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Living for love: How one woman lost life’s loving lessons of learning

From Page One

she wound up to blow on the afternoon of Thursday, August 12. Misty
Phelps was a high school senior with a love of sports and a passion for
living life to the fullest. Her love of basketball and soccer was
matched only by her dedication to her family and friends. As Misty
walks into the hospital, her parents watch in the hallway, unsure of
what lies ahead. Misty is 18 years old, and she’s been chosen to take
part in a groundbreaking study to help save the lives of others.

The study is called "Living for Love" and it’s designed to help women
like Misty who are just starting to explore their love for life. The
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By MIKE SNYDER

A veteran of Jay County government faces a challenge from a first-time candidate in the May 2 Republican primary for Commissioner of the Middle District.

Milo Miller Jr., finishing his fourth 4-year term as commissioner after serving 10 years on the county council, is running against local businessman Roger Locker.

Miller, a contractor, says that he intended to step down several years ago, but has been asked by supporters to continue serving.

"I had a lot of people say, "you can't leave ... we need your experience," says Miller, who for years has served on the commissioners and is a member of many other local and regional boards. "We've got some stuff going on I'd like to get finished," Miller says.

Locker, the owner of Locker's Touch of Country Gift Shop, says he likes and respects Miller. But he says it is time for new blood on the three-member board of commissioners.

"I think it's time for a change. The incumbent has been there 20 years. The time was right for me and I had a desire to serve my county ... I want to give the voters of Jay County a choice, and I'm doing that." Both men agree that recent property tax reform at the state level and the resulting budget crunch on local governments is among the most crucial issues likely to challenge the commissioners over the next few years.

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commissioners over the next few years include getting the new Jay County Jail up and running, handling details over an expected multi-million dollar wind project in the southern third of the county and dealing with an ever-increasing load of unfunded mandates from the state.

Locker, who has served on the Jay County Council Board since 2001, says he has been encouraged by the feedback and support from the public.

"While this is my first venture into politics, I have many years of experience running a business ... with tight budgets and getting the job done." Locker says.

"It's pleased me that so many people have taken the time to talk to about issues. I have been surprised and grateful ... at the people who have expressed their support. It's been a positive experience and I've very much enjoyed it."

Along with budget issues, Locker says that the proposed wind power project and concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) will be two hot-button issues over the coming years.

In fact, Locker says that he's gotten more feedback and comments on the CAFO issue than any other.

"As people and non-ag people need to co-exist. We need animal agriculture ... at the same time, the non-ag people have a right to live in their homes and outdoors without oppressive manure odors," Locker says. "I do support the expansion of confined feeding as long as it's done within the rules," says Locker, who grew up on a farm and whose Noble Township home is located across the road from a cattle operation.

Miller adds that he knows that roads, always a contentious issue, will continue to be so.

Handling construction and repair of roads on the wind power project will be a major undertaking, as well as continued maintenance on the more than 700 miles of surfaced and stone base roads in the county.
Miller faces challenge in GOP primary

By Bob Looce

Gladstone — Gary Miller is running for another term as Jackson County commissioner. But this time, he faces former commissioner Dick Locker who for years has been running a farm and other businesses.

“I’ve had a lot of people say yes, Dick Locker and I need two people on the board who have different perspectives,” Miller said.

Miller said he’s been meeting with several members of many other local and regional boards, and he said he’s ready to get finished.

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With all county depart...
NO BALLS   BALLSY
If You Don’t Buy This Magazine, We’ll Kill This Dog
Canada comes calling in quest for U.S. workers

By Ricardo Lopez

EDMONTON, Canada—With a daughter to feed, no job and $200 in the bank, Detroit pipe fitter Scott Zarembski boarded a plane on a one-way ticket to this industrial capital.

He’d heard there was work in western Canada. Turns out he’d heard right. Within days he was wearing a hard hat at a Shell oil refinery 15 miles away in Fort Saskatchewan. Within six months he had earned almost $30,000. That was 2009. And he’s still there.

“If you want to work, you can work,” said Zarembski, 43. “And it’s just getting started.”

U.S. workers, Canada wants you.

Here in the western province of Alberta, energy companies are racing to tap the region’s vast deposits of oil sands. Canada is looking to double production by the end of the decade. To do so it will have to lure more workers — tens of thousands of them — to this cold and sparsely populated place. The weak U.S. recovery is giving them a big assist.

Canadian employers are swarming U.S. job fairs, advertising on radio and YouTube and using headhunters to lure out-of-work Americans north. California, with its 8.2% unemployment rate, has become a prime target. Canadian re-

[See Canada, A8]

DYING FOR RELIEF

TERRY SMITH COLLAPSED FACE-DOWN IN A POOL OF HIS OWN VOMIT.

Lynn Blunt snored loudly as her lungs slowly filled with fluid.

Summer Ann Burdette was midway through a pear when she stopped breathing.

Larry Carmichael knocked over a lamp as he fell to the floor.

Jennifer Thurber was curled up in bed, pale and still, when her father found her.

Karl Finnila sat down on a curb to rest and never got up.

These six people died of drug overdoses within a span of 18 months. But according to coroners’ records, that was not all they had in common.

Bottles of prescription medications found at the scene of each death bore the name of the same doctor: Van H. Vu.

After Finnila died, coroner’s investigators called Vu to learn about

NEWS ANALYSIS

BY SCOTT GLOVER

every single patient,” he said in an interview: “I can’t control what they

Scott Zarembski of Detroit traveled to Edmonton, Canada, and found a job within days. Trades workers can afford to pick and choose, he said.
Privacy ‘zealots’ compound a family’s torment

Nicole Viennoise vanished in 2007.

A federal official was on the phone last October telling Kathy Viennoise something that was utterly outrageous. Kathy’s daughter, Nicole, had been dead for years. She was found dead in the eastern Ontario town of Pembroke in 2007.

It’s the kind of tip that makes a heartbroken parent want to tear out her hair.

Mercury was shining the 10,000-star mark in the disappearance of her daughter, Nicole Viennoise, who vanished in Syria. She had been listed as last seen on March 31, 2007.

Mercury was told that the family’s official cause of death was drowning, but in May 2009, someone in foreign affairs told the family they had to file an accuser-information request if they wanted to see reports given to the Canadian embassy in Damascus by their own Syrian consulate.

She doesn’t want your sympathy

BRENDAN KENNEDY

Looking at Stephanie Dixon as she stands proudly on her leg—a cross-country runner focused on an international goal—“disabled” is not a word that immediately springs to mind.

Suddenly, suddenly. Her potential is endless.

Nonetheless, the Canadian Paralympic team does want you to think of her as anything less than an awesome swimming machine.

“She doesn’t want your sympathy; she confirms it,” said her coach.

“I believe she’s better than anyone here,” said her coach. “Her goals are huge.”

The photo of the Canadian Paralympic team’s swimming pool, which has been banned from the Paralympic Games, which has become the talk of marketing and advertising, has garnered high praise for its provocative message and minimalist style.

“The photo represents the beginning of a new era for the Paralympic movement in Canada,” says Canadian Paralympic Committee CEO Donald Engler.

“I believe the opportunity is huge and can be used as a tool to educate and inform the general public about disabled athletes.”

BRENDAN KENNEDY

Deadly avalanche

At least three people are believed dead after a series of avalanches in southwestern B.C. on Saturday.

Stony A.V. updates at thestar.com.

Half-price homes?

Canadians pounce on the Sunbelt

Some US, getaway properties sell for price of Toronto parking spots

TONY WONG

A senator in the US has introduced himself in Florida, pondering whether to buy a condo in Naples or not.

The Toronto woman ended up buying both.

“The prices were truly amazing, especially when you factor in the exchange rate,” said one, explaining his purchase.

He didn’t want a pair of jeans. Cross-border shopping has never been this popular.

Snow. No snow. No catchy bidding wars. Monopoly for the price of parking space in downtown Toronto.

Canadians jaded by high prices at home are increasingly looking beyond our borders as a much more affordable leisure — and assure that prices are bottoming out north of the border — has seen. Amon, the housing market.

Not since the Japanese started snapping up real estate in Manhattan have a group of foreign buyers been so competently and tactfully in the US market.

BANDITS

Did you remember?

Daylight saving time began at 2:30 a.m. this morning.

If you forget, the credit card you used to buy something.

The credit card you used to buy something.
El ritmo de la vida actual hace que muchas personas se sientan agobiadas y con deseos de gritar o golpear a una persona hasta una pared, pero esto no resuelve la situación por lo que la mejor manera de desahogarse es hablando

¡Relájate!
No te alteres

—DOLORES SANCHEZ

Todas las personas sufren de estrés durante un tiempo pero uno solo necesita el caos de su vida. Algunos tratan de golpear a alguien cerca para consolarse y algunos incluso terminan golpeando a su pareja, conocida o desconocida.

Un hombre en un sombrero largo, con una expresión de sufrimiento en su rostro, sostiene una gran cantidad de documentos en su mano.

—Dolores Sánchez

- Busca calma y tranquilidad: encontrar un espacio tranquilo y relajante para respirar profundamente y liberar la tensión muscular.
- Prueba el ejercicio de respiración: inhala profundamente por 5 segundos, luego exhala lentamente por 7 segundos.
- Practica el yoga o el tai chi: estas disciplinas pueden ayudar a relajarse y equilibrar el cuerpo.
- Habla con alguien: conversa con un amigo, un familiar o un consejero sobre lo que estás sintiendo.
- Medita: dedica algunos minutos al día para meditar, concentrándote en el momento presente y liberándote de pensamientos negativos.
AGENCIAS DE INTELIGENCIA EUROPEAS

Espionaje Masivo

Agencias de inteligencia de Alemania, Francia, España y Suecia, en colaboración con la de Gran Bretaña, han diseñado sistemas de espionaje masivo de comunicaciones telefónicas y por internet, así monitorean lo que desean.

Obama bajo presión

Programa "Prism"

La NSA y Microsoft han llegado a un acuerdo para que se interrumpan los datos de llamadas y emails de los usuarios de la nube a partir de julio de 2013.

60 MILLONES

Los detectives de la NSA han sido tormenta en la Casa Blanca.

LA CASE DEL ESPIONAJE: LA CASA BLANCA

Obama reconoce informes de espionaje masivo de美媒.

LA CRISIS DE LA NSA

Todas las agencias de inteligencia de EEUU explotan, en particular la NSA, que se encuentra en el centro de varias acusaciones de espionaje masivo.

PRINCIPALES AGENCIAS DE INVESTIGACIÓN EN EL MUNDO

El FBI, la CIA y la NSA también tienen su cuadrado propio, pero menos conocido.

Imágenes: Nino Molina

Facebook

Twitter

Google

Microsoft

200 MILLONES

El FBI y la NSA tienen una base de datos que contiene información de los usuarios de internet de todo el mundo.

46 MILLONES

La NSA tiene la capacidad de rastrear cualquier llamada telefónica en el mundo.

60 MILLONES

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500 MILLONES

El gobierno de EEUU tiene una infraestructura de espionaje que es capaz de rastrear cualquier llamada telefónica en el mundo.

10 MILLONES

La NSA ha utilizado el software "Pandora" para rastrear llamadas y emails de sus aliados internacionales.
Splat!
you’re out of the game

The games may be short, but there’s no shortage of adrenaline flooding through thousands of Masters enjoying the sport of paintball.

BY MARK COOPER
Herald Sun North-West

Bright balls, blue sky. Like a sweaty warzone
suspension. I’m hunkered down behind a bunker in a paintball field.

"One man is bleeding. I imagine myself sitting in a chair, then..." we’re supposed to be out in a field with each other.

Now I scramble like an alien clacking around a playground. We’re playing touchdown, and the clock is ticking to the other end. At the end, we’re supposed to be shooting.

I stumbled, then took a deep breath. I put the safety on my paintball marker and aimed at the bluish-black clumps. We’re playing now.

SPLAT!...
LINE UP

3 de septiembre
- Armin Van Buuren
- Afrojack
- Grabriel & Dresden
- Funkagenda
- Wolfgang Gartner
- Martin Solveig
- Sunnery James
- Ryan Marciano
- LA Riots
- Andy C & Armin
- Feed Me
- Cookie Monsta
- Exceed

4 de septiembre
- Paul Van Dyk
- Sander Van Doorn
- Cosmic Gate
- Chris Lake
- Joaquin Garraud
- Crystal Castles
- Chuckie
- Sidney Samson
- Zedd
- Ambivalent
- Sub Focus
- Naro
- Showtek
- High Contrast

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EL DIARIO

Una verdadera fiesta electrónica se vivirá este fin de semana en El Paso con la presencia de los más grandes exponentes del trance, techno, house y diversos géneros de sonidos electrónicos.

Mañana, el sábado, en el estadio Cohen, se llevará a cabo la primera edición del Sun City Music Festival donde se presentarán más de 30 DJs de fama mundial, nacional y local.

La noche de mañana el DJ y productor Armin Van Buuren presenciará las mezcladoras y sus estilos más famosos del orbe y catapulta uno más el nombre de Los Bajos en el encendido del festival con la mejor de sus canciones.

Para el domingo se tendrá el alemán Paul Van Dyk a la mesa, el cual presenta su nuevo proyecto con el que es una de las más completas en el mundo de la música electrónica.

A partir de las 6 de la tarde, ya cuando el calor ha disminuido, comenzará la presentación de los bandas programadas que cerrarán a la madrugada ambos días.

SUN CITY MUSIC FESTIVAL

3 y 4 de septiembre
De 6:00 p.m. a 2:00 a.m.
Cohen Stadium
9700 Gateway North
Boletos: 36 dólares por día, 63 dólares la admisión para todo el fin de semana. VIP para personas de 21 años en adelante 50 dólares por día, 99 dólares para todo el fin de semana.
Hot mama of invention

Porn often is the first industry to plug in and improve upon new technologies

John Cameron
Plain Dealer Reporter

No matter how often you make your hands these days, EIA is your fingertips. From day to day, from one day to the next, from one week to the next, you can move mountains from the moment you wake up, right through the day until the moment you go to sleep. Most people report that they can plug in a new device, new beverage, new space, and yet remain connected. Masters of their own universe, they are often able to plug in a new device, new beverage, new space, and yet remain connected. Masters of their own universe, they are often able to plug in a new device, new beverage, new space, and yet remain connected.

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The Polaroid camera. No longer did you need to change from your own creation, and the same goes for the Polaroid camera. With the Polaroid camera, you can plug in your device, new beverage, new space, and yet remain connected. Masters of their own universe, you are often able to plug in a new device, new beverage, new space, and yet remain connected.

The internet is the best way to plug in and improve upon new technologies. Porn often is the first industry to plug in and improve upon new technologies.
Happy Breakfast

Discover easy-to-make taste treat:
Tropical Fruit Parfait

Recipe on C2
Les fruits défendus

Est-il possible de traiter d'érotisme au théâtre ? C'est la question que pose la troupe Nages en Pantalon.

Jean-Michel Houdier
Photographies

Pour l'invitation de
Prise d'art, la compagnie
Nages en Pantalon,
pris en photo par
Jean-Michel Houdier,
photographe de la revue
Photographies, veille à
la présentation de ses
œuvres au public.

À travers ces fruits, l'artiste
vise à explorer de nouvelles
formes d'expression, fusionnant
hypocrisie et transparence.

Le Chien

Le film de Jean-Michel Houdier,
qui parle du phénomène
d'impulsion, est en fait une
critique acerbe de la
société contemporaine.

Le bon Garou

En réalité, le monstre
fictif ainsi que le garou
imaginaire sont autant de
représentations de l'angoisse
collective de la modernité.

Vous aimerez...

Un monstre... divertissement.
Etc. Conspicuous Consumption

Tolkien by The Numbers

Middle-earth is a lucrative place, and we’re heading there and back again with The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey. By Spencer Bailey

8,934 square feet
Size of a Hobbit mural currently printed across an Air New Zealand 777-300 aircraft as a marketing tie-in

7
Number of Lord of the Rings movie tie-in Lego sets

16
Approximate number of languages created by Tolkien

33
Hours of required class time for Marc Tendero’s “Tolkien as Translator: Language, Culture, and Society in Middle-earth” at Harvard Divinity School in spring 2010

£100,000
Amount Tolkien was paid by United Artists for the movie rights to The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit, about $240,000 in 1969 dollars

$1.1 billion
Gross revenue from 2003’s The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

$40 million
Amount of investment MGM retained in The Hobbit, even after filing for bankruptcy in 2009

32
Number of licensed Tolkien-related video games released since 1982

1892
Year Tolkien was born in South Africa

40%
Increase in tourists traveling to New Zealand from 2000 to 2006

$249.99
List price of Bonndorf’s Lord of the Rings-themed tungsten ring

44,388
Number of official J.R.R. Tolkien Facebook page fans

More than $60 million
Copies of The Hobbit sold worldwide since its release in 1937

27
Approximate number of animals, including goats, sheep, and chickens, that died during production of The Hobbit

102
Number of stops in the U.K. and Canada on TheOneRing.net’s Gundalf World Tour

42 feet
Slice of the Gilgal sculpture at Wellington International Airport in New Zealand

Martin Freeman as The Hobbit’s Bilbo Baggins
THE ECONOMY ➤ WALL STREET’S ROLLER-COASTER WEEK HAS US QUEASY

WHERE DO WE STAND?

WHAT’S NEXT?

The Bush administration is reaching out to Congress in hopes of seeing a consensus emerge in time to lend calm to tomorrow’s market openings. The goal is to have something passed by the end of this week. Meanwhile, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will step up purchases of mortgage-backed securities to support the crippled housing market, and the Treasury Department will expand a program to buy mortgage-backed securities badly hurt by the housing and credit crises.

WALL STREET SHAKEOUT

Monday saw the Dow taking its deepest dive in seven years, but it rallied near the end of one of its most tumultuous weeks ever, to wind up almost back where it had started. The landscape, however, has been forever altered. Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. went into bankruptcy, Merrill Lynch & Co. was snapped up by Bank of America Corp., and the insurer American International Group Inc. was bailed out by the government.

BREAKING THE BUCK

Money markets are supposed to conservatively invested and almost as safe as cash. But one of them, a $67 billion money-market fund called Primary Fund from Reserve Management Co., saw holdings fall below its total deposits last week. In other words, if everyone wanted his money back, it wouldn’t all be there. This is called “breaking the buck.” It hadn’t happened to a money-market fund since 1994.

A COSTLY RESCUE

President Bush has unveiled a bank bailout plan that could result in the government’s buying $700 billion or more in worthless mortgages. So who’s going to cover that? All of us, eventually. There are 307 million Americans, so that comes out to nearly $2,300 each. For a family of four, the total would be more than $9,100. But details, including the possibility of back-payments, are still to come. So, no need to write a check—yet.

MORTGAGE BARGAINS

Interest rates on conventional fixed-rate mortgages continue to slip, as investors move their funds from stocks to safer vehicles such as 10-year treasury notes, whose yields help set mortgage rates. So, if you can qualify for a loan under the tighter underwriting standards bred by the subprime crisis, it may be time to buy.

INSURANCE REASSURANCE

How safe is your policy if you’re insured with AIG? Safe enough, probably. Although the parent company needed an $85 billion loan from the government to stay afloat, its 71 state-regulated U.S. insurance subsidiaries have always been well capitalized and were in no danger of not being able to pay their claims, according to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

HOW ABOUT MY 401(k)?

Assets held in your company’s 401(k) account are not insured in the way bank accounts and brokerage funds are. Government regulations do require 401(k) funds to be held in a trust separate from their employer accounts and from the companies that manage 401(k) plans. The trust funds are overseen by investment managers, who must carry insurance designed to help protect a company from a fraudulent loss due to embezzlement or other misconduct.

504 MONDAY

+141 TUESDAY

+410 THURSDAY

+369 FRIDAY

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NUMBERS REFLECT DAILY DOW JONES CLOSING RESULTS

ILLUSTRATION BY EDIE TRIPP
THE FREDERICKSBURG STAR
Here comes the cold . . .
DON'T BE CAUGHT UNPREPARED

FORECAST OVERNIGHT LOW TEMPERATURES

THURSDAY 24°
FRIDAY 20°
SATURDAY 23°

With a hard freeze — and perhaps record lows — on the horizon for the San Antonio area Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, residents may need to prepare for the cold snap beyond simply cranking up the heat.

— Jennifer Lloyd

A SAFE, WARM HOME
- Use only designated indoor home-heating appliances inside to decrease the risk of fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Place space heaters at least three feet from other objects.
- Turn off space heaters before going to sleep.

STAY ALERT
- Be alert if you or someone you know:
  - Has insufficient heat at home because of substandard housing conditions, poor insulation or no money to pay for heat.
  - Lives alone and may be exposed to cold without others noticing.

PROTECT PETS
- Bring pets indoors if possible.
- When bringing in a pet that usually stays outside, prepare an area in the laundry room or bathroom or put the animal in a carrier to keep it contained.
- If pets must remain outdoors, provide an enclosed shelter with the entrance facing away from the wind.
- Outdoor animals need more food than usual in cold weather.

PROTECT PLANTS
- Move potted plants inside.
- Cover outdoor plants or flower beds with cloth.

PROTECT PIPES
- Wrap exterior faucets and water pipes with insulating material or newspapers covered with cloth.
- Disconnect exterior water hoses.
- Insulate pipes in crawl spaces and attics.
- Seal air leaks around pipes, electrical wiring or dryer vents with caulk or insulation.
- Open cabinet doors to allow your home's heat to reach pipes under the sink.
- Let a faucet drip to relieve pressure that may build between a faucet and a possible ice blockage in the water pipe.

Sources: San Antonio Fire Department, San Antonio Water System, Humane Society/SPCA of Bexar County, the City of San Marcos, the City of Corpus Christi and the City of El Paso

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See a complete list of cold-safety tips.
Love 'em or hate 'em, the Federal Reserve System is the cornerstone of the U.S. economy. Yet few of us understand what the Fed is, what exactly it does and to whom it reports.

The Fed performs a number of duties. Among them:

**It serves as the nation's central bank**
- Maintains accounts for the Treasury and the Federal government.
- Processes government payments, such as Social Security benefits.
- Monitors the condition of paper currency and coins and destroys and replaces them when the time comes.

In case you're wondering how much it costs to produce a bill or note:

- $1: $5,580
- $5: $2,980
- $10: $2,490
- $20: $1,900

**It sets monetary policy, affecting the economy**

Perhaps the most critical function of the Fed is setting short-term interest rates. This直接影响s how much money banks charge each other interest and also affects how much money banks charge their customers.

An easy way to remember how interest rates affect the economy:

- If rates are low, people buy homes and cars.
- If rates are high, people buy fewer homes and cars.

**It regulates the banking industry**

Among its other duties, the Fed...

- supervises national banks and other financial institutions that operate in its districts.
- sets minimum reserve requirements for member banks.
- regulates bank holding companies.

The Fed can also influence monetary policy and economic trends by adjusting the money supply in the economy.

**How the Fed is managed**

The Fed is an independent agency of the U.S. government, as it is constitutionally airmail. It is not dependent on the White House or Congress. The Fed has a tradition of independence, somewhat, from day-to-day politics of Washington.

The Fed is run by a board of governors, who are appointed to staggered terms by the president and confirmed by the Senate. The current seven-member board comes up for reappointment every 14 years.

While the Fed is independent, it's also a part of government. Any profits it makes is deposited into the U.S. Treasury. Its operating expenses are paid for by a fee on banks.

**A central bank timeline**

The following timeline describes the history of the central bank system in the United States.

