in 1999.

Now it's allegedly a family affair. Balsamo's wife, Stephanie, 45; her mother and her son were all named with him in a recent grand jury indictment charging that the family worked together. They used a hand-held wire with a light on the end to trick slot machines into paying out more than they should, investigators said. They also allegedly acted as lookouts

and blocked security cameras for one another.

No one but Balsamo has a history of cheating. Terry Markling, chief of enforcement for the Nevada Gaming Control Board, told the Las Vegas Review-Journal. "It's not every day we catch three generations working together."

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# Terror prosecutions return to levels seen before Sept. 11

By Dan Eggen  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Justice Department prosecutions of international terrorism cases, which surged in volume after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, have nearly returned to the levels seen prior to the hijackings, according to an independent analysis of government data released Sunday.

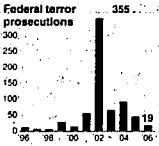
The study of data by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC), an affiliate of Syracuse University in New York, also showed that as many as nine out of 10 terrorism investigations do not result in prosecutions; that most charges are not related to terrorism; and that only about a third of those prosecuted end up in prison.

The findings, based on data compiled by the Justice Department's Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys, echoes previous analyses by The Washington Post and others showing that most defendants in terrorism cases are charged with crimes unrelated to terrorism and many end up serving little or no prison time.

But the TRAC data also pro-

## International terror prosecutions drop

There has been a decline in federal prosecutions of terrorists to about the same rate as before the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, according to a study.



SOURCE: Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, Syracuse University

vide new insight into the extent to which prosecutions surged immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks, only to return to the far lower levels of previous years.

In 2002, federal prosecutors filed charges against 355 defendants in international terrorism cases, the study said. By last year, that number had dropped to 46, fewer than the number prosecuted in 2001. Just 19 such cases had been prosecuted so far this year, the study said.

The TRAC report called the

## International terrorist cases

Reporters for prosecutions

Category	Count
Prosecutions filed	2,151
Closed without conviction	1,633
Convicted	1,329
Prison sentence	925
One day or more	167
Five years or more	14
Twenty years to life	14

decline in prosecutions "unexpected," and said it seemed to contradict regular warnings from the government that the threat of global terrorism is higher than before.

"Considering the numerous warning statements from President Bush and other federal officials about the continuing nature of the terrorism threat... the gradual decline in these cases since the FY-2002 high point and the high rate at which prosecutors are declining to prosecute terrorism

cases raises questions," the report says.

But Justice Department spokesman Bryan Sierra said in a statement last week that the report contains "many flaws" and includes "misleading analysis." He said sentencing statistics are not a good measure of the department's counterterrorism efforts, and said it was not surprising that many referrals from the FBI or other investigative agencies would not result in prosecutions.

"This report does not take into account the significance of the Justice Department's successful strategy of prevention through prosecution, which has helped protect this country from terrorism since the attacks of Sept. 11," Sierra said. "The department will continue to employ this strategy and work tirelessly to prevent another attack on U.S. soil."

The dispute over the TRAC findings is the latest in a series of disagreements over the effectiveness of the Justice Department's antiterrorism efforts, which can be measured in a number of different ways. The TRAC study, for

example, is based on month-by-month data compiled by the U.S. attorneys' office, and includes more than 6,400 referrals in "international terrorism" and "antiterrorism" cases since Sept. 11.

Gonzales and other senior justice officials, however, have frequently relied on a different and much smaller list of terrorism-related cases compiled by the Criminal Division, which as of June included 441 defendants and 261 convictions.

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# Chicago fire kills six children, blamed on candle used for light

By Michael Tarm  
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Children screamed "we're burning" early Sunday as an apartment fire, likely caused by a candle used for light because there was no electricity, killed six children, ages 3 to 14, authorities said.

The victims' mother and three siblings were injured.

The third-floor, three-bedroom apartment on the city's North Side also had no smoke detector, said visibly shaken fire Commissioner Raymond Orozco.

"This is the largest multiple fire fatality we've had from a single fire in quite a few years. I mean it's children. It's difficult for everyone involved," Orozco said.

Commonwealth Edison spokesman John Dewey said the apartment hadn't had electricity "since May" but he wouldn't say why it was turned off, citing confidentiality reasons.

"Firefighters found most of the children huddled in the apartment's front room, not far from the spot where the fire probably started, said fire department spokesman Larry Langford.

"It appears that candles were used in the apartment and right now our preliminary cause is that the candles were the cause of origin," Orozco said.

"The fire broke out just after midnight, Langford said.

"Then the mother came running out with one child in her arms, screaming to the neighbors that there were other children inside," said Capt. Will. Knight. "They asked her how many and she said 'six!'"

Derrill Dixon said two children appeared at a window and he and several other neighbors held up a blanket, trying unsuccessfully to get the youngsters to jump to safety.

"The kids were screaming and screaming 'Help! Help! We're burning, we're burning,'" said Dixon, 22, who said he saw firefighters rescue one of the children with a ladder.

Al Tillman, 32, was visiting a friend in the area when he heard the children yelling for help. He ran up to the third floor and crawled into the smoke-filled apartment, where he managed to grab a child's arm. He dragged the boy outside and handed him to paramedics.

"I'm shaken up because the other children didn't make it," Tillman said. "I only heard one child. I wish I could have saved the others."

The dead were identified by the Cook County medical examiner's office as Vanessa Ramirez, 14; Eric Ramirez, 12; Suzette Ramirez, 10; Idaly Ramirez, 6; Kevin Ramirez, 3; and Escalett Ramos, 3.



Elvina Davis, left, hugs her cousin Jasmin Lamb at the scene of a fire that killed six children early Sunday in Chicago. Authorities said the fire was likely caused by a candle being used because there was no electricity.

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EDITORIAL

The final word arrives on Plame investigation

We're reluctant to return to the subject of former CIA employee Valerie Plame because of our oft-stated belief that far too much attention and debate in Washington has been devoted to her story and that of her husband, former ambassador Joseph Wilson, over the past three years. But all those who have opined on this affair ought to take note of the not-so-surprising disclosure that the primary source of the newspaper column in which Plame's cover as an agent was purportedly blown in 2003 was former deputy secretary of state Richard Armitage.

Our view: This guest editorial by The Washington Post says new revelations in the CIA agent case brings blame on the aggrieved Joseph Wilson. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Armitage was one of the Bush administration officials who supported the invasion of Iraq only reluctantly. He was a political rival of the White House and Pentagon officials who championed the war, an, whom Wilson, accused of twisting intelligence about Iraq and then plotting to destroy him. Unaware that Plame's identity was classified information, Armitage reportedly passed it along to columnist Robert Novak "in an off-hand manner, virtually as gossip," according to a story this week by the Post's R. Jeffrey Smith, who quoted a former colleague of Armitage.

It follows that one of the most sensational charges leveled against the Bush White House — that it orchestrated the leak of Plame's identity to ruin her career and thus punish Wilson — is untrue. The partisan clamor that followed the raising of that allegation by Wilson in the summer of 2003 led to the appointment of a special prosecutor, a costly and prolonged investigation, and the indictment of Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, Lewis "Scooter" Libby, on charges of perjury. All of that might have been avoided had Armitage's identity been known three years ago.

That's not to say that Libby and other White House officials are blameless. As prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald has reported, when Wilson charged that intelligence about Iraq had been twisted to make a case for war, Libby and Cheney reacted by inquiring about Plame's role in recommending Wilson for a CIA-sponsored trip to Niger, where he investigated reports that Iraq had sought to purchase uranium. Libby then allegedly disclosed Plame's identity to journalists and lied to a grand jury when she said he had learned of her identity from one of those reporters. Libby and his boss, Cheney, were trying to discredit Wilson; if Fitzgerald's account is correct, they were careless about handling information that was classified.

Nevertheless, it now appears that the person most responsible for the end of Plame's CIA career is Wilson. Wilson chose to go public with an explosive charge, claiming — falsely, as it turned out — that he had debunked reports of Iraqi uranium shopping in Niger and that his report had circulated to senior administration officials. He ought to have expected that both those officials and journalists such as Novak would ask why a retired ambassador would have been sent on such a mission and that the answer would point to his wife. He diverted responsibility from himself and his false charges by claiming that President Bush's closest aides had engaged in an illegal conspiracy. It's unfortunate that so many people took him seriously.

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'Survivor' or Amazing Race Game?

I Uncle Sam has been dividing us up by race for decades now, why should we surprised that the reality TV show 'Survivor' is doing the same thing? And could there be a double standard — that is, it's good when the government apportions by race, but bad when the private sector does so?

Reality TV, like all popular culture, reflects the larger society. So, (we want to color-blind society) the government should stop being so religiously color-conscious.

Once upon a time, the goal was to climb out of that black of racial hatred, to a new and higher place, where old hostilities would be put aside. The Declaration of Independence, asserting that "all men are created equal," left blacks and women, but it was a good beginning toward a great new idea: equality of opportunity.

Two centuries later, in 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. declared his hope that people will be judged not "by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." Such a goal is inspiring in and of itself, and yet it's also good practical politics, in keeping with the "melting pot" ideal of American political theorists. After all, the only way a multiethnic society can survive is if all ethnicities agree on a few common things, most obviously law and language. Yes, keep your favorite foods and old-country holidays, and perhaps your sense of ethnic uniqueness or even superiority — but if you want to live with other kinds of people, keep such thoughts mostly to yourself. In any case, any such ethnic divisions must never be written law.

As we all know, that's exactly what happened: The state mandated ethnicity into statute. The "content of their character" model didn't last



even through the 1960s. The lawyered-up left hijacked King's idea of voluntarily helping blacks get a boost on the ladder of success, turning such boosting into a matter of regulation and litigation. So a system of racial quotas, mostly for big companies and big bureaucracies, was established. The problem is that most people don't want to believe that the American melting pot has become an ethnic spoils system, in which groups carve up the pie on the basis of skin color in Washington, D.C. Obviously, reasonable people can disagree about CIEDIRA, I have problems with several of its parts. Some good people in Idaho have invited to help put it together. Others were left out. But back in Washington, D.C., it appears very few congressmen even know what it is about or understand why protecting Idaho's rural communities and public lands is so important. Incumbents have led walls (generated by big money and partisan consultants) and baiting between members of different parties.

ism." to hide what they are really doing: racial balkanization. But now 'Survivor' has blown the quaterback's cover. The news that the latest installment of the long-running series, debuting Sept. 14, will feature contestants divided into four ethnic teams — whites, blacks, Hispanics, Asians, each competing to win the prize — is devastating to the quiet quota regime. Why? Because it shows, on national TV, what's been going on off-screen, in the real world, for decades. The Houston Chronicle was right in editorializing that the forthcoming show had "unleashed under the gutter standards of the genre." And Gannett columnist Dewayne Wickham was right, too, in his opinion piece headlined, "New 'Survivor' TV show stages race war as good entertainment." But government officials have protested — protesting, ironically, what they themselves do.

