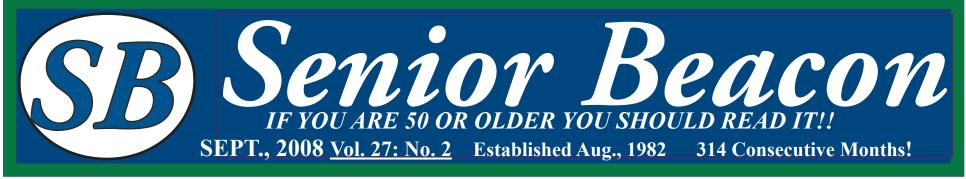
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Pueblo Is Lassie & Timmy Town

# Ask Pueblo Animal & Welfare Protection Society

and Hunny Ballantyne are busy getting the word out all over town. Lassie's co-star



Marcee Ballantyne is using a puppy rickshaw to see Lassie and Timmy.

Jon Provost, who played Timmy Martin on the famed Lassie TV series, is coming to Pueblo to help Pueblo Animal Welfare and Protection Society (PAWS) have fun raising money for their newly designed environmentally friendly dog and cat safe haven. While raising construction funds for this larger, modern facility, PAWS will offer Puebloans the chance to personally meet Timmy and Lassie's friends. The first opportunity to meet Timmy and Lassie's friends will be in the morning at the Pueblo Convention Center from 8:30 to 9:30am. Jon will join PAWS board president, Ben D'Andrea welcoming everyone and then Clyde Young will lead a detailed presentation about the new facility.

PAWS has saved the lives of thousands of dogs since their beginnings in the 1970's.

Saturday, September 13th is coming fast and Puebloans Marcee, TuTone The cost for this morning event is \$35 and includes coffee, teas and sweet breads.

David Struthers will be helping greet everyone at the morning coffee and at the 10:00 – 11:30 am Children's Writing Workshop with Lassie's friends, David's collies, Nelson and Emma. David has had a life-long love of dogs because of the Lassie Show. "My wife and children enjoy a closer family life and strong bond with dogs because of the positive influence Lassie had on me decades ago" says David. This creative workshop for kids is free but seating at the Historic Federal Building on Main Street is limited and requires an RSVP to Glenn Ballantyne, event coordinator at 543-1766 or glenn@kreativo.



Adults in Southern Colorado will have a special opportunity on Saturday, September 13th from 1:30 – 3:00 pm at the Historic Federal Building to attend a writing workshop with published author Laurie Jacobson. Ms. Jacobson is a skilled author and popular workshop instructor. Plus, she is the wife of actor Jon Provost. This fast paced workshop will teach adults who write documents at work how to be more clear, creative and efficient with their writing. Aspiring writers will learn new techniques and insight into getting published. The cost of this workshop is \$35 and seating is limited. To make your RSVP contact PAWS event coordinator.

Pueblo Collie / Sheltie Rescue and Miss Colorado American Coed Junior Teen Queen Jennifer Brown will join Lassie's co-star Jon Provost along with Lassie's friend Milo at the Historic Riverwalk's Gateway Park for a pet drinking fountain dedication at 3:00 p.m. A book signing with Jon Provost and his co-author and workshop leader Laurie Jacobson follows this historic event.

The highlight of the daylong celebration of compassion and love for dogs and cats happens at the Friends for Life dinner at the Pueblo Convention Center at 6:00 pm. Guests will enjoy seeing clips of the Lassie TV show with comments by Jon and his role as Lassie's co-star Timmy Martin. Jon will work with Pueblo actors in a wonderful sketch from Jon's favorite script on Lassie. PAWS will present an eye-opening presentation about the promising future of dog and cat rescue in Pueblo with the benefits of the upcoming larger, environmentally superior Living Shelter. A special ceremony on compassion will touch everyone's heart. The dinner event is \$75 per person. Reservations can be made at 543-1766 or glenn@kreativo.org.

# **VAF Golf Tourney Big Success**

An organization near and dear to everyone at Senior Beacon is the local Never Alone Foundation which raises money to help area Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis patients, especially kids and their families.

The burden that these diseases bear upon all they touch is immense and our annual golf tournament helps us raise revenue to sup- Robin Lynn Grasso awards a plaque port the patients and their families through some to Rollie Leyh of J.R.'s Country Stores.

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year's fundraising golf event.

## <u>UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT</u>

# "Safety of Seniors" Conference Sept. 17

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 09-17-08 TIME: 8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

PLACE: FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 84 STANFORD, PUE-BLO, CO 81005

There is an upcoming senior event in Pueblo which is the first annual "Safety of Seniors" Conference. This event is sponsored by several health care facilities and health care providers in the Pueblo area. Its purpose is to educate local seniors as to the Zoo. Senior Safari will be held on Wednesday, September 10th from 11:00 a.m. various aspects of safety.

The conference will hold breakout sessions for seniors to attend to learn more about: financial, legal, public and drug safety. Master of Ceremonies will be: Dave Ritterling, President of Visiting Angels Home Care. Keynote Speaker will be: Bill Thiebaut, District Attorney.

There will be 15 booths set up to provide seniors with additional information sponsored by "The Senior Medial Network Group," which is comprised of local nursing facilities, and health care vendors.

Other sponsors include, AARP, ElderWatch, SRDA, and Lifeline. Admission is free to seniors and will include refreshments and lunch. Seating is limited, so please call 545-1212 by 09-09-08 to register.

For additional information - contact: me, Pat Esgar, at: pat@westwindcampus.com, my office -719-404-1018, or my cell -719-289-2187.

# Seniors Are Special At The Pueblo Zoo Once again, the Pueblo Zoo will be honoring senior citizens during the week

of September 6-12, 2008. During the entire week, all seniors 65 + are admitted free to until 2:00 p.m. As in past years, volunteers from the Target Distribution Center will be on-hand, Thornton Wheelchairs Plus will be donating wheelchairs, Country Oven and Country Buffet will be donating cookies for the event, and Grand Banquet Rental will be donating additional chairs. Belmont Senior Care, University Park Care Center, Life Care Center of Pueblo, Sharmar Village, EverCare and Secure Horizons, and Home Instead will sponsor the event.

Senior Safari is one of the Zoo's most heart-warming events of the year with music, educational animal close encounters, games, refreshments and Zoo admission. Nursing homes, care facilities, senior groups, and individual seniors from all across southern Colorado are invited to come and enjoy this day dedicated to senior citizens. The Pueblo Zoo is wheelchair accessible and Zoo's hours for the month of September are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

# Fremont County Senior Fair 9/6/08

"SENIOR FAIR IN CANON CITY"

It is time for the 7th Annual Sen- a healthy lifestyle for older adults. ior Fair. The fair is proudly sponsored by Seniors Inc., Centura Health and sources, Senior Services vendors Parkview Medical Center.

cal Free Church, 3000 East Main, Canon etc. City from 9:00-Noon on September 6, 2008.

Seniors Inc. would like to thank the community including the many sponsors and exhibitors for making the Annual Senior Fair a big event. This fair is free to a Pharmacist" to the community. This year's fair will

nesses providing information supporting ment with Dr. Charles Vial

• Health Screenings include bone er

The fair will be held at Evangeli-density, blood pressure, vision, hearing,

- Door Prizes
- Handouts and Goodie Bags
- 2008 Resource Guide

New this year:

- Centura Heath providing "Talk
- Parkview sponsoring lunch feature fifty five organizations and busi- from Noon-1:00 to discuss pain manage-

Co-sponsors for this year's Sen-• Senior Housing, Medical Re- ior Fair:

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- Canon Lodge Care Center
- Complete Home Health • Ears 2 U Hearing Aid Services
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- Orchard Springs Dental
- Physicians Home Health Care



- Skyline Vision
- SRDA Lifeline
- Senior Beacon

Seniors Inc., Centura Health, and Parkview Medical Center along with our cosponsors and exhibitors are looking forward to visiting with our community

**MORE INFORMATION** ON PAGE 12.

# Just One Guy's Opinion

by James R. Grasso, Chief Cook & Bottle Washer

## Blog With Us!

We did it! We've been wanting to start up a blog to fill in the month and we did it! For those of you who are uninitiated, blogging can be fun. Got something on your mind? Well now you can unload your druthers and get it placed on our blog. Please, no profanity and show your better side with pithy points made from empirical data. If not, your "stuff" won't make the cut.

We'll try to have something new as a topic at least once a week, but you can comment on anything from "Just One Guy's Opinion" to the menus in Senior Beacon or you can wax poetic about any topic at all. We don't care. It's an open forum and

the best part is no one interrupts you. But be prepared to be challenged and perhaps

#### WON'T YOU HELP THE MEALS-ON-WHEELS PROGRAM?

The Meals on Wheels program is in need of volunteer drivers. Mileage is reimbursed and interested persons must fill out an application and provide a copy of their drivers' license and car insurance. After they have passed a background check and go through a short training, they may begin driving. Contact person is Cher Robeda, Volunteer Driver Recruiter at 404-0922.



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So, got to www.seniorbeacon.info and click on the "Blog With Us" icon and tell us what you think. It's fun, it's easy and most of all it's free!

## Fremont County Senior Fair

Seniors, Inc. is happy to announce registrations are being taken for cosponsors and for exhibitors for the Seventh Annual Senior Fair being held Saturday September 6 from 9:00 am to noon at Evangelical Free Church in Cañon City. This free-to-the-public community event is an opportunity to meet with older adults and their families in one beautiful central location.

Please call Seniors, Inc. at 719-269-1524 or stop by our office at 3055 Highway 50 East #F, Country Green Shopette for your registration form and information. Seniors, Inc. will be limiting the number of exhibitors to 55 this year and all applications are due by August 1, 2008.

# T. Boone Pickens Tilting Windmills I know, I know T. Boone Pickens has made more money in a lifetime than

I'll ever make in 100 lifetimes but just because he can make money in oil or, now, tilting at windmills, doesn't mean this is the right way to help our long-term energy problems. Boone, gets on the television and tells us he can cut fossil-fuel use by 20 percent, if only we install windmills for energy production freeing up natural gas being used now for other energy uses. Boone's after one thing: M-O-N-E-Y!

You have all heard about how Denmark uses windmills on its western half of the country for energy. Well, my friends, Denmark has halted production of any more windmills for energy because it is unreliable and expensive.

But ask Boone yourself. The big uproar over whether to drill in ANWR in Alaska is the "scar" that will be left in the pristine wilderness. While this has been outed as a hoax which to this day many people on the Left refuse to acquiesce, they are perfectly happy to "scar" the Great Plains and most of the mountain states with miles upon miles of windmills. It will take hundreds of thousands of square miles to place enough windmills on-line to support a new electricity grid which is better suited to handling electricity from windmills than the grid we currently are using.

When asked if Boone would inundate his some 600 acre property in Texas with windmills he was reported as saying, "Never do it. Those things are ugly." The only reason Boone wants to foist this upon the American public is that there is big money to be made in investing in wind power. Why? Because states like Colorado have mandated that certain percentages of their energy must come from wind, solar, etc. and that the government will subsidize such mandates. If put on the open market these alternate energy sources would never be able to compete.

Finally, since most of the energy use takes place on both coasts, doesn't it make sense that the logistics of getting windmill energy to them would be costly. Boone knows though, that if the government is going to subsidize such nonsense, he's going to cash in. It's that simple.

Godspeed and God please help us!

# Do you suffer from ringing of the ears? New Tinnitus Study Seeking Participants Colorado City, CO—Today, the lives of more than 12 million Americans are sig-

nificantly disrupted by constant ringing, hissing, buzzing, sirens, and other noises, according to the American Tinnitus Association (ATA).

DigiCare Hearing Research & Rehabilitation is launching a new study that utilizes an allied community healthcare team model to explore auditory, lifestyle, and health contributors in individuals that suffer from both hearing loss and tinnitus.

Participation in the study and most related services will be free, but in all cases will involve optimized digital correction of any hearing deficits as part of the treatment plan. Participants will enjoy special incentives for any devices fitted during the study.

Dr. Max S. Chartrand, Ph.D., and Glenys A. Chartrand, OTR—two foremost experts on tinnitus & amplification --will be supervising the study.

"Almost everyone with tinnitus has been told that nothing can be done. But after more than 30 years of research, this new breakthrough study will document the most effective ways to manage tinnitus and reduce the stress and disruption of quality of life that currently plagues uncountable individuals," said Dr. Chartrand.

Those wishing to participate in the MTM study may call (toll-free) 866-864-6449 for a free consumer information packet. From there, they will be scheduled for a no-cost hearing evaluation and tinnitus evaluation at the authorized DigiCare site nearest them.

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# Arts Center Announces Fall Exhibition Schedule

exhibition Representing The West Art Show & Sale in its largest gallery space, the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center's fall exhibitions will feature pastel from the Mile High National Pastel Society, photography by Steve Chinn, a selection from the Francis King Collection of Western Art in collaboration with All Pueblo Reads and the work of Randy Wix.

#### EAST MEETS WEST

Hoag Gallery: August 23-November 1

"I wanted my children to have the best combination: American circumstances and Chinese character. How could I know these things do not mix?"—From The Joy Luck Club, a New York Times Bestselling Novel by Amy Tan.

The visual arts curatorial team has juxtaposed well-loved pieces, with quotes like this, from the King Collection of Western Art and pieces from the Gene Kloss Collection. The exhibit makes a visual statement for the universality of being human as it addresses myriad themes: mother-daughter relationships,

(PUEBLO) To compliment the migration, cultural crossroads, and the power of stories.

Randy Wix

Regional Gallery: August 30-November 11 states.

Randy Wix's paintings are bold, abstract and large scale. Their texture and presence are vibrant and will catch the eye of any viewer. He creates art that appears simple but upon closer scrutiny is quite complex, depicting emotions rather than objects.

His art is the result of studying the rebellious painters who appeared in the mid-1940s and experimenting with different mediums and styles. "In my paintings, there are no rules or guidelines when it comes to the creative process,"

Wix is a self-taught artist originally from Northern California and has been painting professionally for over 9

Mile High National Pastel Society

King Gallery & 2nd Level Foyer: August 16-October 25

This juried national exhibition 30-November 8 features pastel artists from the Front Range and beyond with artists living in artist Steve Chinn

Gary Huber won the Best in



Show award presented by the Mile High National Pastel Society for his piece, Winter Morning Barns. Huber's art explores the strong natural design of the landscape.

Huber claims, "A painting is a reflection of the artist's emotional response to a subject. If an artist paints what he loves and a viewer responds, a connection will be made through the painting between artist and viewer."

Lorie Merfeld-Batson won the first place award for Traditional and Susan McKelvy won the first place title for Contemporary/Abstract.

**Steve Chinn Photography** 

Boardroom & 3rd Level Foyer: August just off of I-25, exit 98b.

Colorado creates beautiful landscapes and portraits through his



photography. Chinn studied commercial art, graphic design, printing, textile design and computer graphics and realized that he was interested in the pursuit of visual communication.

Chinn's inspiration is his father, a successful photographer in Pueblo for over 50 years. "My father believed that the success of a photograph was dependent upon the lighting and composition, not the latest equipment with all the 'bells and whistles" said Chinn.