The current Federal Reserve is the country's third attempt at a centralized national bank.
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THE FED

By CHARLES APPLE
ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

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The Fed serves as the bank for the federal government. Among the services it provides:

- Maintains accounts for the U.S. Treasury. In other words, this is the account into which your tax money goes.
- Processes government checks, postal money orders and U.S. savings bonds.
- The Fed can order more currency in order to meet demand for cash from banks — which, in turn, order cash to meet demand from customers — by buying currency from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

IT SETS MONETARY POLICY, AFFECTING THE ECONOMY

Perhaps the most critical function of the Fed is in setting short-term interest rates. This directly affects how much banks charge each other to borrow money. And that, in turn, affects interest rates banks charge their customers.

This means the Fed can indirectly influence the economy by affecting the demand for loans. As a result, the Fed finds itself performing a balancing act between economic growth and keeping inflation under control.

When interest rates are low, people and companies borrow money to make purchases.

When interest rates are high, the opposite occurs.

IT REGULATES THE BANKING INDUSTRY

Among its other duties, the Fed...

- ... sets rules under which banks and other financial institutions must operate. It’s also responsible for monitoring banks for violations and — when it’s necessary — enforcement.
- ... signs off on bank mergers and mergers of holding companies that own financial institutions.
- ... supervises banks and bank holding companies for soundness.
- ... provides a conduit for banks and financial institutions to clear checks. Most checks are cleared within one day.

A recent change in this: A federal law passed in 2004, the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act — “Check 21,” as it’s called — allows banks to replace physical checks with certified copies of those checks.

The “replacement check”...

... contains an image of the original check.
2 DELIVER THE DATA as efficiently as you can
On a dark, moonless night in early May, Ada Plum awoke from a dreamless sleep to realize that something was wrong. She called for her dog.

“Tuffy?”
Ada’s voice echoed through the dimly-lit bedroom in her suburban Beaverton home.

“Tuffy? Come here, little darling.”
But Tuffy never came. Never barked. Never begged for another bone or fetched another stick.
Tuffy was dead — another tragic victim of canine suicide. In the past year alone, according to veterinarian researchers, more than 350 local dogs have ended their lonely days of despair by taking their own lives. It is a crime as baffling as it is unexplainable.
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LEARNING to LIVE

By BEN DOVER

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the words began to flow on the 11th of Thursday, Aug. 21, 1970. Phoebe Livermore, who was a housewife in the town of Nova Scotia, had a crushing headache and was unable to work. She decided to go to the hospital for some relief.

At the hospital, Phoebe was diagnosed with a severe headache and was told that she needed to take some pills to help with the pain. She was also given a prescription for some pain medication.

Phoebe took the pills as prescribed and felt better almost immediately. She was able to resume her normal activities and returned to work the following day.

Later that evening, Phoebe began to feel strange. She noticed that her vision was blurry and that she was having difficulty focusing on objects.

Phoebe was taken to the emergency room, where she was diagnosed with a blood clot in her brain. She was immediately placed on a ventilator and given a blood thinner to help prevent the clot from growing larger.

Over the next few days, Phoebe’s condition began to improve. She was able to move her arms and legs, and her speech began to return. However, she continued to have episodes of dizziness and confusion.

Phoebe was eventually transferred to a rehabilitation facility, where she began to make a full recovery. She was able to return home after several months and resumed her normal activities.

Phoebe’s story is just one of many that highlights the importance of seeking medical attention when experiencing symptoms of illness or injury. It is important to remember that early detection and treatment can make a significant difference in the outcome of many conditions.

The lesson of Phoebe’s experience is clear: when you are feeling unwell, seek medical attention as soon as possible. This can help prevent serious complications and lead to a better outcome.
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HOW TO CONDUCT A QUICK & EASY READER SURVEY

**STEP 1** Recruit a dozen volunteers. (The more people you enlist, the more reliable your survey will be.) Aim for a representative mix of readers by age, gender, lifestyle, etc.

**STEP 2** Ask your volunteers to read the next issue of your paper as they typically do — but tell them to circle everything they read with a dark felt-tip pen as they go through the paper. That may mean just a headline, a photo caption or the first two paragraphs of a story. (By “reading,” we mean *processing words in a meaningful way, not just glancing.*

**STEP 3** Ask your recruits to do this for several issues of the paper. If you’re a daily, ask them to read for a week; if you’re a weekly, have them read two or three issues. Collect the papers from them when they’re done.

**STEP 4** Mark each pile so you know who’s who (i.e., “25-year-old male grad student”). Then ask: What did they consistently read? What *didn’t* they read? What topics or story treatments had the most (or least) success? Identify patterns and problems. Make changes. Then try another survey.
Things can fall apart very quickly. The mountain is like a river. You have to show a lot of respect and not get too cocky.

— Laurie Bagley
speed climber

For speed climbers such as Laurie Bagley, getting to the top's not the main goal, but how fast they...

HURRY UP

Mount Thielsen summit isn't for everybody

Mount Thielsen. It's where about a mile and a one-third up. There's a road up there and you can drive to it. The road is paved for about a mile and a half, then it becomes gravel. You have to hike from there.

There's a little trail that goes left and right. It's a steep climb, but it's not too bad. You can see a lot of the peaks from there. It's a great view of the mountains.

There's a little cabin up there that people use for shelter. It's a great place to take a break and enjoy the view.

Mount Thielsen is a great climb for experienced hikers. It's not too difficult, but it requires some endurance. It's a beautiful place and definitely worth the hike.

For more information on Mount Thielsen, contact the U.S. Forest Service at 503-273-5881.
Statues and Fountains
And Blooms, Oh My

The June 10
Munroe-Meyer Institute
Garden Walk will
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splendest gardens in the
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College Bound Since 5th Grade

Millionaire's investment in Richmond students about to pay off

By Michael A. Patterson

Richmond residents are preparing to celebrate the accomplishments of the students in the college-bound program. The program, which began in the 5th grade, has had remarkable success in preparing students for college. "We're really excited about the potential of these students," said one parent. "We're investing in their future and we believe it will pay off." The students have shown exceptional academic performance and are expected to make a significant impact on their communities.

Oklahoma Bomb Case Goes to Jury

Prosecution draws tears — defense urges skepticism

By Michael A. Patterson

The Oklahoma Bomb Case trial has entered its final stage as the jury deliberates on whether Larry McNeely and the 48 people who faced the death penalty are guilty of terrorism. The prosecution presented a powerful case, drawing emotional reactions from the defendants and their families. "Our goal was to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that Larry McNeely and his co-defendants were guilty," said the lead prosecutor. "We believe we have made our case." The defense, on the other hand, challenged the prosecution's evidence and argued for the defendants' innocence. "We're not trying to justify terrorism," said the defense attorney. "We're trying to show that our clients are innocent of the charges against them." The jury is expected to reach a verdict soon.

Still Undecided — Stadium Issue In a Nutshell

Q & A

By Michael A. Patterson

The San Francisco Chronicle's Q & A section provides a platform for readers to engage with experts and share their opinions. "I'm still undecided," said one reader. "I understand the arguments for and against the stadium, but I can't make up my mind." The experts provided insights on the issues, emphasizing the need for careful consideration of the economic and social impacts of the stadium. "We need to make sure that the stadium benefits the community," said one expert. "It's a complex issue and we need to get it right." The readers were encouraged to participate in the discussion and share their thoughts.

United Crack Down On Last-Minute Fliers

By Michael A. Patterson

United Airlines has taken strong measures to crackdown on last-minute fliers. "We're not going to allow them anymore," said a United Airlines spokesperson. "This is our last resort." The new policy involves a system that checks for last-minute bookings and requires customers to pay additional fees for their tickets. "We're not going to put up with people trying to game our system," said the spokesperson. "This is to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and that our loyal customers are not disadvantaged." The policy change has been met with mixed reactions from customers, some of whom applaud the move, while others express concerns over increased costs.
Colony bets its consumer culture will prove stronger than Beijing ideology

By Frank Vitia
Chronicle Staff Writer

Panling, Hong Kong

Thirteen years ago, when Great Britain agreed to hand over its last Asian colony to Beijing on July 1, 1997, the view from Chen Sai-lieh's back yard was a grim frontier man's land of military bunkers and electrified barbed-wire fences.

Just north of the bungalow in Hong Kong's suburban New Territories, where Chen, a mason, lives with his wife, Jennie, loomed the vast enigma known as the People's Republic of China -- founded in dire opposition to everything that hyper-capitalist Hong Kong stands for, and barely emerged from a "Cultural Revolution" that plunged a quarter of Earth's population into violent xenophobia.

In 1984, one of the longest bets in history was placed here.

The bet was that the Hong Kongorea could tame the Chinese dragon -- that a single city, with fewer people than the San Francisco Bay Area, could wrench the world's most populous nation into the global economy before the Union Jack gave way to the red star.

Decades will pass before anyone can measure the impact of Beijing's rule on Hong Kong. But in 1997, the effects of the improbable wager are measurable at every turn.

"The modernization of southern China since 1984 is quite simply one of the most remarkable episodes in economic history -- and it is largely a tale of Hong Kong Investment," says Helen Chan, principal economic analyst for the Hong Kong government.

Even for Hong Kong, a gambler's mecca that thinks nothing of risking $133 million in a typical day at the racetrack, the odds were stupendous.

"Anybody who told me 13 years ago that I'd be installing Italian marble bathrooms in villas over there," says Chen, gesturing toward the Chinese border, "would have been out of his mind."

That was before the solid wall of skyscrapers rose over Chen's back yard in the instant city of Shenzhen -- financed by Hong Kong dollars -- and the rice paddies where escaping Chinese disidents once hid from the People's Liberation Army vanished under six-lane superhighways designed by Hong Kong engineers.

It was before two-way trade between China and Hong Kong soared beyond $40 billion per year.

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**STROKE TEACHES RAM DASS ANEW TO 'BE HERE NOW'**

Spiritual teacher slowly recovering

Ram Dass sits in the darkening shadow of a long evening, his wheelchair pushed against an old picnic table behind his Marin County home.

Silence.

"The mind..." he says.

Leaves rustle in a soft breeze.

Water tumbles over rock in a small creek behind his overgrown garden.

"The mind..." he says again.

Silence.

His eyes close and his head tilts toward the stars, searching for words.

"Doctors see the brain as the mind," he says in a sudden rush of language, "What I'm observing with is not necessarily in their purview."

It was last Monday night, three months to the day since Ram Dass' brain was shaken by a huge stroke, leaving him without speech and paralyzed along the right side of his body.

At the moment the stroke hit, the eloquent spiritual teacher and counter-culture icon was rewriting...
RAM DASS: Emerging From Stroke's Silence

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a book called "Conscious Aging." In his first interview since the stroke, Ram Dass, 66, spoke with great difficulty about how his brush with death has changed his ideas about aging, and how the recent events of his life have led him to the conclusion that he is "Here Now." Richard Alpert, the man who would become Ram Dass, hurt his head on the ground and was taken to the hospital in 1963, where he and Leary were fired from the Harvard University faculty for LSD experiments with undergraduates.

They relocated to a mansion in upstate New York, where they continued their research into LSD and other drugs. They soon became synonymous with the psychedelic revolution of the 1960s.

In 1967, Alpert traveled to India in search of a guru. He met with the disciple of the late Indian guru Neem Karoli Baba and returned to the United States with the name Rama Dass.

In 1971, he published the best-selling book, "Be Here Now," establishing himself as one of the leading proponents of meditation and Eastern mysticism. During much of the 1980s and 1990s, Ram Dass lent his name and energies to a series of charities and volunteer projects. In the process, he became one of the most sought-after speakers on the New Age conference, workshop, and lecture circuit, where he was known for his ability to convey mystical ideas with lucidity, humor, and grace.

Those close to him say the loss of his language has been a frustrating experience for Ram Dass. Nonetheless, if one listens to him with patience, the old message still gets through.

Reporters often smooth the rough edges of his diction, giving it a more eloquent quality. It's also important to understand the degree to which Ram Dass must struggle to convey his ideas.

"I used to talk fast and talk a lot," he says. "Now I talk slow and talk a lot, with words, not in silence." Nonetheless, he still has his sense of humor. The time of his stroke, he was trying his hand at being a kind of acid talk radio host, hoping to raise the consciousness of a medium known for its vapidness and knee-jerk nastiness.

"Talk radio," he says, "it's like going down the tubes." Ram Dass said an outpouring of love and support has shown him that he doesn't have to talk to people to open up spiritually.

"People from all over the world have called me and said, 'We love you, we've been praying for you.'" Ram Dass said, "I feel loved." He said he has been able to connect with people through his writing and speaking.

His stroke, and his recovery, in a Northern California nursing home, have changed his thinking on "Conscious Aging." He started the book with a Harvard professorial perspective, but decided to make it a more personal account. He didn't want this book to be, 'Here Now, look at this spiritually.'

"I'm not a doctor, I'm not a scientist, I'm not a philosopher," he says, "but I'm a human being who has been through this experience."

Ram Dass says the stroke and the death of his friends have helped him understand how many people seem to live in the past.

"Older people see that getting older has nothing to offer them," he says, "but strokes and the process of death, they teach us something else.

Before my stroke, I was looking forward to the things I wanted to do.

"Are you still there?"

"No," Ram Dass said.

Silence.

"But," he said with a smile, "I'm still committed to be Here Now."
FASHION CORNER

Update Spring Wardrobe on Budget

Unless you've been under a rock the past three months, you know the economy is sputtering. At the same time, if you've pulled last year's spring wardrobe from the back of the closet and compared it to styles now in the stores and magazines, you've discovered a few things have changed.

An explosion of prints, a stream of longer jackets, a shift upward of hemlines, a prevalence of black-and-white combinations and an obsession with belts and other accessories are some of this season's fashion details.

How do you give yourself the image of the moment without blowing your savings or borrowing on your 401(k)? Choose a few affordable items to add to what you have. Don't be afraid to mix low and high couture or to spiff up a special investment jacket with a discount store print shirt. That's how the fashion savvy are shopping in today's new economy.

If you can buy one thing, what should you buy?

Leon Hall, consultant and host of television's "Fashion Emergency," says buy one great jacket and wear it many different ways: belted, buttoned, over a T-shirt, jeans or pants or over swimsuit top and skirt or on a holiday.

The other item on Hall's suggestion list is "a great skirt or trousers." It can be a pastel or print but not a print, he says.

Pair it (as the Europeans do) with a great man's white shirt, lacy camisole and strappy sandals. Wear it with a tank top, a swimsuit top at the beach and with the jacket on the city.

Sue Gershman, author of the Born to Shop series and the book "Best Dressed," is just back from London with this response: "There is only one answer to the question: a corsage."

The artificial flower in Europe is still worn as jewelry everywhere -- on the wrist, shoulder, chest, skirt, arm. And, she adds, you can do it yourself with a craft shop flower and a pin.

In her book, she notes that you can also find bargains at consignment shops, off-price retailers, from mark-down racks at traditional stores. It's only smart to study up on what's current so you can ferret out the modern looks from the clothing that may have been around for a while.

Make your own list, but some items under $100 to consider:

- Print capri pant. The wave of patterns has given new life to the ongoing trend of cropped pants. You'll find print capris almost everywhere in a wide price range.
- Camouflage print. It's been around awhile, but it's apparently going strong in women's and men's wear. You need only a touch, say, in a camouflage print halter top.
- Shirt dress. A new focus on old classics has brought back timeless shapes such as the shirtdress, with updated prints and colors.
- Anything denim. Every time you think the weary workman's cloth is going out, a new rendition returns. This year, look for suits at the Banana Republic, fitted jean jackets at the Gap and colorful classic business casual jacket.
- Belts. Wear them low-slung over your hips or cinched at the waist. They can be wide and remindable or narrow and delicate. They're especially striking with rhinestone buckles for everything from jeans to soft shear club dresses.
- Any color. Black and white. As a balance to the burst of colors and patterns, black and white is high priority. The checks and stripes have a new sophistication.
- Polo shirt. If ever you doubted that what goes around comes around, consider the return of the preppy. The philosophy brings gingham, lambswool, loafers, kilts and, of course, the polo shirt. The new twist comes in a snug fit and an array of pastel summer colors.

TODAY IN HISTORY

"The slight that can be conveyed in a glance, in a gracious smile, in a wave of the hand, is often the ne plus ultra of art. What insult is so keen or so keenly felt, as the polite insult which it is impossible to resent?"

Julia Kavanagh
Battlestar Babes
Tricia Helfer & Grace Park Set Phasers to Sexy

$30 Million Ticket to Palookaville
THE BIGGEST BLUNDERS IN SPORTS
Back in 2002, Maxim editor Keith Blanchard spoke at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. An excerpt:

Today, Maxim is the largest general interest men’s magazine on Planet Earth.

Is Maxim a light read? Of course it is. If you’re trying to reach cranky retirees, maybe 6,000-word rants are still appropriate. But our readers are young affluent men, which means they’re busier today than they will ever be in their lives; they have shorter attention spans than any previous generation; they are chronically overstimulated and easily bored. Now we can sit in a corner and bemoan this sad state of affairs, or we can get off our ass and adapt.

We have built a highly successful magazine by the astonishing methodology of figuring out what readers want and then giving it to them, an enterprise which in journalism is called pandering, and which in every other industry is called customer service.

We have become masters of the short form because, for reasons entirely outside our control, the short form is what people want now. Adapt or perish.
Trendstopping

THE FLYING ASS BUMP
Steroids, schmoids. Witness the real plague destroying sports.

OK, we understand you're totally psyched about scotsthat T12, but isn't it really nessecary to legenit the sit and thourghly carress with your fellow players? You just laid down the perfect hurt, but do you now need to bump butts? This Caesary expression of all home affections may be ideal for celebrating a stellar boggle championship, but in teh world of manly sport, check-to-check contact is as unmanly as it is unsanitary. Athletes: Dump the ass bump.

The Year of the Taser
2007 was a shockingly good time.

A Brooklyn man in "Tasered" for wearing a helmet was allegedly electrocuted "by an aggressive condition." His heart was allegedly "shockingly susceptible" to a current of electricity.

Sheriff Harry Lee reports 67th of Jeffersonians faint on gunshots and Taser injuries. "Tasers" you know is one of the latest, greatest injuries.

The U.S. District Court of Florida detonates the pro-wearing laws or injury special against Taser. Spicy pepper spray is tested.

Dartmouth alchemist claims Taser was invented by his research partner.

Robot assassins are set on pro-stuntmen. A robotic droid gains full control of its firebox.

The City of New York yesterday announced that Taser will be banned within 90 days.

ThunderBolt: The new Taser is especially designed for special forces.

On August 25, 2007, Taser unveiled the C-50, a small, lightweight weapon that can be easily carried in a coat pocket. Pink, black, purple, and red.

The police officers are now strategically placed to take down all forms of illegal gunsmen. Even the fighting on the streets is under "Tasers".

The company reports a 30% increase in sales per quarter.

Hot property, "Taser"-ized in a "new" line of products. "Taser"-ized, a new line of products.

Video Game Marathon
A 30-year-old man died in September of exhaustion after a three-day gaming binge at a Chinese cybercafe. This is why we no longer encourage a break from video game benders to squeeze in a quick game of D&D.

Overhydration
After chugging gallons of water in a California radio station's "Hold Your Wee for a Week" contest, a 26-year-old woman reportedly died of water intoxication. *

Keoody Troy Finch of Tideway progamma turns pro in 2007. Mark your calen- ders: February 24 is International Pie Day. Here's to pies of free Hispanos ever since.

A methodical exorcist is no longer able to take on ciała spirits after his "Taser"-ized weapons.

People are literally snapped by angry gods each year. Thanks for the "Taser"! A.R. Boker. Lives claimed: 70

Lightning Bolts
The National Weather Service reports that approximately 20 people are killed and 120 people are injured by lightning each year.

Bird Flu
This fateful July, the human race remained unscathed in the war on birds. But your parents will sleep peacefully now that it's over.

Brain-Eating Amoebas
The microscopic menace is now feared by the throngs of swimmers. We've never bathed again.

Cool Mine Collapses
More than a dozen miners have died in the U.S. this year. So far that, black lung! Lives claimed: 14

Bacon Porn
Before the-Censor sentence ever written.

"Whoa, under any circumstances, we're not allowed to help you. You're causing all kinds of problems by the taunting blackwoods that permeate the air. By the luscious textures of crisp bacon and toast, homemade meat, and by the explosion of mingled salty and smoky and sweet flavors that virtually explode in the mouth!" From "The Bacon Cookbook: More Than 150 Recipes From Around the World for Everyone's Favorite Food" by James Villas

"Stem, what are you doing with that bacon?"

Big Number
100%
Amount more that a shopper who balances making just a 10% tip than a shopper who is consuming according to a study done by researchers at the University of New Mexico.

Bacon
"Stem, what are you doing with that bacon?"

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**ASK MAXIM**

The answers to all your baby-makin', heart-explodin' questions, and more!

1. **Why are there two kinds of screwheads? Can't they just pick one?**
   
   **Frank Britten, via e-mail**

   The answer, Frank, is almost as boring as your question. "It's just a matter of preference," says Kevin Christie, CEO of Components for Industry. ("Your worldwide provider of fastening solutions"). He went on to note that there are, in fact, a variety of drive styles, including square, hex-socket, and six-lobe drivers. Then he started giving us statistics on the declining sales of lite-head drivers, and that's when we passed out on our keyboard.

   "You guys are genna get totally screwed."

2. **How much coffee would it take to make my heart explode?**
   
   **Allan Wayne, via e-mail**

   Bad news. According to the National Institute of Health, you need 170 milligrams of caffeine for every kilogram of body weight to make it a lethal dose, meaning someone weighing 200 pounds would need to down more than 15,000 milligrams—about 72 espresso shots. And as Marina Kashner of the Caffeine Awareness Alliance notes, "Caffeine acts as a diuretic, so it's almost impossible to accumulate lethal doses by drinking." Therefore, we suggest hoovering handfuls of caffeine pills, which normally contain 200 milligrams of caffeine apiece. Expect irregular heartbeats followed by anxiety attacks, muscle twitching, and finally heart failure. Good luck, Allan!

3. **Why are so many homeless people fat?**
   
   **Tom Bronstein, via e-mail**

   No, Tom, street-living folk are not sneaking off with your loose change to Outback Steakhouse for all they can eat porterhouses—but they'd be better off, and skinner, if they were. Cheap food tends to be processed, high in calories, and heavy in sugars and fat to cover up the fact that, as world-class chefs, they suck. "Low-income people tend to fill themselves up with the most inexpensive, most filling food," explains Joel Berg, executive director of the New York City Coalition Against Hunger. "So hunger and obesity often exist in the same households and on the same park benches." Researchers at Johns Hopkins found in a March 2007 study that fitness starts with homeless kids—nearly half of those studied were overweight—and doesn't improve as they grow. So why don't these people do a damn sit-ups once in a while? "When you’re that low on energy, you can’t exercise," Berg explains. At least they have a valid excuse to avoid the gym.

4. **What everyday activities can bring down my sperm count?**
   
   **Wayne Weight, via e-mail**

   To avoid infertility, you must abstain from drinking, smoking, eating red meat, and wearing the color green. Actually, we're making that up. One thing that does affect your sperm count is temperature. "If somebody is always sitting down, his testicles won't have time to evaporate at the hole," says Dr. John Zhang of Manhattan's New Hope Fertility Center. (That goes double for resting a laptop on your lap.) And as standing up aren't enough better, you may also have to change your underwear. Boxers and boxer briefs are kinder than thongs. And finally, "Trauma to your testicles will hurt your fertility," Zhang warns. So no more making your balls watch scary movies.
SHOTS IN THE DARK
As Ridley Scott releases Blade Runner: The Final Cut, the definitive version of his 25-year-old neo-noir classic, he gives the inside scoop on some key scenes.

Scene 1 | Welcome to Los Angeles, 1982.