A news release from the New York City Council said that members of the council's Black, Latino and Asian Caucus held a news conference denouncing the segregated 'Survivor.' But we must ask: If politicians naturally organize themselves in racial groups — as demonstrated in this century-heavy news release — why shouldn't entertainers? Yes, by all means, let's denounce the new 'Survivor' as untheoretical to our basic American principles. But, if we do that, we have to denounce what the government has been doing, too. And we have to repeat all those pro-quota rules and red tape. If that happens, this whole sorry episode will have made a great contribution, reminding us of our forgotten ideal of true equality of our character equality. That was a good idea then, and it's a good idea today.

James P. Pinkerton is a columnist for Newsday.

Congress requires bold change of operations

There has been a lot of banter about personalities surrounding the Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act of Congress. Recent news articles have made much of the fact that some Democrats are saying nice things about parts of a bill Rep. Mike Simpson introduced in Congress, while some Republicans refuse to support it.

Such articles may be interesting to political insiders but when it comes to a deliverable by turning honest, constructive differences about important issues into meaningless personality spats, it reminds me of people who send a family on a disservice that has a possible addition to the house might look like, and yet they ignore the fact that the foundation of the house is rotting.

There must be a lot more scrutiny of the way CHIDRA and other important pieces of legislation are pushed through Congress. The U.S. House of Representatives was once referred to as the "People's House," but no longer. Its members increas-

JIM HANSEN

ingly make decisions behind closed doors, remove the public from meaningful participation and cut last-minute deals tailored by and for private interests with power and money in Washington, D.C.

Obviously, reasonable people can disagree about CIEDIRA, I have problems with several of its parts. Some good people in Idaho have invited to help put it together. Others were left out. But back in Washington, D.C., it appears very few congressmen even know what it is about or understand why protecting Idaho's rural communities and public lands is so important. Incumbents have led walls (generated by big money and partisan consultants) and baiting between members of different parties. The more I find out about the dysfunctional way Congress handled this and other issues vital to Idaho, the more I am angry that Idahoans are being taken for a ride.

Congress is steeped in a culture where big private interest groups — like oil and pharmaceutical companies — get virtually everything they want. That leaves most ordinary people out of the process. After all, we don't finance congressional campaigns, the private interest groups do.

Just because that is the way Congress now operates does not make it right. We are told we should not expect bills to get bipartisan sponsorship anymore like the Sawtooth National Recreation Act did in 1972. We are told that debate by the full House membership is unnecessary and critical votes can occur when it "suspends the rules." We are told no amendments can be considered after the deals have been cut. We are even told that we should not expect a record of how each bill is handled. Just because that is the way Congress now operates does not make it right. Are we allowed to talk about this back home? No. We are left to discuss silly things like whether one politician threatened to throw another

out the window. People are tired of the condescending approach Congress takes to local communities. They are tired of being told to lower their expectations. They are tired of Congress' obsession with raising campaign money. They are tired of Congress' full-time partisan attacks that make bipartisan governing impossible. They want to see Congress be a "House of Representatives" again, rather than a "House of Private Interests." It is time to focus on the foundation of our House this year. It is time to hold Congress — and all incumbents of both parties — to the highest standard in the way the public's business is conducted.

Jim Hansen is the Democratic candidate for Congress in Idaho's 1st District. He served in the Legislature from 1988-1994. He is not taking any political action committee money to fund his campaign and is limiting contributions to no more than \$100 per person, per election.

Diner had no reason for mistreating customers

As a citizen of this community, I am disgraced and appalled at the kind of treatment I watched two customers receive at a local establishment Friday night, Aug. 2. The two women came in to have a meal and just sat down when they were attacked verbally in front of everyone under the sun by the manager. They were well dressed, very nice people and were told to get out and never come back. The two women wanted an explanation as to what he was saying, why he was saying it and wanted to know what in the world he was never talking about. He never gave any reason, and I believe that if

you are going to accuse someone of something that they may have never done, you should have your facts straight before you make a fool of yourself in front of your other customers. At least have the courtesy of talking privately. I happened to go outside to see if these women were OK because of the verbal thrashing and threat they received. "I had to talk with them. Trust me, they just lost a member of their family several weeks ago, and they still do not have a clue as to what this manager-owner was talking about. Shame on him. I guess this certain establishment saying 'shut up and eat your burger,' says it all. This manager surely represents this community well — not! ELIZABETH MARTIN Kimberly

Gasoline prices are too slow to come down

Has anyone else noticed that when oil goes up a dollar on the stock market, the oil companies and gas station owners can't wait to get the increase on their gas pumps? When oil goes down on the stock market, it takes days and days for the price to go down at the pump. The average price of gas in the United States is \$2.80 a gallon. I guess the Twin Falls gas stations didn't get the message that oil has dropped 10 percent in the last three weeks. As PT Barnum once said, "There's a sucker born every minute." Or was it every second? George Bush will go down in history as the president that gave parts of the United States back to Mexico. By not enforcing American law, he has allowed the invasion from the

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south to continue. He has allowed millions of illegals to make demands on America that citizens of a foreign country have no right to make." President Eisenhower deported 1 million illegals. George Bush 43 looks the other way instead. AL DUTT — Twin Falls

Cancer advocates will push for more federal aid

This September, I will join thousands of other cancer advocates in Washington, D.C., for "Celebration on the Hill," a groundbreaking event of the American Cancer Society's sister advocacy organization, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. Celebration on the Hill will celebrate cancer survivorship and send a strong message to elected officials that cancer must be made a national policy

priority. This year, an estimated 565,000 people will die from cancer nationwide, including 2,000 in Idaho alone. Yet, Congress last year cut funding for cancer research at the National Cancer Institute for the first time in more than a decade, and this year, congressional leaders are threatening additional cuts. As one of 4,000 ambassadors who will attend Celebration on the Hill, I will be meeting with Rep. Mike Simpson, Sen. Mike Crapo and Sen. Larry Craig to urge them to demonstrate a commitment to elevating cancer on the national policy agenda. We will be encouraging lawmakers to sign the Congressional Cancer Promise, which details specific legislative actions that are required to put us back on track toward defeating this disease. Last year, 92 U.S. senators and 280 members of the House

of Representatives signed a letter to the president in support of the national challenge goal of eliminating suffering and death due to cancer by the year 2015. Lawmakers now must commit to making the policy decisions necessary to reach that goal, including expanding prevention and detection programs that increase survival rates, boosting medical research funding and ensuring that all Americans have access to all the latest tools for treating cancer. When I lost my daughter and sister to cancer, I promised to do everything I could to defeat this disease. This September, I will be asking our congressmen to do the same. TRACY HASKIN Heyburn (Editor's note: Tracy Haskin is a Celebration on the Hill ambassador.)



# The religion of peace

...disbelievers will be cast into an eternal fire. But Allah is also ever merciful, and the West can change its ways and turn to the purifying power of Islam ... — Kidnapped Fox reporter Steve 'Khaled' Centanni, channeling his captors.

We don't often get to watch our media people convert to Islam, so the footage of Fox News' Steve Centanni and Olaf Wig has been riveting.

Some people can't get enough of watching planes fly into the World Trade Center towers. I can't get enough of Centanni and Wig pledging allegiance to Muhammad, Peace Be Upon Him.

The common thread between the two is disbelief. I kept returning the tapes, now posted on the Web, trying to read the kidnapped newsie's body language and translate the meaning of deep breaths and eye movements.

Trying, alas, to imagine being in their place.

As everyone knows, reporter Centanni and cameraman Wig were released several days after being seized in Gaza City by masked gunmen and held hostage for 13 days.

It's not clear exactly who their kidnappers were, whether part of the Holy Jihad Brigades, as claimed, or whether they had ties to Hamas or the al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, an offshoot of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah.

You need a scorecard to keep up with all the region's disaffected.

Apparently, when three or more angry Muslims gather in a garage, a new jihadist group is born.

What's perfectly clear is that video is the new weapon of mass destruction. A billion people manipulated into religious frenzy is a formidable force. It is also clear that the West's continued existence — at least from the perspective of militant Muslims — depends upon our willingness to bow to Islam.

Those two conclusions are made possible by the images of Centanni and Wig holding up an Afghan flag and proclaiming allegiance to the Prophet Muhammad.

Says Centanni: "My name is Steve. I'm an American. After I entered Islam, I changed my name to Khaled. I have

Despite our empathy and relief at the men's release, there is nevertheless something about that video — of seeing those two decent, open-hearted Western men surrendering to these lowlife fanatics — that makes me want to take a shower.



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embraced Islam and say the word Allah, and my leader is the Prophet Muhammad. Peace be upon Him."

Wig — new name "Ya'qub" — repeats the liturgy.

Then the two men proceed to read a script outlining all the reasons why the West is wrong — from invading Afghanistan and Iraq to the tortures of Abu Ghraib. They also ask that all prisoners be released from Guantanamo and that President Bush cease referring to Islamic facilities as "Islamic facilities."

It's not nice, and it makes the kidnappers mad. —

"Each, they were very angry about that," said Wig, in an interview after his release.

In his role as Khaled, Centanni said he hoped to help Westerners see the light of Islam, which "helps people to love mercy, brotherhood, equality and justice." Especially — we can't help filling in for him — when a gun is pointed at one's head. Or a knife poised at one's throat.

One of Wig's interrogators, a dark figure framed by two AK-47s and with a bayonet at his feet, provided a grim reminder that death is always an option for uncooperative infidels.

Thus, the journalists did what they thought necessary to survive.

Obviously, none of us can imagine what we'd do under similar circumstances. Yet despite our empathy and relief at the men's release, there is nevertheless something about that video — of seeing those two decent, open-hearted Western men surrendering to these lowlife fanatics — that

makes me want to take a shower.

How dare those thugs lecture Westerners about the lovelessness of Islam while forcing religious conversion at gunpoint?

Their objective was clear from the beginning: according to Centanni and Wig, They wanted a video. The two Fox journalists were far more valuable shown as cowardly Westerners converting to Islam than as severed heads on the tip of a dull knife.

Let me be clear: I don't think they were cowards. But those who are willing to strap explosives to their bodies — or enlist their children to become suicide bombers — surely see them, and us, that way. It is easy to imagine that rancorous Muslims are as attuned to the video as we are, watching replay after replay in the smug satisfaction that they have scored another victory against the infidel and the Great Satan.