Admission to the Arts Center is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children and military. Members of the Arts Center receive free admission. For more information, call 719-295-7200 or go online to www. sdc-arts.org. The Sangre de Cristo Arts Center is located at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave.,

# Writer's Art:

by James Kilpatrick

"Less is more!" Robert Browning said it first in "Andrea del Sarto." A century later, the architect Mies van der Times carried an editorial in July in which Rohe made the aphorism famous. It's a great rule for writers, but it is one of health officials did a better job, said the

those rules of thumb that could use an ex- editor, "it would save consumers their tricks of "style," a noun defined by the tra finger.

Useful example: The New York it took a stand against tainted tomatoes. If

"Less Isn't Always More" health and businesses profits." The conclusion was admirable, but the sentence was soggy.

> More is not always less. Suppose we add just one word to the sentence. Now a better job "would save consumers their health and businesses their profits." We have not sharpened the pedestrian point, but we have surely improved the cadence.

Second useful example, from a Times editorial in June: "The excitement underpinning Sen. Barack Obama's campaign rests considerably on his evocative vows to depart from self-interested politics." Let us tweak. Now the excitement rests on his evocative vows to depart from "the politics of self-interest." The sentence begins to fall trippingly from the tongue.

Third useful example, from a news story in the Times on Aug. 4: "Today's hot Beanie Baby or new Harry Potter book is tomorrow's yard sale fodder." Suppose we emend the sentence ever so slightly: "Today's hot Beanie Baby or new Harry Potter book is tomorrow's fodder for a yard sale." We gain a note of subtle alliteration in "fodder for," and we end the opening paragraph on an accented syllable.

These are among the little dog

gnomes of Merriam-Webster as "a distinctive manner of expression." Their useful example is the writer "who writes with more attention to style than to content." Most of the time, style justifiably loses to content. That's a given. But if we can serve our readers with prose that not only speaks precisely but also looks pretty on the plate, we will be happy writers. And our readers will be happy readers.

For a lovely example of the wellturned phrase, let me cite a recent piece in The Washington Post by William Jelani Cobb, an associate professor of history at Spelman College. He was writing about Atlanta. It is "a small town trapped inside a big city, a place firmly committed to putting the past behind it and a place where history shows through like paint under primer."

It was a perfect simile. The elements were universally familiar. The alliteration (putting, past, place, paint, primer) was pulled off pleasantly. Carry

New subject: Writing in The Washington Post, two reporters covered the election of Donna F. Edwards to the House of Representatives from Maryland. She "will replace eight-term Rep. Albert R. Wynn ..." Well, yes, but then again, no. More precisely, Edwards will "succeed" Wynn. It may seem a small distinction, but some words have subtle harmonics, or overtones, and "replace" is one of them. Andrew Johnson succeeded Abraham Lincoln. He didn't replace

Final thought for the day: Every language has its inexplicable idioms. American English certainly has its share. A familiar one recently turned up in a report by The Associated Press from Fayetteville, Ark., where the body of an Army nurse was found "three days after she went missing." In the same fashion, the Savannah (Ga.) Morning News reported that police were summoned after receipts from a baseball game "turned up missing."

Such idioms are old, well understood, deeply entrenched. Fret thee not! Our language is richer for them. Nothing here has regrettably gone missing -- but flavor has been added.

Readers are invited to send dated citations of usage to Mr. Kilpatrick in care of this newspaper. His e-mail address is kilpatjj(at)aol.com.



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- Do you have skin wounds or ulcers on your feet or toes that are slow to heal?

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#### **LEAD STORY**

'What was once a gentleman's hobby among a few dozen enthusiasts at the turn of the 20th century," wrote The New York Times in July, "has evolved into a multimillion-dollar industry," namely, collecting strands of hair of famous people. Mastro Auctions of Chicago sells \$100,000 worth of hair a year, and in October, a tuft of Che Guevara's went for \$119,500 (and John Lennon's recently for \$48,000). Westport, Conn., Americana dealer John Reznikoff (who owns strands of Lincoln, Washington, Napoleon and Beethoven) appraised Britney Spears' locks (after her 2007 head-shaving) at "only" \$3,500. Reznikoff told the Times that, while he advertises his trade in books and autographs, the hair is low-key: "I'm concerned clients might not take me seriously if they see me selling a lock of Charles Dickens' hair."

#### **The Continuing Crisis**

-- As Denton, Texas, Pizza Patron employee Stephanie Martinez complied Greg Nance, 49, resigned from the state with a disguised robber's demand for Board of Education in August after money at closing in July, a co-worker complaints about his ignoring a policy

jumped the man, knocked him down, and began beating on him. As the robber's sunglasses and wig fell off, Martinez recognized him: "Don't hit him again! That's my dad!" Police later charged Stephanie's father, mother and husband with the attempted robbery, concluding that Stephanie had been kept completely in the dark about the heist.

-- Among the losers in the recent housing crash was The Shire in Bend, Ore., which was to be a village of 31 homes in the style of those in the "Lord of the Rings" series, with (according to a report in the Bend Bulletin) "unique stonework, artificial thatched roofs, terraces, gardens, and a network of streams and ponds with a pathway to ... 'The Ring Bearer's Court." One of the only two houses completed has a "hobbit hole" for storing garden supplies. Developer Ron Meyers said he hopes the new owner will respect the concept.

-- Nevada Political Babylon:

discussion at a public meeting by cooing with his new, 20-year-old wife of 12 days. (When a colleague complained that the woman should not have been seated with Nance at the board table, Nance replied, be named by Gov. Jim Gibbons, whose approval rating hovers in the 20 percent range, in part because of rumors of womanizing. Gibbons filed for divorce in May, but his wife of 22 years has refused instead, Gibbons has moved out.

#### **Family Values**

-- Former British glamour model Jayne Bennington, 31, says she spends the equivalent of \$600 a month on treatments and frills to make her daughter Sasha, 11, into the beauty queen she almost was herself, according to a July profile in London's Daily Mail. However, Mom has done such a good job that Sasha can't responded, "Blond, pretty, dumb (but) I with laughter.)

-- Blood Is Thicker: In Bihar state, India, a man was charged with having his father killed a day before retirement so that the son might "inherit" his government job via the traditional family-hardship policy. (If Dad had retired, the regular hiring process would have been used to find a replacement.)

#### **Crime Pays**

Kenneth Moore, 49, admitted that he was the one who shot his friend Darrel Benner to death in 1995 during a beerdrinking binge, in front of two witnesses, in Piketon, Ohio, but an appeals court later ruled that he was entitled to a new trial because prosecutors had withheld evidence. At a new trial, with memories failing, Moore was found not guilty. State law thus calls Moore's nine-plus years served "wrongful imprisonment," entitling him to compensation, and in July the Ohio Court of Claims approved a payment of more than \$500,000 (plus legal fees) for Moore's having pulled the animals and the only water coming from trigger that night.

#### **Unclear on the Concept**

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-- (1) Landlord Richard Ott, 30, tenants, who were behind in their rent.

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According to police, Ott hopped into his Hummer in the middle of the night and crashed into the "tenants" front door.

#### **Least Competent Criminals**

Spectacular Failures of Prison "Bite me.") Nance's replacement will Rehab: (1) Michael Ogle, 29, was arrested for allegedly robbing the BBT Bank in Seymour, Tenn., in August, right after his release from jail for robbing the same bank last November. (2) Timothy Wallace, 38, was arrested after allegedly to leave the governor's mansion, and, robbing the Superior Bank in Elkmont, Ala., in July, after his release from prison, where he had served a 12-year sentence for robbing the same bank in 1995.

#### **Recurring Themes**

Insurance companies, especially in Europe, seem game for underwriting almost any odd risk anyone is willing to pay for, and thus News of the Weird has reported on people insured against alien invasion, the Loch Ness monster, get work because she no longer looks and, for three Scottish nuns, the expense like a child. Asked her self-assessment of Jesus Christ's second coming if he by a BBC documentary crew, Sasha were born to any of them. The bedding company SilentNight in Lancashire, don't need brains." (At that, Mom roared England, recently insured mattress-tester Graham Butterfield's buttocks for the equivalent of about \$2 million, finding that particular part of his body to be so sensitive to tiny variations in fillings that he knows, quickly and certainly, if the proper materials have been used.

#### The Aristocrats!

In three instances reported in August, American kids were found living in such filthy squalor and isolation that authorities feared they were nearly as developmentally stunted as feral children raised in the wilderness. A 36-year-old man in Lavonia, Ga., was arrested for having imprisoned his wife and three never-schooled children inside their small trailer home for at least the last three years. And in Burke County, Ga., a woman and 11 never-schooled children were found in a filthy trailer home without electricity or running water. And in Polk County, Mo., six children were found among three families living in a clump of 12 isolated, junk-packed trailer homes with 360 a series of connected garden hoses.

#### Can't Possibly Be True

-- Though it has been on national was arrested in Newark, Del., in August cable TV since mid-July, ratings have not after he finally snapped in anger at his been spectacular for the G4 channel's

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## TIPS FOR YOUR CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH

# Medications And The Older Adult

(NAPSI)-The good news is mod-cation. ern medicines can help people live longer and better lives.

The bad news is taking several prescriptions and over-the-counter (OTC) medications or herbal supplements, combined with normal changes in an aging body, can increase the chance of an adverse reaction resulting in serious health

or disability. Both OTC and herbals can cause harmful interactions when taken in combina-

problems

tion with some prescription medications. Nonprescription drugs are real medicine and many prescription medications are based on herbal ingredients. Studies show fewer than 30 percent of older adults take their medication properly. Almost 25 percent of all admissions to nursing homes and hospitals are related to adverse reactions to medications experienced by older adults.

The better news is there are steps you can take to prevent this problem:

- If you or a family member is taking prescription medicine, make sure to check with the physician or pharmacist about taking OTC or herbal remedies.
- the medication to be sure it's the right one.
- directions and are aware of any warnings there might be related to taking this medi-

- Remember, drugs can interact with food, too. Some medications should be taken a certain amount of time before to keep the bottles locked in a cabinet or or after a meal. Others may need to be taken with food. Check with the doctor or pharmacist about which foods or drinks actions you should watch for. to avoid.
- vitamins and minerals can interact with wait until it happens. some drugs.
- Avoid taking medicine with ed by heat, light or moisture. any alcoholic beverage.
- Be sure you understand the tablet or open a capsule. dose/amount to be taken, the frequency and whether or not taking it at the same time every day is important.
- Ask for how long the medication should be taken.
- Ask about any known side effects or problems for which you should be watching.
- · Ask for written instructions, if possible.
- Be sure the doctor's chart lists all medications. Because an older person often has more than one physician, make certain the whole medical team is informed of any current medications. Ask if the primary care physician will coordinate the drugs.
- · Be sure you know why each medication is being prescribed.
- Ask if a generic substitute may be used for a brand-name drug.
- If it is a new medication, ask • Make sure to read the label on for only half the prescription in case it causes a reaction.
- If there is anything written on • Be certain you understand the the bottle that you do not understand, ask about it.
  - If you or your relative suffers

from arthritis, ask the pharmacist for oversized, easy-open bottles.

- If young children visit, be sure on a high shelf.
- · Ask about common allergic re-
- Ask about what to do if you or Learning More • You should also be aware that your family member misses a dose. Don't
  - Ask if the medication is affect-
  - Ask if you can cut or crush a
  - Ask if insurance covers the medication.
  - Ask about expiration dates to determine safe and effective use.
  - If you or your family member has difficulty with reading small print, ask for large-print prescription labels or use a magnifying glass to read.



You can find additional information about medication in a free booklet from the MetLife Mature Market Institute called "Medications and the Older Adult." It is part of the "Since You Care" series of guides created in cooperation with the National Alliance for Caregiving. It includes information, resources and checklists. You can get a copy by calling (203) 221-6580, e-mailing maturemar ketinstitute@ metlife.com, visiting www.maturemarketinstitute.com or writing MetLife Mature Market Institute, 57 Greens Farms Road, Westport, CT 06880.

# What Every Senior Needs To KNOW ABOUT ON-LINE SAFETY

U.S. has seen a growing number of Internet-savvy seniors and, as a result, there is an escalating risk for them to be targets of cyber crimes and scams.

According to a recent Pew Internet Research study, 37 percent of seniors over the age of 65 use the Internet regularly. Many participate in a growing selection of services now available on the Web, including bank and credit card transactions, online dating, shopping-even grocery shopping.

With more seniors engaging in these types of online activities, it has be-

(NAPSI)-In the last decade, the come even more important to stay vigilant while online, particularly as online scams become tougher to spot. For example, a recent study by the AARP of people 40+ years of age found that 54 percent were unable to iden-

> tify a phishing scam.

Con these sider safety tips for Web-savvy seniors:



Don't be the victim of phishing: Your bank, credit card company and other financial institutions will never ask you for account or personal information via e-mail.

- 2. Check your online dates: Conduct a background check via Intelius or another consumer background-screening company. It's the perfect way to ensure that potential mates are exactly who they say they are.
- 3. Don't associate with people you don't know: Don't read, just delete all e-mails from people you don't know--even if the subject line reads "Hello!" or "Remember Me?" (Those are some of scammers' favorite tricks.)
- 4. Subscribe to identity theft protection services: For example, a leading provider of personal safety and information services, Intelius, offers an IDWatch service that monitors all of a person's identity-related information, including phone, address, driver's license profile, credit- and Social Security-related information, proactively preventing ID theft for a low annual fee.

The company's consumer background check service lets you get the inside scoop about people. Internet-savvy seniors say such services can help them have peace of mind on- and off-line.

5. Trust your gut and make the call: If you're not sure that an e-mail or Web site is legitimate--don't use it. You can always pick up the phone to check out anything suspicious.

#### More Information

You can learn more online at www.intelius.com or by calling (425)

There are ways for seniors to avoid online activities that may jeopardize their personal information.





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# Fashion: Looooking Gooood!

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## WHEN SPRING **MEANS FALL**

What if you don't want (or can't afford) a gigantic dinner ring set with fake jewels, or a bow blouse, or a savage fur, or something dark and serious with a sculpted silhouette?

Happens every summer: You turn your back for a second and --WHOOOOSH! -- it's gone and fall is upon us. Fashion being in many ways a counterintuitive proposition, you know it's fall for sure when they start sending out the invites for next spring's shows. The first two came yesterday, one for Max Azria Collection, the other for BCBG.

I know they have no choice: It takes time to show the clothes to buyers, take their orders, ship bolts of fabric all over the world, have the clothes made and tagged and made up into orders and shipped so that, by next January, when you need a warm sweater, the stores will be full of shorts and halters and linen dresses.

Still: Who wants to look at next spring's clothes now? I don't even really

want to look at this fall's clothes. I haven't opossums, and high-vamped high-heeled even painted my toenails yet. I still shoes and dark, serious, severely tailored haven't worn a single one of the several clothes with sculptural shapes. linen shirts in various tropical pastels that I bought this spring at my second-favorite the bathing suits I bought for last week's column? Can't we postpone September and have an extra month of summer instead?

Obviously not.

For one thing, for the last couple of weeks, mail carriers all over America have been risking life and limb to deliver the September issues of the fashion mags, each one the weight of a tombstone, so we'll know how to look and what to buy this fall. It's only thanks to their devotion jeans, T-shirts or turtlenecks, sweaters, to duty -- and I thank them all for their service to America -- that I know we're supposed to buy big, expensive, chunky costume jewelry (New York Magazine's fall fashion issue has a story explaining why a necklace of onyx, crystals and silver-plated chain costs \$585). Also romantic blouses with poet sleeves and pussycat bows at the neck and furs with if, up in New York, insulated from the

But will we?