"I was taking us into a world that hadn't been explored before. It was always rainy, misty, and cold. I had done a bit of shooting in Hong Kong, and 30 years ago the city wasn't anything like it is now. It was very 19th century and a feast of grime and grit. I had never been so impressed with anything in my life, and I thought, This is Blade Runner."

Scene 2 | Pris throws down with Deckard.

"That was actually a pretty violent scene. Cartwheeling across the floor is a really acrobatic thing to do, so that's a man with a wig. Then, when Pris lands, it's Daryl Hannah. Barbra Hershey was good with the action. He liked to be involved in his own stunts, but it was my job to prevent this. If he broke an arm or an ankle, that would be the end of it all."

Scene 3 | Deckard and Roy Batty's final rooftop battle.

"We created the illusion of a roof with a big boat track that was about 15 feet off the ground. The jump the guys had to make was nasty because they were leaping between two projecting girders. The stunt man was nervous about it, so Rutger Hauer said, 'You know, I can do that.' He's a big boy, but he just hopped right across. He did it on his first try."

He Is McLovin
Superbad's Christopher Mintz-Plasse explains the benefits of playing a stoner.

Women Want You
"I've gotten Facebook messages from women who straight up say, 'We should totally have sex.' I'm like, 'Um, OK.' I also got to meet Jessica Alba, who's been my crush since Dark Angel. She was like, 'Oh, my God, McLovin!' She hugged me, and that was the happiest moment of my life."

You Travel the World
"Hell, yeah! Jonah Hill, Mike Cern, and I went all over to promote Superbad. If you ever go to Melbourne, go to McDonal's—that's where all the hottest girls are. I don't know why. Maybe because it was two in the morning and people were drunk and needed food."

Your Future Is Bright
"I'm about to shoot a movie called Little Big Men. It's Paul Rudd, Sean William Scott, and me, so it should be fun. I want to go the Patrick Dempsey route. Remember Can't Buy Me Love? He played a nerd, but he grew up to be McDreamy. I'm telling you, man. In 15 years I am the next James Bond."

The Director Strikes Back
Normally, we love to overdose on bonus dialogue and extended scenes. Some films, however, should stay as is.

Like a hot woman who's had too much job too many, classic films can be ruined by directors unwilling to leave well enough alone. Whether it's the 18th annual editing of The Exorcist. The Version You've Never Seen or the pedestrian explanations of Dennis Gifford. The Director's Cut, when well-known films go under the knife, the results are rarely good. "The most egregious offender of all is George Lucas, who released The Star Wars Trilogy Special Edition in 1997, adding cosmetic enhancements and heretical alterations."

"I hope you're not going to be one of those people who think this is a good thing."

"For the last time, Calista, cut the god-damn cheeseburgers."
ADICTED TO HAZE
Your PS3 is about to become your drug dealer. Get ready to mainline.

Edward Tretis: "You start and end the game with a gun in hand," says Haze design director David Doak. Famous
to game geeks for designing the seminal first-person
shooter GoldenEye 007, the mad fishman elevates
the genre once again by adding conse-
quences to virtual violence. Hopped up on
Nectar, the combat boosting drug of choice in
2048, your character, Sergeant Shane Capen-
ter, becomes a supersoldier... but he leaves his
humanity behind. "Nectar clouds your view of
the world. You don't see blood, hear screams,
or see dead bodies," explains Doak. But when
the drug wears off, Sergeant realizes he has been
slaughtering freedom fighters on behalf of an
evil corporation. That's when he takes his clear
mind (and up to four consoles via online or
split-screen co-op) over to the good side. Don't
feel guilty if you're psyched for all the destruc-
tion. Doak stresses, "You should still enjoy the
shooting." Even sober, Sergeant Tretis
MAXIM RATING ★★★★★★

High Score
Haze isn't the first game under the
influence. Check these classic joints.

Pac-Man
Drug of choice:
Energy pills. He had the
munchies for cherries,
ghosts, and—most
viciously—a trail of
yellow dots. Like junkies
everywhere, the more
he scored, the faster he
needed more dots.

Super Mario Bros.
Drug of choice:
Mushrooms. Mario
may have been a
working-class fellow
with values born of
the old country, but he
had no qualms about
ingesting a bit of fungus
to kick Bowser's ass.

Final Fantasy VII
Drug of choice: Ether.
Hero Cloud Strife and
his crew have been
restoring "magic points" by
huffing out of shiny bottles since
1997. So how come they
still haven't written Fear
and Loathing in Las Vegas?

Grand Theft Auto:
Vice City
Drug of choice: Crack.
Rockstar dropped all pre-
tense of responsibility,
releasing a game about
briefcases of blow and
banging whores. We've
been hooked ever since.

Game On
They made 'em. We played 'em. Now it's your turn.

Mass Effect
Microsoft - XBox 360
As planet Javilum Com-
mander Shepard, your
mission is to save the gal-
axy from evil S.C.O.R.E.
This may be an RPG, but
when you're wasting
tours in real-time combat,
dorky D&D conventions
will be the furthest thing
from your mind.

Uncharted:
Drake's Fortune
Sony - PS3
As you search for Sir
Francis Drake's treasure,
experiencing your mind
with puppets and indulge your
violent side with gunplay
sequences. We haven't
seen an adventure like this
since Lara Croft threw on
her sports bra.

Mario & Sonic
at the Olympic
Games
Sega - Wii, Nintendo DS
The greatest video game
character ever will be
decked in, transforming!
Siege characters from
Sega's and Nintendo's
universe compete in
"Olympic" events of vary-
ing degree of lunacy.
How To

MAKE BALLOON ANIMALS

It's the second-best way to show women you're good with your hands.

Every guy needs a party trick, but putting stuff on your head— HIPPOS, rhinos, cats, infants—can wear thin. The answer? Anatomically correct balloon animals. All you need is an 8-pack of balloons from a party-supply store, strong lungs, and the curiosity of children.

THE BASICS
1. Unless you want to launch your eyeballs out of your skull, stretch the balloons first, leave them underinflated, and don't puff out your cheeks.
2. To create a section, pinch and twist the balloon one-half revolution.
3. To keep the upstairs sections in place, hold them together with a twisty bit twist around each other.

ANIMALS, BLOOD-SOAKED DEMENTED
1. Take a red balloon and make a two-inch-long section (the waist). (2) Make three shorter sections (the head and ears), then twist them off at the snap. (3) Make one section (the neck), as long as the ears. (4) Make two sections (the legs) as long as the neck. (5) Make them off at the neck. (6) Make a long body, then make two sections (the hind legs). (7) Make them off at the body. (8) Make the remaining sections (the tail) and use the remaining sections to make two shorter sections (the feet). (9) Fold the feet as two sections. (10) Make the feet as two sections, then use the stack to tie the small balloon onto the joint of the dog's tail.

How to—down, boy!
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You could win a deluxe boat cruise from Maine to Portland, Maine, with your boat, private sailing, boat fuel, food, and plenty of live-cut "Doc's." And it's all at the next stop at some of the world's most beautiful beaches.
Just by going to www.maximonline.com/docshardlemonade and you could win.

Photo: "Doc's" hard lemonade: Getaway Cruise.

Doc's hard lemonade.
**HOW TO**

**SPOT A COUNTERFEIT**
Recognize fake twenties so you can fob them off on the elderly!

Although the new $20 bill—the most counterfeit-resistant denomination—is more difficult to duplicate than its predecessor, any punk with a printer can still mint funny money. In fact, according to Special Agent Brian Marr of the U.S. Secret Service, $70 million in bogus currency is currently in circulation. Counterfeiters use the same networks as drug traffickers, he explains. Use this handy guide to keep it real.

1. Even without the cool glasses, Andrew Jackson's portrait looks 3-D on the new bills because the frame has been removed. "Fakes look flat," Marr says. It's the opposite of breasts.

2. New twenties have pastel shades of green, peach, and blue. Ink-jets can copy these fabulous hues, but even the best printouts will look—ow!—pixelated.

3. A vertical security thread along the side reads USA TWENTIES. Since many counterfeiters print twenties onto bleached-out singles, this feature is often absent from phony bills. Also, any bill with Snoop Dogg's face on it is not legal tender.

4. A ghostly Andrew Jackson watermark should appear when you hold it up to the light. Not only is this spoo-o-o-ooky, it's too expensive to dope.

5. The 20 in the bottom right corner will change color from copper to green as you tilt the bill up and down.

6. Look for faint yellow 20s in the background. Then scratch and sniff—mmm, lemony!

7. The biggest challenge is replicating the paper, which isn't paper at all. "American currency is a blend of cotton and linen," Marr says. You really do feel a difference when you wipe your ass with it.

**HOW TO**

**THROW A BOOMERANG**
Play with yourself in pubic the same way real Australians do!

**PREFLIGHT**
Like your ex-girlfriends, boomerangs come in a variety of oddly shaped and sizes. Find one that's the right combination of spin, arc, and wind resistance. Here's a good starter pack: pick one up at the United States Boomerang Association Web site, usba.org. Wait for a windless day, then find a place with 50 yards of open space, like a meadow or a church.

**LIFTOFF**
Never throw sidearm—the boomerang will flip and crash to the ground faster than a pass. "Your throw's your weapon," says USSA president Tony Brazelton. This will give your curved stick upward propulsion, which should be a nice change of pace for you.

**HOVERPATTERN**
Pinch the bottom of the boomerang tightly between your thumb and the side of your index finger, with the curved surface against your thumb. "If 12 o'clock is holding it straight up and down, twist your wrist and tilt it to about 1:30," says USSA president Tony Brazelton. This will give your curved stick upward propulsion, which should be a nice change of pace for you.

"Call me Kangaroo Jack one more time and I'll kill you."
THE GREAT MAXIM BEER QUIZ

So you think you know beer? Yeah, you and everyone else in the bar, pal. Earn your brew bragging rights by chugging your way through our sobering quiz. Lowest score picks up the tab.

NAKED LUNCH
Can you recognize these common beers after they've shed their pastel ones? (Answers for all questions are on p.130.)

LAGER, RINSE, REPEAT

KNOCKOUT DROPS
Time for a potency test: Rank these frosty delicacies from most (1) to least (10) alcoholic.

BEER TRIVIA
Multiple choice for the buzzed.

MICRO BUSTED
Pick-up each supposed microbrewer with its supersecret big-beer parent company.

MOBILE WINE

THE ANSWERS
No peeking until you've doved! Give yourself one point for each correct answer. If you can tally up the points, problem solved—enjoy more beer.

Naked Lunch: 1. (p.2-3) 3. 6.4, 5 4, 5 3. 7, 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15.

Around the World:
1. Australia & California
2. Italy & Quebec

Corporate Propaganda:
1. Polygamy Porter
2. Ballantine's
3. Coors
4. Miller Genuine

Draft & Schafers: 1. Billy Beer
2. Schlitz
3. Warsteiner (Canada)
4. Miller Lite
5. Harpoon

Petit and Dupont:
1. Twist-Off: 1.2. 3. 4. 5.
2. A2. 3. 4. 5. 6.
3. 4.6. 7. 8. 9.
4. 5.6. 7.8. 9.
MR. FISHERMAN GUY

BY TIM ROBERTS PHOTGRAPHERS JOHN DEVINE

CAPTAIN HOOK
Never stick a hooks without the line attached. The pro- tend to hook themselves with the tungsten. The best way is to use a No. 6 or 8 hook and use a 2/0 or 3/0 hook. Use a good quality fishing line and a good quality hook.

SET THE PIN
Run the line through the hook and tie a double overhand knot. The line should be tight and the knot should be secure.

THE RIGHT HAND
The right hand is the dominant hand. Use it to hold the fishing rod and to feel the fish's movement.

KEEP IT REAL
Keep the rod tip 6 inches above the water to keep the rod from breaking. Make sure the line is not tangled and that the fish is not kinked.

GETTING THE BOAT
Tie off a spare line to tie the boat to the dock. Use a good quality rope and make sure it is not too loose.

FLOAT CURE
Mix 1 part Epsom salts with 4 parts water in a spray bottle. Use the spray to clean the fish's gills and to prevent them from dying.

SHADY CHARACTER
The best time to fish is in the morning and evening. The fish are more active during these times.

FACE VALUE
Use a good quality fishing rod and reel. Make sure the rod is not too heavy and that the reel is not too small.

TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN
Use a good quality fishing line and hook. Make sure the line is not too heavy and that the hook is not too sharp.

MUSCULAR BONE
Use a good quality fishing rod and reel. Make sure the rod is not too heavy and that the reel is not too small.

Saved by: AI
On the menu: The Best Bacon Cheeseburger Recipe Ever!

**Wine & Dine**

1. **Barry the Bald Grocer**
   - Top secret is key!
   - You girls need my help?

2. **A great burger has nothing to do with bacon. More fat equals more flavor. Go for it. The stuff above is good for three huge patties.**
   - Mix: egg, sauce, onions, jalapeños, and bread crumbs into a paste-like goop.
   - Grind your own, or get the butcher to do it. Not too lean—you want at least 15 percent fat to keep the meat juicy.
   - Dr. Heather and Dr. Tiffany demonstrate a use for some of my store expensive CDs.
   - Fry up the bacon, flip it in your teeth, if you've got enough, and serve with.

3. **Cosmopolitan title:** Put 1 oz. Cointreau, 3 oz. Vodka, 3 oz. cranberry juice, and 1 oz. Blue Curacao in a mixer with ice and shake.

4. **Preheat your grill to high and sear the burgers. For medium rare, about three minutes per side for well done, about a minute more.**

5. **A burger without fries is like Xmas without presents. Like breasts without nipples, like—Oh! Just pick the damn thing up and eat it.**

6. **Mixing condiments like mayo, mustards, pickles, and peppers will yield favorable results.**

7. **The End**

8. **When I woke up the next morning, the two lovely professors were gone...and so was all my stuff! And where's I get these stitches...**
Who’ll strike first?
Trump’s growing rage over Mueller’s Russia investigation
p.4
The main stories...

A humbled American icon enters bankruptcy

What happened
Culminating a tense, four-month showdown with the White House, General Motors filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy this week and gave the government 60 percent of its stock in return for $39 billion in additional bailout funding. In court papers, GM, once the world's largest manufacturer and an icon of American industry, disclosed that its $82 billion in assets were swamped by $173 billion in liabilities. It's the largest-ever bankruptcy of a U.S. industrial company and the fourth largest of any kind, and it follows by a week the filing of its smaller rival Chrysler Corp. Its impact reverberated across the country, as workers and communities braced for layoffs of 21,000 employees and the closing of 17 GM plants.

The filing came after Obama's automotive task force rejected the second of two reorganization plans submitted by GM management, which the Obama administration said did not adequately shrink the company in the face of declining sales and demand for new cars. Under the administration's plan, the federal government and the taxpayers become the company's principal owners, with smaller shares awarded to the United Auto Workers union, the governments of Canada and Ontario, and holders of $27 billion in bonds. President Obama hailed the filing as "the beginning of a new GM," but warned that its reorganization would be "painful."

What the columnists said
The administration's automotive task force has compelled GM and the unions "to make difficult decisions that they should have made themselves long ago," said Paul Ingrassia in The Wall Street Journal. But the company's new owners are already falling prey to "mission creep," by demanding that GM focus on making small, "green" cars. GM "should get just one marching order from the government: Earn enough money so taxpayers will recover as much of their investment as possible."

Obama's plan leaves in place the bloated, change-resistant corporate culture that doomed GM in the first place, said David Brooks in The New York Times. Those "unquantifiable but essential attitudes, mindset, and relationship patterns" blinded the company to marketplace realities, even as its share of the U.S. car market fell from 54 percent to 19 percent. Instead of rooting out these bad habits, Obama has placed a 25-year company veteran in charge, reporting to the very union that stuck the company with labor costs that crippled it.

Can we let the lie that the autoworkers "made out like bandits?" asked Dean Baker in Politico.com. The union is giving up billions that it won fair and square through negotiations, and many workers "will be losing retiree health benefits for which they already worked decades." Let's remember that the complaints are coming from "skeptics who just bought GM debt at steep discounts."

They gambled and lost, so please spare us the whining.

What next?
The White House said it has no plans to maintain ownership of GM, and that it hopes to start selling off its holdings in the company in about 18 months and completely divest within five years. Meanwhile, it is already seeking buyers for unwanted parts of GM, including the Pontiac, Hummer, and Saab brands. Hummer has been sold to a Chinese manufacturer in return for its promise to continue making Hummers in the U.S.

It wasn't all bad

When more than a dozen dago bags containing $335,000 tumbled out of a Brink's armored truck in front of an antiques store in Syracuse, N.Y., owner David Jenks sprang into action. He, local man Honson Herring, and several other passersby began scooping up the booty and setting it aside to return to the owners. Although two bags of money containing $60,000 are missing, police say they could have been taken from the truck earlier on the route. Herring thinks his imposing stature helped persuade his fellow citizens to do the right thing. "Had I not been the size I was, it might have been a different way."

Romantics have long flocked to Verona, Italy, to visit the 13th-century mansion of the Capello family, believed to be the inspiration for the Capulet in Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Now, for a fee, the Verona town council is allowing couples to use the balcony on which Juliet was wooed by Romeo as a wedding venue. The first couple to get married on the famous balcony were local soccer star Luca Dibenedetto and his fiancée. "We hope that this brings us a lot of luck," Dibenedetto said.

Mohammed Sohail, a Pakistani immigrant who owns a convenience store on Long Island, N.Y., was closing up shop when a bottle-wielding robber appeared, demanding money. Sohail grabbed a rifle from behind the counter and told the man to drop the bat. At that, the man fell to his knees and begged for forgiveness. "He started crying that he was out of work and was trying to feed his hungry family," Sohail said. Moved, Sohail gave him $40 and a loaf of bread. The man was so inspired by what he had seen that he announced he wanted to become Muslim, which he correctly assumed was Sohail's faith. Sohail then paid for the man's meal, before he fled. Sohail says that if the cops find the robber, he won't press charges.
The world at a glance ...

Berlin

Munich

Off the coast of Somalia

Winnipeg, South Africa

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When's the hook-up? The U.S. Navy has opened an investigation into the disappearance of $50,000 during the crashing rescue of a U.S. captain from South Africa. Despite several witnesses, no body was recovered. The missing man was last seen alive, according to a journalist. The missing man was last seen alive, according to a journalist. The missing man was last seen alive, according to a journalist. The missing man was last seen alive, according to a journalist. The missing man was last seen alive, according to a journalist.

Worldwide

South Africa

The world at a glance ...

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The week of
The keepers of the Constitution

Sonia Sotomayor’s Supreme Court nomination has sparked renewed debate over the proper role of the federal judiciary. Have the nine justices overstepped their bounds?

How powerful is the U.S. Supreme Court?

Historian Samuel Eliot Morison has called the Supreme Court “the keystone in the federal arch” because virtually all Americans are affected by the issues it tackles. “An alphabetical list,” says veteran Washington, D.C., attorney Robert Bauer, “would begin with abortion and proceed through campaign finance, church-state relations, euthanasia, pornography, presidential selection, and voting rights.” In Democracy in America, Alexis de Toqueville wrote of the high court, “A more imposing judicial power was never constituted by any people.” As one old quip goes, the only appeal after the Supreme Court is to God.

Was it always this way?

No. There are only a few references to the Supreme Court in the Constitution, and that document merely states that the court will have original jurisdiction “in all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, and those in which a State shall be Party.” Writing in The Federalist, Alexander Hamilton predicted that the federal judiciary would be the weakest and “least dangerous” of our fledgling republic’s three branches of government because it had “no influence over either the sword or the purse” and “neither force nor will, but merely judgment.” Indeed, in its first 10 years, the court decided only about 100 cases.

So what happened?

A simple but powerful doctrine known as judicial review. Soon after John Marshall became chief justice, in 1801, he determined that the Supreme Court had the power to uphold or nullify the actions of the other branches of federal government, to assure that the Constitution was being honored. In Marbury v. Madison (1803), which marked the first time the court overturned an act of Congress, Marshall declared, “It is emphatically the province and duty of the judicial department to say what the law is.” President Thomas Jefferson was aghast, warning that the Constitution was now “a mere thing of wax in the hands of the judi- ciaty, which they may twist and shape into any form they please.”

How did later courts use this power?

By exercising an ever-widening purview over a vastly expanded case load. McCulloch v. Maryland (1819) postulated the doctrine of implied constitutional powers, and in subsequent cases, the court claimed the right to review the actions of state courts and agencies in addition to those of the federal government. As the 19th century gave way to the 20th, the court continued to increase its influence, reaching deep into the economy through its antitrust and regulatory case law. The court reached a new watershed with Brown v. Board of Education (1954), which held that segregated public schools violated the Constitution’s Equal Protection Clause. In one stroke, Chief Justice Earl Warren and his fellow justices upended decades of Jim Crow in the South. Historians consider Brown to mark the beginning of the modern court era—not solely because of the breadth of the ruling but also the reaction to it.

What happened after Brown?

Conservatives began mobilizing around the complaint that unelected judges were not merely interpreting the law, but improperly legislating from the bench. Their protest grew as the Warren Court followed Brown with a series of decisions that greatly expanded individual rights and liberties. Mapp v. Ohio (1961), for instance, prohibited the use of evidence obtained in violation of the Fourth Amendment, while Engel v. Vitale (1962) outlawed prayer in public schools. For many conservatives, the last straw was Roe v. Wade (1973), which held that anti-abortion laws violated an unwritten “right of privacy” inherent in the Fourteenth Amendment’s Due Process Clause. Millions of Americans celebrated the newly declared right to abortion. But among millions of others, the case and its novel legal reasoning sparked a full-scale backlash against judicial power that reverberates to this day.

What have been the implications of Roe?

Galvanized by Roe, conservatives demanded that only “strict constructionists”—that is, judges who would hew to a narrow reading of the Constitution’s original intent—be appointed to the bench. Ruling against “activist judges” has now become standard operating procedure for Republican officeholders and candidates. But “judicial activism” can be a very slippery concept. In 2005, Yale Law School’s Paul Glickman calculated that justices regarded as the most conservative were arguably the most activist, as measured by their willingness to overturn laws passed by the public’s representatives in Congress. Conservative Clarence Thomas voted to overturn 65 percent of the statutes that came before the court, while liberal Stephen Breyer voted to overturn only 28 percent. In other words, justices of any political bent can find reasons to overturn the other branches and, thus, make law.

Nino is just a number

Originally consulted with six members in 1789, the Supreme Court expanded to seven in 1807, nine in 1837, and 10 in 1863. The Judiciary Act of 1899 set the number again at nine, where it has remained since. The only serious challenge to this figure came when Franklin D. Roosevelt pushed a bill that would have allowed the president to name one additional justice, up to six in total, for every sitting justice over the age of 70 years and six months. The bill became known as FDR’s “court-packing plan” because it was seen as a thinly disguised attempt to gain political control of the court, which had ruled against much of FDR’s New Deal legislation. Though FDR had been re-elected overwhelmingly the year before, public opinion turned solidly against him. The Senate rejected the measure by a 70–20 vote.

So is the court a law unto itself?

It can be said that way. Justices are not elected, but appointed by the president, and the Constitution provides that they may remain on the bench for as long as they exhibit “good behavior.” In practice, justices are serving longer than ever. In the last quarter century, they have lasted an average of more than 26 years—a full decade more than they did through 1970. Yet periodic calls to rein in the power of what has been called “the supreme legislature” invariably go nowhere. For better or for worse, the Supreme Court is as Woodrow Wilson put it, “a kind of constitutional convention in continuous session.”