Those few minutes of ethnographically barren affirmations of the Islamic world that Westerners are weak, while they reiterate the jihadis's message to the West:

"Convert to Islam — or die."

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## NOTABLE QUOTES

"A divided society is a weak society. A society that is incapable of achieving its goals or taking care of its neediest members."

— Mexican President Vicente Fox, after protests over conservative Felipe Calderon's presidential election victory forced him to

deliver a state-of-the-nation speech on television.

"Party!"

— a group of Americans in Cabo San Lucas, when asked what they would do in the resort town after Hurricane John blew through.

"To lose any game is a shock to us. We came in with the mentality to win the game and the gold medal."

— U.S. Star Carmelo Anthony after Greece defeated the U.S. in the World Basketball Championships, 101-95.

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**Want to Really Retire When You Retire? Work Hard at Investing.**  
With Labor Day at hand, it's a good time to reflect on your work—specifically, how long you plan to keep working? And when you retire, will you retire for good, or will you still work in some capacity? These are important questions—and the answers can have a big impact on your savings and investment strategies.

As you think about your retirement plans, you might be surprised at the expectation of many of your fellow workers. Some 67 percent of employees anticipate working for pay during retirement, according to the 2006 Retirement Confidence Survey, issued by the Employee Benefit Research Institute. And many of these people undoubtedly think they will have to work.

How can you avoid becoming a working retiree? For one thing, you can work at being a good investor—and you can make sure your investments are also working hard.

**Work to Become a Good Investor**  
What sort of work does it take to become a good investor? Here are some steps to consider:

- Work to identify your goals. It's important to identify and quantify your goals. For example, if your biggest goal is achieving a comfortable retirement, think about when you want to retire, where you want to live and what sort of lifestyle you desire. Then, try to determine how much this type of retirement will cost. The answers will help you chart your investment course.
- Work to achieve investment discipline. Whenever the market is down, you may be tempted to take "timeouts" from investing. But the best investors are the ones who continually invest, no matter what market conditions look like.
- Work with a professional. By working with a qualified financial professional—someone who knows your situation and has the skills and tools necessary to navigate the investment world—you can create an investment strategy that's right for you.

**Keep Your Investments Working Hard**  
To help attain your financial goals, you need to work at investing—but you also need your investments to work hard, too. That means you may not want to overload your portfolio with fixed-income vehicles, such as Treasury securities and certificates of deposit (CDs), if you are seeking growth. While these investments typically offer stability of principal and regular interest checks, they can be "lazy" in the sense that they may not always keep up with inflation or provide the growth potential you are seeking to achieve your goals.

To get those growth opportunities, include equity stocks in your diversified portfolio. Historically, stocks have "outperformed" and outperformed all other asset classes—and outpaced inflation. (Of course, stock prices will always fluctuate, so there is the potential that you can lose some or all of your money, and, as you've probably heard, past performance does not guarantee future results. But by investing in "growth" companies and holding your stocks for the long term, you may be able to increase your chances for growth. (Keep in mind that the government guarantees payment of principal and interest on Treasury securities, and that CDs carry FDIC insurance. Stocks do not carry either of these benefits.)

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# Europe's first lunar mission ends with planned crash on moon

By David McHugh  
Associated Press writer

DARMSSTADT, Germany — Europe's first spacecraft to the moon smashed into a volcanic plain as planned Sunday, signaling the end of a successful mission to test a new propulsion system and navigation technology for flights to other planets.

Staff at the European Space Agency's control center clapped when the SMART-1 orbiter hit a lunar hillside at 4,475 mph, coming down in the target zone a day after a hurried course correction.

The deliberate crash capped a three-year mission that tested new technologies such as a low-thrust ion engine that ESA hopes will inexpensively take other probes to Mercury and other planets. It also tested

new ways of automating a spacecraft's guidance.

Ground controllers predicted the probe would hit the lunar plain called the Lake of Excellence at 20 seconds past 1:42 a.m. EDT. At 21 seconds past spacecraft data suddenly stopped streaming onto a big screen above their consoles.

Controllers burst into applause as operations chief Olivier Camino announced, "We have landed."

Minutes later, the Canada France Hawaii Telescope on Mount Kea, Hawaii, relayed an infrared image of a white flash against the gray lunar landscape — SMART-1 as it struck what appeared to be a rick area.

ESA had asked astronomers to watch for the crash, hoping to collect data that will tell more about the geology of the area around the site.

They might have missed the chance to observe the crash if not for a hasty adjustment of the probe's descent early Saturday. Firing the craft's thrusters, controllers kept the probe from hitting a mile-high crater rim — an impact that might have gone unseen.

"We did it very quickly," Camino said. "We were under some stress."

During months in orbit around the moon, the spacecraft scanned the surface with X-ray and infrared spectrometers and took high-resolution pictures to collect information about geology that scientists hope will advance knowledge about why the lunar surface evolved.

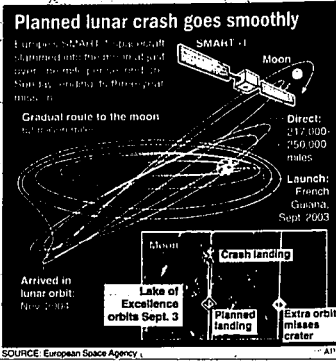
India's Chandrayaan-1 moon mission, slated for 2007-08, will use some of the instruments developed for the ESA mission, in another token of

the growing globalization of space exploration.

But the SMART-1's primary mission was testing the ion engine that officials hope to use on the BepiColombo mission to Mercury slated for 2014.

The engine uses electricity from the craft's solar panels to produce a stream of charged particles called ions. It generates only small amounts of thrust but needed only 176 pounds of xenon fuel to power the craft, a cube measuring roughly 3 feet on each side.

SMART-1 — Small Mission for Advanced Research and Technology — was launched into Earth orbit by an Ariane-5 booster rocket from Kourou, French Guiana, in September 2005. The ion engine slowly raised the orbit over 14 months until the moon's gravity grabbed the probe.



# Experts at International Congress on Obesity warn of deadly global pandemic

By Bokan Salvin  
Associated Press writer

SYDNEY, Australia — An obesity pandemic threatens to overwhelm health systems around the globe with illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease, experts at an international conference warned Sunday.

"This insidious, creeping pandemic of obesity is now engulfing the entire world," Paul Zimmet, chairman of the meeting of more than 2,500 experts and health officials, said in a speech opening the weeklong International Congress on Obesity. "It's as big a threat as global warming and bird flu."

The World Health Organization says more than 1 billion adults are overweight and 300 million of them are obese, putting them at much higher risk of diabetes, heart problems, high blood pressure, stroke and some forms of cancer.

Zimmet, a diabetes expert at Australia's Monash University, said there are now more overweight people in the world than the undernourished, who number about 600 million.

"People in wealthy countries lead in overeating and not doing enough physical activity, but those in the poorer nations of Asia, Africa and Latin America are quickly learning

bad habits, experts said.

Thailand's Public Health Ministry, for instance, announced Sunday that nearly one in three Thai over age 35 is at risk of obesity-related diseases.

"We are not dealing with a scientific or medical problem. We're dealing with an enormous economic problem that, it is already accepted, is going to overwhelm every medical system in the world," said Dr. Philip James, the British chairman of the International Obesity Task Force.

The task force is a section of the International Association for the Study of Obesity, a professional organization of sci-

entists and health workers in some 50 countries that deal with the issue.

James said the cost of treating obesity-related health problems was immeasurable on a global scale, but the group estimated it at billions of dollars a year in countries such as Australia, Britain and the United States.

Among the most ying problems are skyrocketing rates of obesity among children, which make them much more prone to chronic diseases as they grow older and could shave years off their lives, experts said.

The children in this generation may be the first in history

to die before their parents because of health problems related to weight, Kate Steinbeck, an expert in children's health at Sydney's Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, said in a statement.

Experts at the conference said governments should impose bans on junk food advertising aimed directly at children, although they acknowledged such restrictions were unlikely to come about soon because the industry would lobby hard against them.

"There is going to be a political bun fight over this for some time, but of course we shouldn't advertise junk food

to children that makes them fat," said Dr. Boyd Swinburn, a member of the International Obesity Task Force.

Dr. Claude Bouchard, president of the International Association for the Study of Obesity, an umbrella group for medical organizations dealing with weight-related and children's health issues, said the group's supported advertising bans as official policy.

But the policy position is unlikely to have any immediate effect on influencing governments to introduce such bans, said Bouchard, head of the Pennington Research Center at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge.

## Pain relief is top priority for terminally-ill pet

**By Steve Dale**  
Tribune Media Services

**Question:** My dog has liver cancer moving into his lungs. I realize he's dying, but I'm still seeking holistic treatments or diet changes. I'm not interested in chemotherapy or surgery. I just don't want him to be in pain and want his remaining time to be peaceful. Any suggestions?

**Answer:** If your dog's condition as dire as you describe, he may, indeed, not have much time left. Natural health veterinarian Dr. Shawn Messonnier, co-author of "The Natural Vet's Guide to Preventing and Treating Cancer in Dogs," says pain relief should be your first priority. A drug called

Piroxicam sometimes slows down the progression of cancer, as well as providing pain relief. No promises on the cancer-fighting properties in this instance, but it can't hurt. Discuss other pain relief possibilities with your veterinarian as well. Including Tingly, Tramadol and/or a Fentanyl patch.

As for diet, Messonnier recommends a veterinary diet made by Hill's (Science Diet) called N/D. However, some dogs can get an upset tummy, which is hardly helpful. And remember, all diet changes should be gradual.

Messonnier strongly suggests using OTC powder that's a proprietary combination of herbs, to support the liver. Milk thistle may also offer liver support. See a veterinarian with an interest in alternative medicine for details. I wish you my best.

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- \*Entry fee is a voluntary donation to sponsor the Newspaper in Education program, which supports Magic Valley schools.
- One pet per photo please.

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- On Sunday, October 8, 2006, photo entries will be published in the Times-News and will be available online at www.magicvalley.com. Readers can vote for their favorite pet by submitting a vote ballot.
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# Farewell, Andre

## U.S. Open loss to Becker is Agassi's finale

By Howard Fendrich  
Associated Press writer

**NEW YORK** — Crunched alone in the silence of the locker room, a pro tennis player no more, a red-eyed Andre Agassi twisted his torso in an attempt to conquer the seemingly mundane task of pulling a white shirt over his head.

Never more than at that moment did Agassi seem so vulnerable, looking far older than his 36 years, wrestling not simply with his bad back but also with two overwhelming and conflicting emotions.