I keep thinking about this high thrift shop. And when do I get to try out school lacrosse match I went to with my brother in suburban Washington in the spring. I saw one woman wearing a perky pastel trench coat, with a big Coach satchel in a colorful retro print over her shoulder. But with that single exception, every other person in the stadium was dressed in a way that betrayed no acquaintance with or interest in fashion -- or, anyway, the kind you see in magazines.

The moms were in bootcut hoodies, booster jackets, clogs, sneakers. The dads wore jeans, khakis, sweats, sweaters, zip-up jackets, sneakers, ball caps. Even the clothes worn by the cute suburban teenage girls with their streaked hair and ponytails were utterly generic, I

What if fashion's over? What edges meant to look chewed by savage real America, a cadre of creative and

You know fall's right around the corner when invitations to next spring's shows start showing up in the mail

dedicated fashionistas is still obsessively cranking out these tombstone-size magazines and nobody's paying that much attention? What if we're putting the backs of America's mail carriers at risk for nothing?

I've worried about this for a long time. Most of us already have 10 times more clothes than we'll ever be able to wear out. Gradually -- a little like the frog in the pot on the burner turned down to simmer? -- our fashion industry has become accustomed to counting on us to buy things because we want them, even if we don't need them.

But what happens to that paradigm if, all of a sudden, we have a reason -- like no money -- to quit buying clothes we don't really need?

I don't think this has ever happened before. Even in the depths of the Depression, farmers hard-pressed to scratch a living out of the soil had to buy new bib overalls when their old ones wore out. They kept Sears and Montgomery Ward in business.

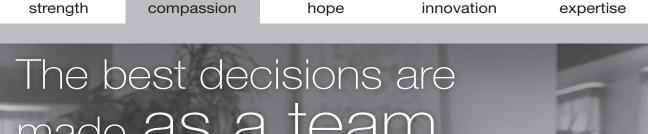
Now, though, lots of people have enough jeans to last a lifetime, or 10. OK, some of us will outgrow them and need more. But most of us, if it comes down to choosing between this week's groceries or rent or mortgage payment, and a sharp new pair of jeans we can perfectly well do without, will go for the groceries.

Lack of interest -- contentment, to put it more optimistically -- could be another reason to quit buying clothes we don't need. What if, despite all our assumptions to the contrary, we finally have enough black pants?

The other day somebody was telling me that burglars are losing interest in burgling -- she'd heard it on NPR. As she explained it, everybody has so much stuff now that it's not worth stealing people's stuff from them because you can't find anybody to sell it to. Eightyear-old laptop? Cassette tape player? Forget it! You put them out on the street and nobody takes them.

As you know if you've been to an estate sale lately, you can barely find anybody to buy used stuff that isn't stolen anymore. At a house sale this summer, for instance, I bought a set of silver plated flatware -- more than a dozen each of teaspoons, soup spoons, iced tea spoons, dinner forks, salad forks, dinner knives, butter knives -- plus serving spoons, pickle forks, berry spoons, etc., for \$15. Some of the luncheon forks looked a little worn, but everything else was in good shape, and it came in a nice, divided feltlined hardwood box.

Fifty years ago, these pretty forks and spoons and knives staked somebody's claim to gentility, couth and cool -- think of them as a 1958 version of \$300 jeans. Now they're \$15.





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# Social Security & You

by Melinda Minor, District Manager - Pueblo

#### **CHECK OUT THE NEW** LOOK OF SOCIAL SECURITY'S HOME PAGE

Social Security's homepage has Question: a brand new look. In June, we launched a new home page at www.socialsecurity.

The new look is more welcoming and user-friendly; it follows the standard for design principles in the industry by reducing clutter, improving navigation, making better use of graphics, reducing the need to scroll down and prioritizing items on the page.

The new page focuses on the primary reasons people contact Social Security. We put those items front and center. The three main topics that take up the prime real estate are:

- Filing for retirement benefits;
- Applying for disability benefits;

and

card.

• Requesting a Social Security

Meanwhile, major program topics run along the top of the page—Retirement, Survivors, Disability, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicare. The left side of the home page answers "What you can do online." And that's where you're also linked to Your Social Security Earnings Statement, forms and publications, and more.

On the right side of the page, you'll be able to search the site, get answers to frequently asked questions and find information for specific groups or organizations on the web site. Social Security news rounds out the page.

For the first time, people also can watch a brief video greeting on the site delivered by one of our agency employees.

While the look of our home page has changed, the web addresses have not. Favorite sites that you and other frequent visitors have bookmarked will not tirement as late as age 70.

If you haven't recently been to www.socialsecurity.gov, you'll be pleased and surprised at all the things you can do. There's something there for everyone. You can save yourself a trip to an office by using the website. There you can apply for retirement or disability benefits. You also can find out the exact documents you need to bring into our offices if you need a replacement card.

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#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

## **GENERAL**

When am I legally required to give my Social Security number?

cial Security number may not really re-posit; quire it, but some may refuse you a service if you don't give it. If asked for your number, you should ask why it's needed and how it will be used. You also can ask what law requires you to give it and what the consequences are if you refuse. State agencies, for example, may be re- employer for this year and last year; and quired by law to collect your number. For more detailed information, we recom- for any U.S. military service. mend the publication Your Social Security Number And Card at www.socialsecurity. gov/pubs/10002.html. You also can visit us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-Social Security's website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). Also, be sure to keep your Social Security card in a safe place at home with your important papers—not in your purse or wallet. **Question:** 

age of retirement began to increase. How do I find out exactly when I will be of "full retirement" age?

#### Answer:

Full retirement age gradually increases based on the year of your birth. Those born in 1937 and before reached full retirement age at 65 years old. Those born in 1938 or later will see a gradual increase in the full retirement age with those born between 1943-1954 reaching full retirement age at age 66 and those born in 1960 or later becoming eligible for full retirement benefits at 67 years old. No matter what your full retirement age is, you may start receiving reduced benefits as early as age 62 or a larger benefit by delaying re-

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#### RETIREMENT

#### Question:

What type of information will I need to complete my online application for retirement benefits?

#### Answer:

You can prepare to file your on-Check out our new home page at line application by accessing the Retirement Planner at www.socialsecurity.gov/

retire2. Some of the information you MEDICARE should have on hand to answer the questions on the online application include:

- Your Social Security number;
- Your date and place of birth;
- Your bank or other financial institution's Routing Transit Number and
- The amount you earned last year and the amount you expect to earn this year (between September and December, we may also ask how much you expect to earn next year);
- The name and address of each
  - The beginning and ending dates

website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call 800-325-0778).

Question:

Is it true that if you have low income you can get help paying Medicare premiums?

#### Answer:

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# On Your Toes!!

I know that some years ago the by Benjamin Marble, DPM, Pueblo Ankle & Foot Care

**Hikers & Hunters** 

Long, vigorous hikes take toll on ankles and feet

As brightly colored leaves dazzle the fall landscape, hikers and hunters in Colorado will migrate to our Rocky Mountains, woods and fields, but many, unfortunately, are ill prepared for the beating their feet will take.

Hikers, hunters and others who love the Colorado outdoors often donot realize how strenuous it can be to withstand constant, vigorous walking on uneven terrain. Lax physical conditioning and inappropriate footwear bring scores of outdoor enthusiasts into my office each fall for treatment of foot and ankle problems such as chronic heel pain, ankle sprains, Achilles tendonitis, fungal infections and severe blisters.

Walking up and down steep hillsides and tramping through wet, slippery fields and wooded areas puts stress on the muscles and tendons in the feet and ankles, especially if you haven't conditioned properly before hitting the trail. Also, many don't realize that cross-training athletic shoes aren't the best choice for extended hiking and hunting. Had some of my patients worn sturdy, well constructed hiking boots, they wouldn't

have suffered sprained

ankles or strained Achilles tendons.

I advise hikers and hunters to make the investment in top-quality hiking boots. A strong, well insulated and moisture-proof boots with steel or graphite shanks offer excellent ankle and foot support that helps lessen stress and muscle fatigue to reduce injury risk. The supportive shank decreases strain on the arch by allowing the boot to distribute impact as the foot moves forward. So if a boot bends in the middle, don't buy it.

In wet and cold weather, wearing the right socks can help prevent blisters, fungal infections and frostbite. I recommend synthetic socks as the first layer to keep the feet dry and reduce blister-causing friction. For the second layer, wool socks add warmth, absorb moisture away from the skin, and help make the hiking boot more comfortable. Wool lets moisture evaporate more readily than cotton, so fewer blisters develop.

What happens if your feet or ankles hurt during a hike or hunt? Pain usually occurs from overuse, even from just walking. If you are not accustomed to walking on sloped or uneven ground, your legs and feet will get tired and cause muscles and tendons to ache. To avoid a serious injury, such as a severe ankle sprain or an Achilles tendon rupture, rest for awhile if you start hurting.

Pain is a warning sign that something is wrong. Serious injury risk escalates significantly if you continue hiking in pain. I liken hiking to skiing, in that beginners should take on less difficult trails until they become better conditioned and more confident.

Evaluation by a foot and ankle surgeon is recommended if there is persistent pain following a hiking or hunting outing. I am most concerned about ankle instability and strained Achilles tendons. Inattention to these problems at their early stages may lead to a serious injury that will keep you off the trails for a long

Hikers and hunters seeking further information about ankle sprains, Achilles tendon injuries and other topics, contact your podiatrist's office, or go to FootPhysicians.com.

Benjamin Marble, DPM is a member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons and board qualified in foot and ankle surgery. Dr. Marble practices with Dr. Schneider at 1619 N. Greenwood Street ste #300 across from Parkview Medical Center. Their phone number is 719-543-2476 and Web site is www.puebloankleandfoot.com



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# Light For The Journey"

By Jan McLaughlin - Director of Prayer Warriors For Prisoners

#### "LEFT BEHIND" **SEPTEMBER 2008**

The narrow gravel road meandered steeply down a slope into a shady gulch. It was a balmy spring day in southern Missouri. Outings were rare for our family of six because my daddy was a farmer and rarely had opportunity to leave the farm. But this was a special day and my parents had decided to take us children to the Old Spanish Cave for a

Daddy parked the car and my older brother and sister piled out. Mother gathered my baby sister in her arms and

stepped out of the car. I climbed off the wooden tomato crate in the back seat which had become my domain and stepped to the ground. At six, I was tiny but feisty and protested loudly if I caught one of my siblings on it. The tomato crate lifted me enough to see out the windows. Once out of the car, I ran to follow the others, eager to explore this new territory, so different from the family

Together, the family approached the cave entrance. We children were giddy with excitement about our first venture into a real cave. Daddy was upset that the entrance fees were so high and irate to learn Coca Cola and orange soda were ten cents a bottle! "I've never paid over five cents for a bottle of pop in

my life and I don't intend to start now!" he declared adamantly, refusing to pur- of the popular chase the high priced refreshment.

The cave entrance swallowed series of novus as we trailed behind the gentleman els by guiding the tour. It was dimly lit but fascinating rock formations were visible. I became troubled when the man jokingly told my dad he really wanted a little girl and he would give Daddy a quarter for me. He did that several times. Frightened, I clung to my daddy's leg. rest of the tour was a blur.

dim interior and I was glad to be outside in the fresh air again. Mother sent my to the outhouses before starting the long ride home.

On the way down the hill, I was attracted to the pretty rocks on the trail. I had both hands full when I looked up to see our car driving away. Panic stricken, I threw down the rocks and ran, screaming, down the hill. Just as I reached the little shop at the mouth of the cave the car rounded the corner at the top of the hill and disappeared. I had been left behind. Terrifying thoughts raced through my little mind. I was horrified. What if my daddy sold me to that man? What if I left. never saw my family again? What if they left me here on purpose?

My screaming and sobbing brought the man and his wife out of the shop. They tried to console me, promising that my family would return. Their offers of free ten cent bottles of pop and expensive candy were of no interest to me. I just wanted my family and I couldn't stop crying.

When mother realized my sister was sitting on my tomato crate, she watching my parents drive away and dug through coats hanging on the back of the front seats. She was certain I had fallen from the car window. Daddy turned the car around and drove back to the cave where they found me, still crying hysterically. Although relieved to see them I was traumatized and clung to mother, sobbing uncontrollably for over

The horror of being left behind cannot be described or understood unless you have experienced it. There is a last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, will be left behind. You may have we will be changed. NIV

read or heard Left Behind Tim LaHaye

Jerry Jenkins. These fictional stories use Biblical prophecy to give the reader some understanding of the days to come and the urgency to be prepared to prevent being left behind. They tell of the return of Jesus Christ for His church and the war Although the man was only teasing, it of Armageddon. We cannot know the was extremely alarming for me and the day or the hour but we are told to discern the signs of the times: wars and rumors The sun illuminated the cave of war, earthquakes in various places, entrance as we approached it from the strange weather patterns and signs in the sky. Matthew 24:36-44 reads, "No one knows about that day or hour, not even brother and I up the hill on little trails the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a

> "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. NIV"

> hand mill; one will be taken and the other

The horror I felt as a little girl began to look for me. Frantically, she leave me at the Old Spanish Cave must be a bit like the terror those left behind will feel when Jesus comes for His church and they discover loved ones missing. The realization that they have been left behind will be a terrible blow. The Apostle Paul warned us that it will happen in the twinkling of an eye when the last trumpet sounds. 1 Cor 15:51-52 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the time prophesied in Scripture when some the dead will be raised imperishable, and

> There is an urgency in the air. Be READY! Don't be LEFT BEHIND. Look at the signs of the times. Jesus said in Luke 21:28 "When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." NIV

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# Skyline Ridge Earns Nat'l Award

Canon City, CO (August 4, 2008) - The American Health Care Association in conjunction with The National Center For Assisted Living's just announced this years recipients of the "Step 1 Quality Award," an award that recognizes long term care facilities throughout the United States for their outstanding achievement and ongoing commitment to providing quality improvement. Larry Lavelle, Administrator and 19-year veteran of Skyline said, "Skyline Ridge is on a journey away from the traditional nursing facility model. We are all dedicated to changing a resident into a family member, our facility into a home, and schedules into choices."

Facilities across the country were evaluated by AHCA/NCAL to receive this award. Skyline is one of four communities in Colorado to receive this honor. The Step I award is decided after 100 volunteer trained examiners evaluated many long term care facilities across the country. Skyline Ridge earned this award because of their dedicated caregivers, administrator, nurses, physicians and staff who clearly demonstrated their commitment to quality of care while meeting the needs of our nation's most vulnerable population.

The AHCA/NCAL Quality Award is given to recipients who demonstrate companywide commitment to a customer-focused facility mission while defining its principal customers and their expectations and clearly indentify ways to meet their needs. This quality award program continues to be a valuable framework and tool to facilities that are developing a systems-based perspective to achieve performance excellence.

Skyline Ridge is owned and operated by Five Star Quality Care (5sqc.com) based in Boston, MA. Five Star Quality Care owns and operates 200 long term care communities in 30 states. For more information go to www.5sqc.com.

Skyline Ridge Nursing will be honored for their outstanding achievement during AHCA/NCAL's 59th Annual Convention and Exposition, October 5-8, 2008 in Nashville, TN.