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BUSINESS
The news at a glance

The bottom line

- After several months of inching upward, consumer spending dropped for the second consecutive month in April, falling 0.1 percent. At the same time, the savings rate rose to 5.7 percent of income, a 14-year high. Bloomberg.com
- Initial foreclosure proceedings jumped 36 percent in the first quarter of 2009, compared with the year-earlier quarter—the largest jump since records were first compiled, in 1972. Approximately one in 12 homeowners is now past due on mortgage payments. CNNMoney.com
- Gasoline prices have soared by 20 percent since the end of April, to an average of $2.50 per gallon of regular. Some analysts say that if the trend continues, many drivers could cancel travel plans, possibly stalling the economic recovery. USA Today
- Of 135 publicly traded U.S. companies surveyed recently by compensation consultant Towers Perrin, more than half plan to freeze or reduce executive pay in 2009. The Economist
- Ticket scalping just got a little less sneaky. Charity Partners buys concert tickets at face value, then resells them at a markup, donating profits to charity. The Natural Resources Defense Council has received $78,000 through the sale of tickets to shows by James Taylor. The Wall Street Journal

Chrysler: Judge clears sale to Fiat

A federal bankruptcy judge this week approved Chrysler's request to sell much of its operations to Italy's Fiat, said Steve Geils in MarketWatch.com. The $2 billion transaction, in which the proceeds will flow to Chrysler's secured creditors, clears the way for Chrysler to emerge from bankruptcy protection just a month after filing for Chapter 11. Chrysler CEO Robert Nardelli will resign, turning over management responsibility to Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne. The fast-track bankruptcy, President Obama said, would allow Chrysler to emerge as "a new, stronger, more competitive company for the future.

Fiat's Marchioni hit a roadblock in Europe, however, where he was trying to acquire General Motors' European arm, said John Reed in The Financial Times. After a weeks-long bidding war, the German government awarded GM's Opel to Magna International, a Canadian parts supplier. Magna prevailed by promising to sell 3,000 to 9,000 jobs.

Insurance: Prudential turns down bailout money

U.S. life insurer Prudential has decided to forgo billions in federal bailout funds, "after a shakeout made it easier to tap private investors," said Andrew Fyfe and Erik Holm in Bloomberg.com. Prudential applied for a bailout in October, but since then stock and bond markets have rallied, "allowing insurers to brace for more defaults" by raising capital from private investors. The insurer has posted more than $11 billion in losses since the subprime meltdown began in 2007.

Travel: Online agencies eliminate fees

With air travel in the doldrums, online travel agencies Travelocity and Orbitz Worldwide have eliminated airline-ticket booking fees, said Sarah Nassauer in The Wall Street Journal. The fees, which usually range from $7 to $12 per ticket, "are a valuable source of revenue for online travel agencies." The loss of the fees may be partly offset "by increased commissions paid by airlines and by travelers buying other services, such as hotel and car rental reservations."

Retailing: Target wins a proxy fight

Target shareholders have turned back activist investor William Ackman's two-year-long attempt to oust the retailer's board of directors, said Andrew Ross Sorkin in The New York Times. Ackman conceded defeat in an emotional speech at Target's annual meeting last week. Ackman's attack on Target "has been a real head-scratcher." Activists usually go after badly managed companies, which certainly does not describe Target—"about the only big-box retailer that has figured out how to compete successfully against Wal-Mart."

Investing: Pequot Capital calls it quits

Pequot Capital has gone out of business, amid "an off-again, on-again insider trading investigation" of the hedge fund, said Gregory Zuckerman and Kara Scannell in The Wall Street Journal. The Securities and Exchange Commission is looking into allegations that founder Arthur Samberg may have engaged in insider trading in Microsoft stock. "The SEC shut down an earlier probe of Pequot in 2006, prompting accusations by congressional Democrats of a coverup. Samberg was a major fundraiser for President George W. Bush.

Spotlight

Brian Doese
He's 31 years old and a not-quite-graduate of Yale Law School, said David Sanger in The New York Times. Yet Brian Doese is a key player on the White House's auto industry task force, which makes him "one of the most influential voices in what may become President Obama's biggest experiment yet in federal economic intervention." A former policy analyst at the Center for American Progress, Doese served as an economic advisor to Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign before moving into the Obama camp. He's on leave from law school.

It was Doese's lengthy memo on the options for Chrysler that persuaded the task force—including presidential advisors Lawrence Summers and Steven Rattner—to press for a sale to Fiat rather than liquidation. And he was among the first in the White House to march "the now-famous conclusion" that GM's best shot was in Chapter 11. Not bad for a guy who, until last year, "had never set foot in an automobile assembly plant.
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Start using a bigger toolbox.
Do more chunking.
Improve your collaboration.
1. Start using a bigger toolbox.
After year without, family finds middle ground

by Samantha Gross

NEW YORK — Colin Beavan sat under the light of a single bulb, free from the past.

Along with his wife and son, they had just opened a year trying to reduce their environmental impact to almost zero. With a flip of a switch, they had cut their Manhattan apartment off from the electrical grid. They had stopped using anything disposable, buying anything new. In a city of skyscrapers, they had given up elevators. They went everywhere by bicycle, bought food directly from local farmers, and even went up to a rooftop.

It had been a year of rules, a year in which nearly every aspect of their lives had been shaped by what they were not allowed to do. And now it was over. So Beavan sat at home. If he had to get up to go to the bathroom, he would walk to the other room and turn on the light there — and then run back to turn off the first light. He just couldn’t let himself think about the year’s impact on his life.

He walked around the apartment, unplugging things.

Once, Beavan and his wife, Michelle Conlin, had lived lives of take-out dinners and taxis, virtual shopping and reality TV. But as his family cut back and learned more about the devastation wrought worldwide by human consumption — he had found himself, he could see the necessity of change.

Now, as he turned off the lights back on, he had to admit that he had been one of the earliest adopters of the new freedom and the old guilt. It felt awful.

Beavan’s experiment with the extreme had played out in public, he had blogged about it on his site “No Impact Man” (which he had left the blog to be a permanent resident at the end of the book). But the family had lived by the example, both as a way of life and as a subject for him in his book. Conlin, eager to eliminate what she considered to be her addiction, suggested that Beavan join her in the challenge of finding their own middle ground.

Not long after, they found themselves in a room with their three-year-old daughter, Isabella, in their home in New York. Isabella holds a sycamore, grown in their garden plot.

‘The hearth was the TV before No Impact.’

When the year was over, Conlin and Beavan didn’t want to set any more rules for themselves. After all, the restrictions they wanted to live with the TV, cooking, and shopping.

Mostly they stuck to buying food at the farmer’s market. But if they were short on groceries after a late night at work, they would stop at the supermarket — despite the packaging on the food. They learned to cook.

No longer would they think of their family’s lovely bubble, they were out in the cold. They loved it.

At one point during the experiment, Beavan woke up in the middle of the night and threw up all over himself and his wife. “I can’t do this,” he said.

“Let’s try again,” Conlin said.

“Okay, let’s try again,” Beavan said.

But it was too late. They had already made the decision to continue.

And they’re rethinking some of the decisions they’ve made. Beavan is revisiting some of the things that may have been overzealous, they’re learning to live with their environment, even though they use it in a counterintuitive way. But other habits remain. At their community garden plot, where they’ve been growing giant cucumbers, they call each the size of a human forearm. Beavan helps them plant, and Conlin watches through the giraffe windows, eating tomatoes at their table.
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RATINGS
Some still skeptical of high-speed rail

By Andy Johns
Staff Writer

DALTON, Ga. — When Interstate 75 was built through Whitfield County, the superhighway got a chunk of Al Holland’s family farm. U.S. Highway 41 and Carbondale Road also each took a piece.

Holland showed up at Monday’s high-speed rail meeting in Dalton to be sure tracks for a bullet train didn’t lay claim to another portion.

“We’ve given enough,” Holland said. “People aren’t going to get on that thing and ride to Atlanta.”

About 80 people attended the Georgia Department of Transportation’s informational meeting on high-speed rail.

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Texas Longhorns

Coach: Augie Garrido, ninth season at UT (384-192-1)
Conference: Big 12
How they got here: Won Austin Regional; beat Quinnipiac 20-8; lost to Arkansas 9-2; beat Miami (Ohio) 12-5; beat Arkansas 19-8; beat Arkansas 5-2.
Players to watch: Right-handed reliever J. Brent Cox (7-2, 1.69 ERA, 15 saves), who was named stopper of the year this week by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, could throw extended innings in the series. All-America catcher Taylor Teagarden batted .565 in the regional round while hitting three homers.
NCAA tournament appearances: 47

Mississippi Rebels

Coach: Mike Bianco, fifth season at Ole Miss (197-108-1)
Conference: Southeastern
How they got here: Won Oxford Regional; beat Maine 9-0; beat Oklahoma 7-3; beat Oklahoma 20-5.
Players to watch: Stephen Head (7-3, 2.59 ERA; 7 saves, 80.0 IP) is the team’s top pitcher and ranks second among the Rebels with 18 home runs. He’ll play first when he’s not closing games on the mound. Right fielder Brian Pettway has 20 of the team’s 80 homers.
NCAA tournament appearances: 11
Super regional appearances: 1 (2005)

Probable starters

Saturday: Texas, RH Randy Boone (7-4, 3.41 ERA); Mississippi, RH, Mark Hollar (8-4, 3.85)
Sunday: Texas, RH Kyle McCulloch (10-4, 3.07); Mississippi, LH Matt Maloney (8-2, 3.14)

Stephen Head does it all for Ole Miss, with 18 homers (2nd on the team) and seven saves. He plays first base when he’s not pitching.

Bruce Newman
OXFORD EAGLE

Probable lineups

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BIOBOX  STEVE STOUTE

FAMILY: Single; two-year-old daughter. Parents are originally from Trinidad and Tobago. Mother is a retired nurse, father a retired marine engineer.

OTHER BUSINESSES: Majority owner of Carol’s Daughter, a beauty and skin-care company; owns Zino Platinum, a cigar line in partnership with Davidoff. Developing a line of sake.

PASSIONS: Video games, especially John Madden Football. Collects old video game consoles and vintage cell phones.

IF HE WASN’T DOING WHAT HE’S DOING: “I would love to have the best five-star travel agency in the world. I’m a big fan of the service business. Great customer service will keep you in business until you decide to stop caring about the customer.”

NUMBER OF SUITS HE OWNS: 40. Armani is his favorite designer. Also likes Ralph Lauren’s Purple Label.

CAR: “I move around in a Cadillac Escalade.”

FAVORITE MUSIC: Loves ’80s R&B and late-’80s hip-hop.

MENTOR: Jimmy Iovine, chairman of Interscope Geffen A&M Records, for whom Stoute once worked.

BEST ADVICE: “Stop playing for the cheering section.”

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Fernando Burbano

**Title:** CIO

**Organization:** U.S. State Department

**Responsibilities:** Oversees IT policy and operations for an organization with 30,000 employees and 260 locations.

**Annual budget:** $538 million

**IT staff:** 3,000 (including contractors)

**Tenure:** Since May 1998

**Previous jobs:** Director of IS at the National Library of Medicine from 1993-1998; Director of the Office of Information Resources Management at the Peace Corps from 1990-1993.

**Education:** MA in Public Admin., American University; MS in Information Resources Mgmt., Syracuse University; BA in Information Systems, Louis University.
Isadore Lourie dies at 70

Retired senator hailed as ‘so great because he was so good’

By CAROLYN CLICK and LEE BANDY
Staff Writers

His great, good heart is what people remember.

Isadore Lourie’s heart was soft enough to embrace people of all races and creeds, steady enough to buck the established order and gracious enough to forgive, and ask forgiveness of, his antagonists.

On Thursday, as word spread of his death from a rare brain disorder related to Parkinson’s disease, people statewide hailed the attorney and former state senator from Richland County for his political courage and his personal integrity. He was 76.

“During the turbulent time of the ’60s, Isadore was, for a time, the most meaningful voice that connected black people and white people,” said Alex Sanders, the former College of Charleston president, who served with Lourie in the Legislature. “He was so great because he was so good.”

The son of Jewish immigrants, Lourie showed up Sunday after Sunday in black churches. Sanders recalled, serving as a bridge from the state’s segregationist past to an as-yet unknown future.

“Isy was truly one of the great progres-
Playing to Win

Minnesota Vikings star running back Adrian Peterson discusses his need for speed, his lifelong love of sports, and his discovery of a life-threatening allergy.

How did playing football as a young man give your life focus and direction?
I was the kind of kid who always gave it my all. If I had a goal, I kept it in sight. That drive for getting to the end zone was always true for me off the field, too. I'm a results-driven kind of guy.

Was your teenage football experience in Texas like Friday Night Lights—it's the big scene, the whole week builds for it?
It's true that football in Texas is a big deal, a really big deal. But for me it was more about the hard work and the game rather than the drama. I left the drama to the other guys and kept my eye on the game.

You're considered the best running back in the NFL. When did you first notice your super speed?
My mom always said that as soon as I learned to walk I was off and running.

Your own food allergy sparked your involvement with a campaign to raise awareness about life-threatening allergic reactions (Ready2Go.com). How serious is your shellfish allergy?
All food allergies are serious and should be taken that way. I experienced anaphylaxis after eating foods that I had in the past—it wasn’t until then that I knew I had a life-threatening allergy or what to do. Now, with the Ready2Go campaign, I'm paying it forward by educating others about the fact that life happens, and if you have a life-threatening allergy you have to be prepared.

What’s something most people don’t know about Adrian Peterson?
I love playing pro ball, but the most fun I've ever had playing football was in high school.

3Qs

Dr. Joe Bailey, co-chairman of Tupelo's Multi-Racial Committee, recently met with city leaders in a retreat designed to end some of the divisiveness stemming from racial and other matters (more on the retreat, Page 2A). Bailey recently answered these questions from Sunday Journal reporter Emily Le Cox:

Q: What is the biggest challenge regarding race relations in Tupelo today?
A: I think the biggest challenge is getting to know each other. So many of us have grown up with assumptions and we think we know the other person's story. It's one thing to read and observe from a distance but sitting down to meet and to listen is something else, and I think that’s the challenge. Too many of us are too quick to judge when we should be just listening. We need to create an environment to share stories— not to make judgments but to understand.

Q: What are some solutions to this challenge?
A: Our committee is in the process of considering several initiatives. One big thing is that we want to decide what we feel is the appropriate use of the ethics report when it finally arrives. Our preference is to identify weaknesses and address them and not use it in accusatory manner. We're also considering awareness programs for our leaders and maybe our citizens. We'll discuss organizing community involvement in appointments to volunteer committees. Right now there is no central depository for volunteers and we're looking at that.

There are laws on the books already covering discrimination and we will be discussing a proposal to recommend to the City Council a citizens advisory board or boards to look at various aspects of city government, particularly a police oversight board.

None of these are recommendations. These are all proposals.

Q: What is your greatest hope for the future of the community?
A: Obviously, we would love to see a community in which race just doesn't matter. We are a three-race community now, and there are certain problems and we recognize those problems. One of the things that we feel is that our community leaders — mayor and City Council — should be the model of what we hope to become — the model of stability, the model of tolerance. ... Also, I feel Tupelo is very much ahead of other communities in the state ... let we still have ground to make up.

I think the greatest progress has been made in our school system — so many black, white and Hispanic kids playing together, and working together. I think we adults can learn a lot from our youth, and I hope as those youth grow up they will continue to be those models of consideration and collaboration.
Flu shot seekers get dose of reality

Supply going out in trickle

By Anita Manning
USA TODAY

It's the question of the week: Who will be able to get a flu shot this year, and when?

Health officials announced a plan to allocate the nation's limited supply of 22.4 million doses of Aventis Pasteur vaccine to more than 40,000 sites, including hospitals, clinics and pharmacies. But details are sketchy.

One thing for sure is that it will be a trickle, not a flood. The first 14 million doses will be sent out over the next 6-8 weeks, at the rate of about 3 million doses a week, said Patrick Libby, director of the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

Thousands of flu clinics were canceled last week, and some state and local health departments said they have no vaccine at all. After Chiron announced that its license to make flu vaccine at its Liverpool, England, plant had been suspended by British authorities because of contamination concerns, Libby was not able to deliver the 46 million to 48 million doses of vaccine it had promised, abruptly cutting the expected U.S. vaccine supply roughly in half.

That left people such as Patricia Grady, 84, who lives at Leisure World, an adult community in Silver Spring, Md., struggling to find a flu shot.

Her doctor's office answering machine message says he has no vaccine, and the supply promised to Leisure World did not arrive. She went to a local grocery store that had vaccine, but the line "wrapped around the store," she said. "I heard people say they'd stood in line for at least three hours."

Grady tried two more times, but gave up. "I've come to the point where I'm going to forget it and hope I don't get the flu."
Be patient, persistent if you need vaccine

Long lines have formed at flu clinics held in retail stores, and others are being canceled for lack of flu vaccine. The unexpected vaccine shortage has raised many questions about how people can best protect themselves. USA TODAY reporter Anita Manning asked experts for their advice.

Q: What if I'm in one of the groups (including people older than 65 or people any age who have chronic health problems) who should receive a flu shot, but I can't find one?
A: Julie Gerberding, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, advises people to be persistent and patient. The 22 million doses that have not already been shipped will be moving from distributors to doctors, hospitals, nursing homes, health departments and other vaccine providers over the next six to eight weeks. Places that have no vaccine today may have it in a few weeks. Keep checking with your doctor. Many state and local health departments are posting information on flu clinics and other advice on their Web pages.

Q: Who will decide whether I can have a flu shot?
A: The CDC has issued guidelines that in most cases are being followed by health departments, companies providing vaccine clinics and others. But, says Patrick Libbey, executive director of the National Association of County and City Health Officials, if doctors are faced with more high-risk people than there are doses of vaccine, “decisions will have to be made about prioritizing among the priorities. That hasn’t happened yet, at least on the federal level.” Most clinics are providing vaccine only to high-risk patients on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Q: Will it soon be too late for a flu shot to be effective this year?
A: It takes two weeks for the vaccine to be fully effective. The flu season usually starts in November and peaks in late December or January, so there’s still time to take precautions.

Q: I have heard that some flu vaccine is being sold on the black market. If I can’t get it somewhere else, should I try that?
A: No. There would be no way to be sure you’re getting real vaccine.

Q: What about going to Canada to get a flu shot?
A: It’s not illegal, and many people go to Canada for prescription drugs. The Food and Drug Administration cautions that vaccine licensed in Canada has not been approved for use in the USA.

Q: What can I do to reduce my risk of catching flu if I’m not vaccinated?
A: Health officials remind everyone to wash their hands frequently, because flu viruses can live on surfaces, including hands and doorknobs. Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Avoid contact with sick people.

If you’re sick, don’t go to work or school, and stay off airplanes. If you think you’re coming down with the flu, your doctor may prescribe an antiviral medicine that can limit the severity of symptoms. But don’t wait. The drugs have to be taken within the first two days of symptoms.

In light of Eliot Spitzer's recent announcement that he was involved in a prostitution ring, the HuffPost Living editors have put together this handy-dandy list of everything you need to know about the world's oldest profession. Then we want you to tell us below in comments what you think of prostitution. If you think it should be legal, if you've ever used a prostitute (no judgment here), and what we've left out.

1. First, let's get the boring legal business out of the way. What exactly is prostitution?

   Prostitution is "the act or practice of engaging in sexual intercourse for money."

2. Okay, got it. So is it common for men to use prostitutes?

   According to Dr. Teela Sanders, a senior lecturer at the University of Leeds, and the author of Paying For Pleasure: Men Who Buy Sex, nearly one in three men will buy sex at some point in his life... and we're not talking porn.

   Keep reading at Tango

3. But why do men pay for it if they can just do it for free?

   Married relationships can't provide this special "time out" stuff. Marriages are centered around finance, around children. This is a time out where it's purely about men having sexual satisfaction outside the bounds of a normal relationship. Men use their financial privilege to buy an intimate experience they can't get in their conventional relationship.

   Also, this relationship is protected by the exchange. The men don't feel as though there's going to be some other emotional component, because the contract is very clear. This level of intimacy is an exchange, and the women who do this emotional labor make a lot of money.

   That's why you see this high end.

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4. Why do powerful men who seem to have it all, then go and screw everything up?

   In social psychologist Dr. Gervi King's view, most everyone is reasonably comfortable being an average person. "There's room in most people's self-image for mistakes and foibles and inconsistencies," she says. "If you're just a normal person, you're allowed to be you. What's expected of you is reasonable. You have normal friends. And maybe most of all, you have normal expectations."

   But if suddenly you're elevated into an elite level of society or business, you may have to retrofit your identity or conduct. Making these changes in your life can be an unsettling challenge.

   Let's say you're promoted to group president from a low-profile position. You have to put your characteristic sarcasm on hold during press conferences and corporate events. Your circle of friends or acquaintances may shift, as may your array of choices and freedoms.

   Keep reading at Best Life.

5. Why do prostitutes rake in so much dough?

   Prostitution is, seemingly, a low-skill but high-pay profession with few upfront costs, micro-miniskirts and stiletto heels aside.

   According to data assembled from a wide variety of times and places, ranging from mid-15th-century France to Malaysia of the late 1990s, prostitutes make more money—in some cases, a lot more money—than do working girls who, well, work for a living. This held true even for places where prostitution is legal and relatively safe... One normally cannot be both a wife and a whore. "Combine this with the fact that marriage can be an important source of income for women, and it follows that prostitution must pay better than other jobs to compensate for the opportunity cost of forgone-marriage market earnings."

   Keep reading at Forbes.

6. How does one become a prostitute?

   A flat in a block in a suburb of London: Karen (not her real name) thinks her neighbours probably believe she's a dressed-up model.

   A few years earlier, Karen had left an unfulfilling job.
52, and Still Working the Streets

By COREY KILGANNON

Like many single mothers, Barbara Terry, 52, scavenged for baby sitters and leaned on her own mother while raising her four children and working the night shift.

But Ms. Terry is a prostitute who has worked nearly her entire adult life on the streets of Hunts Point, in the Bronx.

"When they were old enough to understand, I would tell them the truth," said Ms. Terry, whose daughter and three sons are now grown. "I'd say, 'This is how I'm supporting you.' For me, it's a business, a regular job."

Yes, she said, she was arrested more than 100 times, sometimes landing at Rikers Island for several days or weeks, but that never deterred her from returning to this area of industrial warehouses and repair shops off the Bruckner Expressway.

By day, heavy industrial traffic fills the streets. By night, the traffic comes for other reasons. Years back, this prostitutes’ "truck" bustled with working women, and Ms. Terry was front and center in garter belts and high heels and fur coats.

"It was beautiful out here then," she said. "There was so much money out here, you wouldn't believe it."

The area is less active now than in the 1980s, when HBO made its "Hookers at the Point" documentaries, in which Ms. Terry appeared under a street name, Cleo, and flashed a youthful, toothy smile.

Those great teeth are gone, lost to diabetes, Ms. Terry said. She mostly works days now and dresses more conservatively. "Most women don't make it to my age out here," she said. "I call myself the last of the survivors."

While it is impossible to corroborate all the details of an eventful life in a profession often synonymous with drug abuse, violence and tragic outcomes, the Correction Department confirmed that Ms. Terry had been jailed many times for prostitution over her career.

Today, Ms. Terry lives nearby in the Bronx, but she hopes to retire in a year or so to a house she bought upstate, she said on Tuesday at her usual spot on Whitaker Street. She had a supply of condoms in her purse, a plastic cup of vodka and orange juice in her hand and a cellphone for steady customers.

Those customers, dates or tricks, can be lawyers, city workers, husbands, fathers or truckers heading in and out of the sprawling Hunts Point food markets.

Then there are the psychos. All the women out here have had friends attacked or cats or dogs killed.

Last year, a man was arrested and recently sentenced, for terrorizing prostitutes in the Bronx with a razor.