There was the concrete sense of departure, of knowing his career came to an end Sunday with a 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 7-5 loss to 112th-ranked Benjamin Becker in the third round at the U.S. Open. And there was the fleeting sense of excitement, of knowing he has more time to devote to his wife, Steffi Graf, and their two children; of knowing there are no more flights to catch, no more practice sessions, no more injections to dull the searing pain of an irritated sciatic nerve.

That's why, for Agassi himself and the 20,000 or so fans who honored him with a raucous, four-minute standing ovation in Arthur Ashe Stadium after the match, it truly did not matter all that much what Sunday's outcome was. This day and this tournament were all about saying goodbye to an eight-time Grand Slam champion who grew up in front of the world, from cocky kid with the shoulder-length hair and denim shorts to the thoughtful guy with the shaved pate and proper tennis whites.

"The scoreboard said I lost today, but what the scoreboard doesn't say is what I've found," Agassi told the cheering tears streaming down his cheeks, his voice cracking with emotion. "Over the last 21 years, I've found loyalty. You have pulled for me on the court and also in life. I have found inspiration. You have willed me to succeed sometimes even in my lowest moments."

He could have been referring to his losses in his first three major finals, two at the French Open and one at the U.S. Open, setbacks that made him wonder if he'd ever reach the very top. Or, more likely, when having won Wimbledon and reached No. 1, he sank to 141st in the rankings and resorted to playing in tennis' minor leagues in 1997. Or, most recently, when his back hurt so badly after two of his first two rounds of the U.S. Open, the tournament he announced this summer would be his last.

Agassi got a cortisone injection after beating Andre Panatta in 3½ hours, then returned three anti-inflammatory shots in the days after beating eighth-seeded



ABOVE: Andre Agassi acknowledges the crowd after his loss to Benjamin Becker at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Sunday. TOP, RIGHT: Agassi watches his return against Becker.

Marcos Baghdatis in an even longer encounter. The last injection came Sunday, before facing Becker, a German who won the 2004 NCAA singles title for Baylor University but is so unaccomplished he needed to go through qualifying just to make it into the Open.

Talk about matching bookends: Agassi playing the very first of his record 61 Grand Slam tournaments at the U.S. Open in 1986, losing to Jeremy Bates, who was ranked outside the top 100 at

the time. Since then, Agassi was 24-0 in the Open against men rated that low — until Sunday.

But Agassi couldn't conjure up any more magic in his 21st consecutive Open, an event he won in 1994 and 1999. His back — and Becker — wouldn't let him. Over and over, Agassi would pull up short, watching a ball fly by instead of chasing it. He winced after serves, clutched his lower back after stretching to reach for shots.

"I wanted to run on the court and pull him off," said Agassi's trainer, Gil Reyes, "because it shouldn't hurt — it shouldn't hurt that bad."

There were times, as his limp grew more pronounced, when it seemed quite likely that Agassi wouldn't be able to complete the match: his father, who turned him into a tennis player as a toddler, had said he hoped Agassi wouldn't try to play Sunday and wasn't in atten-

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# Latham leads M.V. Am.

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**TWIN FALLS** — Triliver Latham has a four-stroke lead heading into today's final round of the 2006 Pressbox Magic Valley Amateur. Latham made his even-par 68 during Round 1 with a two-stroke lead on Sunday to earn a somewhat comfortable lead over second-place Brady Stanger, who enters today's round with a two-day total of 138. Terry Spackman will join the two in today's final grouping. He is five shots back of Latham. The trio of Latham, Stanger and Spackman will tee-off at 3 p.m. today.

It will be a shootout in the second-flight section, as Chris Schmidt holds a six-stroke lead over Dirk Reitsma and Ken Boer after carding a two-round total of 141. College of Southern Idaho head women's basketball coach Randy Rogers leads Greg Lanting by one stroke in the third flight at 147, while Steve Hofland leads the fourth flight by two strokes.

Ten Day has a 10-stroke lead in fifth flight action.

2006 Pressbox Magic Valley Amateur

Leader's Standings

Triliver Latham	138
Brady Stanger	140
Terry Spackman	140
Chris Schmidt	141
Dirk Reitsma	141
Ken Boer	141
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# Kahne wins at Fontana

The Associated Press

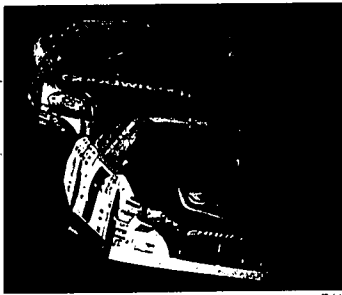
**FONTANA, Calif.** — Kasey Kahne overcame a penalty and a series of challenges Sunday night at California Speedway to win his fifth race of the season and close in on a spot in NASCAR's Chase for the Nextel Cup championship with one race remaining.

"These guys fought back with great pit stops," Kahne said. "I just can't thank this team enough. They just worked their butts off to get us back in this Chase and at least now we have a chance going into Richmond next week."

Not even a penalty for speeding on pit road halfway through the 250-lap Sony HD 500 could stop Kahne, who fell back briefly to 24th. His No. 9 Evernham Motorsports Dodge stuck with the leaders and, thanks to a two-tire pit stop on lap 176 that got him up to second, Kahne was in position to drive past Dale Earnhardt Jr. for the lead after the green flag came back out on lap 180.

After fending back again two other cars, Kahne out-dueled new teammate Elliott Sadler to regain the top spot on lap 197. But there was yet another challenge for the 26-year-old driver, who led a race-high 132 laps.

Several drivers tried to



Kasey Kahne in the No. 9 UAW Dodge leads Kevin Harvick in the Goodwrench race in the early laps of the NASCAR Nextel Cup Sony HD 500 race in Fontana, Calif., Sunday.

stretch their final net of gas to the finish and rookie Reed Sorenson almost pulled it off, taking the lead on lap 241 after most of the top cars pitted for a splash of gas and two tires.

Kahne, who gave up the lead when he made his final stop on lap 238, was fifth, nearly 14 seconds behind when Sorenson took the top spot. Kahne charged hard, grabbing second from rookie Clint Bowyer on lap 247, but was still more than 7 seconds behind the leader.

But Sorenson lost his gamble, running out of gas starting lap 249. Kahne zipped past and raced away for the sixth victory of his career, beating Earnhardt to the finish by 3.428 seconds.

Kahne started the night 90 points behind 10th-place Mark Martin and remained 11th in the battle for a spot in the 10-man Chase. But he will go to Richmond for next Saturday night's race just 30 points behind Jeff Burton, who fell behind Martin into 10th.

# Woods, Singh set for duel

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press writer

**NORTON, Mass.** — Vijay Singh felt an overwhelming sense of calm and control as he slashes through the wet fairways and finds birdies on his way to the best round of his PGA Tour career.

Tiger Woods battled his swing and bit his lip with every birdie opportunity he let slip away. It led them to a familiar place Sunday in the Deutsche Bank Championship: into the final group to set up a Labor Day battle outside Boston with Singh poised to put an end to another streak by Woods.

Singh birdied his final three holes for a 10-under 61 to set the course record at the TPC of Boston. Woods missed four birdie putts inside 15 feet on the back nine, but converted on the final hole for a 67 that left him three shots behind.

"To me, it's almost unbelievable," Singh said. "The way I've been playing, and not really happy with the way I've been scoring, and all of a sudden this shows up. It just fills me up with so much confidence, brings a lot of good vibes back."

Those good vibes stem from two years ago at the Deutsche Bank.

Singh went toe-to-toe with Woods in that final round, beating him to end Woods' record 264 consecutive weeks at No. 1 in the world. Now, the Filijan has a chance to stop Woods from winning his fifth straight PGA Tour event.

"I would be good," Singh said. "I'm not going to be thinking about his streak or beating him. I've been playing long enough to know that you don't go out there and worry about the guys who are playing with you. You worry about your own game and see what happens."

There were no worries for Singh on a dreary Sunday afternoon.

Even more impressive than Singh's record



Tiger Woods walks toward the fourth hole in the rain during the third round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Mass., Sunday.

61 were the miserable conditions in which it was posted. A light rain never let up, coating the grass with a thin layer of moisture that left footprints in the fairway, making it tough to keep clubs dry.

Woods was still on the practice green when he noticed Singh was 5 under par through his first five holes. The next time he glanced at a leaderboard, Singh was on his way to a 61.

"It was awfully impressive playing today," Woods said. "Given the conditions, that's a great round of golf."

Singh was at 11-under 202.

Woods patched together a swing that kept

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SPORTS

# Howard blasts three homers

## Pujols does same for Cards

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ryan Howard homered in his first three at-bats, raising his major league-leading total to 52, and the Philadelphia Phillies rallied after wasting a five-run lead to beat the Atlanta Braves 8-7 Sunday in the opener of their second straight doubleheader split.

Atlanta kept Howard from going deep in the second game, winning 3-1 in 11 innings after scoring the go-ahead run on catcher Carlos Ruiz' throwing error. The Phillies, who won Saturday's night cap, dropped to 12 games back of San Diego, the NL wild-card leader.

After going 4-for-1 with four RBIs in the opener, he was 2-for-4 with a walk in the second game.



Philadelphia Phillies batter Ryan Howard hits a home run off Atlanta Braves pitcher Tim Lincecum in the second inning of Sunday's game in Philadelphia.

### Cardinals 6, Pirates 3

ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols homered in his first three at-bats to end an 8-for-30 slump.

Pujols connected with the bases empty in the first, and hit two-run drives in the third and fifth, all off Ian Snell (12-9). It was his third three-homer game, his second of the season, and raised his home run total to 42.

Pujols scored his 100th run on the third homer, giving him 100 or more in each of his six seasons. He's the only player in major league history to hit 30 homers, score 100 runs and bat .300 in his first five seasons.

### Astros 2, Mets 1

HOUSTON — Roy Oswalt (11-8) retired his first 10 batters before Jose Reyes beat out a homer to shortstop leading off the seventh. Oswalt struck out nine and allowed three hits in 7 1-3 innings. Adam Everett put Houston ahead with a run-scoring squeeze bunt in the sixth and Jason Lane hit a sacrifice fly in the seventh.

### Marlins 10, Brewers 3

MILWAUKEE — Rookie Scott Olsen (12-7) allowed one hit in seven scoreless innings as Florida's 68-68 completed a three-game sweep and became the first team since the 1899 Louisville Colonels to return to .500 after falling 20 games below, according to Elias. The Marlins were 11-31 on May 21.

### Nationals 5, Diamondbacks 3

WASHINGTON — Austin Kearns hit a three-run double off Brandon Webb (14-6) in a four-run eighth.