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# Petty Says "Stay On Track" For Better Prostate Health

the wheel in maintaining their prostate health, and if diagnosed with prostate cancer, assemble their own multidisciplinary "pit crew" of treatment specialists--including a medical oncologist, along with a urologist--to explore a full range of treatment options such as surgery, radiation and chemotherapy.

Out in front as spokesperson for a new prostate cancer education campaign is Kyle Petty, NASCAR champion and son of NASCAR king Richard Petty, who was successfully treated for prostate cancer more than 10 years ago.

Prostate cancer ranks third among cancers in worldwide incidence and sixth in cancer mortality among men. An estimated 186,000 American men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year, and millions more are living with the disease today. One new case of prostate cancer is diagnosed every 2.5 minutes and a man dies from the disease every 19 minutes. However, prostate cancer when detected in its early stages can be treatable.

(NAPSI)-Men should take ment, my dad always took the wheel. cologist--is helping patients live longer treatment options. After learning he had prostate cancer, he enlisted not just a urologist at a major hospital but also a medical oncologist in the multidisciplinary treatment team of professionals. As his family, we were very much part of his treatment team, cheering him on. Because his cancer was treated successfully, more than 10 years later, I have the benefit of his experience as my dad, my coach and my biggest fan," said Petty.

A multidisciplinary team approach has become standard in treating many cancers, such as breast and lung, but is currently not as widely used in the treatment of prostate cancer.

While most patients with other types of cancer are treated by oncologists, a urologist is typically the primary physician who diagnoses and manages prostate cancer treatment. However, there is growing recognition among urologists of the benefit of including an oncologist in the treatment team.

Research has shown that a multidisciplinary approach--particularly close "As an advocate in his own treat-collaboration between urologist and on-

with a better quality of life. "By consulting with both a medical and radiation oncologist along with a urologist, men TRACK: A Manual with prostate cancer may optimize their care," said Robert Dreicer, M.D., FACP, Chairman of the Department of Solid Tumor Oncology at the Cleveland Clinic and Professor of Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine. "I work very closely with my colleagues on a multidisciplinary treatment team to explore all available options, including surgery, radiation and chemotherapy."

To help increase the number of men who are screened for prostate cancer, the campaign invites men to take "Kyle Petty's Prostate Inspection Pledge." As part of the company's commitment to oncology, sanofi-aventis will donate a dollar for every pledge to PCEC to support prostate education.

If you have not yet visited the site, go to www.pcaw.com to take the pledge to make a pit stop at your doctor, and if diagnosed, to seek multidisciplinary treatment with a pit crew of professionals, including a medical oncologist,

Free Manual

The free educational "STAY ON

for Better Prostate Health" is available to help encourage men to learn about maintaining prostate health. Illustrating that prostate cancer is a common bump in the road, the man-



ual cautions on warning signs, advises routine maintenance and instructs how to assemble a multidisciplinary pit crew of specialized pros if a problem is detected and repairs are needed.

"STAY ON TRACK: A Manual for Better Prostate Health" can be ordered on www.pcaw.com or by calling (866) 321-3114.

The STAY ON TRACK for Better Prostate Health campaign is sponsored by the Prostate Cancer Education Council (PCEC) and sanofi-aventis.

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#### by Marshall Jay Kaplan

#### Ruth Buzzi

The rubber-faced comedienne in' with Arte was born July 24, 1941 and raised in Johnson.' Weguetequock. Connecticut. From 6 to 13 years of age, she took tap and ballet, has only fond but never wanted to be a ballerina. "My memories of whole class wanted to be dancers. I was just there for fun. When we performed individually for our teacher, out of em- ers, barrassment, I would perform my steps funny, in order to make everyone laugh. Eventually, this led to comical roles in recitals and high school plays."

Ruth's first paying job was as a seminary girl in the San Francisco production of 'Jenny Kissed Me', starring Rudy Vallee. She then auditioned for George Schlatter who was the creator and producer of 'Laugh-in'.

Ruth recalls her audition, "I sang two duets alone. The first was a funny song with bird calls in it called 'Ode to show was the 'Old Lady on the Banch'. Ladybird'. The second song ('Don't Futz Around') was an operatic duet. I accompanied myself on the piano and went back and forth singing both male and female parts. I eventually performed this song

'Laugh-

'Laugh-In'. "The produc-George Schlatter, Dick Martin and Dan Rowan



were the smartest, most wonderful bosses to work with! They knew how to keep a cast and crew like us happy. In turn, I loved, absolutely loved, going to work! Even though the hours were long (until 2, 3, or 4 in the morning), those guys made it worth it. The writing was so great to perform — that was the icing on the cake!" Ruth's most memorable character on the

After the series ended, Ruth guested on numerous variety shows and sitcoms throughout the 1970's. Such shows as 'Carol Burnett and Friends', 'Donny and Marie', 'Love, American Style', 'The Dean Martin Roasts' and 'The Flip Wilson Show' always displayed her comedic abilities.

During the 1980's audiences were able to see a dramatic side of Ruth Buzzi as she guested on shush shows as 'Trapper John M.D.', and 'Medical Center' (this was one of her favorite roles, playing opposite Don Rickles).

In the mid-1970's, she started getting involved in cartoon voice-overs and is currently very much in demand. Her voice has been heard in 'The Aristocats', 'The Jetsons', 'Scooby-Doo', 'The Flintstones' and 'The Addams Family'.

Her involvement with children's cartoons made Ruth a natural choice for a 6 month stint on "Sesame Street". The response from viewers regarding her character, 'Ruthie' was phenomenal, making her a permanent cast member.

Currently, Ruth is married to husband and actor Kent Perkins. The two divide their time between two homes in California, a home in New York and a 290 acre ranch in Oklahoma. She and Kent plan to catch up on their horseback riding, yard work, housework and upholstering. "Kent and I are incredible workers together. Whatever the project, we can do the work of four people! However, time is our enemy. But beware, when we do get together — watch out!" And we will keep on watching, Ruth!







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# Asthma Q & A With Jackie Joyner Kersey/Pharmacist

do not have the condition under control. Gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersee is a good example of someone who needed some help to successfully control the condition.

In fact, it took several lifethreatening attacks and multiple trips to the emergency room before Jackie started taking a proactive approach to asthma management. Now, Jackie avoids attack triggers and takes medication to keep her asthma under control.

Jackie works with her doctor and a specialist pharmacist. Just like doctors, some pharmacists are now specializing in chronic health conditions. Jackie relies on pulmonary pharmacists like Ron Erkens as an educational resource and to help her manage her medications. Ron has in-depth knowledge about pulmonary conditions, including asthma, and the medications used to treat them.

Through Medco Health Solutions, Inc., Jackie and millions of other Americans now have access to specialist pharmacists who concentrate solely on chronic conditions like asthma. Follow-

lion Americans who suffer from asthma Ron on how to effectively manage her asthma.

> medicines for asthma. What are some of any problems that can arise? the most common asthma medications?

Ron: People with asthma, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and other breathing conditions often use the following two different types of medications to help control their condition:

- Long-term control medications (controllers) work to help reduce inflammation or relax muscles in the airways. They must be taken daily to prevent symptoms. They will not give quick relief if breathing suddenly worsens.
- Quick-relief medications (relievers) relax airway muscles to provide rapid relief of symptoms. They can be taken as needed or when symptoms worsen but will not control symptoms on a daily basis. Using more than one reliever inhaler per month indicates your breathing condition is not under control or you may not be using your inhaler correctly. Taking your medications correctly can lower your risk of doctor and emergency

(NAPSI)-Many of the 22 miling is a conversation between Jackie and room visits, hospitalizations and death.

Jackie: Many people have more than one chronic condition, and are thus afford asthma medication? Jackie: There seem to be a lot of taking multiple medications. Are there

Ron: Yes, certain medications can have harmful interactions when taken medication, together. This is why it's important to read labels on all medications, even OTC medications. If you're still unsure, ask your doctor or pharmacist. Some medications used to treat asthma should be used receive by fillwith caution in patients with cardiovascular disease, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, glaucoma and with mail. Check for certain food allergies. This is why it's important to tell your doctor your complete programs is prescribed without harmful side ef-

Jackie: What are the benefits of pulmonary specialist pharmacists?

Ron: We review National Asthma Education and Prevention Program (NAEPP) Guideline recommendations for the treatment of asthma. In addition, when there is a safety issue, we review patient medication profiles, check safety of medications with medical conditions, look for duplication of medications, and seek other opportunities that can help improve patient outcomes, as well as offer some possible lower-cost options.

Jackie: Why do so many people with asthma end up in the emergency room?

Ron: Patients often stop or decrease their medications when they feel good. People need to take controller medications daily to prevent flare-ups later. Sometimes people overuse their rescue medications, which might be a sign of worsening or uncontrolled asthma. Knowing more about asthma and turn- and taking medication. ing to health professionals like specialist Ron Erkens, R.Ph. pharmacists to help take medications cor-

rectly is key.

Jackie: What if someone can't

Ron: Talking to your doctor and pharmacist about generics may offer cost savings. If you are taking a long-term

check with your pharmacy plan for any potential savings you can ing your medications through discount that



medical history, so the proper medication might be available. For example, Medco has currently waived the annual fee for the Medco Rx Discount Program, which, while not an insurance program, still provides enrollees an opportunity to save an average of 14 to 45 percent off prescription medications and receive advanced pharmacy care from specialist pharmacists. You can sign up and learn more at www.medcospecialists.com.

> Jackie: What advice do you have for people with asthma?

> Ron: Although asthma is not curable, most patients who follow doctors' recommended treatment can live normal, active lives. Asthma is one of the nation's most-common and costly chronic conditions, accounting for more than 2 million emergency room visits each year, 10 million lost workdays, about 13 million lost school days and 4,000 deaths per year.

> By working closely with her doctor and pulmonary pharmacist, Jackie is a perfect example of someone controlling asthma. Jackie Joyner-Kersee controls her asthma by avoiding attack triggers



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The idea could be hosting a drive-in movie to benefit an ill community member, or a summer picnic filled with sack races and face painting to raise funds for a neighborhood playground. Farm Rich hopes that the contest will encourage "funraisers" in neighborhoods across the country!

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# Traveling: There's Nothing Like A Holiday!

# Confluence Hunters Follow Imaginary Lines To Real Places

by Patrick Joseph

first Global Positioning System (GPS) unit in 1998, he went online to find the geographical coordinates for some of the places he had visited around the Hill was instantly hooked on the idea world. It was then that the 55-year-old of confluence hunting, which he says Georgian stumbled upon the Degree tapped into "childhood dreams of Confluence Project (DCP), a Web site intrepid exploration." Ten years later,

document -- in words and photos -- who can claim 29 confluences in 11 When J. Baker Hill bought his places on Earth where whole-numbered countries. lines of latitude and longitude intersect. No minutes, no seconds, just integers.

A lifelong geography fan,

"When I was a kid," Hill explained via e-mail, "I was bummed because it seemed all the exploration had already happened, and I loved the stories of the great explorers. It turns out there are many places on the Earth no one has even thought of visiting and documenting."

Take, for example: degrees north, 16 degrees west, which happens to be a desolate spot on the coast of Mauritania. Or consider the unremarkable cotton field in Togo that straddles 10 degrees north, 1 degree east, or the industrial park outside Calgary, Alberta, which sits atop the invisible crosshairs defined as 51 degrees north, 114 degrees west.

All of these places have been visited and documented by Hill, yet none of them would have beckoned were it not for the DCP. And, given its random nature, that would seem to hold true for all confluences, of which there are 64,442 around the globe (counting each pole as one). Just over 14,000 of those are on land.

As of this writing, more than 5,400 confluences in 180 countries have been successfully visited. The figure is visits are indexed.

An all-volunteer project, DCP was launched in 1996 by Alex Jarrett, who kicked things off with a visit to 43 degrees north, 72 degrees west. The precise location is found in a tract of forest about three miles, as the crow flies, from the town of Hancock, N.H. It is, as Jarrett duly reported, "a nondescript spot by a swamp.'

In many ways, confluence hunting is similar to geocaching, the global high-tech treasure hunt in which people hide items outdoors -- containers filled with trinkets, usually -- for others to find, then post the coordinates online. Both pursuits were inspired by the

A circle in the soil marks the spot. Armed with a GPS unit and a four-wheel drive vehicle, J. Baker Hill arrived at the desolate intersection of 18 degrees north, 16 degrees west, in Mauritania. photo: J. Baker Hill

advent of affordable, handheld satellitebased GPS units, and both rely heavily on the Internet.

But where geocaching is more of a lark, confluence hunting feels like real exploration. For one thing, it's generally more challenging. You may have to climb, trespass or bushwhack your way to the confluence.

Then there is the element of the unknown: Who knows what you'll find when you get there? And, like the explorers who conquered the poles, confluence hunters -- particularly those who are the first to document a confluence -- can revel in a sense of discovery.

Perhaps most of all, it has about constantly revised, however, as more it an air of inexplicable obsession. Asked why they do it, a confluence hunter might well respond: Because it's there.

Only it isn't really.

For his part, Alex Jarrett has said that he started the project simply because he "liked the idea of visiting a location represented by a round

Also, he "hoped to encourage people to get outside, tromp around in places they normally would never go."

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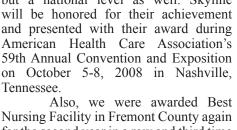
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quality care for residents with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of demen-Admission and Marketing Director says, "All residents are in the main population of the facility and are doing quite well. The residents have more freedom to interact with other residents and the staff. They appear happier and less withdrawn

Canon Lodge Care Center, a Life and/or depressed. The other residents of contributions for the Alzheimer's Associ-Care Center of America facility provides the facility have been receptive and have ation. They will be at the Colorado State even developed close relationships with the residents that suffer from dementia. tia without the use of a locked unit. The There are times when the residents may Locked Unit at Canon Lodge was re- need to be redirected; however, redirecmoved several years ago as a trial that tion has become much easier do to the has proven successful. Katie Broughton, closer interaction with the staff and other residents.'

Canon Lodge is also involved with the Alzheimer's Association, Katie Broughton is an Alzheimer's Association Volunteer as well as their Memory Walk Team Captain. The team is busy raising

Fair at the Alzheimer's Association booth that is being provided by Canon Lodge Care Center and the family of the late Orpha Ashby (Broughton's mother) who suffered from Alzheimer's Disease. The booth will hold a raffle for an Aspen Log Bed that was hand crafted and donated by Jim Calvert, Maintenance Director of Canon Lodge. The team will be joining the Memory Walk at the Pueblo City Park on September 6, 2008.

In November, which is National Alzheimer's Awareness Month, Canon Lodge staff will be providing Free Memory Screens for anyone interested. Memory Screens will be available on Monday, November 17th at the Canon City Golden Age Center 10:00 am – 2:00 pm along with an informational seminar and at Canon Lodge on National Memory Screening Day, Tuesday, November 18th beginning at 9:00 am until 3:00pm. No appointment is necessary. Canon Lodge will be hosting the National Candle Lighting Ceremony at the Golden Age Center on Thursday, November 13th beginning at 4:00 p.m. The ceremony is held nationally in remembrance and support of victims of Alzheimer's Disease, their families and caregivers.

For more information on the events you may contact Katie Broughton at (719) 275-4106 or (719) 371-2653. Information about Alzheimer's Disease or the Memory Walk can be obtained by calling the Alzheimer's Association (Southern Colorado) at (719) 544-5720, the helpline (800) 272-3900. You can also visit the Association web site at www.alz.