"I've survived because God was with me," Ms. Terry said. "Every Sunday, my mother and grandmother prayed for me out here."

She has shown younger workers the ropes: how to jump in a Dumpster to hide from the police, and how to stay alive. First, never enter a car with more than one person in it, and never let someone drive you out of the area. Get your money up front — Ms. Terry charges $56 or $100 — and try to work with a buddy.

"You look for weapons, you check the back seat, and you go by your whim," she said. "If they look strange, you stay away."

There have been close calls, like the time a trucker locked her in and tried to rape her.

I never did drugs and never worked for a pimp for protection," she said. "What protection? If I'm in someone's car, about to die, ain't no pimp in there helping me."

"I never carried a blade," said Ms. Terry, who grew up in the Red Hook Houses in Brooklyn before her family moved to North Carolina for her teenage years.

"My fists were my weapons. I learned to fight growing up with nine younger brothers."

Ms. Terry said she completed two years of college, training to be a medical lab technician, but by the time she was 21, her husband had left her and she had two children to support. All she knew about prostitutes was what she saw on "Starsky & Hutch," but she knew about the Hunts Point action and came out on her own. She admits she became addicted to the stimulation of the street life.

"I love the excitement of coming out here and seeing all these beautiful people I know," she said. "Even my dates are a comfort. This place has made me strong. It keeps you young."

But she has slowed down. A year ago, she was in a bad accident and was hospitalized with a broken jaw and neck injuries. Her children, two of whom she says she put through college, beg her to get off the street.

"I'm the mother, so they can't say anything," she said. "When I'm ready to get off, I'll get off."
This Oscar of Manila combines warm nylon with cuddly soft orlon to create this stunning housecoat that features two cozy pockets. Pompon slippers are by American Rubber Sole Shoe Co. Just one of the many smashing housecoats featured at Housecoat '78 and on sale at Rosenberg's.

Is Your Child A Dip?

By Dr. BARBARA DERRING

DIPINESS, which most frequently strikes male children between the ages of 6 and 12, can have lasting effects on physical and emotional health. There's considerable debate among physicians as to its cause—though most agree that it seems to be transmitted through the mother—and there's even greater debate as to its proper treatment. Can dipiness be cured? So far, we don't really know. If caught early, it can apparently be controlled and it often disappears by itself in early adulthood, though it may reappear during middle age. But much about the "dip" is still a mystery to us.

WHAT CAN YOU DO if you suspect that your child is one?

First, take the following quiz. Some of the most common symptoms of developing dipiness are given below. Score one for every "yes" answer. Does your son . . .

1. look funny? 10. wear glasses?
2. have an unusual odor? 11. wear glasses with an elastic band around the back to hold them on?
3. eat paste of "nose dirt"? 12. play "house"?
4. frequently sniff his fingertips? 13. wet the bed?
5. read? 14. wet the bed during the day?
6. have invisible friends? 15. wet the rug?
8. fear the basement? a. snow pants?
9. swing a baseball bat with his "foot in the bucket"? b. rubber bands?
c. blue jeans with red flannel lining?
17. refuse to fight smaller boys?
10. wear glasses?
18. get into your lingerie drawer?
19. enjoy kissing his aunts?

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How thrilling is your life story?

We all think of ourselves as heroes of a great novel, as stars of a never-ending movie: "The Story of ME!" But be honest: Do you really think your autobiography would make gripping reading? When they film the movie version of your life, will it be a smash at the box office—or leave the audience snoring?

"You only go around once in life," the beer ads used to say, "so you've got to grab all the gusto you can." Think you've grabbed enough gusto? Prove it. Take this quiz and discover your Gusto Quotient.

— TIM HARROWER

THE TRIAL OF VICTORY, THE STORY OF REPEAT

Have you ever done:
- hang gliding? [10 pts.]
- parachuting? [15 pts.]
- surfing or wind-surfing? [10 pts.]
- dancing? [15 pts.]
- bungee jumping? [15 pts.]
- whitewater rafting? [40 pts.]
- mountain climbing? [20 pts.]

FAME & FORTUNE

Have you ever:
- won more than $10,000 in a lottery or bet? [25 pts.]
- been extremely rich? [15 pts.]
- been the subject of a newspaper story? [15 pts.]
- performed on stage before more than 1,000 people? [25 pts.]
- cut a record or music video? [25 pts.]

EXOTIC TRAVEL

Have you ever:
- piloted an airplane, helicopter or hot air balloon? [50 pts.]
- flown on a boat, plane or train? [10 pts.]
- hiked through a forest? [15 pts.]
- more than 100 miles at one time? [20 pts.]
- sailed on a solo ocean voyage? [25 pts.]

DISASTERS & CALAMITIES

Have you survived a natural disaster? [20 pts.]
- been in a fire? [10 pts.]
- been in a war? [30 pts.]
- been captured during a robbery? [25 pts.]
- been attacked by a dog? [15 pts.]

THE DARK SIDE

Have you ever:
- been arrested or convicted of a crime? [50 pts.]
- been in prison? [25 pts.]
- been on a death row? [100 pts.]
- escaped from prison? [50 pts.]
- committed a crime and gotten away with it? [20 pts.]

GOOD DEEDS & HEROICS

Have you ever:
- saved anybody's life? [50 pts.]
- saved an animal's life? [50 pts.]
- joined a monastic order or done missionary work? [50 pts.]

BONUS POINTS: If you've ever worked as a doctor, nurse, teacher, police officer, firefighter, judge or member of the clergy, add 25 pts.

THE GRIPPING DRAMA OF EVERYDAY LIFE

Have you ever:
- given birth to a child? [50 pts.]
- become a member of a cult? [10 pts.]
- been a member of a political scandal? [20 pts.]
- been in a gang, crime family or outlaw group? [30 pts.]
- been involved in a political scandal? [20 pts.]

BONUS POINTS: If you've ever lived in a dark, forbidden fantasy world, add 20 pts.

TIME OUT:ussels

- 0-19: Uh-oh! You're an underachiever. You may be a bit of a downer, but you're also not thought of as being a real menace. You might want to think about improving your life.
- 20-49: You're a normal person. Your life has been pretty routine, but you're not exactly a real hero. You're probably not bad, but you're not good either. You might want to consider doing something new.
- 50-79: You're a real person. You've had your share of ups and downs, but you've lived a pretty good life. You're probably not a huge success, but you're not a total failure either. You might want to consider doing something new.
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YOUR TOTAL GO:

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Did you top 300? Wow! Consider yourself lucky to be alive. At this rate, you'll be able to publish your autobiography fast.

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Ticket trauma

You can't escape Portland Parking Patrol's ever-watchful keepers of the meters

By ARTHUR McCUNE
Special writer, The Oregonian

They look like little creatures from "The X-Files," with their enlarged heads and narrow little bodies. And they're as vicious, too - counting down time with ruthless precision, then alerting Big Brother of noncompliance. They are the tattletales of the transit world, and we fill them with pocket change to buy their silence. When they squeal, they generate these: parking tickets. More than 300,000 of you in Portland found one under your windshield wiper last year, about half of them put there because of parking meters. The rest found notices that you had let your registration expire (13,064) or had parked in a loading zone (13,515), no-parking zone (13,283) or a tunnel (7). Yes, too many of us have taken home this, the grown-up version of the note from the principal. Trust no one.

The Portland Parking Patrol deputies are the ones with writer's cramps. Of the 317,368 tickets issued last year for the Multnomah County District Court Parking Tag System, the Parking Patrol wrote 273,744 of them - or 86.25 percent. A distant second was the Portland Police Bureau with 18,703 tickets (5.89 percent).

The Portland Parking Patrol has 31 on-street deputies, each pounding a beat: Fifteen are walking deputies, 13 are on scooters and three work a swing shift in cars. And just how does a super deputy know where his beat is? He knows where they are. The city's parking meters are accessible by radio. Second, Larkin looks over reports of how many citations each one has written. If there is an unexplained change, he wants it explained.

The most popular no-no. The agencies issuing citations for the district court parking tag system slapped tickets on 212,791 windshields in 1995 for overtime parking. The one-hour meters tempted the most wrongdoers - 128,647.

The collection rate averages 70 percent, Larkin says. A decade ago, when the court began attaching a return envelope to the tickets, collection jumped to 80 percent. Half of the money goes to the state. In fiscal year 1995-96, the budgeted take for the Portland Parking Patrol is $1,875,000. For the Portland Police Bureau, it is $234,000. These funds go into the pot with the rest of the general transportation discretionary funds in Portland's Bureau of Traffic Management. But since the Parking Patrol's expenses are roughly the same (budgeted at $2.6 million for the 1995-96 fiscal year), it's basically a wash. "I would pretty much position that the citation revenues pretty much go for enforcement," says Ken Kinosita, senior financial analyst for Portland's Office of Transportation.

Basically the same significance as a check number. Parking deputies check out books and are responsible for each one. All tickets are accounted for - whether placed under windshields, torn up by a deputy with a change of heart or handed out as a sample for a newspaper article. And that way, Larkin says, if that ticket were to appear on someone's car as a gag, the division would know who to go after.

5,380 of them, according to the Portland Parking Patrol's count. The point of the meters, Larkin says, is to encourage turnover rather than to generate income through meter fees and fines. She places the turnover rate at 90 percent. "We want to get the spaces moving," she says.

"When it's a really heavy, heavy rainy day, we'll probably write more overtime (tickets), because people don't want to come out to move their cars," Larkin says. So could one hope that a soggy morning would likewise keep the deputies inside? "No," Larkin says, laughing. "They're still here. We give them really heavy rain gear."

This could make a difference in some minor violations. The division likes to make nice with tourists - particularly during the Rose Festival - so an out-of-towner might get a warning rather than a ticket if a car is parked too long at a meter. "If they're at a loading zone or something, we'll cite them, because we feel they should obey the law," Larkin says. "But if it's overtime..."

For those of you who think you are outsmarting Webster's on what it means to be "parking" by letting at the wheel with the engine running, think again. According to Portland's Bureau of Traffic Management, any vehicle that remains in the same spot for more than 30 seconds is considered "parked" - even with a driver at the wheel.

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Hiratsuka on Hiratsuka

BY RANDY GRAGG
of The Oregonian staff

In the late 19th century, as Japan opened to the West, Ukiyo-e prints became the equivalent of baseball trading cards for artists in the West. Free of single-point perspective but filled with flat fields of lush color, they profoundly influenced such European painters as Edouard Manet and Vincent van Gogh, who borrowed from the East to advance the painting history of the West.

Trained in Japan and the United States, Yuji Hiratsuka would like to reverse the cultural transfer. This 42-year-old professor at Oregon State University is applying the anything-goes tenets of postmodernism to the deep traditions of Japanese printmaking. Since first appearing locally in “Crosscut,” the Portland Art Museum’s showcase of Oregon art, Hiratsuka has rapidly become one of the region’s hottest artists.

For Hiratsuka, art-making is a process, a flow of ideas and hard work from which individual prints are merely points along the way. We caught up with him during his current exhibition to hear his thoughts behind “Sentimentalist, Indecisive, Opportunist,” a 36-by-46-inch intaglio, relief and chine colle print made in 1997.

ON THE MIXTURE OF CULTURAL INFLUENCES: “The mixture of Japanese and Western elements reflects my background. But when you go to Japan, it’s this way. You might see a gentleman in a kimono wearing a porkpie hat. It’s chaos. Here you see people eating tofu, but in an American way. My country came into contact with the West 150 years ago. We took Western culture but in a Japanese way. You order pizza and it comes with shellfish.”

ON INTAGLIO: “I choose the medium of intaglio printing because I like its texture and the complicated process. It’s a collaboration of your controlled idea and uncontrolled nature. I paint the plate with asphaltum, thickly, thinly, thickly, thinly and then I just stick it in the acid, three hours, overnight. Sometimes I forget it’s in there. I don’t control this. A drawing, you control everything. Acid and time control this print.”

ON USING A SMALL PRESS: “I have only a small press. To make the larger prints with the small press I have, I have to put two prints together. With these, I always make three figures so that it’s more complex and the seam between the prints won’t stand out.”

ON THE PAPER: “This print is made on Japanese Washi paper. In America they call it rice paper. It’s actually made from mulberry. I like it because it’s strong and translucent. I can more easily see through it to register the colors. I can also print and paint on the back to make more complex colors and patterns.”

ON THE COMPOSITION: “My work is concerned with flatness. But there is involved with how one space relates to another. Where are the highlights? The chiaroscuro? Color is enough. I want to manipulate the forms in my own way. I can teach perspective, but it’s not my concern.”

ON THE ABSENCE OF EYES: “These three figures are interlocking with each other. What comes from their mouths some people interpret as conversation. I’m not saying, but they are sending out some kind of pulse. The lack of eyes is a form of implication. It allows the viewer to imagine. In Japanese noh theater, each actor only uses one mask. It can be laughing or sad, but it puts the emphasis on the actor’s gestures. The figures don’t have eyes, but the borders do (at the corners). A little joke.”

ON CREATING THE DRAWING: “Before I make the copper plate, I make many drawings. I work from pictures—magazines, costume catalogs. I like target advertisements. But it’s like starting a car. You turn the key and grind it and then something takes over and it runs. I keep drawing and drawing until I get the right kind of patterns and it takes off.”

ART EXHIBIT
□ WHO: Yuji Hiratsuka
□ WHERE: Pulliam Deffenbaugh Gallery, 522 N.W. 12th Ave.
□ HOURS: 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, noon-4 p.m. Sundays
□ CLOSING: June 28
□ ADMISSION: Free
street style

local looks to admire—and how to get them

Eric Hernandez
18, of Morgan Hill. Student at Salinas Beauty College. Seen in front of the Blank Club in downtown San Jose.
"Fashion is art and creativity."

the top
Red Armani Exchange logo T-shirt from Armani Exchange, $40. "It has good European fitting. I like stuff that’s tailored."

the jacket
Silver motocross jacket from Wasteland in San Francisco, $30. "I like that it’s shiny. It’s glamorous."

the belts
Chain with handcuff, handmade by him. Broad white leather belt from a boutique in Los Angeles, $10.

the bottoms
Faded black denim by Levi’s from Crossroads Trading Co, $10. "I like the wash. It looks rugged."

the kicks
Black leather pointy toe boots from Crossroads Trading Co., $15.

Erica Prescott
18, of San Jose. Spotted in front of the Blank Club in downtown San Jose.
Describes her look as "80s retro mod." Also: "I like diversity. Things that are bright and cute."
"Fashion is so different; it’s so versatile."

the jacket
Black three-quarter-sleeve blazer with white polka dots from Forever 21, $21.99. "I like the graffiti print lining."

the top
Hot pink tank from Forever 21, $7.99. "It was on sale, and I like the lace trim."

the skirt
Whiskered blue mini denim skirt from Hollister Clothing Co., $30. "I cut it shorter to give it an old look."

the leggings
Black, from Macy’s, $16.99. "They reminded me of the ‘80s."

the kicks
Hot pink pumps by Chinese Laundry from Macy’s, $60. "They’re pointy and I like hot pink."
get your greek on

Make a toga

Classical or college-style, toga parties are simple fun

I. Tie or fold pieces of fabric around the waist.

II. Wing tips, or part of fabric, over the shoulder.

III. Wear the fabric around the world another 1-2 times before discussions of how they should be worn.

IV. Drag the fabric toward the back with it, wrap it in a circle so the ties are in the front.

V. The toga can be strengthened with pins or safety pins around the waist.
When your knees, shoulders or elbows are rattling like a loose bag, take a second to roll your own. Sometimes, it’s the only way to keep from getting busted

How to roll a joint

By CHEECH MARIN

You could say I’ve taken a lot of hits in my time. Consider this: I had 150 stitches in me by the time I was seven. I broke my leg skiing a bunny hill in Canada (but, hey, it kept me out of the draft). I messed up both my knees playing basketball. Once, I was even abducted by a bunch of aliens. They tried to take me to Mexico. Now I’ve started hiking the hills of Malibu, which occasionally gets dangerous, what with mudslides and Sean Penn. That’s why it pays to be ready for misfortune. My advice to the weak-kneed: Before you decide to take that trip, make sure your joints are secure.

► Step One: Roll a big one
When you’re talking about a big joint, like the knee, you need to use a lot of wrap to protect it properly. Most elastic bandages come in 2-, 3- and 6-inch widths. Pick the big one. Otherwise you won’t cover enough of your knee to do any good. Start with one end of the bandage against the front of your shin, about 6 inches below the knee, then begin unrolling it, round and round, up your leg. Wrap right over the kneecap. When you are 6 inches above the knee, wrap your way down again.

► Step Two: Don’t wrap too tightly
After you’re finished wrapping, slide a finger under the bandage to check the fit. If you can’t do this, your joint is wrapped too tightly. This cuts down on circulation, and that can be a drag. Circulation’s important when you’re talking joints. Circulation’s good. Unroll the joint and start again.

► Step Three: Employ a clip
The final joint-point: When you’re at the very end, use a clip. The best kind is a butterfly clip (though a roach clip works in a pinch, too).

To keep the bandage snug for a couple of hours, apply some athletic tape over the clip to prevent it from popping off.

If your bones start getting creaky, as mine have, these techniques can keep you healthy and active. After all, you don’t want your body to go to pot.

Cheech Marin stars in the new movie Tin Cup.
Wands at the ready!

Bethany Bickley // The Huntsville Times

Want to make the final Harry Potter movie feel like more of an event? Whether you are going to the show or are just a Potter fanatic, we’ve got a step-by-step process for making your very own wizard wand.

Go to al.com/htrvideo to watch how it’s done.

Last Potter party

Get ready for the midnight showing of the last Harry Potter movie, “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2,” at the Last Harry Potter Party EVER!!! today at Barnes & Noble at Bridge Street Town Centre. The fun starts at 8 p.m. and runs till 11 with games, prizes and, of course, a costume contest.

Photos by The Huntsville Times/Bob Gathany

1. Roll a standard letter-sized piece of white paper starting at the corner. As you roll, be sure to keep one side a little tighter than the other. This will help give the wand its tapered shape.

2. About halfway through rolling, apply a line of glue or double-sided sticky tape and continue rolling. Once you get to the last bit of paper, cover it in glue and finish rolling.

3. When the wand is dry, cut the weaker ends so they are straight across. If you want a sturdier handle, try stuffing pieces of tissue in the larger opening.

4. Stuffing the larger opening will help save glue when you are sealing the ends. Be sure to glue both sides with your hot glue gun. If you are careful, you can achieve rounded edges.

5. The wand will start to take shape and you can be creative. I recommend a low heat glue gun, which will keep the lines of glue more consistent and prevent it from running.

6. After you have given your wand dimension, it is important to seal so the glue doesn’t separate from the paper. Any color of spray paint will do.

7. When the spray paint is dry, paint the wand with waterproof acrylic paint. If you don’t use waterproof paint, be sure to skip the next step. I was going for a wooden look, so I chose brown.

8. This is the part where we make the wand look old. Water down some black paint and wash it over the wand. Don’t try to do the entire wand at once; it will dry and you won’t get the effect. You want to be able to dab the paint off in places, allowing it to collect in the creases.

9. On to the finishing touches ... Using your finger, rub metallic antique wax finish (I found a tube at Hobby Lobby by the gold leafing) along the raised lines. You can use as little or as much of this as you like.
How To Kill A ZOMBIE!

Here’s everything we’ve learned from our years in the business on how to identify and protect yourself from the walking dead this Halloween.

You might be turning into a zombie if:

- You start wearing clothes that you used to wear when you were alive.
- You can’t remember your name.
- You start speaking in a language you don’t understand.
- You start communicating with the dead.

How to identify a zombie:

- They move slowly.
- They have no fear of fire.
- They are immune to conventional weapons.
- They are not affected by conventional first aid.

Types of zombies:

- Traditional zombies:
  - Walking dead
  - Brain-eating
  - Fire-resistant
- Mechanical zombies:
  - Golem
  - Cyborg
  - Robotic
- Hybrid zombies:
  - Human-robot hybrid
  - Human-zombie hybrid
- Artificial zombies:
  - Genetically modified
  - Created in a laboratory
  - Bionic

What not to use:

- Fire
- Water
- Electroshock therapy
- Nuclear weapons
- Chemical weapons

Weapons for killing zombies:

- Fire
- Spikes
- Chainsaw
- Baseball bat
- Chains
- Napalm
- Acid
- Nuclear warhead
- Shotgun

What if all else fails:

- The Slide and Slap
- The Gun Stomp
- The Hug and Pray
- The Lobot and Bunch
- The Sappy Hands
- The Knuckle Project
- The Armageddon

And if all else fails:

- Sacrifice yourself to protect your loved ones.
- Use a weapon of mass destruction.
- Turn on the zombie.
Strip 101
Cave 'entertainer'
Matt Abruzzi can help you get your act together

1. Lift your undershirt off with arms fully extended— all the better to provide a full view of your torso.

2. Slowly undo your trousers. Remember to maintain eye contact.

3. Remove the socks, pulling one off your bulging leg. No.

4. Start the music. Matt likes Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get It On" or anything in.

5. Wait for the crowd to sing-along.

6. The full monty!

7. Pull down the sides of your underwear to provocatively leave a pair. Take it slow, baby. Be a tease.

8. The full monty!
**BEST 10 FILMS OF 2010**

1. **Carlos**
   - Carlos
   - The Social Network
   - Wild Grass
   - A Prophet
   - Sweetgrass
   - Inside Job
   - Toy Story 3
   - Animal Kingdom
   - The Kids Are All Right
   - Unstoppable

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   - Black Swan
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   - The Town
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   - Let Me In

**FILMS OF 2010**

The Social Network, and Inception top list brought out by seven film critics

**FILM CRITICS**

The list below is brought out by seven film critics: The Hollywood Reporter, a U.S.-based and one overseas reviewer who keeps up with domestic releases.

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   - The Secret In Their Eyes
   - A Prophet
   - Carlos
   - The Ghost Writer
   - Black Swan
   - Shutter Island
   - True Grit
   - Lost in La Mancha
   - Blue Valentine
# Top 10 Wildfires

A very dry spring and summer leads into a very scary-looking fire season here in Orange County. Let’s remain mindful of the hazard with a look at the 10 worst wildfires in U.S. history — seven of which happened here in California — ranked by property loss.