Washington became the first team win four in a row when trailing by two runs in the seventh or later in all four since the New York Giants against the Phillies and Boston Braves and from June 25-28, 1923, according to Elias.

### Giants 7, Cubs 4

CHICAGO — Barry Bonds homered for a second straight game, giving him 729 for his career, and San Francisco remained 23 games back of San Diego.

Bonds, 26 home runs shy of Hank Aaron's record of 755, has five in his last three games and is hitting .500 (16-for-32) during that span to raise his average from .235 to .263.

## Agassi

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He was steady when he had to be: including saving four break points in the match's third game. When the biggest match of his career finished, Becker joined the crowd in standing and applauding for Agassi.

It was a tough moment, an emotional moment for me," Becker said. "I was happy, obviously. At the same time, I was sad."

Now he'll get another taste of paragon support: Becker's second-round opponent is 2003 U.S. Open champion Andy Roddick, who edged No. 22 Fernando Verdasco 6-7 (5),

6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-2.

Tough to tell, perhaps, but there was other action Sunday. Serena Williams won her second consecutive match against a seeded player, beating No. 16 Ana Ivanovic 6-2, 6-4, to set up a showdown Monday night against No. 1 Amelie Mauresmo. Two-time defending champion Roger Federer easily dismissed Vince Spadea of the United States 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 in night and next meets Marat Safin, who eliminated 2004 French Open champion Gaston Gaudio 6-0, 4-6, 6-6, 1, 7-6 (3). Also, Marat Safin,

the 2000 Open winner but unseeded this year, after a series of injuries, eliminated No. 4 David Nalbandian in a fifth-set tiebreaker; 1998 Open champion Lindsay Davenport saved two match points before getting past No. 22 Katarina Srebnik and Li Na of China upset 2005 runner-up Mary Pierce, advancing to a fourth-round match against Maria Sharapova, who won at night. Other winners included 2001 U.S. Open champion Lleyton Hewitt, No. 17 Andy Murray and No. 2 Rafael Nadal, who reached the Open's fourth round for the first time.

for a 4-under 68 and a one-stroke victory over Jay Haas and Danny Edwards at the First Tee Open.

Simpson, who began the final round trailing Tom Kite by two strokes, captured his first Champions Tour title with a 12-under 204 total. Simpson, who claimed the 1987 U.S. Open with a one-stroke margin over Tom Watson at the Olympic Club in San Francisco, had to wait for a few groups, including Haas and Edwards, who both missed mid-length putts to tie for the lead.



Detroit Shock forward Swin Cash (32) argues a foul call with official Bob Trammell (10) as coach Bill Laimbeer looks on during the first half of Game 3 of the WNBA Finals in Sacramento, Calif., on Sunday.

## Monarchs drop Shock

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Yolanda Griffith scored 16 points, Nicole Powell had 14 and the Sacramento Monarchs rolled to the brink of their second straight championship with an 89-69 victory Sunday over the Detroit Shock in Game 3 of the WNBA Finals.

Erin Buescher and DeMya Walker had 11 points apiece for the Monarchs, who went ahead 2-1 in the best-of-five series with a near-flawless effort on both ends of the court.

Shaking off a fourth-quarter collapse in Game 2, Sacramento never trailed as eight Monarchs scored at least seven points. The defense forced 23 turnovers by the demoralized Shock, who couldn't avoid their third straight blowout loss in Arco Arena.

Game 4 is Wednesday night at Arco, where the Monarchs have won 11 straight playoff games since 2001. They'll have the opportunity to duplicate the raucous championship

celebration after last season's Game 4 against the Connecticut Sun.

Sacramento's reserves led a decisive 14-3 run to close the third quarter, doubling the Monarchs' lead to 22 points in 3 1/2 minutes. Buescher punctuated that surge with an awkward, shot-clock-beating 3-pointer that sent her running up the court with her arms spread wide in celebration.

The Monarchs' depth and defense usually carry coach John Whisenant's teams past clubs with more individual talent, and this series has been another prime example. The Monarchs led by 27 before coasting to this win — and Kara Lawson, who had 22 points in Game 1, was the only Sacramento player who didn't score.

### Padres 2, Reds 1

SAN DIEGO — David Wells held Cincinnati to one run and five hits in six innings his first game since his homestead. Padres acquired him from Boston on Thursday. The Reds dropped 2 1/2 games back in the NL wild-card race.

### Rockies 12, Dodgers 5

LOS ANGELES — Matt Holliday homered to cap a six-run fifth. Byung-Hyun Kim (8-10) allowed two runs and eight hits in 6 2-3 innings for his first win since Aug. 2.

Los Angeles, which had won seven straight, saw its NL West lead cut to three games over the second-place Padres. Colorado stopped a nine-game road losing streak.

### American League

#### Yankees 10, Twins 1

MINNAPOLIS — Alex Rodriguez hit two more homers and drove in five runs, and Darrell Burner pitched six impressive innings for his first major league win to lead the New York Yankees past the Minnesota Twins 10-1 on Sunday.

Booby Abreu doubled three times, and Jorge Posada and Robinson Cano added three hits apiece for the AL East-leading Yankees.

#### Blue Jays 6, Red Sox 1

BOSTON — Gustavo Chen Jr. kept Boston's bats quiet with six shutout innings, and Bengie Molina had four hits for Toronto.

Chen (7-9) allowed two singles, one day after AL third-pitcher Mike Cuddihy in a 5-1 victory. Boston dropped two of three to the Blue Jays, totaling 10 runs and 24 hits, and lost for the 16th time in 21 games. The Red Sox scored three runs or less for the 10th time in 11 games.

#### Royals 7, White Sox 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Ryan Sheehy and

Angel Berroa each homered and drove in three runs, and Mark Redman pitched seven strong innings.

#### Athletics 10, Orioles 1

OAKLAND, Calif. — Dan Johnson hit a grand slam in his first official at-bat, back from the minors and the AS game Hayden Penn a rule violation in his return to the majors, scoring nine runs in the first inning.

#### Rangers 5, Indians 2

IRVINGTON, Texas — Kevin Millwood allowed two hits and struck out a season-high 10 in eight innings, and Mark Teixeira hit a three-run homer in the seventh as the Rangers ended the Indians' five-game winning streak.

Millwood (14-9) retired the first 14 batters before Kevin Kousseroff, who hit a grand slam on the first pitch he saw in the majors Saturday night, homered in the fifth.

#### Devil Rays 7, Mariners 6

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Kevin Wu hit a go-ahead three-run homer in the eighth inning, leading Tampa Bay past Seattle.

Wigington and Greg Norton each hit two-run homers for the Devil Rays, who are 16-32 since the All-Star break.

Brian Meadows (3-5) threw two scoreless innings, and Seth McClung pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

#### Angels 2, Tigers 1

DETROIT — Kelvin Escobar (10-12) gave up only an unearned run and two hits in eight innings. Francisco Rodriguez pitched the ninth for his 39th save, extending his scoreless streak to 24 1-3 innings over 23 outings.

Vladimir Guerrero homered to tie the score in the fourth, and Orlando Cabrera had an RBI single in the fifth.

## Louisville gets costly W

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Michael Bush passed up a shot at the NFL to try and win a national championship at Louisville.

Instead, his season ended after three touchdowns and a little more than one half of football.

The senior running back broke his right leg early in the third quarter of the 13th-ranked Cardinals' 59-28 win over Kentucky on Sunday night.

Bush had already run for 124 yards and three touchdowns in the first half when he took the pitch from quarterback Brian Brolin on Louisville's second play of the second half. His right leg was pinned awkwardly underneath him while being tackled by Kentucky's Wesley Woodyard.

Bush lay on the ground for several minutes before being placed on a stretcher. He was taken to the capacity crowd at Papa John's Stadium and was then taken to a local hospital.

The injury quickly ended

what had been a giddy night for the Cardinals.

**No. 22 TCU 17, Baylor 7**

WACO, Texas — Freshman Marcus Jackson threw two touchdown passes in the second half after replacing TCU's undefeated and woeful starter, and the No. 22 Horned Frogs avoided being on the wrong side of a season-opening upset by Baylor.

TCU, unranked when it beat No. 7 Oklahoma 17-10 in last year's season opener, stretched its winning streak to 11 games — the second-longest in Division I-A behind the 21 in a row of defending national champion Texas.

Jackson replaced Jeff Ballard after halftime, and finally put the Horned Frogs ahead with an 81-yard TD pass to tailback Aaron Brown — after another Baylor turnover in the third quarter. He threw a 4-yard score to Quinton Cantrian in the fourth quarter.

## Duel

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the ball close to the hole, and finished with a 4-iron that stopped 30 feet away on the 518th for a two-putt birdie to flush at 205 and put him in the final group with Singh.

Justin Rose two-putted for birdie on the 18th for a 69 and also was at 205.

State Farm Classic.

Down five strokes at the start of play, Sorenstam tied the LPGA record for the lowest final-round score by a tournament winner with a 62. She shot 10 under for the day to finish 19 under, two strokes ahead of Cristie Kerr (67).

Third-round leader Marla Hjorth (70) fell out of contention with a double bogey on the 16th hole and finished tied for third at 169 and with Seon-Iwa Lee (69) and Mi Chung (69).

Sorenstam knocked in a 20-foot putt from the back edge

of the 18th green, waded to the crowd and tossed the ball into a sky-bay — a perfect ending to a birdie-fueled round.

Sorenstam birdied four of her first five holes and ended it in similar fashion for her fourth victory this year and third on the LPGA Tour.

**Simpson wins on Champions Tour**

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Former U.S. Open champion Scott Simpson made an 8-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole

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Activities Assistant Full-time. 20 hrs/week, days evenings and weekends. Apply in person with Patty Hulsebosch at Twin Falls. Good benefits. 874 Eastland Dr. Twin Falls, Idaho

**INSTALLER**  
Nuvu Glass is hiring for Window Installers. General Construction Will train. Salary DOE. Good benefits. Apply in person at 1601 Overland, Burley.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The Gooding County Sheriff has an opening for a P.O.S.T. certified or P.O.S.T. certifiable Jail Deputy. Applications may be picked up in the Gooding County Sheriff's Office and must be submitted by Friday, Sept. 25, 2006 at 5:00pm. Beginning salary for Full-time is \$22,100 annual. Beginning salary for part-time is \$22,700 annual. EOE.