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mistakes I've made" during the spring and summer, says Michael Petrie, owner

Gardeners get a second chance Pa., near Philadelphia. "Sometimes it's a little cooler. Ornamental grasses are at misunderstanding between me and a plant their best when the angle of the sun gets -- now we've gone through one season to- a little lower and backlights their feathgether, and I've learned what doesn't work, ery inflorescences. Summer's flashy lanor what needs to be adjusted."

Petrie's 20-odd years in the retail garden business have taught him that fall is one of the best times of the year for digging, dividing, transplanting and working on the finer points of garden design.

"I'm not a fan of gardening when "Fall is the best time to fix all the it's 90 degrees," he says. "In the fall, there's not so much stress, for you or for plants."

Perennials are often on sale at gar-

den shops at this season, and trees and shrubs may ters in abundance, can expect.

"These days gardeners are looking for something besides the traditional mums and gourds and kale," says Laura Geoghea company that deplants chosen espeest and cool-season

go with the season," there are lots of l oranges, dark mathe garden up with

daisy-faced flow-

of Handmade Gardens in Downington, fall, when nighttime temperatures are a tanas and super bells (Calibrachoa) also perk up when the weather cools down.

> The variety of mums, asters and pansies grows every year, but Geoghegan suggests mixing them with something new, too.

She recommends freshening up fall flowerpots with unexpected combinations of flowers and foliage plants. Coral bells (Heuchera), ajuga and euphorbias -- all perennial plants with Lights. photo: Proven Winners handsome foliage that flourish in pots conventional design ideas. -- are great companions for annuals, she Lots of garden palette of coral bells, introducing variefind mums and as- seem to glow like embers.

"They have that fall look," Gepart of what you bells, you have a beautiful combo."

> Fall is also the perfect time of year to begin a collaboration with someone who works full-time to help gardeners realize their dreams. The garden is at its fullest -- maybe a little overgrown, or perhaps a little thin in places -- and it's easy to recognize the trouble spots.

> In spring, designers and gardeners are rushed along by the season, but in the fall, there's time to step back and garden better.

"A garden designer can help you look at your landscape and understand what you want it to do and get it organized," Petrie says. His imaginative designs for the Philadelphia Flower will be all the more tempting. last a long time in Show have long inspired gardeners to step outside the high walls protecting



Fall gives homeowners a second chance at flowers in the garden. Traditional mums and asters look lively combined with cool-season annuals and foliage plants of all kinds, but a spectacular plant alone in a pot also can be alluring. This pot holds Leucanthemum Broadway

"People don't think enough about how be marked down. says. Hybridizers have expanded the they use their outdoor space," he says. "They plop a barbecue on the edge of shops restock in ties with soft chartreuse foliage, brilliant the patio, and don't think about planting early fall. You'll orange leaves and two-tone leaves that a shade tree. This is an excellent time of year to think about that."

Fall, of course, reminds us that but they're only oghegan says, "and mixed with super there is more to plants than flowers. This is the season when we appreciate colorful foliage, bright berries and interesting structure in trees and shrubs. It is a good time to make plans for the spring, to get a jump on next year.

Now that you've been out walking around in your garden all spring and summer, you'll have a good idea where to lay down a line of stepping stones, for example.

This is also the time to get rid of think about how to use the spaces in the that struggling rose or to dig out an aggressive, spreading perennial. Root it out now to make room for something better. Put up a trellis to add architectural interest through the winter. And as the days get a little cooler, a new garden bench

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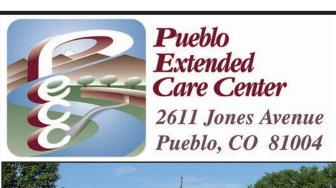
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voice on the other end reminds you that your auto warranty is about to expire. Both consumers and local businesses have been inundated with these auto warranty calls. The companies are using automated dialing programs that call every single number (including cell phones and unlisted numbers). It doesn't matter if you own a vehicle or not.

that you can be removed from their calling list by pressing a number. However, the calls continue to come. Consumers have reported waiting for a human representative and asking to be removed from the list, only to receive more warranty calls. At least 4 or 5 different firms are calling with these warranty offers.

Some company representatives have become combative and rude when asked to put a telephone number on their "do not call" list. They often refuse to give any information about the firm they are working for as well. Other consumers who have reached a representative are barraged with questions about VIN numbers, Social Security numbers, birthdates,

by Katie Carroll-BBB Communications and other sensitive information before the agent will tell the consumer anything.

The BBB of Southern Colorado The phone rings, the automated office was plagued by auto warranty calls as well, receiving upwards of 20 calls a

> The BBB reminds consumers that you do not have to give out information to unsolicited callers. A legitimate company will give you full information, including a telephone number, address, and why they

Persons besieged by these war-The messages give information ranty or other unwanted telemarketing calls are encouraged to register with the Colorado No Call List and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) National Do Not Call Registry.

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about: financial, legal, public and drug safety. Master of Ceremonies will be: Dave Ritterling, President of Visiting Angels Home Care. Keynote Speaker will be: Bill Thiebaut, District Attorney.

There will be 15 booths set up to provide seniors with additional information sponsored by "The Senior Medial Network Group," which is comprised of local nursing facilities, and health care vendors.

Other sponsors include, AARP, ElderWatch, SRDA, and Lifeline.

Admission is free to seniors and will include refreshments and lunch. Seating is limited, so please call 545-1212 by 09-09-08 to register.

For additional information - contact: me, Pat Esgar, at: pat@westwindcampus.com, my office – 719-404-1018, or my cell – 719-289-2187.

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# Baked Chicken And At Its Very Best Indeed!!

by Brete Harrison

**BAKED CHICKEN AT ITS BEST** 

The results of even the most cas- floating on top. ual search online for chicken recipes can overwhelm you with both quantity and diversity. Choosing the right recipe for your occasion starts with a little planning and bird selection.

Some chicken watchwords you particularly well. normally can't go wrong with: fresh, organic and free range. Likewise, choosing particularly if the skin has been refrom the butcher's case gives you a chance moved. When the meat is done, a sharp to look at the bird from all sides, so ask the knife inserted into a dark meat section, butcher, "Show me."

tried and true, and the Greeks and French have elevated it to perfection. The two recipes below are winning examples. **SUCCESS TIPS:** 

#### -- When shopping for chicken, tenderness you are looking for. stay away from birds with skin that is dry, hard, purplish, bruised, broken or scaly. Look out for "freezer burn" -- brownish 1 whole roasting chicken (3 pounds), patches that indicate dehydration and long-skinned

term, improper frozen storage.

-- For the health conscious, light- 1 teaspoon dried sage, crushed er-colored meat usually indicates a bird 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper that is less fattening. And calories can be 4 lemons reduced by skinning before cooking and 2 tablespoons minced fresh tarragon, if

skimming off any accumulated fat with available, or 1 taa gravy separator or a piece of bread

-- Marinating chicken provides flavor and richness without adding calories. Wine-based marinades, along with a spice or herb mixture, basted on the chicken the night before cooking work

-- Chicken is easily overcooked, such as a thigh, produces juices that run As a cooking method, baking is clear, instead of pink. If in doubt, use a meat thermometer; a minimum reading of 165 degrees indicates doneness. A slightly crisp exterior, bursting with juice when pierced, will signal the moist

#### SIMPLE, SIMPLE GREEK **LEMON CHICKEN**

1 tablespoon dried thyme

blespoon dried tarragon

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Wash chicken and pat dry. Place breast side up in a large roasting pan or deep baking

Rub thyme, sage and pepper over entire surface of chicken. Slice lemons in half and squeeze the juice through a sieve onto chicken. Sprinkle tarragon over chicken.

3. Lightly tuck large piece of aluminum foil over and around the top of the chicken. Bake until juices run clear when leg is pierced with a sharp knife (about 50 minutes). Remove aluminum foil for last 5 minutes of baking. Serve hot.



FRENCH CHICKEN SAVOYARD 1 frying chicken (3 pounds), cut up Kosher salt, white pepper and ground nutmeg

3 tablespoons butter or margarine

2 teaspoons flour

1/2 cup each dry white wine and halfand-half

1 egg yolk

1 tablespoon lemon juice

Serves 8.

1/2 cup each shredded Swiss cheese and soft French bread crumbs

1 tablespoon chopped parsley

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Sprinkle chicken pieces with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Brown chicken in a large frying pan in 2 tablespoons of butter. Remove chicken to a shallow baking dish, arranging pieces in a single layer.

2. Stir flour into pan drippings until bubbly. Remove from heat; add wine and half-and-half, stirring to mix in browned drippings.

Pungent aromas of thyme, sage and tarragon make this baked

Greek lemon chicken a hit. photo: Copyright 2008, LS Media, LLC

3. Return to low heat; cook while stirring until resulting sauce thickens slightly and boils. Beat egg yolk with lemon juice, gradually stirring in a little of the above hot sauce. Return egg mixture to the sauce; stir in cheese. Cook over very low heat, so as not to boil, until cheese melts. Pour sauce over chicken.

4. In a small skillet, melt remaining 1 tablespoon butter; add breadcrumbs and parsley, and mix together. Sprinkle over chicken.

5. Bake, uncovered, until chicken is done in thickest part (test with a small knife) and topping is well browned (30 to 45 minutes). Serve immediately.

Serves 4 to 5.

## Second Chance from page 13.

fall, Petrie says. Buy a pot of mums for the porch, by all means, but don't stop there. There's a long, full season ahead of us.

#### **SIDEBAR**

Garden-fresh ideas for fall

ideas to work, says Michael Petrie, owner of Handmade Gardens, www.handmadegardens.net. A bench, a patio, a new path or a piece of garden art will give you great pleasure the rest of the season and in the years to come.

If you can arrange furniture and hang pictures, you can design your own garden, Petrie says, but don't hesitate to call a professional designer for some fresh round in mild climates. In cold-winter ideas.

This is a great time of year to plant trees and shrubs.

9/1 MONDAY: Turkey Tetrazzini,

Carrots, Seasoned Zucchini, Wheat

9/2 TUESDAY: SRDA's Spicy Pork,

Au Gratin Potatoes, California Blend

Vegetables, Wheat Bread/Marg.,

9/3 WEDNESDAY: Beef Stroganoff

Over Noodles, Corn, Carrot Raisin

9/4 THURSDAY: Porcupine Meatballs, Seasoned Peas/Cabbage, Wheat Bread/

9/5 FRIDAY: Honey Mustard Chicken,

Stewed Tomatoes, Basil Green Beans,

Wheat Bread/Marg., Cherry Coffee

9/8 MONDAY: Penne Pasta & Meat

Sauce, Seasoned Broccoli, Pickled Beets,

Wheat Bread/Marg., Diced Peaches,

9/9 TUESDAY: Beef Tips in Gravy,

Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Zucchini,

Wheat Bread/Marg., Pineapple Tid

9/10 WEDNESDAY: Chicken a la King,

Biscuit, Carrot Raisin Salad, Wheat

Mashed Potatoes, Creamy Cole Slaw,

Stewed Tomatoes, Wheat Bread/Marg.,

9/12 FRIDAY: Chili Con Carne,

Cornbread, Cuke/Onion Salad, Apple

**Bread/Marg.**, Cherry Fruit Gelatin. 9/11 THURSDAY: Roast Beef/Gravy,

Salad, Wheat Bread/Marg., Apple.

Marg., Lime Fruit Gelatin.

Bread/Marg., Applesauce Cake.

Ambrosia.

Cake.

Oatmeal Cookie.

Chilled Plums.

Juice.

Bits, Fruit Juice Blend.

"Trees do things in a landscape Rediscover your garden in the that little plants just don't accomplish," Petrie says. They soften and frame the architecture of your home, shape your views and, in general, anchor and define the landscape.

Flowerpots add bright spots It's not too late to put good design of color all the way through the fall. If you're not sure how to plant combinations in pots, walk around a garden shop and experiment with combinations in your shopping basket before you buy -or try just one spectacular plant in a pot by itself. Proven Winners, www.provenwinners.com, offers suggestions on its Web site.

> Perennials flourish in pots yearareas, move them to a protected place for the winter. They'll be bigger and better next year.

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# Finances: Create And Keep Wealth

# New Government Program Helps Seniors Stay Home

by Grant Oakes

After a year and a half of discussion and arguing in the halls and on change is that the county loan limit has terest rates are low. When they start back take out an annuity to get a reverse mortthe floor for the nation's capitol the senate and the house and the president have \$200,160 to \$417,000. The reason that home. Now, let's go back to the purchase use the money from a reverse mortgage passed HR 3221. This bill has made that is so important is that the seniors of a home with a reverse mortgage. If you to buy an annuity. It does mean that you ty Conversion Mortgage.) HECM is the from a HECM reverse mortgage. elite of the reverse mortgages.

their home and have at least 50% equity or would like to purchase a home and not have to pay a mortgage payment. For those of you who are not familiar with reverse mortgages I will try to explain. HECM is the term used to signify a government sponsored and controlled reverse mortgage. HECM reverse mortgages have been around since 1988. They were designed by HUD and insured by the Federal Housing Administration.

In a HECM you always retain the title to your home. It is also a nonrecourse loan which means that you can never owe more than what your house is worth. You can at any time pay off the HECM without a penalty. However the lender doesn't expect you to pay them you can now purchase a home with a re- the exception of the appraisal fee that is back so it doesn't matter what your credit is or what your income is. Unlike a forward mortgage you don't have to make reverse mortgage. Now you can purchase time of the appraisal. And speaking of style? This may be what you are looking payments on the loan, hence the name reverse mortgage. What you are doing is using the equity in your home to live of the units. Let me tell you how this can that a forward mortgage but very slightly. 700 pages long all written by lawyers. a better life. If you own your home and have equity my advice is "Don't lose amount money that you need to purchase your hard earned equity just because you a home is governed by these factors.

PUEBLO, COLORADO 719-240-1194 Dave Pauletich, Owner (formerly Brandt Carpet Cleaning)

been raised for southern Colorado from up you will get less money out of your gage. That doesn't mean that you can't some changes in the HECM, pronounced that have homes that are valued at over find a new or previously owned home cannot be required to purchase the annu-"Hec'em" which stands for (Home Equi- \$200,160 can now receive more money that you want but don't want to make ity as a condition of getting the reverse

The HECM changes are impor- have been needing money out of their pay a down payment of at least one half retary to issue regulations to protect bortant to seniors (age 62 or older) that own home but had a more expensive home of the purchase price (the down payment rowers from the marketing of financial than the county loan limit would al- amount will go down if your age is over and insurance products "not in the interlow, can now get much more out of their 62.) The older the youngest person on the est of such homeowners." Again they are home. And of course, they can still live deed is, the less the down payment has to trying to protect the seniors. in their home and never have to make an- be. O.K. you found the house and you other mortgage payment as long as they have a down payment. You can now get get a HECM is that you must go through stay in their home. Whatever your home a reverse mortgage and not have a house counseling with an uninterested counis worth you can still have a reverse mort- payment to make as long as it is your prigage. There is no limit on a non-HECM mary residence. WOW! Free housing. loan but the percentage that you receive All you have to pay is the taxes, insurance is smaller. The largest reverse mortgage and upkeep. that I know about is an estate that did a reverse mortgage for 8.2 million dollars. cost of the reverse mortgage. The origi-This one was done for tax purposes not nation fee has been changed from a flat no one can tell you something that is not because they needed to money for living 2% to 2% on the first 200,000 then 1% expenses. You see, all proceeds from a re- on the remainder with a \$6000 limit. All verse mortgage is tax free money.