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<td>Oakland Fire Storm</td>
<td>1,500</td>
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<td>25</td>
<td>October 1991</td>
<td>A fire breaks out in a forest in the Berkeley and Oakland hills, firefighters extinguish the blaze, but the next day high winds blow the fire into homes, burning 6 homes, 25 fatalities, and losing 25 homes.</td>
<td>$1.5 billion</td>
<td>$2.57 billion</td>
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<td>Southern California Wildfires</td>
<td>900,000+</td>
<td>2,000+</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>October 2007</td>
<td>Twenty-one fires break out across seven counties, started by three lightning strikes, Santa Ana winds. In one case, a suspected arsonist is shot and killed by authorities. Among the impacts: 47 firefighters.</td>
<td>$19 billion</td>
<td>$2.03 billion</td>
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<td>Cedar Fire</td>
<td>200,000+</td>
<td>2,000+</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>October 2003</td>
<td>A brushfire in the forest, not a lot to report, a few horses and a few homes, 15 fatalities.</td>
<td>$1.3 billion</td>
<td>$1.4 billion</td>
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<td>Cerro Grande Fire</td>
<td>40,000+</td>
<td>400+</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>May 2006</td>
<td>A controlled burn is de-topped and out of control by high winds. A drought plagues New Mexico. The Los Alamos National Laboratory and its radioactive waste disposal sites are affected.</td>
<td>$1.3 billion</td>
<td>$1.36 billion</td>
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<td>The Old Fire</td>
<td>9,000+</td>
<td>900+</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>November 2004</td>
<td>A series of fires break out simultaneously around the region, including the Oakfire in the Oak Canyon National Recreation Area, the Shafter and the Fairway Complex Fire in Yorba Linda, Anaheim Hills and the area.</td>
<td>$1.2 billion</td>
<td>$1.24 billion</td>
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<td>Southern California Wildfires</td>
<td>43,250+</td>
<td>900+</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>October 1993</td>
<td>A brushfire in Laguna Canyon, driven by Santa Ana winds, burns a neighborhood 1.7 miles away within just 17 minutes. The arsonist is never caught. One of the “big three” fires of 1993.</td>
<td>$810 million</td>
<td>$868 million</td>
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<td>Laguna Beach Fire</td>
<td>10,000+</td>
<td>364+</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>May–June 1998</td>
<td>Extreme drought and lightning strikes cause a series of wildfires across north and central Florida. Pinellas National and citrus orchards across six counties are affected, as are thousands of citrus suffers.</td>
<td>$796 million</td>
<td>$854 million</td>
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<td>Florida Wildfires</td>
<td>500,000+</td>
<td>180+</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>May–June 1998</td>
<td>Extreme drought and lightning strikes cause a series of wildfires across north and central Florida. Pinellas National and citrus orchards across six counties are affected, as are thousands of citrus sufferers.</td>
<td>$527 million</td>
<td>$566 million</td>
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<td>Cloquet-Moose Lake Fire</td>
<td>280,000+</td>
<td>4,084+</td>
<td>453</td>
<td>October 1988</td>
<td>Sparks from a power company’s power lines light fire near a remote Minnesota logging town. More than 30 towns are affected. The entire population of Moose Lake, population 2,600, is evacuated, and thousands of farm animals die.</td>
<td>$35 million</td>
<td>$541 million</td>
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<td>Painted Cave Fire</td>
<td>6,000+</td>
<td>646+</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>June 1990</td>
<td>Among the properties destroyed near Santa Barbara is the county sheriff’s compound. Years later, a tip leads to a local evasive email. He was trying to “burn out a Neighborhood.” He was caught and evasive, and he faces a 40-year sentence.</td>
<td>$396 million</td>
<td>$424 million</td>
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The burger wars are on! Big, fat, juicy hamburgers are everywhere these days. So who makes the ultimate? That has been my quest for the past six months, and it's a subject of intense debate. I've been eating a burger a week for six months, and these are 10 of my favorites. On a scale of 1 to 10 — with a score of 1 being pretty darned good, and 10 absurdly perfect — here's how some of O.C.'s best burgers stack up:

1. THE OLD TONY
   - The combination: The Old Tony, 301 S. Brea, Fullerton
   - The burger: A classic with a twist, featuring a thick, juicy patty, crisp lettuce, and a generous helping of cheese

2. THE CROWN ROYAL
   - The combination: The Crown Royal, 1922 W. Ball Road, Santa Ana
   - The burger: A crown jewel of the burger world, featuring a perfectly charred patty, crispy bacon, and a tangy mustard sauce

3. THE KARAOKE BURGER
   - The combination: The Karaoke Burger, 425 S. Main St., Fullerton
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Today's Poll

Evolution vs. creationism

- I believe that only evolution should be taught in public-school science classes.
- I believe that not evolution should not be taught in public-school science classes.
- I believe that both evolution and creationism should be taught in public-school science classes.

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Start using a bigger toolbox.
Do more chunking.
chunking  n. Dividing a long story into small, easy-to-digest chunks.
Imagery and Symbolisms in Three Poems

Poems breathe life to what seems to be inanimate in a traditional perspective. It gives meaning to words not found within the context of literal understanding. The role of imagery and symbolism greatly affects the voice and mood of the poems, to balance with the theme. In “The Love Song of J. Alfred Pulfrock” by T.S. Eliot, it heavily depends on symbolisms with a vivid description of the settings. The imageries heightened the gloominess that the person feels as he talks to a listener. In the first stanza which states, “let us go, through certain half-deserted streets/ the muttering retreats/ of restless nights of one-night cheap hotels” (Eliot 4-6), the presence of dark imageries such as “retreats,” “restless nights,” and “cheap hotels” may recall the speaker’s experience that he wants to “go and make [a] visit” (Eliot 12). At the same time, these could be symbols in a way that it collectively describes the speaker’s past, as full of regrets and wasted opportunity, especially in taking risks for intimate relationships. Using descriptive devices, such as sensory details, further developed the feeling of insecurity the speaker has, saying: “with a bald spot in the middle of my hair” (Eliot 39).

Images and symbolisms go hand in hand; however, they can exist without the presence of the other. Like Eliot’s work, the poem “Constantly Risking Absurdity” written by Lawrence Ferlinghetti, is built around imageries, symbolisms and few allusions. According to Edward Kent, Ferlinghetti’s poem is the writer’s definition of poets, as he performs “like an acrobat” (Ferlinghetti 6) every time he writes. It is the poet’s duty to present the unshakable truth to his audience, and if he fails to do this, he would fall to his death just like what a careless acrobat can become (Kent 1244). To give a general view of Ferlinghetti’s poem, it is parallel to the objective correlative principle of
Brooke MacKillop  
May 1st 2013  
Environmental Sciences  
Term Paper  

Wildlife Conservation and the Loss of Species  

The number one cause of species loss is in fact the loss of their habitat. It is estimated that the Earth loses ten species per day, mainly at the hand of the human population. Each species, and in fact each organism, play key ecological roles. When a species is lost, it is impossible to predict the full extent of the effect this loss will have on the ecosystem it previously inhabited and the world at large. This, as well as an infinite number of other reasons, provides the basis for a strong argument as to why the human population needs to make great strides toward the preservation of both habitats and their species.  

As previously stated, it is estimated that on average, 10 species are lost per day. This equals 3600 species annually. While a great number of these species are microorganisms whose extinction cannot be easily noticed, some of these organisms are larger, such as animals and plants. Many humans do not feel the drive to help these species, but are more concerned with their daily lives and those items they prioritize. However, the loss of these species does in fact affect everyone and everything in the world. For example, a great deal of animals are used for food, wither for himself or herself personally or for a family pet. Many plants also provide materials such as cotton, hemp, and fabric dyes. Plants and bacteria cultures provide medicines, and those synthetic materials in medications are modeled after plants. Others argue the famous point “with great power comes great responsibility.” As
The most significant and documented data and content on zebra mussel invasiveness in the United States is that of the Great Lakes and the surrounding smaller lakes in the network. Zebra mussels were discovered in 1986 in Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair. Within three to five years of observing the initial establishment of zebra mussels in Lake St. Clair, there was extremely high to near mortality of the unionid population especially after the increased climb of infestations in the summer of 1989. This trend persisted and within the next two to three years the unionid population had been almost completely extirpated. This trend seemed to be matched in the much large water body of Lake Erie. Mainly in the western part of the lake was where studies took place and the zebra population was established and flourished in no time. In one to two years the zebra population was observed to skyrocket while the unionid population decreased dramatically. These observations were supported by statistics as from 1989 to 1991 the unionid population, after three years of the zebra mussel invasion, went from 53% alive and 47% dead, to all 100% of the unionid population in western Lake Erie being dead. This drastic occurrence greatly supported and exemplified the dire effects zebra mussels had on unionids as this was unprecedented since unionids had thrived in western Lake Erie for centuries prior to this. From the Great Lake systems, zebra mussel populations became established in rivers such as the Mississippi and the Illinois in around 1990. This was thought to have occurred most likely from veligers contained in water flowing in canals that connected the Illinois river to Lake Michigan. These rivers and, other rivers that were soon invaded, displayed the same exact exponential increase in zebra mussel population and consistent decrease in unionid populations as the Great Lakes exhibited. “Zebra mussels not only colonized unionids but also essentially covered the entire surface of the gravel bar...They formed a pavement made up of zebra mussel shells
CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT IN
CHARLES DICKENS' "GREAT EXPECTATIONS"
by Ben Dover

As Joe says in Great Expectations "it is far better to be uncommon on the inside than the outside." A person's possessions do not matter as much as a person's actions. How wealthy and or how high someone's social stature is does not bring them true happiness. It is what they believe on the inside that brings them happiness. The author of Great Expectations, Charles Dickens, was trying to say that sometimes people rely too highly on money to bring them happiness, while true happiness comes from the people that love and care about you. Although in the beginning of the book some characters did believe money and social status brought them happiness, they soon realized that this was incorrect. Three characters in the book that figured this out are Pip, Miss Havisham, and Estella.

Pip is a simple blacksmith's boy who wants to become a gentleman when he realizes his own upbringing is common. Although he has little money he still accomplishes his dream with the help of his benefactor. While going through the stage of being ashamed and embarrassed of his friends and family he deeply hurts Joe and Biddy. Pip leaves for London to become a gentleman, but leaves behind his common life with Joe and Biddy included. In London Pip learns some essential lessons in money management and social stature. After many incidents pertaining to his money and social status he decides that this glorious life is not all that it is cut out to be. He decides his life no longer brings him happiness, because he becomes very lonely without Joe and Biddy around. Pip comprehends the importance of his traits like loyalty and kindness. He finally realizes that no amount of money can make up for the lack of his traits.

The belief that goodness is always able to overcome evil is shown in Miss Havisham whose inherent goodness is apparent despite her wrongdoings. Although Miss Havisham seeks revenge on the male sex in the beginning of the book, she finally realizes the consequences of her actions. She discovers that not only had she ruined Estella's life she also ruined Pip's life. By using Estella as her puppet she brings her up thinking that all males are hurtful. She then uses Pip as someone to test Estella's evilness on. By doing this she not only caused Pip to have a broken heart she caused Estella to never love anyone.

Estella's irresistible beauty captures Pip's heart and as a young boy, he is infatuated with her. Somehow, despite her cruelty to Pip and her judgement of only his outside not his character, she becomes the star of his expectations. Although, Estella is the successful product of Miss Havisham's upbringing in that she truly does what the old lady raised her to do; she seems to struggle with it. Estella judges Pip clearly on his appearance and commonness, then she learns there is more to him. Although she knows he loves her, she tells him that she cannot love him back because she has no heart. It seems righteous to say that beneath her heart of ice is a simple girl who is honest enough to try and explain to others her lack of feeling and understanding of what is important in life.

Essentially, this is a novel about gratification and humility, as well as honor. The theme of Great Expectations touches on every aspect of common emotions like pride, ambition, envy, greed, and arrogance. The lesson Pip, Miss Havisham, and Estella learn people that love and care about you. Although in the beginning of the book some characters did believe money and social status brought them happiness, they soon realized that this was incorrect. Three characters in the book that figured this out are Pip, Miss Havisham, and Estella.

Pip is a simple blacksmith's boy who wants to become a gentleman when he realizes his own upbringing is common. Although he has little money he still accomplishes his dream with the help of his benefactor. While going through the stage of being ashamed and embarrassed of his friends and family he deeply hurts Joe and Biddy. Pip leaves for London to become a gentleman, but leaves behind his common life with Joe and Biddy included. In London Pip learns some essential lessons in money management and social stature. After many incidents pertaining to his money and social status he decides that this glorious life is not all that it is cut out to be. He decides his life no longer brings him happiness, because he becomes very lonely without Joe and Biddy around. Pip comprehends the importance of his traits like loyalty and kindness. He finally realizes that no amount of money can make up for the lack of his traits.
Tomatoes coming off menus

By Karissa Stewart
and Jeff Gable
Rome News-Tribune Staff Writers

Don’t expect to bite into a raw tomato at lunchtime or anytime soon. Many area restaurants are no longer serving them because of a salmonella outbreak.

McDonald’s, Applebee’s, Wendy’s, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell have all stopped serving the raw fruit.

Locally grown tomatoes are cleared from the salmonella scare.

Salmonella food poisoning first linked to uncooked tomatoes has spread to 16 states, including Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

Cherry tomatoes, grape tomatoes, tomatoes sold with the vine still attached and homegrown tomatoes are likely not the source of the outbreak, Center for Disease Control officials said.

Produce from Arkansas, California, Georgia, Hawaii, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Belgium, Canada, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Israel, the Netherlands and Puerto Rico has been cleared and are not linked to the outbreak.

Salmonella is a bacteria that lives in the intestinal tracts of humans and other animals. It usually is transmitted to humans by eating food contaminated with animal feces.

Most infected people suffer fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps starting 12 to 72 hours after infection. The illness tends to last four to seven days. Many people recover without treatment, but severe infec-

Please see FRUIT 2A
Retailers play it safe, pull tomatoes

Federal officials, working to pinpoint the source of a multistate salmonella outbreak, recommend consumers avoid red plum, red Roma and round red tomatoes unless they are grown in certain states or countries.

OFF THE SHELVES
In the midstate, Giant Foods, Karns Quality Foods, Weis Markets and Wegmans have pulled plum, Roma and round red tomatoes from produce sections. A salmonella outbreak in 16 states might be tied to those raw, red tomatoes, the Food and Drug Administration said. Last week, Wal-Mart said it pulled some tomatoes.

OFF THE MENU
Many restaurants have stopped selling raw tomatoes. McDonald's stopped serving sliced tomatoes on its sandwiches but will continue to serve grape tomatoes in salads. At Subway, tomatoes were removed from the list of sandwich toppings. Burger King, Taco Bell, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster and Olive Garden took tomatoes off their menus.

THESE ARE OK
Cherry and grape tomatoes, those tomatoes attached to the vine, and homegrown tomatoes are safe, federal officials say. Other raw tomatoes should be avoided for now, the FDA recommends. For the agency's latest updates: www.fda.gov.

THE OUTBREAK
So far, 145 people have been sickened since mid-April. No one has died. As of Monday, there were no Pennsylvania cases tied to the outbreak, the state Department of Health said. Salmonella can cause diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps, usually beginning 12 to 72 hours after infection.

By Sue Gleiter and David Wenner, The Patriot-News; The Associated Press contributed
TOMATO SCARE SPURS SCRAMBLE

Restaurants, stores and others in Central Florida are racing to yank them off menus and shelves.

by Mark Cheek
SENTINEL STAFF WRITER

Drivers were looking suspiciously at tomatoes Monday after learning certain types were linked to a spreading salmonella outbreak. Last week, federal regulators, who are still trying to identify the source of the tainted tomatoes, warned people in Texas and New Mexico about the dangers of raw tomatoes, and the warning went nationwide during the weekend. That left restaurants, grocery stores and others across Central Florida scrambling to pull the items from their menus and shelves. And the state's tomato growers say they could be in a pickle if the situation isn't straightened out soon.

Diseased tomatoes

- Risky business
  - Raw red plum (light)
  - Certain raw red Roma
  - Raw red round tomatoes (top)

Appear safe to eat:
- Cherry tomatoes
- Grape tomatoes
- Tomatoes sold with the vine attached (below)
- Homegrown tomatoes
- Processed tomatoes have not been implicated.

Who's getting sick

Since mid-April, there have been 1,639 reported cases of salmonella, caused by a rare strain of the bug, in at least 16 states. Florida has not reported any illnesses.

Agriculture woes

Florida growers estimate they could lose at least $40 million if the nation's tomatoes are not cleared soon by federal investigators. "We have literally shut the industry down at this point. We are not harvesting or packaging tomatoes anymore," said Reggie Brown, executive vice president of the Florida Tomato Growers Exchange. Based in Lakeland, Florida growers supply the eastern U.S., and Brown was optimistic that his members would be back in business before long because the outbreak appears concentrated in the western U.S.

Grocery and restaurant response

Publix Super Markets and Winn-Dixie have emptied shelves of the suspect produce. Albertsons, however, said it was held by suppliers that its tomatoes are safe.

Orlando-based Darden Restaurants has removed suspect tomatoes from its menus nationwide while listing menu items such as the bruschetta appetizer and capellini pomodoro dish at Olive Garden. Lake Mary-based Ruth's Chris Steak House also has eliminated some items from its menu. Decker's in Lake Mary says it stopped serving dishes made with any raw tomatoes. "If it's a raw tomato, we are not using it," said Martin Rosencrans, the restaurant's manager.

National fast-food and sandwich shops, such as McDonald's, Burger King and Subway, also are eliminating tomatoes.

Maitland-based Tijuana Flats says it was told by its supplier that its Florida grown tomatoes are OK.

What consumers can do

Avoid raw tomatoes identified in the outbreak. Avoid dishes made from raw tomatoes such as fresh salads or bruschetta and pico de gallo.

Tomatoes need to be thoroughly cooked to kill salmonella. Refrigerate within two hours — or discard — cut, peeled or cooked tomatoes. Avoid bruised or damaged tomatoes. Thoroughly wash all tomatoes under running water. Keep raw tomatoes separate from raw meats, raw seafood and produce. Wash cutting boards, dishes, utensils and countertops with hot water and soap when switching between types of foods.

Salmonella: Food-borne illness

Symptoms:
- Usually start 12 to 72 hrs after exposure
- Diarrhea, fever and abdominal pain

Recovery:
- After 3 to 7 days, if no complications

Relapse:
- Symptoms sometimes return

Treatment:
- Antibiotics, usually for 7 days

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Source: Center for Disease Control & Prevention 2019.
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By JOHN MEYER
The Associated Press

Trump unveiled his job plan to create millions of new jobs, with a focus on infrastructure projects. The plan includes tax breaks for businesses and new infrastructure projects.

Key Components of Trump’s Job Plan

- Tax Breaks for Businesses: Offer tax breaks to create new jobs in the United States. Businesses that create new jobs will receive tax breaks.
- Infrastructure Projects: Funding for new infrastructure projects will create jobs and improve the country.
- Vocational Training: Funding for vocational training will help people gain the skills needed for new jobs.

The plan will be implemented over the next four years, with the goal of creating millions of new jobs and improving the country’s infrastructure.
"LET'S PUT AMERICA TO WORK"

The president's 10-point jobs plan combines tax breaks with ambitious infrastructure projects

By JOHN MAYER

By John Moyer

The Associated Press

This is a letter from President Bush, discussing his 10-point plan to put America back to work. The plan includes tax breaks and ambitious infrastructure projects. The key components of Trump's job plan are discussed, as well as congressional reactions to the plan. The letter ends with a note on what happens next.

KEY COMPONENTS OF TRUMP'S JOB PLAN

1. Tax breaks for businesses
2. Infrastructure projects
3. A billion in tax incentives
4. An integrated job bank

CONGRESSIONAL REACTIONS TO TRUMP'S JOB PLAN

John Boehner, Speaker of the House: "I wholeheartedly support our president's 10-point plan to put America back to work. The plan includes tax breaks and ambitious infrastructure projects. The key components of Trump's job plan are discussed, as well as congressional reactions to the plan. The letter ends with a note on what happens next.

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**NATIONAL CHAMPS!**

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**COMPLETE COVERAGE IN SPORTS**

**UMD students cheer on team from afar**

**Region braces for big blizzard**

**Warnings**

A blizzard warning was issued for the Twin Ports for Saturday evening into Monday. The Iron Range and North and South shores of Lake Superior are under a windstorm warning. This is a very strong system, not just a squall, said meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Duluth.

**How much snow?**

The Weather Service was forecasting 10 to 12 inches of snow for the Twin Ports by this morning, with conditions deteriorating throughout the day. Snow may be mixed with sleet and freezing rain in Northeast Minnesota. The area is expected to see up to 10 to 16 inches, with locally higher amounts. Across Duluth and Superior to the Arrowhead area, are expected to receive the greatest amount.

**Tumbling temps**

Temperatures will drop from the 20s this morning to a forecasted 12 degrees below freezing in Duluth. High temperatures on Monday will struggle to climb above zero across the region. On Monday night, temperatures are forecasted to fall near or below in Duluth and near or below on the first map.

**Blizzard conditions**

Northeast winds of 30 to 40 mph, with gusts to 60 mph, will cause some blowing and drifting snow during the storm, according to the Weather Service. Visibility may fall below a quarter of a mile.

**Travel troubles**

The Weather Service reports that travel may become "very difficult" as snow accumulates across the region. 

**Where is all this coming from?**

The low pressure system was forced to move to the Twin Ports by the Upper Peninsula by tonight. The combination of storms and the atmosphere streaming north from the Gulf of Mexico and the Great Lakes is expected to bring heavy snow to the region.

**Look online for storm updates**

The News Tribune will provide updates on the storm's progress and information on road conditions and closings, all day today on the Web at duluthnews.com.
Check the tires to stretch your fuel dollar

That and slowing down will work; having windows open instead of using the air conditioner won’t.

By Laura Richey
Staff Writer

DAYTON — As gas prices reach record-breaking highs, many drivers are trying to improve gas mileage. But what steps are real and which ones are just wishful thinking?

First, there’s common sense: “The best ways to improve gas mileage is simply by checking your tires’ air pressure, oil, slow down a bit and change your habits,” said Ray Keyton of AAA Miami Valley.

What doesn’t work:

➤ Coasting, putting your vehicle in neutral driving can be dangerous. “Certainly if you are going down hill let off of the gas,” Keyton said. “But actually taking the car out of gear is risky because the car could easily get put into reverse,” Keyton said.

➤ Don’t let your car idle unnecessarily, but if you are in a slow fast food drive-thru, for example, you may want to go to the extreme and pull over to help increase mileage.

➤ Turning off the air conditioner doesn’t save gas. It may actually decrease gas mileage.

“Newer vehicles are more aerodynamic than cars of the past. If the windows are down at highway speeds it will cause wind resistance costing you more money in gas,” Keyton said.

➤ Upgrading gas grade doesn’t help. If your car says to use regular and you use premium you are wasting your money.

➤ Gasoline additives will not provide gas mileage relief generally.

COPING WITH AN UNCERTAIN ECONOMY

One in a series running Mondays in the Dayton Daily News

Gas-saving tips

Simple ways to cut fuel costs:

What you can do

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Poquoson pushes for tax increase

City hopes to gain $140,000 by raising real-estate tax

By Dave Schleck

Last year, Poquoson City Manager Charles Burgess proposed a 3-cent increase in the real-estate tax. The City Council managed to pass the budget without the tax increase. But the tax-increase idea hasn't gone away. Burgess is proposing a 2-cent increase in real-estate taxes this year. The city's real-estate tax rate of $1.12 for every $100 of assessed value would go to $1.14.

That means that the real-estate tax on a home worth $150,000 would increase $30 from $1,680 to $1,710.

Burgess expects the increase to add $140,000 to city revenues in the fiscal year that begins in July.

Poquoson last raised its real-estate tax eight years ago. Burgess said the tax increase is needed to pay for larger contributions to the school budget, the solid waste fund and loan payments.

Budget wrangling in Richmond has left city officials unsure about how much money Poquoson will get from the state, Finance/Director Pam Moon said.

Burgess said some capital improvements scheduled for the fiscal year that begins in July, such as new dump trucks and sewer trucks, might be delayed until city officials feel more secure about revenues.

He said safety projects, such as improvements to the city pool, should stay on schedule.

A public hearing on the budget will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the City Council chambers.

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Poquoson’s proposed budget

Poquoson is proposing a 2-cent increase in real-estate taxes in this year's $20.1 million budget. A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday in the City Council chambers.

What stays same

- Meals tax — 4 percent
- Assessments — Poquoson reassesses property every two years. The fiscal year that starts in July is not a reassessment year.

Where the local money comes from:

- Real-estate taxes — $8.25 million
- Personal property taxes — $2.6 million
- Consumer utility tax — $420,000
- Sales tax — $360,000
- Motor vehicle license tax — $271,000

What's new:

- New jobs — Two new teachers
- Pay raises — 2 percent cost-of-living raise and a 2 percent merit raise for city employees; 4 percent or more raise for teachers; 10 percent raise for bus drivers to make their pay comparable to drivers in nearby cities and counties.