**MAINTENANCE**

Professional for 75 unit apartment community. Must be organized, willing to take direction, know how to make basic repairs. We will train the right person. Excellent pay and full benefits after 30 days. Please e-mail resume & letter of interest to: [mjsh@twinfalls.com](mailto:mjsh@twinfalls.com)

**MECHANIC**

Diesel Mechanic. 40 hrs/week. Engines, transmissions, electrical, machinery. Must have own tools. Pay DOE. Apply at 4 & C Street 1987 Highland Ave. Twin Falls. Drug Free Workplace

**200 Employment**

**JANITORIAL**  
Janitorial Crew KES, the nation's #1 janitorial company is accepting applications for a Twin Falls location. PT, early morning hours. Basic janitorial duties... will consider positive pay & benefits. Call 800-537-1378 x903 or fax message or visit [www.kes-clean.com](http://www.kes-clean.com) to apply. EOE

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**CNA's needed in Home Care and Hospice.** Part-time with possible full-time. Flexible hours and supportive work environment. Call 208-343-8600. ask for Lori or Lonnie. EOE

**Central Sterile**  
Processing Technician. 202 & 21st St. Surgical instruments. Experience preferred but will train motivated person. Good communication skills a must. Salary dependent on experience. 12 days a week between 6am-6pm, Mon-Fri. No drop off. Send or wrap email resume to 115 Fairview West, Twin Falls, ID 83301. All CSP. EOE

**TWIN FALLS Care Center**

Full-time night shift RNLPN Nurse needed. Customer oriented, leadership skills and positive attitude required. Competitive wages and comprehensive benefit package available including PTO & 401k. Apply immediately 674 Eastland Dr. Twin Falls, ID 83301 208-734-2264 Fax: 208-734-0647 We are Drug Free Employer EOE/DFW

**OPERATOR**

Come join one of the world's largest agribusiness companies! The JR Simplot Company is seeking qualified candidates for the following position in Shoshone, ID: Plant Operator: Magic Reservoir Hydroelectric - Mid March to mid November full-time, then once a week to inspect. Technical training certification in electrical and/or mechanical systems preferred (Military certification acceptable). For additional position details and to apply online, please visit our website at [www.simplot.com](http://www.simplot.com). We offer competitive benefits/salary. EOE

**Simplet**

The Casper Sta-Tribune has an immediate opening for a full-time Press Operator. The position also includes film output and plate making. In addition to the daily newspaper, we also produce the weekly Casper Journal and several other publications. We are looking for an operator with a can-do attitude who's passionate about the job and who thrives under deadline pressure. The primary work schedule is nights (four, ten-hour shifts) which will include weekends and holidays. Flexibility to work other shifts if needed is required. The wage range for this position is dependent upon experience. A full benefit package is available including health, dental, and vision coverage, employee and dependent life insurance, paid vacation and sick leave, stock purchase plan and generous 401(k).

**PRESS OPERATOR**

Interested applicants should submit their resume and cover letter by September 15, 2006 to: Human Resources (PO) Casper Sta-Tribune P O Box 80 Casper WY 82602 hr@caspertribune.net

**RECEPTIONIST**

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. is currently seeking a Receptionist at our Twin Falls, Idaho branch. The ideal candidate will be computer literate, must be able to type 50 wpm, multi task, have excellent phone and customer service skills, and a sense of urgency. Prior experience preferred. ATEC offers excellent benefits, bonuses, PTO bank (vacation), 401k and much more. To apply, visit our website at [www.alliance-title.com](http://www.alliance-title.com) or E-mail to [recruit@alliance-title.com](mailto:recruit@alliance-title.com) or phone ATEC recruiting at (208) 388-3064. EOE

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**DRIVER**  
We truck driver. DOS and domestic. Call 208-539-1250.

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Validated Insulation Contractors. Experienced Insulation Contractors. Valid drivers license & drug test req. Call, Lou or Cori 542-1910 for an interview.

**MECHANIC**  
Twin Falls Mechanic, needed to reupholster on newer models trucks and sell unloading trailers. Experience and own tools required. Wage DOE. Benefits include medical, 401k and vacation. Ag Express 733-6857. or 731-2495

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Part-time Scrub Tech needed for Busy Plastic Surgeons office. 1-2 days a week. Please fax resume to 735-0434.

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Seeking PT RN with surgical skills for expanding surgery facility. Send resume to 80 Blue Lakes Blvd. Twin Falls fax to 733-8441

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**MECHANIC**  
Needed Light Duty Diesel mechanic. exp. a tools req. Pick up application at County Admin 2400 S Lincoln in Jerome

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LPN. St. Start offers a variety of social, healthcare and lifestyle services. If you are a current or former registered LPN and enjoy working with individuals with developmental disabilities, 10 to 15 hr a week. Have the ability to offer competitive wages. Women and minorities encouraged to apply. Qualified candidates please apply at: St. Start 202 E. 11th St. E. Twin Falls, ID. 83301 [john@ststart.com](mailto:john@ststart.com) 208-732-0910

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8	3	5	7
1	7	6	9
9	7	6	8
2	7	8	1
4	3	9	1
5	4	2	1
6	4	1	8

V. EASY #91  
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page C-10.

**LABOR DAY**  
In observance of Labor Day September 4<sup>th</sup>, the Times-News will be closed.  
We will re-open Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>  
From all of us at the Times-News we wish you a happy and safe holiday.

**GENERAL**  
Food processing plant in Jerome, Idaho has openings for various full-time positions on all three shifts.  
Starting wages \$10.50 per hour plus shift differential and bonuses.  
Good advancement potential and regular pay increases. Benefits include major medical, life insurance, long and short term disability insurance 100% paid by company.  
Liberal vacation plan. Great retirement plan and 401(k) plan.  
Apply in person at 218 S Sixth St Jerome, ID 83338 or send resume to PO Box 427 Jerome, ID 83338 or fax e-mail to: [talisa@cheesepowder.com](mailto:talisa@cheesepowder.com).

**HEALTHCARE**

**COME JOIN OUR TEAM!**  
Chaparrille House, a lovely 39 unit assisted living residence in Twin Falls, Idaho is seeking full and part-time Personal Service Assistants to provide care services. Must be Certified CNA. A Leads Cook position is also available.  
In addition to competitive compensation and bonus opportunity we offer a complete benefits package and matching 401(k).  
Please apply via e-mail to [chaparrillehouse@qccco.com](mailto:chaparrillehouse@qccco.com) or fax resume to Jim Kling at 414-287-5533

**MEDICAL**

**FROM THE HOME HEALTH INDUSTRY**  
Come grow with us.... IH&H is now hiring for the following positions: Full-time and part-time Physical Therapist. Would care experience preferred. Full-time Community Coordinator and a PRN RN. IH&H offers continuing education and a competitive benefit package available after 90 days of employment. Come be a part of a caring environment! Apply to: 826 Eastland Drive or email resumes to [heather@idahohomehealth.com](mailto:heather@idahohomehealth.com). EOE

**NEWSPAPER**

The Gooding County Leader has a full-time opening for a Reporter/Editor. Must have previous journalism experience, be a serious self-starter, and enjoy working with the public.  
Excellent benefit package. Pay DOE.  
Send resumes to: Norma DeVoe, 133 East Main, Jerome, ID 83338 or email to [norma@mvtriv.com](mailto:norma@mvtriv.com)

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208-324-8892 fax  
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Looking for hard working, motivated people for Cooks, Dishwashers with opportunities for advancement. Apply in person Jaker's Bar & Grill 1598 Blue Lakes

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Now hiring Delivery Drivers city, eve & wknd shifts avail. Apply in person Burley Pizza Hut

**RETAIL**  
Grover's is hiring for the following full-time positions:  
**Retail Sales Inventory/Purchasing Floor Supervisor**  
• Starting wage \$11.85/hour  
• Profit sharing  
• Employer paid medical & dental benefits  
• On the job training provided  
• Previous experience helpful  
• Weekend Work Required  
• Background checks will be conducted  
Equal Opportunity Employer  
Applications will be accepted, followed by a brief interview on: Wednesday, September 6, 2006 from 9 am to 2 pm.  
Grover's Payroll  
Peck Electric & Plumbing Supply  
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Twin Falls, ID 83301

**SALES**  
Retail Sales Rep wanted - immediate opening at the Spirit Store. Fun job working with people. Email resume including 2 photographs and fax 208-732-0804.  
**SALES**  
Automobile Sales Associate needed. Awesome career opportunity for a self motivated individual with good communication skills. Health care benefits & immediate opening. Please bring your resume and apply at 1598 Highland Ave E. Twin Falls.

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Historic 3 1/2 sq. ft. home...

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2 bath 1,400 sq. ft. home...

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Long-term, good people skills...

218 Times-News Carriers
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301 Open House
PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
Selling Property? Don't pay any fees until its sold...

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GOODING 11 mgmt. duplex
2 1/2 bdrm, 4 1/2 bath, pipe lining...

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JEROME 3 bedroom
2 bath, manufactured home on permanent foundation...

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TWIN FALLS 1428 sq. ft.
2 bdrms, 2 baths, lg garage...

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2 bath, nice manufactured home in great location...

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TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm.
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Route 713
1200-1500 Evergreen
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JEROME - Former school for good shop
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TWIN FALLS 1856 sq. ft.
4 bed, 2 bath home in cul-de-sac...

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PT position in fast paced parts warehouse...

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Perfect opportunity for home buyer...

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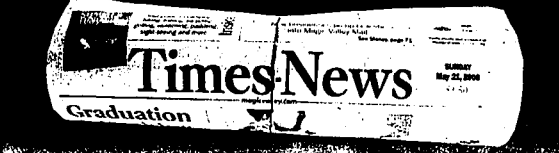
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

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'It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing.' - Duke Ellington

Do you think major accidents happen only to novices? Twenty years ago Magnus Lindqvist and Bjorn Falkberg of Sweden conceded 2800 in the World Championship...

The Swedes tried to set the record straight in the 2003 World Championships when they collected 1700 on a deal in which their opponents might have made a grand slam. But Magnus still needed to get his name on the right side of the deal books in person. On the deal that follows, he established a swing that may be hard to beat.

In the European Championships in Malmo in 2004, Magnus' teammates - sitting North-South - collected only 150 in three diamonds, when they might have made a grand slam in clubs. In seven clubs, by North on a heart lead you would ruff a club to the queen, ruff a heart high, cash the club ace, ruff a diamond ace, and ruff a diamond. Then you can draw the last trump, pitching a spade from hand, and cross to the spade ace to run the diamonds for 13 tricks.

Six hearts, re-doubled, went down seven for minus 3,400 and so the swing on this deal was a gain of 23 IMPs for Sweden instead of 15 IMPs the other way.