> verse mortgage. Up until now you had to usually from \$350 to \$450. The appraisal already own the home in order to get a needs to be paid by the borrower at the going to survive with your present lifea 1 to 4 family home with a reverse mort-closing costs, the closing costs for a regage as long as the borrower lives in one verse mortgage may be slightly higher be done. You need to understand that the When you consider that you won't have I have been following it and reading

1) The age of the youngest purchaser, (must be at least 62) the older they are the more that they receive.

2) The value of the home, the higher the FHA appraisal of the home up ceive. I might mention that the housing market is still going down, which means will get as much out of your home as you will now.

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house payments on it for the next thirty mortgage. This allows all the seniors that (30) years. And, you have the money to

the fees associated with the closing costs a little extra money each month and not Another change in the law is that can of course be rolled into the loan with have a house payment? Are you conto make a house payment the closing cost difference remains small. The only real I haven't answered all the questions that difference is the HECM has a FHA insur- you have please call me and I will do my ance fee of 2%. However several other best or if I don't know I will find the anfees that that are not regulated on a for- swer. ward mortgage are regulated and capped Bio: Grant Oakes is a Certified Reverse with a reverse mortgage.

> The new law also allows a reunit. A Co-op is where the person or perorder to do a reverse mortgage on a co- 719-252-7291 from 9-5 Mon-Fri. op, but it can now be done.

We now come to another area that pro-

3) The interest rate at the time tects the seniors. The new rules do not One thing that the new law does you apply for the loan. Right now the in- allow lenders to require the borrower to

The new law requires the Sec-

One other requirement for you to selor. This is also for your protection. These counselors could care less about you getting a reverse mortgage. What they are interested in is to make sure you The next change in the law is the understand all the ins and outs and options that you have. This makes sure that true. This counseling is free.

> Are you a senior that would like cerned about the cost of gas and are not sure with everything going up if you are

> This bill in its entirety is almost and studying it for over a year now. If

on a reverse mortgage. In some cases the Mortgage Specialist with 4 years of to \$417,000 the more that they can re- closing costs could be the same or lower mortgage loan experience. He is a local businessman that has owned Pueblo businesses most of his adult life. He is a it may be quite some time before you verse mortgage to be written on a co-op senior himself and understands seniors and their problems. Grant's specialty is sons are living in a multi-unit area that is "in home service". He will come to your controlled by a manager or a board. This home to meet with you and your children, person owns shares of the co-op. There because in your home you are always in are special rules that must be followed in control. You can call his cell phone at



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# Senior Community Update



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#### **OWLS MEETING**

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The group also meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. for dining and socialization at various area restaurants. RSVP: Jack Briggs at Jack. Briggs@comcast.net or 546-6189 for reservations and location

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#### S.R.D.A. CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Classes and Social Events

Sept. 1, 2008 CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY, EXCEPT DINING ROOM OPEN 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

Sept. 2, 2008, 9:00 Rocky Mt. SER Computer Classes, and Coupon Cutters, 9:15 Chair Aerobics, 1:00 Scrabble, 3:15 Volunteer Singing Group.

Sept. 3, 2008, 9:00 & 11:00 Acrylic Painting, 9:00 Maj JJong Players, 9:00 Level II Computer Classes. 10:00 Senior Strength Training, 1:00 Water Color and Sketching.12:00 Bridge

Sept. 4, 2008, 9:00 Rocky Mt. SER Computer, 9:00 Pastels, 9:15 Chair Aerobics, 10:00 Vision Support

Support group for Lou Gehrig's Strength Training, 12:00 Bridge Players. 2:00 Free Movie and Refreshments.

> Sept. 8, 2008, 9:00 Level I Computer, 9:00 Quilting Club, 10:00 Senior Strength Training, 12:00 Native American Art, 12:00 Pinochle Players.

> Sept. 9, 2008, 9:00 Rocky Mt. SER Computer Classes, and Coupon Cutters, 9:15 Chair Aerobics, 12:00 Stroke Survivors Group, 1:00 Knit & Chat, 1:00 Scrabble Players, 1:30 Parkinson's Group, 3:15 Volunteer Singing Group.

Sept. 10, 2008, 9:00 Level I Computer, 9:00 & 11:00 Acrylic Painting, 9:45 StepUp Nurses Visit, 10:00 Senior Strength Training, 12:00 Bridge Players, 1:00 Water Color and Sketching Classes.

Sept.11, 2008, 9:00 Rocky Mt. SER Computer Classes, 9:00 Pastels, 9:15 Chair, Aerobics, GAME DAY: 2-4 pm, 12:00 Pinochle Players and Scrabble Players, 1:00 Scrabble.

Sept. 12, 2008, 9:00 Cripple Creek Bus, 10:00 Senior Strength Training, 12:00 Bridge Players. 2:00 Free Movie and Refreshments.

Sept. 15, 2008, 9:00 Level I Computer Classes, 9:00 Quilting Club, 10:00 Senior Strength Training, 12:00 Native American Art. 12:00 Pinochle.

Sept. 16, 2008, 9:00 Rocky Mt. SER Computer Classes, and Coupon Cutters.9:15 Chair Aerobics, 1:00 Scrabble, 3:15 Volunteer Singing Group.

Sept. 17, 2008, 9:00 Level I Computer Classes, 9:00 & 11:00 Acrylic Painting, 9:00 Maj JJong Player, 10:00 Senior Strength Training, 12:00 Bridge Players, 1:00 Water Color and Sketching Classes.

Sept. 18, 2008, 9:00 Rocky Mt. Group, 12:00 Pinochle Players & SER Computer Classes, 9:00 Pastels, Hyde Park Community Center - 2136

9:15 Chair Aerobics, 12:00 Pinochle Sept. 5, 2008, 10:00 Senior Players and Scrabble Players.

> Strength Training, 12:00 Bridge Players. Sept. 22, 2008, 9:00 Level II 10th; 9:45 – 12:00 pm

Computer Classes, 9:00 Quilting Club, 10:00 Senior Strength Training, 12:00 Native American Art, 12:00 Pinochle

Sept. 23, 2008, 9:00 Rocky Mt. SER Computer Classes, 9:00 Coupon Cutters, 9:15 Chair Aerobics, 1:00 Knit and Chat, 1:00 Scrabble Players.

Singing Group.

Sept. 24, 2008, 9:00 Level II Computer Classes, 9:00 Maj JJong Players, 10:00 Senior Strength Training, 12:00 Bridge Players, 1:00 Water Color and Sketching.

Sept. 25, 2008, 9:00 Rocky Mt. SER Computer Classes. 9:00 Pastels, 9:15 Chair Aerobics, 12:00 Pinochle

Strength Training, 12:00 Bridge Players, pm 1:30 Grandparent 's Social.

Sept. 29, 2008, 9:00 Level II Community Exercise Programs: Computer Classes, 10:00 Senior Strength Training, 12:00 Native American Art. 12:00 Pinochle Players

Sept. 30, 2008, 9:00 Rocky Mt. Cutters,9:15 Chair Aerobics, 3:15 Volunteer Singing Group.

games, etc. call SRDA at 545-8900.

#### PUEBLO STEP-UP CALENDAR

Mineral Palace Towers - McHarg Park Community Center, 409 Second Street Avondale, CO, Monday, September 8th; 9:00 – 11:30 am

Vail Hotel - 217 S. Grand, Tuesday, 546-199973 for details.' September 9th; 9:00 – 10:30pm

W. 16th St., Tuesday, September 9th; 1:00 - 2:30pm

Sept. 19, 2008, 10:00 Senior Joseph Edwards Senior Center (SRDA) - 230 S. Union, Wednesday, September

> Mineral Palace Towers - 1414 N. Santa Fe, Thursday, September 11th; 9 - 11:30

> **Memorial Recreation Center - 230** E. George Dr, Pueblo West, Thursday, September 11th; 8:15 – 10:30 am

Park Hill Christian Church Hall, 1404 Sept. 23, 2008, 3:15 Volunteer E. 7th St., Monday, September 15th; 10:00 – 12:00 pm

**Minnequa Park Apartments - 1400** E. Orman Ave, Tuesday, September 16th; 9:00 – 11:30 am

Mesa Towers - 260 Lamar, Wednesday, September 17th; 9:00 – 11:30 am

Ogden Apartments - 2140 Ogden Thursday, September 18th; 9:00 – 10:30

Fulton Heights - 1331 Santa Rosa, Sept. 26, 2008, 10:00 Senior Thursday, September 18th; 1:00 - 2:30

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#### **GENEALOGY NEWS**

"The Southeastern Colorado Ge-SER Computer Classes, 9:00 Coupon nealogy Society holds regular meetings on the second Saturday of the month beginning at 2:00M in the Meeting Room For more information about card B", Robert Hoag Rawlings Library, 100 Abriendo Ave., Pueblo. The next meeting will be on Saturday, September 13th and the speaker will be Bobbei King, subject "Homestead Records". Ms. King will also speak at the continuing beginners/ refresher class starting at 1:00PM. Call

# Veterans And Spouses May Be Eligible For Home Care

by Eileen Doherty

home care. Thinking Medicare will cover

the cost of home care and not meeting the Denver, CO. Many older adults financial and/or functional requirements ably discharged after serving at least 90 not be excessive. A general guideline that want to continue to live in their own for Medicaid, older adults sometimes find homes, but have difficulty qualifying for themselves struggling to stay in their own homes.

viving spouse may be eligible for the Aid claimant and Attendance pension program through meet the service, financial and physical criteria.

periods: World War II (December 7, 1941 Presidential Proclamation).

non-reimbursed, recurring health care ex- less are also eligible. penses such as assisted living costs, home and more.

In addition to countable income, such that it will probably not support the residence and a reasonable lot area. There no countable income can receive up to is no set limit on the amount of the net

Veterans, who have been honor- worth an individual may have, but it can days of active duty with one day served is sometimes used is between \$60,000 during a declared time of war and the sur- and \$80,000 depending on the age of the

The third criteria for eligibility the Department of Veterans Affairs if they is the need for daily assistance. The individual does not need to be bedridden, nor does he/she need to be in an assisted To meet the service criteria, a living or home health care situation. A veteran or the surviving spouse must have physician must confirm the need for a served during one of the following war claimant a) to dress or undress or to keep one's self ordinarily clean and presentto December 31, 1946); Korean War (June able, b) to adjust any special prosthetic 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955); Viet- or orthopedic appliances which by reason nam War (August 5, 1964 through May 7, of the particular disability cannot be done 1975; February 28 1961 for veterans who without aid; c) to require assistance for served "in country"); Gulf War (August 2, feeding through the loss of coordination 1990 through a date to be set by law of of upper extremities or through extreme weakness; d) to be unable to attend to the Financial eligibility includes wants of nature; or e) who has a physical countable income that is less than the or mental incapacity which requires care pension amount of \$18,654 per year for or assistance on a regular basis to protect a single veteran and \$22,113 per year for the claimant from hazards or dangers ina veteran with a dependent. For a surviv- cident to his or her daily environment. Ining spouse the annual countable income dividuals who reside in a nursing home or is \$11,985 and \$14,298 for a surviving who experience a visual acuity of 5/200 spouse with a dependent. Countable in- or less, in both eyes, or concentric concome is the amount received after all traction of the visual field to 5 degrees or

Veterans will need a copy of the health care, insurance premiums, Medi- DD214. Spouses may need marriage and care premiums, on-going prescriptions birth certificates as well as the veterans copy of the DD214.

The amount of the aid and attendthe Veterans Administration must deter- ance payment is the difference between mine that the individual's net worth is the countable income and the yearly income limit. In 2008, a veteran with no veteran, dependents or surviving spouse dependents and no countable income can through the reminder of his or her life. receive up to \$18,654 per year and with The primary residence and vehicles are one dependent is \$22,113. The surviving exempt. Net worth includes assets such spouse with no countable income can reas bank accounts, stocks, bonds, mutual ceive up to \$11,985 annually; while the funds, and any property other than the surviving spouse with one dependent and

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# Back-Up Care Valuable Benefit For Working Families

by Robin Mosey from the Home Instead provide lists of providers that employees March 1 and May 31, 2008 completed the contractors who can help them provide Senior Care office in Pueblo

I just learned that my company's Human Resource department is researching options for back-up care for employees taking care of their families. How do these programs work? As a working mother caring for children and older ees who use back-up care. Survey results adults, I am struggling to get through the days. I could use some help.

You join thousands of others in this nation caring for seniors as well as young children. Many employers like yours are investigating back-up care programs for their employees as a way to reduce employee stress and improve absen-

can access and contact quickly when they survey. need back-up care.

do-based company that specializes in the you have done?" provision of corporate-sponsored back-up care, shares some feedback from employfact reduce stress and unscheduled absenteeism as well as improve productivity and loyalty among employees.

Below are key findings from the 2008 Back-up Care Survey conducted by Work Options Group. More than 1,200 employees who used back-up care teeism and productivity. These programs through Work Options Group between

Work Options Group, a Coloraback-up care was not offered, what would to adults and seniors.

- work to provide care for their loved one
- indicate that the employee benefit does in ducted an independent search for short-
  - 13 percent would have asked friends or family to provide care for their
  - 2 percent said they worked from home, changed their work schedule or brought their child to work.

Work Options Group serves as a third-party liaison to link employees of companies with a network of service

back-up care for loved ones of any age The question asked was, "If - from infants and school-aged children,

One of those contractors who • 71 percent would have missed works on behalf of seniors is Home Instead Senior Care, an international fran-• 14 percent would have con- chise company with 800 offices worldwide. The company's CAREGivers go into the homes and care communities of older adults to keep them independent. Through these types of relationships, you could locate the help you need in a moment's notice.

For more information about Home Instead Senior Čare, contact Robin Mosey at (719)545-0293 or visit www.homeinstead.com. For more information about the survey, log on to http://www.workoptionsgroup.com/press\_ release\_survey.htm

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# Charlene Dengler: "Learn To De-Stress, Not Distress"

by Charlene Dengler

Stress! It bombards the human emotional or spiritual. It can traverse internally to externally or vice versa. In fact, stress, as much as we dislike it, is necessary to bring balance or homeostasis to the body.

defined is the ability to do work. Think about it; during the process of birth or "labor" everyone involved is stressed including the newborn who hasn't even arrived on the scene yet! At the other end of the spectrum, not to be morbid or to add further stress to the reader, but a person's last breaths involve encountering various forms of stress.

Acknowledging that we can't live room. without stress, let's consider some ways that we can learn to live with it in a positive way. The key to cohabitating with the fluctuating degrees of stress in life is stress management. There are negative and positive ways of dealing with stress as well as inexpensive and costly mechanisms for coping with stress. Then again deciding how to attack the stress can be stressful in itself. Companies spend millions of dollars each year providing employee assistance programs aimed at reducing employee stress in order to, hopefully attain better productivity.

Stress management is an adaptive response that even one celled organ-

existence from cradle to grave in a vari- live in today seems to be predominatly ety of forms from physical to mental, to stressful to people is the information overload that constantly inundates each and every one of us. First, it's important to identify what is causing the stress before we can do anything about it.