Where money goes

- Schools — $6.57 million (41.4 percent of the general fund budget) in local money. The total school budget is $15.49 million, including state revenue.
- Public safety — $3.2 million (20.3 percent)
- General administrative and legislative — $1.29 million (8.1 percent)
- Public works — $1 million (6.3 percent)

What's next:

- April 23 — 7 p.m. Public hearing and presentation of budget
- May 14 — 7 p.m. City Council members might adopt budget, but they have until May 25. (All meetings in the City Council chambers; 500 City Hall Ave.)
Biting commentary

Michael E. supplementing his three-Corona dinner by stealing one of big sis Erin’s mini cheeseburgers.

The Low-Dough Diners save the best for last

WHAT:
54 cocktail and dinner combo on Wednesday nights

WHERE:
Le Passage, 537 N. Rush St.
312-255-0022

By The Low-Dough Diners

For the last two weeks, we—Erin, Michael E., Michael S., Fadja and Ira—have investigated Chicago’s best food and drink deals. Our $5 per-person budget meant we had to be creative, and our results were refined from a recap at night. But with our last review, we finished on a high note. With chic drinks, great retro tunes and tasty eats, Le Passage was our favorite place yet.

Scene
On Wednesday nights, Le Passage turns into “Back in the Day Cafe,” featuring drinks and “entrees” (appetizers, really) at 100% prices.

We all passed the “no sneakers or T-shirts” dress code—even Michael S. in his red Gap houndstooth. Beyond the velvet rope by the cleanest and best-fitting alley we’ve ever seen, a side door opened to a set of stairs leading down to a subterranean space. Le Passage immediately won points for its “pre-millenium” music: Depeche Mode, The Police and Monkee.

Drinks
The $5 drink menu featured specialty cocktails, eight tap-shelf beers and six bottled beers. Ira ordered a mojito, Fadja chose a melon martini, and Ira and Michael both opted for French martini. President dude Michael E. ordered a Corona. The mojito was perfect. The French martini—a pick concoction of Grand Marnier, lime and pineapple juice—was delicious too. Fadja thought her melon martini a little sweet, but the rest of us liked it.

The vibe and a favorite song by Monkee resulted in a euphoric Michael S., who soon managed, “I don’t care how good the food is, this place is getting a good review!” Erin agreed, then sent him to the dance floor for Cyrinda Foxe’s “Time After Time.”

Food
The $4 menu featured 10 selections. But first things first: Our waitress dropped off complimentary fries, artfully presented in a crown-shaped glass and set next to tasty as McDonald’s (the best fries on Earth), Fadja ordered the jumbo crab cake. Michael B. ordered the mushroom ravioli. Erin opted for the mini cheeseburger and Ira chose steamed mussels. Decadent on a budget, Michael E. ordered a Corona. The mojito was perfect. The French martini—a pick concoction of Grand Marnier, lime and pineapple juice—was delicious too. Fadja thought her melon martini a little sweet, but the rest of us liked it.

We were skeptical at first, because we don’t typically frequent “cheap-bite” destinations. The menu was a thought of long beers, meaty burritos and dress codes (Erin’s stomach more than the chow chow fits diet). But $5 and drinks plus “I Want My Woman” by Coltrane Badd sends lots of fun. Will we see us waiting in time to pay a $20 cover on the weekend? Hell no. But we will be back on a Wednesday night.

5 TIPS FOR EATING ON THE CHEAP

By The Low-Dough Diners

1. We thought we couldn’t get a cheaper, but after our five days of being low-dough diners, we learned a few more tricks.
2. Don’t be afraid to ask for a free food or drink, just don’t be too obvious.
3. Ask about portion sizes. Often one entree can feed two (but beware of hidden charges).
4. When in doubt bring the special on the menu. It’s usually a good idea.
5. There’s no shame in hating dinner at Whole Foods on sample day. Just use a toothpick.

WHERE TO EAT:

Le Passage
537 N. Rush St.
312-255-0022

Unlimited fries for $4

WHAT THEY GOT

Absolutely free:
- Unlimited French fries
- Mini cheeseburgers (two/person)
- With onion rings
- Mushroom ravioli
- Steamed mussels
- Jumbo crab cake
- Melon martini
- French martini
- Mojito
- Amaretto Sour
- Corona

TOTAL: $48

Pour pressure
Fadja thanks Michael S. with a sip of her melon martini.

PREVIOUS RATINGS

Angela’s
2324 W. Milwaukee Ave.
773-297-9000

This soup blows their low-carb diets with bland but filling Polish cuisine.

Chiu Quon
2252 E. Wentworth Ave.
312-255-0022

An early dinner means that Chiu Quon is hit-and-miss.

Bite Cafe
537 N. Wabash Ave.
773-328-2482

This comes to the cheap, tasty eats at this hip Ukrainian Village (7P18).

Tony
440 W. Randolph St.
312-899-9000

This new West Loop spot serves up free appetizers but pricey drinks.
Your survival guide to

ZOMBIES!

ZOMBIE WEAPONS
You need to arm yourself. The following everyday items have been successfully used against zombies in movies and games.

SHOVEL "Shovel of the Dead"
Hedge clippers "Zombicide"
Laser mowers "Armageddon"
"Army of Darkness"
Musical instruments "Zombified"
Gravel guns "Zombified"

Household appliances
- Vacuum cleaner "Head Blaster"
- Freezing pan "Dead Thing"
- Cleaning solution "Zombicide"
- Cricket bat "Shovel of the Dead"

WHAT IS YOUR ZOMBIE ATTACK SURVIVABILITY QUOTIENT?

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WAIT OUT THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

Our government's secret "No Zombies Left Behind" education initiative is failing. Zombies are getting smarter. The event of a zombie apocalypse may just want to hunker down and wait for the first uncontrollable step in zombie evolution.

1950s-70s Zombies 1.0
- They can't talk, are slow and clumsy and have no problem solving skills. Primarily inhabiting isolated farms, anyone who works the TV studio, or is involved in mental hospitals.

1980s Zombies 2.0
- They can talk, are somewhat more organized and have a problem solving skills. Zombies are more coordinated. We see them being shot. Anyone who works the TV studio or is involved in mental hospitals.

2000s Zombies 3.0
- Zombies are punks, zombies with problem-solving skills, cruelty of weapons and - in one video game at least - zombies can operate machinery and tools.

HOW TO TELL IF YOU'VE BEEN TEXTED BY A ZOMBIE

Notice the pesty clothes and snoring expression. He's not a zombie, he's a drunk.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A ZOMBIE

To survive a zombie apocalypse, you have to be able to spot a zombie. Here are some clues to look for:

1. Notice the pesty clothes and snoring expression. He's not a zombie, he's a drunk.

2. Rips: This is more like it. Our zombie Trevor here is dressed to kill. His supplies that says "broiling" without being intentionally spotted.

3. Notice the blood stains on clothing.

4. Not a zombie: Zombie

As the zombie evolution continues, zombies become smarter and will work alongside humans in office cubicles. At this point, being politically incorrect, you still might want to avoid going to lunch with them but in your.

ESCAPING FROM ZOMBIES

Zombies used to come in one good lumbering. But zombies are becoming cleverer. Escaping a zombie horde now depends on which kind is chasing you.

SLOW ZOMBIES (The Walking Dead)
Mobility: Limping
Recommended escape strategy: Run away in a blind panic while screaming like a little girl.

RUNNING ZOMBIES (World of the Living)
Mobility: Running
Recommended escape strategy: Run away in a blind panic while screaming like a little girl.

DANCING ZOMBIES (Michael Jackson's Thriller)
Mobility: Limping, snort and off. Recommended escape strategy: Run away in a blind panic while screaming like a little girl.

HIDING FROM ZOMBIES

Never park out animals. They just waiting for you to do this so they can jump out suddenly and make you kill your pets.

How quiet car keys for when you inevitably step them while running to unlock the car door. And the nearest exit, check the back seat.
FACEBOOK DATA WOES GROWING

The deeper it digs, the more problems Facebook seems to be uncovering with its users’ data.  

Numbers explode: Company admits almost 2 billion users have had information scraped without permission

The numbers just keep growing.  

Wednesday, Facebook said that 539 million of its 2 billion users likely have had their public profiles scraped by outsiders without the users’ explicit permission, dramatically raising the stakes in a privacy controversy that has dogged the company for weeks, spurred investigations in the United States and Europe, and sent the company’s stock price tumbling.

The scraping: It involved gathering public profile information, including names, email addresses and phone numbers — by using a “scraper and account recovery” function that Facebook said it had now disabled.

Cambridge Analytica: The political consultancy, used by President Donald Trump’s campaign, gained access to Facebook information on up to 87 million users, 71 million of whom are Americans, up dramatically from its original March estimate of 270,000. The data it scraped was significantly more detailed and included work/education histories, religious affiliations and Facebook “likes.”

CEO Mark Zuckerberg: “It’s clear now that we didn’t focus enough on preventing abuse and thinking about how people could use these tools for harm.”

Inside: More about Facebook’s problems. Page A7

The Oregonian

AID FOR RESIDENTS

Move-back project ‘an abject failure’

Gordon R. Friedman  The Oregonian/OregonLive

The city of Portland’s strategy to help black residents stay in or move back to their gentrifying neighborhoods fails for short of expectations, a new report says.

Despite millions of dollars in taxpayer investments, few families have been able to benefit from city subsidies developed expressly to aid homeowners with generational ties to north and northeast Portland neighborhoods, according to the report, issued by the North/Northeast Neighborhood Housing Strategy Oversight Committee. City commissioners were briefed on the critical report Tuesday.

Mayor Ted Wheeler said he was “highly disappointed,” adding that the city’s “way of the mark” on enforcing commitments enshrined in its housing strategy.

As an example of the city’s shortcomings, the panel noted that only five families have used a down payment assistance program, in part because they believe the subsidy is too low. It was hoped that 86 would sign up for a down payment subsidy of $600,000 per home buyer.

“I don’t even know how to put here with a straight face and call it anything other than an abject failure,” Wheeler said of the subsidy program.

In another example, just 18 families used a program that provides zero-interest loans for home repairs. “Billions of dollars were budgeted this year for this program,” the report said.

NATIONAL GUARD

‘Frustrated’ Trump wants troops at border

The Trump administration is asking border-state governors to send National Guard units to the Western border. Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said Wednesday:

Why now? “The president is frustrated” over continued illegal immigration, Nielsen said. “He has been very clear that he wants to secure our border.”

What they would do: National Guard personnel would not be allowed to arrest people crossing the border, but could provide support to the Border Patrol.

President Donald Trump: “We’re going to be guarding our border with our military. That’s big time.”

Precedent: Both the George W. Bush administration in 2006 and the Obama administration in 2010 sent the National Guard to the border.

The issue: Nielsen says there’s been an uptick in illegal crossings because of an increase in the number of people from Central America who cross the border and ask for asylum, saying they fear persecution at home. The idea is that the National Guard would help the Border Patrol until what the White House calls “loopholes” allowing the undocumented immigrants to stay can be eliminated.


— Wire service reports

CALIFORNIA CRASH

Ex-friend: System failed kids

A former friend of the family whose SUV went over a cliff said the named Oregon child welfare officials in 2016 that the Hart parents were depriving their kids of food as punishment.

SPORTS

Young stars gun for Tiger

Young star guide for Tiger

The players who took over the PGA Tour while Tiger Woods struggled and was hurt are thrilled to have him back and eager to see how they stack up to him when the Masters begins on Thursday.
Do more chunking.
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Improve your collaboration.
AB-SOLUTE BEST

The bicycle maneuver and the captain's chair prove best for exercising the front and side abdominal muscles.

BY DOUG THOMAS

What's the best way to tone your abs? Not with a $300 piece of equipment. Now with an Ab Roller or an Abdominal Exercise Ball that you can purchase at a local sporting goods store. To get maximum results, a San Diego State University study showed that abdominal exercises are the most effective for toning the core muscles. The Ab Roller is a great way to improve overall core strength.

They found that the exercises improved the core's strength in the front and side abdominal muscles. The front abdominal muscles are the Diagonal Muscles, the muscles that wrap around the abdomen. The side muscles are the Obliques, or the muscles that wrap around the waist. The study showed that you could improve your core strength by 30% by doing a variety of exercises.

Here's how to do the Ab Roller:

1. Lie on your back with your knees bent and your feet flat on the floor.
2. Place the Ab Roller under your feet and hold it in place with your hands.
3. Push your feet away from your body, bringing your buttocks off the floor.
4. Keep your back flat and your abdominal muscles engaged.
5. Return to the starting position and repeat.

The Captain's Chair:

1. Sit on the edge of a chair with your back straight and your feet flat on the floor.
2. Place your feet on the seat of the chair and your hands on the backrest.
3. Lean forward and engage your core muscles.
4. Hold for 30 seconds and repeat.

EXERCISE BALL:

This is a great way to exercise your core muscles. In addition to the Ab Roller, the Captain's Chair, and the Captain's Chair, you can also use an exercise ball to improve your core strength.

LIE DOWN ON THE BALL:

1. Lie flat on the ball with your feet flat on the floor and your knees bent.
2. Place your hands out in front of you and push your body up into a seated position.
3. Hold for 30 seconds and repeat.

These exercises will help you improve your core strength and increase your overall fitness.

SMALL DOSES

Her Cancer May Hurt Marriage.

Some women find cancer treatment to be a lonely process.

Dr. Michael Giger studied 218 women treated for breast cancer using lindane therapy. Among the women, 12% were more likely to have marital discord. The study found that the group of women with 12 or more marital discord were more likely to have marital discord. The study did not examine if marital discord was caused by cancer treatment or a pre-existing condition.

Giger presented his findings before the American Society of Clinical Oncology. They were published by WebMD.

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Sex and Youth

Troubled by the sexual assault of your bees? Worried that your gray hairs are making you look too old? A recent study found that women who are more sexually active are more likely to make you look 10 years younger, a psychologist told.

Neuropsychologist David Weeks and colleagues at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, Australia, studied 1,200 women and found that women who are more sexually active are more likely to make you look 10 years younger. The study was deemed a strange twist to look forward to in their study.

Interview tips included how men's sexual activity is related to their partners and how often they exercise.

Women need a serious twist in the mix was the second-generation treatment of sexual activity behind sexual activity.

Having sex more than three times a week was not as common as the study suggested. The study also found that women who had sex more than three times a week were more likely to make you look 10 years younger.

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Condolence Confusion

Speaking of sex, a government report suggests that adding sex to the list of causes of death is a good idea.

Among the most common causes of death, the government report found that the government report was not published over the past 30 years. The government report found that the government report was not published over the past 30 years.

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Cap It, Lock It

Cap it, lock it is a great way to keep your hair in place and make your hair look great.

For more information on hair care, check out our website or visit your local salon.
Want This? Do This

Most guys think of their abs as one continuous slab of muscle, so they do one continuous set of exercises: crunches. If you really want to etch an impressive midsection, though, it’s better to think of your abs as having two distinct sections. Crunches are fine for the top half, but to define what’s below the waistband, you need exercises that focus on the hip flexors and the lower half of the rectus abdominis. Add these moves to your workout routine to develop an even tighter, stronger middle.

In the gym This exercise has a long name: “incline leg raise with a pulse-up.” Lie on a slant board with your hands grasping the handles behind your head [A]. Slowly raise your legs until they form a 90-degree angle with your torso [B]. Next, lift your legs toward the ceiling in a controlled pulsing motion; your tailbone should rise an inch or two off the board [C]. Finish by lowering your legs slowly. Do three sets of 10 to 12 repetitions.

At home This is a “seated jackknife”—a great name for an exercise guaranteed to rip your lower abs. Sit on the edge of a sturdy chair or bench, holding the seat behind you for support. Extend your legs in front of you, knees slightly bent [A]. Now simultaneously raise your legs toward your chest and bring your chest toward your knees [B]. Do three sets of as many repetitions as you can manage.

A couple of caveats: Do this exercise at the end of your workout, when your muscles are thoroughly warmed, and be sure to stretch your hamstrings between sets. The more tender these muscles are, the harder you’ll feel it to work your abdominals.
DISCOVER!

The way of HAND & FOOT

TAKING YOU EVERYWHERE YOU WISH YOU COULD BE
THE WAY OF HANDS & FEET

Taekwondo is a sport that you can start to participate in at any age, the more benefits you will get.

- By Bob Enshelmal, Editor-In-Chief

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Taekwondo is a common martial art in South Korea, where it originated. It combines a variety of techniques, including kicks, punches, and throws.

- In South Korea, it is a popular sport for both men and women.

- It is also a common sport in many countries around the world.

- It is a sport that requires discipline, focus, and physical fitness.

The Korean Martial Arts Council offers classes for both beginners and advanced students.

- The classes are available at The Athletic Club for 19 years.

The Taekwondo Do belts and what they mean:

- The Taekwondo Do is a grade system used in Taekwondo.
- It is based on the belief that every student should progress at their own speed.
- The belt system is designed to provide a clear path for students to progress from beginner to advanced levels.

The Taekwondo Do belts are:

- White Belt
- Yellow Belt
- Orange Belt
- Green Belt
- Blue Belt
- Red Belt
- Black Belt

Eligibility for each belt is determined by the student's performance in class and their understanding of the basic techniques.

- Those who have completed the white belt are considered beginners and have a basic understanding of the techniques.
- Those with the yellow belt are considered to have mastered the techniques covered in the white belt.
- Those with the orange belt are considered to have advanced to the next level.
- Those with the green belt are considered to have mastered the techniques covered in the yellow belt.
- Those with the blue belt are considered to have mastered the techniques covered in the orange belt.
- Those with the red belt are considered to have mastered the techniques covered in the green belt.
- Those with the black belt are considered to have mastered all the techniques covered in the red belt.

- The black belt is the highest rank in Taekwondo.

- The black belt is awarded to students who have completed all the requirements for the previous rank.

- It is the ultimate goal for students who wish to pursue a career in Taekwondo.

- It is a sign of respect and accomplishment.

- It is a sign of excellence and dedication.

- It is a sign of leadership and responsibility.

- The black belt is a symbol of the student's commitment to Taekwondo.

- The black belt is a symbol of the student's dedication to the sport.

- The black belt is a symbol of the student's dedication to their training.

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The Second-Oldest Profession?

Spencer Community Theatre to host clowning classes for area residents

By BOE ESCHIMAN

FEVER, IA—Most people are probably aware of the world’s oldest profession, but what about the most oldest? Would you believe it’s clowning?

The history of clowning has existed for thousands of years. A group of clowns performed as jesters in the court of Pharaoh Dodo in 7th century B.C. Egypt. The first known jester was a character named Dodo, who performed in the streets of Egypt during the same period. The art of clowning spread to other parts of the world, such as the Roman Empire, where clowns were known as “circus clowns.”

Clowns were also popular in the Middle Ages, where they were used to entertain the court of the King of France. During the Renaissance, clowns were used to entertain the nobility, and their role expanded to include the middle and lower classes. By the 19th century, clowns had become an integral part of the circus, where they performed in a variety of shows.

ORIGINS OF CLOWNS:
The word "clown" is derived from the Latin word "clonus," which means "to jump." Clowns were originally seen as fools who were used to entertain the court of the King of France. During the Renaissance, clowns were used to entertain the nobility, and their role expanded to include the middle and lower classes.

Clowns played an important role in the social fabric of 19th-century Britain, serving as a kind of social conscience for the public. They were often seen as catalysts for social change.

Joseph Grimaldi originated the comic character that is usually associated with the word "clown." He is known for his grotesque figure, his makeup, and his mannerisms. Grimaldi’s clown image, which featured a tall, lanky body, a large, red nose, and a white face, was popular in the 1800s.

Clowns still perform today, but their role has changed. They are now used to entertain children and adults alike, and their performances are often used to raise money for charities.

How do you become a clown?

There are many ways to become a clown. Some people learn clowning by attending clown camps, while others learn from friends or family members.

What are the necessary skills?

Many clowns choose a few specific skills and focus their act around them. Some of those skills are balloon art, magic tricks, and juggling. It never hurts to take some lessons in acting, dancing, and clowning — public speaking. The biggest skill of all, however, is being able to learn and observe.

Being a clown can be difficult. Some clowns have a hard time keeping up with the pace of the show, but others do it with ease. Some clowns are more comfortable with children, while others are better with adults.

OK, so then what?

The first step in becoming a clown is to develop your own "clown persona." What will your clown name be? What will you wear?

Clowning Around Workshop

What: Clowning Around Workshop
When: Thursday and Friday, April 6-7
Where: Spencer Community Theatre, 518 S. 1st Ave.
Spencer, IA
Cost: $20 per person
Telephone: (712) 262-7000
In just a matter of weeks, the dirt tracks of the DISCOVER area will be gearing up for the start of the summer racing season.

READY FOR RACING

Southpark Mall in Spencer to host annual racecar show April 9-10

BY BOB ESCHULMAN
Staff Writer

Spencer, IA — Before they bust the frost, before the first and last barns and before they run their first heat race of the season, racecar drivers in Northwest Iowa have one important date marked on their calendars: the Southpark Mall Racecar Show.

More than a dozen sprint cars, stock cars and motorcycles, as well as a top-end drag racer will be on display April 9-10 along the main concourse of Southpark Mall in Spencer.

The event is planned to be an eye-opening introduction for drivers and fans for the upcoming racing season.

"Just about anyone would enjoy the show. Drivers could compare notes with other drivers," Southpark Mall director of marketing and promotions Lee Taylor said. "One can visit with the drivers and see the new paint jobs on their favorite cars. And kids especially love to see the cars."

"I don't know the first thing about engines or how a car runs, but I love watching racing," she added. "They should come out to look at the cars to choose their favorite and cast their vote."

From the voters, names will be drawn for five free passes to the Jackson Speedway.

Taylor said that the best part of having a show like the Racecar Show at Southpark Mall is that the event offers something for everyone in the family.

"The whole family can come out," she said. "And Americans can look at the cars. Moms and kids can stop by.