NORTH: A J, K 9 8 5 4, A K 7 7, WEST: 7 6, A K J 10 9 8, 10 6, 10 9 6, SOUTH: 10 8 3 2, 5 4 3 2, 3, K J 5 3, EAST: Dbl., K Q 9 5 4, K Q 7 6, K Q 7 2, 8 2

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South

The bidding: South-West-North-East: Pass Pass Dbl., Pass Pass Pass, Dbl. Pass 5, 6, Dbl. Rdbl. All pass, Weak with a long major suit, Takeout

Opening lead: Heart King

LEAD WITH THE ACES: South holds: 8 6 2, 4 3 2, K Q 6 3 4, South West North East: Pass 1, Pass 2, Pass 3, Pass 3 NT, All pass

ANSWER: Lead the spade eight. Partner will need some decent values to set this game. Since he was silent in the auction, the declarer appears to be very short in spades, maybe partner will come through with five spades. If so, you might get in with one of your queens to lead spades through again.

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Dr. Scott Chandler shows the mini dental implants in a patient's mouth after a checkup at Silver Creek Dental in Jerome.

Photo by HELENA THOMPSON/Times-News

## Going mini

### In some mouths, mini implants can be a good dental solution

By Joan Bean  
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — For 12 years Frances Berg endured problems with her lower denture. "It used to be when I'd take a bite, it would pop up on one side," she said. Recently, Berg had three mini implants put in her lower jaw to hold her denture, and she's enjoying the stability they provide. "I feel like a kid with a new toy now," she said. Jerome dentist Dr. Scott Chandler said that although mini implants have been used in other parts of the country since 2001, they are relatively new for this area. He has been doing them for about three months. Traditional implants work in many situations, he said, but the minis can be used in extreme cases — where the patient doesn't have enough bone left to facilitate a regular full-size implant. They are not as strong as the full-size implants but work well. When there is plenty of bone, he said, traditional implants are a better long-term option because they are more stable. "We've done (mini implants) on 85- and 87-year-olds and they're very non-invasive and very simple to do," Chandler said. "When people are in very poor health and on lots of medications, we can do these." For a typical lower-jaw implant, if he can use the existing denture, the total cost is a little under \$2,800, whether he uses three implants or five. If one should fail, and he decides to put in another later, it is included. "The mini implants, Chandler said, are simple

to put in. The surgical-grade titanium implants are only 1.8 millimeters in diameter and come in different lengths. It is not necessary to lay the gums back, but just to open a little hole and screw them right into the bone. Little cups with O-rings are set into a new hardliner, usually in the existing denture. The mini-implants have little round heads on top that pop inside the cups with O-rings. Chandler puts a soft liner in the denture after the procedure, so there is some retention from the implants right away. The patient is told not to put a lot of pressure on them until he is sure they have taken. On a subsequent visit a hard liner is added. "But there are some cases where things look great right off and we can go ahead and refine their dentures right on the first day," he said. "We usually use the existing old denture most of the time; we can modify it." Because the mini implants are non-invasive, if one should fail it can be pulled out, in six weeks the spot is healed enough for another implant to be put in. Chandler usually doesn't put the permanent attachments in the dentures on the day of surgery (although this is, occasionally, done); he waits three to four weeks until things have healed up well. In the meantime the patient wears his current denture. But that early step — when Chandler hollows out the denture underneath, so it's not pushing on the implants, and puts in a soft cushion liner — foils some folks. "We had some patients who thought that was

#### Mini implants step by step

- From start to finish, the process of placing mini dental implants takes about an hour to an hour and a half.
- First, a consultation with the patient checks the bone quality, height and width, to make sure the treatment is possible.
- When the patient comes in for the implants, he is given local anesthesia.
- The (usually) four implants are screwed in. This is accomplished by starting a pilot hole and threading the implants down into the bone.
- A soft liner is put inside the denture to prevent too much pressure on the implants while healing.
- After about a month, the denture gets a hard plastic relling using the same material as the denture. Little cups are set into the dentures, then a hard liner is squirted inside the denture. It cures hard, grabbing hold of the cups.
- The cups stay in the denture, and the implants stay in the bone. They work like snaps.
- Occasionally, the hard liner is put in immediately after the implants are completed, if the bone is good and the implants all set well.

Source: Dr. Scott Chandler



Dr. Scott Chandler holds part of the dentures that will fit onto mini implants.

it, that they were done — they were very happy with the soft liner in there," he said. "So when we put the permanent ones in there, they thought they were in heaven." Twin Falls dentists Dr. Kevin Hall and Dr. John Roberts have had a mini implant system for a little over two years and use it occasionally. Hall said it works well, but in many cases he prefers the regular, wider implant type. "It's a little bit stronger and you can actually upgrade it, and you get a little better fit with a denture," he said. "But for a more economical way, certainly the mini implants are really nice." Hall said a denture can also be attached to the traditional, larger implant on the day of surgery. The advantage of the mini ones is mainly

economic, according to Hall. He said they run from \$500 to \$700 each to place, not counting restoring the denture. Surgery to place permanent ones runs from \$1,200 to \$1,500 each. He said the mini types are a pretty nice, quick and easy option, and more affordable. Mini implants can also be used to act as temporaries when it is necessary to allow regular implants to heal before putting dentures on. "In between when we put the regular ones we can actually put the mini ones in there," Hall said. "And then we can, as the other ones heal, take the mini ones out and then restore the regular, larger body implants."

Times-News correspondent Joan Bean can be reached at 733-0830.

## CSI begins new season of exercise program for local senior citizens

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho's "Over 60 and Getting Fit" program begins the week of Sept. 11 at all 10 of its Kootenai Valley and Wood River Valley locations. Program creator and CSI physical education professor Jan Mittelbecker says the program, which has become a model for similar programs nationwide, is a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training — all geared toward senior citizens.

The classes are held for one hour, usually three times a week. Classes will begin at 9 a.m. Sept. 11 at the CSI gym in Twin Falls, Jerome Recreation Center, Eller Elementary School, old Shoshone High School gym, Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind gym in Gooding, Blaine County CSI campus gym and Rupert Civic gym. In Buhl, class will be held at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 11 at the old Buhl Middle School gym. In Burley, class will be held at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 11 at the CSI Mini-Casita Center gym.

In Hagerman, class will begin at 9:15 a.m. Sept. 12 at the Hagerman High School gym. Over 60 and Getting Fit is sponsored by CSI, the Idaho Office on Aging, the Eller, Buhl, Burley, Hagerman and Shoshone school districts; ISDB; and the Blaine, Jerome and Rupert recreation districts. The classes are free for anyone 60 or older. Students will earn one college credit for each semester they are enrolled. For information or to register, call 732-6475 or 732-6488.

## NO PLACE FOR A TANTRUM

### Operating room arguments can lead to errors

By Sandra G. Boodman  
The Washington Post

The scenes are legendary and occur with disturbing frequency in the nation's operating rooms: doctors yelling at nurses or berating residents, and nurses sniping at their colleagues. Now a growing body of research suggests that such tantrums and insults negatively affect patients by impairing communication and teamwork and creating distractions that can lead to errors. The latest evidence involves a survey of 244 operating room personnel, including surgeons, anesthesiologists, nurses and technicians employed by a large, unidentified academic medical center. The study, published in the Journal of the American College of Surgeons, was led by physician Alan Rosenstein, a vice president of the Voluntary Hospital Association, a consortium of

nonprofit community hospitals. Disruptive behavior, he found, is common and most often committed by surgeons. What they did — Rosenstein and his co-author posed 25 questions about the frequency and impact of disruptive behaviors in the operating room, and compared those answers against a national database of 4,000 medical workers who had also been quizzed about such behavior. All were asked about the impact of these behaviors on patient care — including the likelihood that they might lead to errors. What they found — Seventy-nine percent of those surveyed said they had observed harsh behavior — including abusive language, yelling, insults and occasionally physical violence — and 19 percent said these actions had resulted in an adverse event. What they advocate — Hospitals need to recognize the "prevalence and significance" of disruptive behavior, they write, and develop codes of conduct that apply to physicians as well as other staff members.



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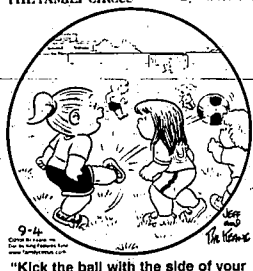
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



# Daughter still angry at mom after dad's long-ago suicide



DEAR ABBY: Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 25-year-old woman who still bears a grudge toward my mother. We never had a good relationship, but it really went downhill after my father died. It was 13 when it happened. My father always stuck up for me and he committed suicide in our basement.

I did something when I was 13 that I deeply regret. I told my mother to check down there when we heard noises, but she didn't listen to me. Our relationship has never been the same. I have blamed my mother every day ever since for not saving him. I rarely talk to her now.

The thing that makes me so mad is that my father's death was her fault. Dad and I were very close and I miss him every day.

I don't get past my anger killing my dad. After his death, my mother put me in the care of the Department of Children and Family Services. I am glad I was put there, but I am mad that she killed my dad and gave up on me.

So how do I get past all this anger toward her that I have kept inside for so many years? —MISS MARY DEAN IN IDAHO

DEAR MISSING DAD: I don't blame you for being angry about your father's death, but because you were only 13, you missed your anger of the wrong parent. Your mother didn't kill your father. Your father killed himself, probably because he

had been struggling for a long time with the mental illness of chronic depression. Your mother did not go to check on the nooses in the basement for the same reason that you did not — she didn't realize what they meant. As to why you were sent to "family services," it is very possible that your mother was as devastated by the loss of your father as you were.

You need more answers than any uninvolved third party can give you, and the person to provide them is your mother. Therefore, I urge that you call her and arrange to have a frank conversation with her — preferably in the presence of a mediator such as a clergyman. This is something that's long overdue.

DEAR ABBY: I married a wonderful man seven years ago, and we had a happy marriage. One morning, he no longer, he told me he no longer loved me and was moving out to live a life on his own. I have been devastated ever since. At his request, I quit work to stay home and be a housewife, and I have not worked in six years. I am 50 and am hav-

ing a hard time dealing with this. I know I need to find a job so I can have a life, but continuing to pay all my bills and his own bill have been very depressed and I think it shows through when I go on Saturdays. The wants me to take a couple of college classes and to get up when I want to do in the work force.

The only thing I want is to have my husband come home to me. We will see each other every other week and communicate daily through e-mails and phone calls. I still feel that he loves me, and that is what makes me so mad. He comes to have dinner with me on Saturday nights, and when he leaves he hugs me tight — but still leaves. I don't know what to ask him about what his final plans are. He hasn't asked for a divorce, and he knows I don't want one. What should I do? —HEARTBROKEN

IN EVERETT, WASH. DEAR HEARTBROKEN: I wish your husband for a full and complete answer about why he left you. Clearly, there are still strong ties between you. Counseling will help you both communicate more clearly about what happened to your marriage. Once you have some straight answers, you will have a better idea of what you need to do next. In the meantime, my advice to you is to contact a licensed marriage and family therapist, but do nothing further.