> Figuring that out can take some Stress requires energy and energy time and may even involve some trial and error before priorities can be established. Depending on the seriousness or intensity of the stressors an individual can easily become overwhelmed. If depression, deep sadness that doesn't lift after two weeks, persistent confused thinking, loss of interest in former pleasures, or suicidal thoughts occur seek professional help immediately or go to an emergency

For most people, daily stresses need to be dealt with and can be done so without a lot of expense, which, in this current economy, thriftiness alone can help reduce stress. One technique is deep breathing, in a slow, rhythmic manner. Oxygen was free the last time I checked and extremely necessary for our bodies to function optimally. Next month will focus totally on maximizing oxygen intake and describe exercises to accomplish it. For now, just breath slowly and deeply. Getting enough sleep is vital and yet particularly difficult when stress level

The goal should be 7 to 8 hours

of sleep each night and if that is not hap- with exercise. Also, protein high in good One reason why the world we pening, make a 20 - 30 minute power nap fats such as salmon and sardines, is the a top priority.

> Finding something that you do each day that makes you smile is cru-

> Reading a devotion or the comics, playing with your pet or calling a friend, tending a garden or pampering yourself a little; any positive activity that you enjoy can help you not feel deprived or lose perspective. Serving others even in small ways can create a sense of altruism and bring an awareness of those less fortunate than ourselves. Remember, everyone has stress; it is those who learn to effectively cope with it who succeed in the game of life.

ways to safeguard yourself through fitness and nutrition. It has long been proven that physical activity is beneficial in reducing stress in the human body. But did you know that even vigorous exercise creates stress that is potentially harmful to the body? As I stated earlier, stress is all around us, even in the most innocuous of behaviors. There is good news, however; adequate nutrition especially in the form of good quality protein can correct the negative effects of vigorous exercise which then affords you all the positive benefits that comes along

only nutrient that replenishes serotonin, the feel good, mood elevating hormone produced in the brain. Serotonin also enhances sleep and is a precursor to dopamine and other neurotransmitters, responsible for conveying feelings of pleasure and function as a natural antidepressant.

Intelligent supplementation beginning with a highly absorbable multi vitamin is the place to start. Include an additional B complex, making sure is contains B5 and B6, adding to that amino acids such as GABA, 5HTP and L-trytophan as key players. Additionally, DMAE, calcium and magnesium, as well Now for some more proactive as herbs, such as rhodiola rosea and Siberian ginseng, may be beneficial. All these taken in proper amounts and at the appropriate times can bolster your reserves and give you the extra edge to take gold in the game of life when it comes to winning at stress.

Charlene Dengler is a former registered nurse who has also been a model, a nutrition consultant, a fitness instructor and an educational consultant. Her main focus is a natural approach to health and wellness with an emphasis on assisting others in finding the correct pathway to their optimum vitality. She can be reached at 719-250-0683.

# Oral Health Tips For Seniors

ORAL HEALTH TIP FOR SENIORS XIX

In this edition of Oral Health Tip for Seniors, we will be discussing dental implants, a relatively new oral health procedure.

More and more older people are selecting dental implants over dentures as a replacement option for lost teeth. Whether you have lost one or all of your teeth, dental implants allow you to have teeth that look and feel just like your own.

Older adults have similar success rate with implants compared to younger people. As long as you're in good health and your periodontist can restore healthy gums and adequate bone to support the implant, you're never too old to receive a dental implant.

A dental implant is an artificial tooth root placed into your jaw to hold a replacement tooth or bridge in place. While high-tech in nature, dental implants are actually more tooth-saving than traditional bridgework, since implants do not rely on neighboring teeth for support.

In addition, dental implants are connected with the gum tissues and underlying bone in the mouth. Therefore, they prevent the bone loss and gum recession that often accompanies bridgework and dentures and preserve the integrity of facial features. When teeth are missing, the bone which previously supported these teeth begins to deteriorate. This can result in dramatic changes in your appearance, such as increased

wrinkles around the mouth and lips that cave in and lose their natural shape. Talk with a periodontist to find out if dental implants are an option for you.

This oral health tip comes from Oral Health Awareness Colorado!, a coalition of federal, state and community organizations that developed the state's first formal oral health plan aimed at improving the general health of Colorado residents. For moreinformation about oral health, go to the website www.beasmartmouth.com

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# Bruce McCandless State Vets Home Wins National Quality Award

FLORENCE - The Bruce McCandless Colorado State Veterans Home is one of four long-term care facilities in Colorado to win a 2008 American Health Care Association and the National Center For Assisted Living's (AHCA/NCAL) Quality Award for continuous quality improvement.

The McCandless State Veterans Home will be honored for their achievement and presented with their award during AHCA/NCAL's 59th Annual Convention and Exposition, October 5-8, 2008, in Nashville.

"The AHCA/NCAL Quality Awards – comprised of three levels, a Step I award; a more rigorous Step II award; and a comprehensive Step III award – are the most prestigious recognition of quality within the long term care profession," AHCA/NCAL President and CEO Bruce Yarwood said. "The Bruce McCandless Colorado State Veterans Home's Step I award shows their dedicated frontline caregivers, administrator, nurses and physicians are demonstrating their commitment to quality of care and meeting the needs for our nation's most vulnerable population."

As a Step I recipient, the McCandless State Veterans Home was selected based on its mission, services, customers, environment, resources and ability to initiate improvement and measure results.

"This prestigious award demonstrates our staff's determination and dedication to providing the very best care we can to the men and women who live in our Home," Administrator Barbara Moore said.

More information about the Step I Quality Award is available at: www.ahcancal.

The Bruce McCandless Colorado State Veterans Home has been providing 24hour skilled nursing care to veterans and their families for 32 years, and remains competitive in the field by exploring innovative ways of providing long-term care.

For more information, please contact: Lisa Seley, Bruce McCandless Colorado State Veterans Home, (719) 784-5358.

The Bruce McCandless Colorado State Veterans Home is one of five nursing homes operated as self-funded enterprises by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS). CDHS oversees Colorado's 64 county departments of social/human services, public mental health system, system of services for people with developmental

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# How To Help Prevent Theft In A Long Term Care Facility

by Patrick Craig

long term care facility experience a sense of losing their identity as they adapt to a larger unfamiliar environment that is bustling with caregivers trying to meet care schedules and attend to personal needs of a large group of residents. This can be compounded by the fact that the person moving into a long term care facility must also leave behind many of their personal belongings they have enjoyed as part of their identity for years.

What few precious belongings a person is able to move with them to the facility may take on significantly new meaning and level of importance because they represent the special memories for

the person. Important belongings now mally appraised and keep documentation Many individuals moving into a may be a ring, piece of clothing, a loved afghan or pictures. Loss of a personal object that is important to a resident can take away from a person's sense of well being and security in their new surroundings. We have provided a checklist below with suggestions that may help safeguard a residents personal property against theft or loss in a long term care facility.

#### CHECKLIST

- Document a personal inventory of all items upon admission into a facil-
- Each item on the personal inventory should include an estimated val-
  - Have items of great value for-

in a safe place outside of the facility.

- Give the business office in the facility a copy of the resident's personal uninvited guest tries to enter your room. inventory document to keep in the resident's business record. Separate from the ately to social worker or administrator of medical record.
- Keep the resident's personal items are brought into or removed from or replace the missing item.
- Use commonsense. Do not ence to facility staff. leave money and jewelry lying out in pub- If the missing items are of great value, do
- Mark, tag or engrave person- the theft. al belongings. This includes dentures, glasses, canes, walkers, televisions, radios, books and bedding.

- Tag prosthetic devises for ease of identification.
  - Use call bell to alert staff if an
- · Report missing items immedithe facility.
- Write a letter to the administrainventory document updated when new tor requesting action be taken to recover
  - Keep copies of any correspond-

not hesitate to call the police and report

# Weird News

from page 4.

show, "Hurl!" leaving many Americans unaware of precisely how far standards of taste have fallen. "Hurl!" contestants are forced to gorge themselves, then are purposely, rapidly, twirled and shaken on carnival-type rides, with the last player to retain his stomach contents declared the winner. Wrote a Washington Post reviewer, it's "for people who found 'Fear Factor' much too nuanced."

-- Least Competent Multitaskers: A Dallas entrepreneur recently created a programmable device for those busy, busy parents who actually need to be reminded that they brought their tots with them in the car (lest their child become one of the several hot-car deaths a year in America). Provided that they're not too busy to set the system up, an alarm alerts them if they exit the car without the baby. Said one Texas woman interviewed by NBC News, "As a mom, you can get

really distracted."

#### **Inexplicable**

-- A rule for federal lawsuits (Rule 8a) requires the initial pleading that commences the case to be "short and plain," and another (9b) requires it to be to the point, with several pages usually plenty to give the other party notice of what he's being sued for. In June, federal judge Ronald Leighton summarily tossed out the initial pleading of Washington state attorney Dean Browning Webb, whose client is suing GMAC Mortgage, because Webb had submitted 465 pages, with meticulous detail, including 37 pages quoting e-mails, and 341 pages asserting claims that freely repeated each other on points they had in common.

-- Believers: (1) Rocky Twyman of Washington, D.C., started Pray at the Pump, a brief, scattered national campaign in June to urge prayer to bring down gas prices. A colleague in St. Louis claimed

his prayer sessions caused the price drop his pants. (2) A police task force in Orem, in July, pointing to his use of the civil rights anthem "We Shall Overcome" (and his new verse, "We'll have lower he had just stolen from a little girl. gas prices"). (2) In July, Salinas, Calif., Mayor Dennis Donohue, frustrated at this year's dramatic surge in gang violence, kicked off a campaign to urge a citywide fast, which he said was a proven technique in achieving social justice.

#### More Unclear on the Concept

-- In a July ceremony, Minneapolis Police Chief Tim Dolan honored SWAT officers for their bravery and professionalism during a December middle-of-the-night raid of a house that supposedly contained a gang's guns. However, it was the wrong house, and the bewildered, frightened resident started shooting back. Said Dolan, "The easy decision would have been to retreat (but the) team did not take the easy way out." The house got riddled with bullets, but no one was hit, and the chief later apologized but still felt that it was "a perfect example of a situation that could have gone horribly wrong, but did not because of the (team's) professionalism."

-- Unrealistic Expectations: (1) Victor Rodriguez, 21, about to be arrested on a domestic assault charge in Bridgeport, Conn., in June, turned to Eventually, the lawsuit was dropped. his 9-foot-long pet python and, as police approached, shouted to the snake, "Get them!" (It remained motionless.) (2) In July, Josef Fritzl, the man who imprisoned his daughter and her children for 24 years in a dungeon in their home in Amstetten, Austria, told his own jail's officials that he needs daily exercise outside because he hates being cooped up in his cell.

Oh, Yeah, Tough Guys!

(1) Lamont Cooke was arrested by a SWAT team in Vernon, Conn., in July after spending the last year on the run from Philadelphia and Maryland authorities, who wanted him for charges surrendered quietly, except that he wet August).

Utah, arrested a 21-year-old gang member in June, catching him riding a tricycle that

#### **Least Competent Criminals**

Latest Negative-Cash-Flow Robbery: The man (dressed as a woman) got away after the attempt at Joe's Cafe, in Metairie, La., in July, but he lost money in the deal. As a ruse to get a clerk to open the cash register, he handed over a \$5 bill to pay for two doughnuts, and, with the register then open for change, pulled a gun and demanded the contents. The clerk immediately became hysterical, screaming, and the robber, frightened, fled the restaurant without his \$5 or his doughnuts.

#### **Update**

Stripper Susan Sykes, 47, known as "Busty Heart," was rejected in July as a contestant for the NBC show "America's Got Talent," as the judges were unappreciative of her ability to crush empty beer cans with her enormous breasts. As News of the Weird reported, Sykes was sued in 1997 by an Illinois stripclub patron who claimed a serious neck injury after Sykes, in a little audienceparticipation, playfully trapped his head between her breasts while she danced.

#### **Armed and Clumsy (all-new!)**

Revenge of the Critters: A 44year-old woman accidentally shot herself in the knee while pursuing a mouse inside her travel trailer (Potter Valley, Calif., July). And a 27-year-old man accidentally shot himself in the head while chasing a skunk (Elwood, Utah, May). And a 45year-old woman accidentally shot herself in the foot while stalking a woodchuck in her garden (Ferryville, Wis., June). And a 57-year-old man accidentally shot himself in the hand while aiming at bees (Williamsburg, Pa., April). And a retired police officer accidentally shot himself of kidnapping and murder. According in the chest while aiming at a snapping to the arresting U.S. marshal, Cooke turtle behind his house (Bensalem, Pa.,

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# Ready, Set, Go! Start The Day With Breakfast

Breakfast sets the tone for the day, whether in the rush of the workweek or the relative leisure of the weekend. Fall, with its change in weather and routine, can pose a challenge for sleepyheads reluctant to roll out of bed.

year-around, such as oranges, apples and bananas, and add the fruit of the season to build a super healthy fruit bowl. Then warm hearts at the table with the bakery fresh aroma of a delicious crisp crust, colorfully filled with scrambled eggs and served piping hot.

#### FOUR SEASONS FRESH FRUIT BOWL

4 oranges

2 unpeeled red apples, cored and diced 2 firm, ripe bananas, sliced 1/2 inch

1 tablespoon lemon juice

Plus seasonal fresh fruits (see below) VANILLA SUGAR

1 tablespoon vanilla extract 1/2 cup sugar

segments and place in a bowl.

2. Add apples, bananas and lemon juice, mixing lightly. Mix in seasonal fruits. As a make-ahead, cover and refrigerate up to 3 hours before Crisp Wheat Pastry (recipe below) serving

8 eggs
3. Sweeten to taste with Vanilla 2 tablespoons water Start with fruits that are available Sugar: In a covered jar, mix vanilla extract 1/2 teaspoon salt with sugar and let stand for a minimum of 24 hours. Add more sugar as you use Vanilla Sugar to sweeten fruits.

#### Serves 6 to 8. **SEASONAL FRUITS**

- -- Fall: add 1 cup halved, seeded red grapes; 2 peeled, cored and diced Bartlett pears; and 1/4 cup pomegranate
- -- Winter: add 1 peeled, cored and diced winter pear (Anjou, Bosc or Comice); 1 cup peeled, cored, diced fresh pineapple; and 1 cup peeled, seeded, diced papaya.
- -- Springtime: add 2 cups (1 basket) strawberries and 2 kiwi fruit (peeled and sliced approximately 1/4 inch
- -- Summer: add 2 pitted and 1. Over a large bowl, peel oranges sliced nectarines or peaches; 1/2 cup each close to fruit, cutting away bitter white seedless red or green grapes; blueberries,

honeydew melon.

#### **SCRAMBLED EGGS** IN A CRISP CRUST

Pinch each ground nutmeg and white

1/4 pound thinly sliced Westphalian ham or prosciutto, julienned

6 tablespoons butter

Snipped chives or chopped parsley, for garnish

- 1. Prepare pastry as directed 1 teaspoon lemon juice below, bake and keep warm. If baked 1 to 1 1/2 tablespoons cold water ahead, reheat crust in a 350-degree oven until heated completely (6 to 8 minutes).
- 2. In a large bowl, whisk eggs with water, salt, nutmeg and white pepper until well-combined.
- 3. In a small frying pan, cook ham strips in 2 tablespoons of the butter until lightly browned; keep warm.
- 4. In a large frying pan over low heat, melt 3 tablespoons of the remaining butter. Add in egg mixture all at once, cooking while stirring lightly as (approximately 10 to 12 minutes). inner peel. With a sharp paring knife, cut blackberries or raspberries; pitted eggs begin to thicken until creamy. Cut close to fruit membranes; remove juicy sweet cherries; and diced cantaloupe or remaining 1 tablespoon of butter into

bits, adding to eggs, stirring until lightly

5. Spoon scrambled eggs into hot pastry, scattering ham strips evenly over mixture. Sprinkle lightly with garnish, serving at once.