## Tradesmen were originators of Labor Day

This day in history: This day in history: For more than a century, America has reserved the first Monday in September to honor the efforts of working people. Who came up with the idea of Labor Day? Credit

Turning an orchestra right before the conductor appears has its own protocol. The first violinist stands and asks the principal oboist to play an A. The other players then play an A and adjust their instruments to match the oboe.

ornithology is the study of birds, but did you know that ornithology is the study of birds' eggs?

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mechanic Matthew Maguire and carpenter Peter J. McMurtry. During America's Gilded Age, as the rich became increasingly rich and insular, the two workers organized a march in New York City. In Sept. 1882, tens of thousands of workers took an unpaid day off to support organized labor.

You probably know that

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**SEPARATE PROPERTY PLANNING**  
QUESTION: What is separate property and what should be kept in mind about this type of property when planning an estate in a community property state?  
SEPARATE PROPERTY: Separate property is any property a married person brought into the marriage or received at a gift or inheritance during the marriage. It is any property, in all other property a person receives directly or indirectly during marriage.  
If a married person dies without a will or trust, the separate property passes to the surviving spouse and — in some cases — to the decedent's children. Whether or not much of the decedent's children were children of the decedent by the separate property or relationship.  
Another planning factor is the tax concept known as stepped-up basis. It's too complicated for a paragraph discussion but here's a start: at a spouse's death, the decedent's separate property can be sold without having to pay capital gains tax on accrued appreciation. However, unlike the separate property of the decedent, the separate property of the survivor does not receive a stepped-up basis at the death of the first spouse.  
Planning tip: If the parties had converted their separate property to community property during their joint lifetimes, all property would receive a stepped-up basis at the death of the first spouse and could then be sold without incurring a capital gains tax on accrued appreciation.

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**RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS**  
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Workers definitely needed something. According to the 1890 census, 11 million of the nation's 12 million families earned less than \$100 per year (the equivalent of \$2,700 in today's money). Among the 11 million, the average annual family income was well below the poverty line of \$300 (\$7,200 in today's money).  
In the 1950s, nearly 50 percent of American workers were unionized. It was a time of unprecedented gains in wages and benefits, but mainly for union workers alike.  
Today, only 15 percent of American workers belong to unions.

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# Parenting with 'Love and Logic'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer a "Love and Logic" parenting class from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, today through Oct. 9, at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class is free. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

## 'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center offers "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be immunizations.

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

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

## C-sections

A cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. Topics will include cesarean deliveries, pain management, hospital procedures and nonconforming laborers.

The class is free. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

## To do for you

### About back injuries

Back School, a course on preventing and treating back injuries, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Rehabilitation Services, 560 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class will include information on basic spine anatomy, common injuries and diseases that lead to back pain, as well as instructions in posture and body mechanics to protect the spine and prevent injury. The class is offered on-site at local businesses, if desired.

Cost is \$25. To register, call 732-2126.

### About childbirth

The first class of the prepared childbirth class series will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

Topics will include pregnancy, nutrition, relaxation and massage.

Participants are asked to bring two pillows, a blanket and one or two support people

to each class. The suggested fee is \$5 per class. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

### Refresher course

A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, along with a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

### Big Kids Klub

The Big Kids Klub will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 506 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class is designed to help prepare siblings for the new baby. Cost is \$10 per family with one child or \$15 per family with two or more children. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

### Caregiver support

The Caregiver Support

Group will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Office on Aging Senior Annex, 908 Washington St. N., Twin Falls. The topic will be dementia and Alzheimer's.

The free support group is for those who provide care to a sick, disabled or elderly family member or friend.

For information, call Sherry Cann at 736-2122 or toll free at 1-800-574-8656.

### About panic disorders

Pain Relief, Inc., a nonprofit educational organization, is forming a new group in Twin Falls to help individuals who have panic disorders.

The group will meet from noon to 1 p.m. Mondays and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The location for meetings has not been determined. The program is designed to help people cope with panic, anxiety and agoraphobia disorders.

Interested in attending? Call (732) 940-9658.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Image section. Mail notices to: Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.

# Seniors must shape up to get in the swing

By Rocky Vann  
Special to The Hartford Courant

Looking for a low-impact sport to play throughout your golden years? Try golf.

Older golfers represent one of the fastest-growing segments of the golfing population. There are about 6 million U.S. golfers over age 50, and they're spending a lot of time on the links. While older golfers account for about one-third of all golfers, they play about half of the total annual rounds in the United States.

But before you step up to the tee, consider this: According to the U.S. Product Safety Commission, more than 100,000 golf-related injuries were treated in doctor's offices and emergency rooms in 2004 at a cost of about \$2.5 billion in medical, work-loss and legal costs.

Golf experts estimate that six out of 10 recreational golfers — and seven out of 10 senior golfers — are at risk of a golf-related mishap during their playing years. Typical injuries include hand tenderness or numbness; shoulder, back and knee pain; golfer's elbow and wrist injuries, including tendinitis and carpal tunnel syndrome. A typical injury causes the amateur golfer to lose about five weeks of playing time.

But all this pain and gloom doesn't mean your future activities are limited to sedentary games. Golf is a sport that can be played as you age to avoid injury and stay in shape, says Dr. Larry Foster, orthopedic surgeon and author of "Dr. Divor's Guide to Golf Injuries: A Handbook for Golf Injury Prevention and Treatment."

"Contrary to popular belief, golf is not a cushy pastime," says Foster, who lectures PGA and LPGA players on how to avoid golf injuries and is a self-described "golf nut." It's a physically demanding sport that requires conditioning before you step up to the tee and start swinging.

Foster says golf injuries among amateurs are caused by a combination of factors, including excessive play or repetitive practice, poor conditioning, faulty swing technique and improper warm-up. The best way to avoid injury is to maintain a fitness program — year-round, not just during golf season — learn proper technique and always warm-up before playing.

"Unfortunately, most recreational golfers think that the first three holes of their round is the warm-up," says Foster. "They get out there and try to swing as hard as professional athletes. They'll go out and play three rounds the first weekend the snow melts, or hit six super-jumbo buckets of balls at the range. The body can't take that kind of abuse."

Especially the aging body. People lose flexibility, muscle mass and strength as they age. Underlying conditions such as arthritis can also impair performance on the links. During the golf swing, muscles, tendons, ligaments and joints are stressed to near-full capacity as the golf club head is accelerated to nearly 100 mph in less than half a second.

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# A personal trainer in your MP3 player

By Kim Hart  
The Washington Post

Every day, Sarah Christensen guides dozens of students through their Pilates workouts, but she's rarely in the same room with them. With their MP3 players, Christensen's students listen to her words while they practice Pilates — the popular exercise technique that focuses on both body and mind — at home, in the office or even on the golf course.

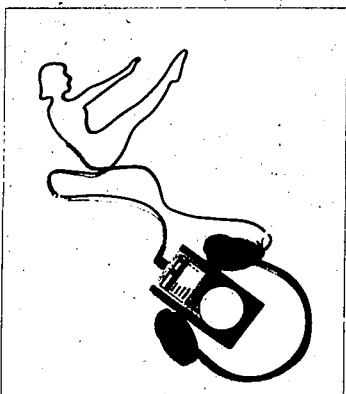
Portable multimedia devices, such as iPods or smartphones, are turning into personal trainers for athletes of all levels. Golfers, skiers and yoga enthusiasts have picked up mobile audio and video recordings to sneak in a workout on the go.

The idea struck Christensen, of Fairhaven, Md., after she lost her voice teaching 10 hours of Pilates a day. Then her husband gave her an iPod.

"I had no idea how to even use any of those things," said Christensen, 50, who took up Pilates to unwind after selling her laser-manufacturing company five years ago. "And then it dawned on me: I sound like a broken record, so why not become a record?"

After mastering the device, she recorded a routine and gave it to a few students. "It was the first time I'd ever seen them truly listen to me," she said. "The lesson's right there in your ears."

A year later, Christensen's "iPilates" business, iPilatesWorkout, is beginning to flex its muscle. More than 50 students use her audio and



video routines to work out on their own. She recently began marketing her "expertise" to golfers — and a few dozen people now watch her PilatesForGolf routines on their cellphones and video iPods as they stretch between holes.

Burch Harmon, former coach to golfing great Tiger Woods, has picked up Christensen's lessons for his students in Las Vegas, and a handful of West Coast studios are marketing the recordings to Pilates fans.

Christensen's venture joins a number of fitness outlets offer-

ing workouts that translate well to the portability of MP3 players. Several Web sites offer audio downloads for yoga, Pilates, weight training and cycling, for example. Those sites include Yog2go.com, bodfitness.com, lamplify.com and Pumpone.com. This summer, Nike and Apple introduced a product that turns your iPod into your running coach.

Christensen said iPilatesWorkout is unusual because it incorporates Pilates equipment, "which resembles something of a medieval torture device," in addition to the

"The delivery is very different than watching a video. You're totally immersed in it — you're not distracted by looking over your shoulder to make sure you're doing it right."

— Barbara Perry, who uses an MP3 player to exercise

typical mat workouts. To ensure safety, she requires students to take a five-class training regimen before she lets them loose with their earphones.

One of her students, Barbara Perry, asked Christensen to customize an MP3 workout for her home use.

"It's like taking my trainer with me," she said. "The delivery is very different than watching a video. You're totally immersed in it — you're not distracted by looking over your shoulder to make sure you're doing it right."

Christensen has developed quite a following of golfers. Teaching workshops nationwide, she's found that men are often intimidated by a workout that requires such flexibility and don't want to be seen "doing girly" exercises.

"But they'll do anything to improve their golf game," she said.

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## How will you Celebrate 401(K) Day?

It's hard to believe, but the 401(K) plan as we know it first appeared in 1981. Yet it seems like it's been around for much longer with the importance it has on our financial life. More Americans than ever before depend on their 401(K) for most of their retirement savings.

I mention all this because September is National 401(K) Day. It's a holiday that most of us haven't heard of. Even if your employer isn't planning any festivities to celebrate it, you can observe the day yourself!

- If you have yet opened a 401(K) plan, why not take today to do so?
- If your budget is tight, or you're nervous about investing, start small?
- Consider the potential of money. The sooner you put it toward your retirement, the more it grows.
- If your employer matches your contributions, you have even more of a reason to participate.

If you've done all of the above, your company can pay yourself on the back. But don't think that entitles you to a 401(K) Day off! Now's a perfect time to take a look at the progress you've made.

Keep on the look out for the next question.

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