#### Serves 4 to 6. **CRISP WHEAT PASTRY**

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

2/3 cup graham or whole-wheat flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon sugar

1/4 cup cold butter

2 tablespoons vegetable shortening

2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Mix flours, salt and sugar. Cut in butter, shortening and cheese until crumbly. Slowly mix in lemon juice with cold water until mixture clings together.

2. With palm of hand, press dough into a flattened ball. Roll out on a floured board or pastry cloth and fit into a 9-inch pie pan, trimming and fluting edge. To prevent pastry from bubbling, pierce crust with a fork. Bake until lightly browned

Serves 4 to 6.

# FREMONT/CUSTER County Menus

Penrose(372-0892) - Canon City(275-5524) Florence(784-6493) - Silvercliffe (783-9508)

#### **FLORENCE**

100 Railroad St. - Florence Tu-Thur-Fri

SEPT. 2: CHILI CON CARNE, Whole Wheat Crackers, Sliced Yellow Squash, Pineapple Mandarin Orange Compote, Cornbread with Margarine.

SEPT. 4: BAKED HAM/RAISIN

SAUCE, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Green Bean Amandine, Cranberry Mold.

**SEPT. 5:** CREAM OF POTATO SOUP, Tuna Salad Wrap/shredded Lettuce/Tomato, Hard Boiled Egg, Grapefruit Half. SEPT. 9: HAM AND BEANS, Cut Broccoli, Parslied Carrots, Orange Juice, Cornbread with Margarine.

**SEPT. 11:** ROAST PORK, Whipped Potatoes/Gravy, Parslied Carrots, Strawberry Gelatin Salad, Dinner Roll/marg. **SEPT. 12:** CHICKEN/NOODLES,

Green Beans, Baked Acorn Squash, Ap-

ricot Pineapple Compote.

SEPT. 16: SMOTHERED CHICKEN,
Cornbread Stuffing, Cauliflower Broccoli Mix, Applesauce Waldorf Salad. SEPT. 18: BEEF STROGANOFF, Cut Broccoli, Tossed Salad/French Drsg., Apricot Pineapple Compote.

SEPT. 19: TÜNA NOODLE CASSE-ROLE, Mixed Vegetables, Sliced Zucchini Squash, Sliced Peaches.

SEPT. 23: PORCUPINE MEATBALLS,

Whipped Potatoes/Gravy, California Vegetable Medley, Banana.

SEPT. 25: CHILI RELLENO CASSEROLE, Parslied Carrots, Tossed Vegetable Salad/Lemon. SEPT. 26: HONEY BBQ CHICKEN,

Oven Browned Potatoes, Chopped Spinach, Diced Pears.

SEPT. 30: CHICKEN FRIED STEAK Whipped Potatoes/gravy, California Vegetable Medley, Pineapple Tidbits.

## SALIDA MENU

719-539-3351 before 9:30am Tue/Th/Fri

SEPT. 2: CHICKEN/NOODLES, Green Beans, Baked Acorn Squash, Apricot Pineapple Compote.

SEPT. 4: BEEF/BROCCOLI STIR FRY. Brown Rice, Steamed Carrots, Pineapple

**SEPT. 5:** ROAST TURKEY/GRAVY, Whipped Potatoes, California Vegetable Medley, Raisin Nut Cup.

<u>SEPT.</u> 9: CHILI RELLENO CASSEROLE, Parslied Carrots, Tossed Vegetable Salad/Lemon.

SEPT. 11: TERIYAKI CHICKEN, Brown Rice, Spinach Mandarin Orange Salad, Tropical Fruit Salad.

**SEPT. 12:** CHICKEN FRIED STEAK, Whipped Potatoes/gravy, California Vegetable Medley, Raisin Nut Cup. SEPT. 16: HAMBURGER/CAT-SUP/ MUSTARD/ONION, Sliced Tomato on

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Lettuce, Baked Beans, Potato Salad,. Watermelon

18: SPINACH CHEESE SQUARES, Tossed Salad/Pear, Whipped

Hubbard Squash, Tropical Fruit. **SEPT. 19:** ROAST BEEF, Whipped Potatoes/Gravy, Greens, Orange, Dinner Roll with Margarine.

**SEPT. 23:** CHILI CON CARNE, Whole Wheat Crackers, Sliced Yellow Squash, Pineapple Mandarin Orange Compote, Cornbread with Margarine.

**SEPT. 25:** SPAGHETTI/MEATSAUCE, Tossed Salad/Italian Drsg., Green Beans, Orange.

**SEPT. 26:** HONEY BBQ CHICKEN, Oven Browned Potatoes, Chopped Spinach, Diced Pears.

**SEPT. 30:** HAM/BEANS, Cut Broccoli, Parslied Carrots, Orange Juice, Cornbread with Margarine.

#### **CUSTER SENIOR CTR.** call 719-783-9508 for reservations before

9:30am - Mon&Thur - Noon Meal **SEPT. 1:** HAMBURGER//CATSUP,

MUSTARD/ONION, Sliced Tom/Let, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Apricots. SEPT. 4: MEATLOAF/Brown Gravv. Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Pineapple

Tidbits. SEPT. 8: SPLIT PEA SOUP, Hamburger on a bun with Catsup, Mustard & Onion,

**SEPT. 11:** TURKEY SANDWICH With Provolone Cheese & Mustard, Sliced Tomato/Lettuce, Orange, Waldorf Salad. **SEPT. 15:** CHICKEN SALAD SAND-

Creamy Coleslaw, Banana.

WICH On Whole Wheat Bread, Sliced Tomato on Lettuce, Orange juice, Sliced

**SEPT. 18:** TERIYAKI BEEF, Steamed Brown Rice, Chinese Vegetables, Spinach Mandarin Orange Salad with Sesame, Vinaigrette Dressing.

SEPT. 22: TOMATO SOUP, Turkey on

Wheat with Mustard and Salad Dressing, Seasoned Green Beans, Tangerine, Almond Peaches.

SEPT 22: CHICKEN FAJITA WITH TOMATO & LETTUCE GARINSH, Cilantro Rice, Cooked Cabbage with Red Pepper, Banana Bread.

SEPT. 25: CHICKEN FAJITA WITH TOMATO & LETTUCE GARINSH, Cilantro Rice, Cooked Cabbage with Red Pepper, Banana Bread.

#### GOLDEN AGE CENTER 728 N. Main St.-Canon City M-W-F

<u>SEPT 1:</u> HOLIDAY <u>SEPT. 3:</u> SWISS STEAK WITH MUSHROOM SAUCE, Whipped Potatoes, Seasoned Greens, Tropical

**SEPT. 5:** BEEF STROGANOFF, Orange Spiced Carrots, Ruby Beet Salad, Tropical Fruit.

**SEPT. 8:** COMBINATION BURRITO. Smothered with Chicken Green Chile, Tomato, Lettuce and Salsa, Black Beans with Cilantro, Diced Pears.

**SEPT. 10:** TUNA MACARONI SALAD, Cool Cucumber Salad, Orange Juice Gelatin, Salad with Banana,

Peaches, Cheddar Drop Biscuit.

SEPT. 12: SWEET & SOUR PORK, Steamed Brown Rice, California Vegetable Medley, Diced Pears.

SEPT. 15: CHILI CON CARNE, Wheat Crackers , Sliced Yellow Squash, Fresh Apple, Cornbread with

Margarine SEPT. 17: TURKEY TETRAZINI, Italian Green Beans, Cottage Cheese Peach Salad, Strawberry Applesauce. SEPT. 19: BBQ BEEF BRISKET, Ranch Style Beans, Carrifruit Salad,

Honeydew Cilantro Lime Salad.

SEPT. 22: DIJON CHICKEN,
Steamed Brown Rice with Parsley, Shredded Green Salad, Cut Broccoli, Strawberries. SEPT. 24: BRATWURST ON A BUN With Sauerkraut, Mustard & Onion, Pickled

Beets, Sliced Peaches. **SEPT. 26:** TURKEY POT PIE, Seasoned Cabbage, Italian Green

Beans, Orange Juice.

SEPT. 29: PASTA PRIMAVERA, Spinach Salad with Egg & Italian dressing, Apple Pear Salad with Almonds, Plums, Garlic Bread.

#### PENROSE CENTER

1405 Broadway-Penrose (Tues/Thur)

**SEPT. 2:** SPAGHETTI/MEATSAUCE, Tossed Salad/Italian Drsg., Green Beans,

**SEPT. 4:** CHICKEN CACCIATORE. Whipped Potatoes, Chopped Spinach, Banana.

**SEPT. 9:** SALISBURY STEAK, Whipped Potatoes/Gravy California Vegetable Medley, Greens, Nectarine. SEPT. 11: ROAST PORK, Whipped

Potatoes/Gravy, Parslied Carrots, Strawberry Gelatin Salad, Dinner Roll with Margarine. SEPT. 16: TURKEY SALAD/LET-

TUCE/TOMATO, Steamed Brown Rice, California Vegetable Medley, Raisin Applesauce.

SÉPT. 18: BEEF/SWEET PEPPERS. Steamed Brown Rice, Orange Spiced Carrots, Grapefruit Half.

SEPT. 23: CHICKEN & NOODLES, Green Beans, Baked Acorn Squash, Apricot Pineapple Compote.

SEPT. 25: SLOPPY JOE/BUN, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli and Carrots, Apple. SEPT.30: SWEET/SOUR PORK, Brown Rice, California Vegetable Medley, Diced Pears.

# ALL MEALS SERVED

WITH MILK (Coffee or Tea optional). Most meals served with bread and margarine.



# Reeling "Screwball Comedy Touchdown"

by Film Critic Betty Jo Tucker, Pueblo

#### SCREWBALL COMEDY **TOUCHDOWN**

"Leatherheads" takes us back to the 1920s, a time before professional football had achieved widespread popularity. Focusing on how football changed from a no-holds-barred sport to one with rules and regulations, this clever screwball comedy is a nostalgic treat. Sets, costumes, dialogue, music and attitude blend together here to provide a highly Connelly, an over-the-hill pro football characters. entertaining journey into the past. Co-

performances befitting this genre. Even take down Carter. Of course, both Dodge though a love triangle forms the heart of and Carter fall for Lexie. Will she use "Leatherheads," the film actually spoofs her feminine wiles to get the real story romantic comedies while emphasizing from Carter? How will she handle her silliness over sentimentality. I found it attraction to the handsome young man as a joy to watch -- and a welcome relief well as to the much older -- but impishly from the crudeness of so many recent charming - Dodge? Somewhat predict-

player who loves the rough-and-ready

needs a daring plan. Lexie Littleton replies, "Where DO you go for that?" (Zellweger),

and John Krasinski add to the fun with crack reporter, receives an assignment to able answers are presented, but that Clooney portrays Dodge never interfered with my interest in these

I can't help comparing Clooney's stars George Clooney, Renee Zellweger game. So what if there's not enough work in this film with Cary Grant's permoney for more formances in earlier screwball comedies, than one football? particularly in "His Girl Friday." Their Who cares if only comic timing, witty delivery, immense a few people show physical appeal and amusing facial reacup for the games? tions seem very similar to me. In days of Football is the one yore, every man wanted to be Cary Grant; thing Dodge and his I think it's George Clooney now. And rag-tag team mates no wonder! Clooney delivers the goods care about. But - and looks amazing -- whether playwhen support funds ing a serious dramatic role in "Michael for the team dry up, Clayton" or an outrageously comic one Dodge realizes he in "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

Directed by Clooney, Enter Carter "The Leatherheads also brings out the best Bullet" Rutherford in Krasinski and Zellweger. Krasinski (Krasinski), a col- certainly needed this movie to redeem lege football star himself after his woeful turn last year and war hero who's in "License To Wed." His low-key pordrawing crowds trayal of Rutherford stands out as a he splendid contrast to Clooney's roguish goes. After Carter character. And he projects a winning agrees to play for sensitivity in his scenes with Zellweger. Dodge's team, his Speaking of Zellweger, she's a delight as thousands of fans the sassy reporter, a kind of throw-back turn out and save to Rosalind Russell's role in "His Girl the day for Dodge. Friday." I love the way her character Unfortunately, banters so successfully with all the men. complications For example, when one of them tells her, when "I didn't come here to be insulted," she

> Production values "Leatherheads" are first-rate, and Randy Newman's perky background music plus Al Jolson's rendition of "Toot Toot Tootsie, Goodbye" contribute to

the film's playful mood. It's a totally enjoyable movie. (Scheduled for DVD Release by Universal Pictures on September 23, and rated "PG-13" for brief strong language.)



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"Movie Addict Headquarters" is a fun show, one I think you might enjoy listening to. It can be heard by clicking on this link: http://www.blogtalkradio. com/movieaddictheadquarters

During the live program, people are invited to call the show and to participate in a chat if they wish. The call-in number is 646-578-5668. An archived segment is also available.

Happy listening, movie fans!

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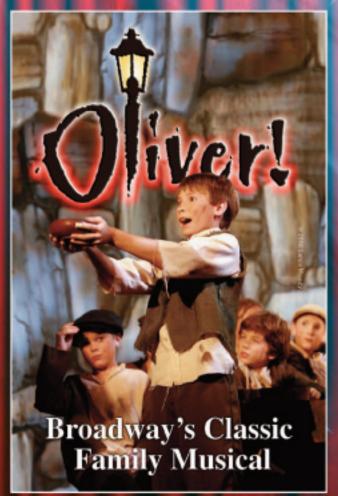
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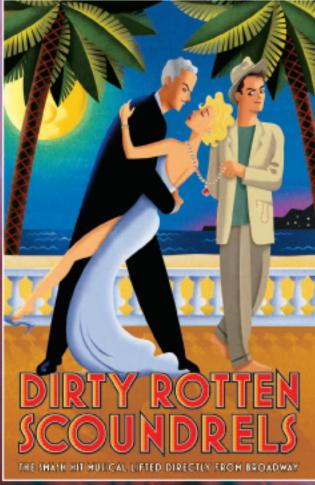




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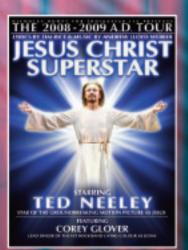


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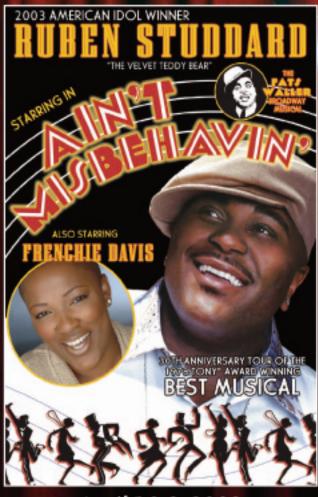


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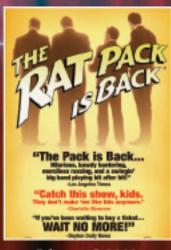
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