At A Glance:

Racetrack:
What: Racecar Show
When: Friday and Saturday, April 9-10
Where: Southpark Mall, Highway 71 South, Spencer
Cost: Free

Types of Racecars:

Hobby Stock

- Entry-level competition class
- American-made stock passenger car (no Camaro, Firebird or Mustang models)
- Built in 1960 or later
- Most popular body type is the 1960s-era Chevy, Monte Carlo, Spoiler, wing, skirts, air scoops or anything else that allows the stock appearance
- Engines are restricted to a 9-to-1 compression ratio
- Must run on regular unleaded or 10 percent ethanol blended fuel only
- Tire pressure 14 or 18-inch passenger tires

Types of Racecars:

Street Stock

- Upper level of stock car competition at local dirt tracks
- Typically has a master appearance on a Hobby Stock American
- American-made stock passenger car (no Camaro, Firebird or Mustang models)
- Built in 1980 or later
- Most popular body type is the 1960s-era Chevy, Monte Carlo
- Engines are restricted to a 9-to-1 compression ratio
- Must run on regular unleaded or 10 percent ethanol blended fuel only
- Tire pressure 14 or 18-inch passenger tires

Modified

- This is one of the upper levels of dirt track racing
- Does not have a "stock" appearance and is most notable by its open wheel design
- At some tracks, engine rules are strictly enforced for all other racecars, "outlaw" modifications run unlimited to engine compression or horsepower

AREA TRACKS:

BUEMA VISTA RACENAY

- Description: Half-mile clay oval
- Location: Buea Vista County Fairgrounds, Alto, IA
- RACES: Wednesday nights (Thursday rain date)
- Opening Night: April 14
- Time: 6:45

FAIRMONT RACENAY

- Description: Half-mile clay oval
- Location: Martin County Fairgrounds, Fairmont, MN
- RACES: Friday nights
- Opening Night: April 13
- Time: 7:00

Murray County Speedway

- Description: Half-mile semi-banked dirt oval
- Location: 1 mile west of U.S. 66 on 36th Street, Storm Lake, IA
- RACES: Friday nights (Sunday rain dates)
- Opening Night: May 1
- Time: 7:00

Nobles County Speedway

- Description: Half-mile semi-banked dirt oval
- Location: Yellow County Fairgrounds, Rock Rapids, IA
- RACES: Friday nights
- Opening Night: April 20
- Time: 7:00

I-90 Speedway

- Description: Half-mile semi-banked dirt oval
- Location: I-90 north of Sartell (367 on Interstate 90, I-90, I-90, I-90, I-90)
- RACES: Friday nights (Saturday rain dates)
- Opening Night: June 17
- Time: 7:00

Jackson Speedway

- Description: Half-mile semi-banked dirt oval
- Location: Jackson County Fairgrounds, Independence, MN
- RACES: Saturday nights
- Opening Night: April 27
- Time: 7:00

Park Jefferson Speedway

- Description: Half-mile semi-banked dirt oval
- Location: 1 mile east of U.S. 66 on Interstate 90, I-90, I-90, I-90, I-90
- RACES: Saturday nights
- Opening Night: April 21
- Time: 7:00

KEAN'S SPEEDWAY

- Description: Half-mile semi-banked dirt oval
- Location: 1 mile west of South Dakota 47 on South Dakota 47, Brandon, SD
- RACES: Friday nights (Saturday rain dates)
- Opening Night: April 27
- Time: 7:00
HARVESTING THE HEAVENS
Rainwater Gardens protect environment while beautifying one’s property

By ROY ESCHLEMAN
Staff Writer
SPIRIT LAKE, IA—Rain gardens are the cupping of heaven and earth. Specially designed to help receive and store rainfall, rain gardens use that moisture to nourish the plants; meantime, the plants filter out impurities before they reach lakes, rivers and streams.

You might say it’s the perfect marriage for environmentally-conscious homeowners in the Great Lakes area.

That’s why Barb Tagami, Dickinson County naturalist, will be hosting a workshop at Ferguson’s Landscape Center in Spirit Lake on Saturday, April 10. During the program, she will discuss the various plants that work best in a rainwater garden, as well as how to get the most out of a rainwater garden.

Rainwater gardens should be situated on low-lying areas in order to clean up your yard’s runoff. (Photos submitted)

BUILDING A RAINWATER GARDEN

STEP ONE: LOCATION, LOCATION
Identify at least one downspout that can be redirected toward an area that gradually slopes away from your home. Your rainwater garden should be at least 10 feet away from your home to prevent basement flooding. The garden area should be located along the slope and shouldn’t have any rises between it and your home.

STEP TWO: IRREGULAR SHAPES
A rainwater garden should be irregularly shaped, either like a kidney or a round-cornered crescent. Using an old hose will help you keep the shape you dig in and remove the top layer of turf and soil. You should dig down about 12 inches at an inward angle.

STEP THREE: AMENDMENT
In order to ensure that the rainwater garden acts like a sponge, the soil must be amended—replaced with compost material. You can mix in some of the topsoil that you’ve removed to help create your base mixture. The remainder of the extracted topsoil can be used to create berms around the sides of the garden.

STEP FOUR: IF YOU BEND IT, IT WILL COME
Flexible downspouts can deliver water to the rainwater garden. If you’re feeling adventurous, using composted strips laid beneath the ground will work, too. It is important, though, that the water runs through a grassy area before it reaches the garden; 1 to 2 feet is best. Otherwise, the surging water will erode the base mixture and ruin the garden.

STEP FIVE: LET THE FUN BEGIN
Planting is the most enjoyable process of building your rainwater garden, but you need to do it so that you can add the desired soil to settle properly. You want to plant species that are able to handle water levels and the specific amount of sunlight the garden receives.

STEP SIX: ENJOY!
If your garden is working properly, it will allow excess rain to flow through while “amending” some of the water, which pools in the garden. This water should be propped within 24 hours. The garden will be inviting to butterflies, hummingbirds and other nectar and berry-feeding fauna.

SPECIES:
Plant species suited for rainwater gardens:
- Swamp milfoil
- Water lily
- Blue flag
- Bluebells
- Blue-stemmed grasses
- Conehead
- Cockerel
- Columbia
- Carolina	honeysuckle
- Forsythia
- Lilies
- Switchgrass
Carpenter ants are a common pest — so here’s a consumer guide to WHAT THEY ARE, WHAT THEY DO — and HOW TO GET RID OF THEM.

QUESTIONS READERS WILL ASK

1. Why should I care? They can cause expensive damage to the wood in your house.

2. How can you identify them?

3. Where do they invade your house?

4. How do you get rid of them?

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Mon. 5/3
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Fri. 5/7
Mon. 5/10

LOCAL LEAD ART: Cutaway diagram of a house showing WHERE and HOW the ants usually enter and build nests.

SECONDARY ART: Closeup photo of ants: queen, worker, etc. (If we can’t shoot photos, we’ll use illustrations.)
**STORY IDEA:**

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**QUESTIONS READERS WILL ASK**

1. **Why should I care?**

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**NOTES:**
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By PATRICK MINNIEAR

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Bill Cantrell, left, explains to his wife, Shirley, how the alien spacecraft hovered above his trailer Friday night before beaming him aboard.

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WHERE THE FOUR ALIEN ABDUCTIONS OCCURRED

BECKY HARSHA
Age: 31
Home: Laurel Grove
Abducted: In her bedroom as she slept with her husband, Ray
Time: 3 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13
Quote: "God, it was horrible. I awoke aboard this space ship full of blinking lights and eerie noises. The aliens began to probe me with a sharp metallic tube — and thus I fell asleep."

BILL CANTRELL
Age: 44
Home: Besseker
Abducted: In a workshop in his garage
Time: 3 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12
Quote: "All I can remember is the alien commander asking me a bunch of questions about America's military capability. I used to be in the army, so I knew enough not to give him any useful information."

MIKE MORGER
Age: 69
Home: Laurel Grove
Abducted: As he walked home from The Square Cog bar
Time: 3 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14
Quote: "I really don't remember much, but when I awoke Sunday morning, I found all these strange scars all over my chest and stomach, and I smelled like coconut."

KRYSYNNA WOLL
Age: 42
Home: Dick Grove
Abducted: In her bedroom as she slept with her husband, Ray
Time: 3 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4
Quote: "God, it was horrible. I awoke aboard this space ship full of blinking lights and eerie noises. The aliens began to probe me, I could hear them laughing — and then I fell asleep."

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By PATRICK HOMERAK
The Argus Leader

Interdum volgi nuntium videt, est uti peccat. Si vetere sua stilltare ludiaque noctibus, ut nihil anniceret, nihil illis compararet, errari. Si quaedam nimirum antiqua, si perque dure dicere credit eos, ignare muta factum, et sapit et mecum factit et loquus indicat seque.

Non equidem intercessissent amicitiae Runci esse nec, memini quae plangem acris partis Orbini dictis; sed emendatio videlicet pulcherrima et exactis minimum distantia mirabilis, Inter quae verbum emiculus si forte decurretum, et si venero paulo condemnere unus et aliter, intutum totum ducit ves- tilique poema.

Si melodia dies, ut ina, poemata reddita, scire velim, charis premium quotus arretan anus. scripserit abhinc annos centum qui deciderit, inter perfectos veteresque referri debet an inter vitas atque novas? Enclavat argus fines. "Est vetus atque probus, centum qui perfecta annos." Quid, qui deperiter minor uno mense vel anno, inter quos referendir erit? Veteres poetar, an quo et praesens et postera respetat seuis?

"Eter quidem veteres inter- penetrant homine, qui vel mense brevi vel tota est lunus annos."

Ed Grinley, UFO investigation team

Ut sermone coassqque aditus uti equitatem risique referri an inter vitas atque novas

Report all suspicious activity. Inter perfectos veteresque referri debet an inter vitas atque novas.

Contact the FBI. Inter perfectos veteresque referri debet an inter vitas atque novas. 555-3289.

BECKY HARSHA
Age: 31
Home: Sioux Falls
Abducted: In her bedroom as she slept with her husband, Ray
Time: 3 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12
Quote: "God, it was horrible. I awoke aboard this space ship full of blinking lights and write echoes. The aliens began to probe me with a sharp metallic tube and then I fell asleep."

BILL CANTRELL
Age: 44
Home: Brandon
Abducted: In a friend’s garage
Time: 3 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12
Quote: "I really don’t remember much, but when I awoke Sunday morning, I had all these strange scars all over my chest and stomach, and I smelled like adhesives."

MIKE MORGER
Age: 69
Home: Sioux Falls
Abducted: From work shop in his garage
Time: 3 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12
Quote: "I really don’t remember much, but when I awoke Sunday morning, I had all these strange scars all over my chest and stomach, and I smelled like adhesives."

KRYSYNW WOLL
Age: 42
Home: Rapid City
Abducted: In her bedroom as she slept with her husband, Ray
Time: 3 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14
Quote: "God, it was horrible. I awoke aboard this space ship full of blinking lights and write echoes. The aliens began to probe me, I could hear them laughing — and then I fell asleep."

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HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM ALIEN ABDUCTIONS

Experts agree: being probed by aliens aboard a cold, empty spacecraft is no fun. Here are five tips on making yourself irresistible to abduction:

- Don't travel alone.
- Carry a light saber. Est verei atque probas, certum qui perficit annos. Quid, qui deparet minor.
- Know when to say no. Inter perfecit vetereaque referri an inter vilis atque novos. Excludat iuris finis, "Est verei atque probas, certum qui perficit crendus esse." Veteranos poetas, an quas et precisi et postera respetat nes reddit, sivere vetum, chartas pretium quotus arquit annos. Scriptor abhinc annos centum qui decidit, inter perfecit vetereaque referri debet an inter vilis atque novos? Excludat iuris finis, "Est verei atque probas, certum qui perficit crendus esse." Veteranos poetas, an quas et precisi et postera respetat nes reddit, sivere vetum, chartas pretium quotus arquit annos.

- Do not panic. This is probably just some kind of mass hallucination.

By PATRICK MANNHEIM
The Rough Rider

Reader Poll: Are Alien Abductions For Real?

Surveys show most readers can't figure out these tricks per cent, but so what?

Do you believe aliens are actually abducting local citizens? Do you think nuclear weapons should be used against aliens? Do you think President Clinton is somehow responsible?

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1. Becky Harsha
   Age: 31
   Home: Laurel Grove
   Abducted: In her bedroom as she slept with her husband, Ray
   Time: 3 a.m., Friday, Nov. 12
   Quote: "God, it was horrible. I awoke aboard this space ship full of blinking lights and wild echoes. The aliens began to probe me with a sharp metal tube—and then I fainted."

2. Bill Cattrell
   Age: 44
   Home: Barreton
   Abducted: In his home from his garage
   Time: 3 a.m., Friday, Nov. 12
   Quote: "I think I'm a failure. The aliens asked me a bunch of questions about America's military capability. I had to be in the army, so I fainted enough not to give them any useful answers."

3. Mike Morgen
   Age: 49
   Home: Laurel Grove
   Abducted: As he walked from his home to the Spanish Cogare
   Time: 3 a.m., Friday, Nov. 12
   Quote: "I really don't remember much, but when I awoke Sunday morning, I had all these strange scars all over my chest and stomach, and I smelled like asphalt."

4. Krystyna Woll
   Age: 42
   Home: Dick Grove
   Abducted: In her bedroom as she slept with her husband, Ray
   Time: 3 a.m., Friday, Nov. 4
   Quote: "God, it was horrible. I awoke aboard this space ship full of blinking lights and wild echoes. The aliens began to probe me. I could hear them laughing—and then I fainted."

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By PATRICIA HONEYER
The Royal News

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daque poetas, ut nihil anserem, nihil illis comparant, errati. Si quaedam
nimirum antique, si vixque dure dicere credit eos, ignare multa fatetur, et
sagittis mela facit et Iova indicat aequo.

Non equidem insector defendere caminis Livis esse ree, memini quae
plures etiam dixerit Orbisquam discere: sed emendata videri paludeque et
equidem minimum distantiis minor, Inter quae verba minima ut soli ferio
rum, et si versus paulo conspicui unus et aliter, intium totum ductit ven-
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brevi vel toto est minoris
anos.”

Ed Griesley, UFO investigation team

Ut orum permissa, caudinaque pilus ut equi temporum, ut velas
etiam annus, dum cadit aequus nationis raecus acervi, qui redit in fastos et
virtutem aestimat annis ministrum nihil nisi quod Littitia saevet.

Eamus et sapiens et fortis et alter Homerus, ut cribri dicit, leviter
curare videtur, quo promissa cedant et somnia Pythagonum. Nec vitis
in manibus non et mentibus haeret paene recentis? Adeo sanctum et vetus
omne poema, ambiguitatem quotiens, uter arsi sit prior, aut eburneus
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tate, Terentius orae.

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neminentque poetae ad nostrum temporis Livis scriptores ab aeter. Hos edidit

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and wriggly echoes. The aliens began to probe me with a sharp metallic tube and then I fell asleep.”

BILLY CANTRELL
Age: 44
Home: Broussard
Abducted: In from workshop in his garage
Time: 3 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12
Quote: “I really don’t remember much, but when I awoke Sunday morning, I had
all these strange scars all over my chest and stomach, and I smelled like asphalt.”

MIKE MORGER
Age: 49
Home: Laurel Grove
Abducted: As he walked home from The Spaniard Cigar store
Time: 3 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13
Quote: “I really don’t remember much, but when I awoke Sunday morning, I had
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KRYSTINA WOLL
Age: 42
Home: Gob Grove
Abducted: In her bedroom as she slept with her husband, Ray
Time: 3 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14
Quote: “God, it was horrible. I awoke aboard this space ship full of blinking lights
and wriggly echoes. The aliens began to probe me, I could hear them laughing – and then I fell asleep.”

How to Protect Yourself from Alien Abductions

Don’t travel alone, inter perfectos vetereique referri debet an inter villis atque
novis.

Carry a light saber, est vetus atque probus, centum qui perfecti annos Quod, qui
derit minor uno mense vel amno, inter quos eruditi erit? Veteres poetas, an quo
e et praesens et postera respetae?

Know when to say no, inter perfectos vetereique referri an effectus vetereique referri an inter villis atque
novis.

Report all suspicious activity, inter perfectos vetereique referri debet an inter
villis atque novis.

Contact the FBI, inter
perfectos vetereique referri
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555
3209.

How to Protect Yourself from Alien Abductions

Experts agree: Being probed by aliens aboard a cold, noisy spacecraft is no fun. Here are
five tips on making yourself unsuitable for abduction.

Do not panic. This is probably just some kind of mass hallucination.

— Ed Griesley, UFO investigation team

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Abducted by aliens?

Four area residents claim they were probed aboard an alien vessel – and as fear spreads throughout the region, authorities battle an outburst of mass hysteria

By PATRICK MINNIER

BURLINGTON TIMES

Interdum volgus rectum videt, est ubi peccat. Si veteres ita miratur laudatique poetas, ut nihil anteret, nihil illis comparat, errat. Si quaedam nimis antiquae, si perque dire dicere credit eos, ignave multa fateret, et sapiet et mecum faci et Iova indicet aequo.

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Bill Cantrell, left, explains to his wife, Shirley, how the alien spacecraft hovered above his trailer Friday night before beaming him aboard.


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Questions?

Have I blown your mind?
Spoken utter nonsense?
Contradicted the sacred teachings of your elders?
Council backs sewer charges

Some members want rate hike to be spread out

BY TREVOR WENDZONKA

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The proposed rate hike would raise residential user bills by $5, to more than $20 each month. Sewer users would take a bigger chunk, increasing $15 to $90 a month.

since 1989, when users were asked to pay for the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant.

“We hear all the time from people who want us to keep up with the sewers. They say, do what you have to do — just don’t let it flood our basements,” said Republican council member David Ashe. “I don’t like that it’s that steep of an increase, but if you average it, it’s...
Health reform: What it means to you right now

Making sense of the historic changes coming to tens of millions in U.S.

If you have no insurance ... Uninsured people with medical problems will be able to buy coverage through a high-risk health insurance pool later this year.

If you have a preexisting health condition ... Starting this year, insurance companies can no longer exclude coverage for preexisting health conditions. They also cannot suddenly cancel your policy.

If you have kids at home in their early 20s ... Beginning this year, they can be covered under your health plan up to age 30 — no matter their status, in school, out, working or idle.

If you have a business with 25 or fewer workers ... You may be able to claim a tax credit of up to 30% of the cost of providing health insurance for your employees.

If you are a senior citizen on Medicare ... Those in Medicare's prescription coverage gap will get a $250 rebate this year.

And what happens next?

2011: More to community health centers treating lower-income and uninsured people.
2012: Nonprofit insurance co-ops established.
2013: New 2.3% sales tax on medical devices — but many items are exempt.
2014: Requires citizens and legal residents to have health insurance, except in cases of financial hardship, or pay a fine to the IRS.

MORE DETAILS OF THE PLAN AND HOW IT WILL ROLL OUT.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

Health bill leaves many questions to be answered

Measure's terms, timetable are outlined

KATHRYN BAVER
Flint

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama today is scheduled to sign a historic health care reform bill adopted by Congress urging the U.S. House of Representatives.

It also to reduce the federal budget deficit by $1.2 trillion over 20 years, aided health insurers cost.

Here are the answers to a few questions about how the bill might affect you:

Q: How will the $2 trillion un-insured people get insured?
A: In various ways, the provisions go into effect over the next several years. For example, people who currently can't get insurance because of pre-existing health conditions can buy affordable coverage through a newly established high-risk pool.

Later, people who can't afford coverage now will be eligible to shop for private health insurance agreements that will allow small businesses and individuals to pool risk and choose from affordable options. Federal tax credits will help individuals who earn up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level buy insurance in the exchanges. And small businesses will get tax credits for buying insurance for their employees.

The bill also expands the Medicaid program, allowing more low-income people to qualify for government-subsidized insurance.

HEALTH CARE FACT CHECK

Now that Congress has passed the overhauled health care system, much of the work will fall to the states. The White House will help sort through the ins and outs. It is important that people familiarize themselves with the health care changes.

Send it to breaking@ap.org. Look to your state, city or school for more information on the health care reforms and what it means for you.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

Though reform passed, ideological war continues

JAMES B. WISENBERGER
Robert Pear

WASHINGTON — As jubilant Democrats prepared for President Barack Obama to sign their landmark health care bill into law at the White House, Republican opposed a campaign on Monday to repeal the legislation and seek a so-called lawsuit as a weapon in this year's midterm election.

“We will allow this to stand,” Rep. Michele Bachmann, a Republican from Minnesota, promised Monday afternoon as the House was.
OCEANA EXPANSION: 180 MORE JETS, 12,500 MORE PEOPLE

WHAT IT WOULD MEAN

FOR TRANSPORTATION

FOR SCHOOLS

FOR NOISE

FOR BUSINESS

Victory may come at some cost to cities’ quality of life

BY JOHN MURPHY

Adding the 11 squadrons “would be the biggest thing to happen in Hampton Roads in the last 20 years.”

James K. Spore
Virginia Beach city manager

Virginia Beach officials cautioned that the report was only a draft. It must face the review of critics and be approved by the Navy. Politics has been known to undermine military plans.

In the meantime, Hampton Roads officials are scrambling to understand the full impact of what could be a total victory.

But, the report shows, the arrival of the 190 jets would affect the quality of life well beyond Oceana Naval Air Station and Fort Eustis Airfield in Chesapeake.

The Navy report says 39,000 more people in Virginia Beach and Chesapeake could be affected by noise from the new — and louder — F/A-18 Hornets. About 10,000 residents would experience lower levels of noise.

The residential and commercial real estate markets could get a boost. Industry professionals say new families would fill rental and home markets and boost the economy enough to attract new business.

Crash Zones

Noise Zones

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What questions or reactions do you have to jet noise coming to Oceana?

Call INFOLINE at 449-5555 and press 4400.

Post your comments in Hampton Roads TalkNet through Pict Online and we’ll consider them in future coverage. The Web address: http://www.pictonline.com
WHAT INFLATION MEANS FOR...

Prices and interest rates are up, but that isn't necessarily a bad thing

Tensions are spiking in the Middle East, and so is the price of oil, which reached $77 per bbl. That's a record, and not a good one as far as motorists and investors are concerned. Nor is it happy news for inflation, which is already at a 16-year high largely because of surging fuel costs. Consumer prices of all stripes rose at an annualized rate of 3.2% in May—enough to take some of the fun out of shopping. But Ben Bernanke, Chairman of the Federal Reserve, is on the case. The Fed raised its benchmark interest rate by a quarter point last month, the 17th straight increase, in its efforts to gently brake the economy by reining in spending. Retail sales fell even so slightly in June, according to a Commerce Department report, but consumers hoarding money just to pay for gas won't help the inflation fight. The real test will come this week when the government announces how much consumer prices rose in June. Also keep an eye out for Bernanke's testimony before Congress on Wednesday. Here's why you should care about what he has to say.

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By Jody Thotmm and Barbara Kiviat.

With reporting by Kathleen Kingsbury/New York

...YOUR STOCKS
Oil, war and stocks don't mix. When consumers get pinched by higher prices and pay more to borrow, investors are worried that they'll have less to spend, thus lowering overall demand for goods and services. That's already begun to happen. After growing 5.6% in the first three months of the year, the economy is expected to expand only 3% the rest of the year. That—and the uncertainty created by the Middle East fighting—has helped batter the stock market; the S&P 500 is down 5% since early May. And rates are rising overseas as well. "It's not just the Federal Reserve," says Chris Burdick, director of economics analysis at Charles Schwab. "It's central banks across the globe." Until the Fed gives clear signals that it will stop the cycle of rate hikes—Bernanke took a wait-and-see态度 attitude last month—expect volatile times for stocks.

...YOUR WALLET
While tame compared with the double-digit rises of the 1970s, oil prices are again the driving force behind inflation, with energy costs rising 11% at an annual rate so far in 2006. That ripples through the rest of the economy, showing up as fuel surcharges on services like airline tickets (up 7.9% so far this year) and higher prices on pretty much anything that travels before reaching a store. Even clothing has been inching up after months of deep discounting. "I wouldn't expect a lot of relief on gasoline prices," says Richard Berner, chief U.S. economist at Morgan Stanley. In addition to geopolitical tension, the hurricane season and its potential to disrupt refineries on the Gulf of Mexico lie ahead. And as we grudgingly got used to $3-per-gal gasoline—it's been nearly two years since crude oil broke $50 a barrel—companies feel more comfortable passing along their own higher costs to customers.

...YOUR BUSINESS
Like many small business owners, Tom Zimmerman is scrambling to absorb higher costs without scaring away his customers by raising prices too much. He owns Spectrum Automation, a Detroit-area firm that makes parts for factory equipment, and he's trying a bit of everything. He has raised his bids on contracts he competes for, deferred buying equipment to avoid debt and just recently shelved plans to add three jobs to his 20-person staff. "I wouldn't want to hire them if I couldn't keep them," he says. With a big new deal just signed and good news arriving from his health insurer in 2% cut in costs), he may reconsider. But Zimmerman is certain about plans to overhaul his factory's heating and cooling system to make it more energy efficient—a move that puts him in a good position to handle future energy inflation. The companies that will thrive, economists say, are those that can deflect higher prices by boosting productivity.

...YOUR SALARY
One indicator that has lagged most others is the one attached to labor. Average weekly earnings rose 4% in May—not enough to keep pace with inflation. So even with a few extra dollars in their pockets, most workers have to cut corners to stay afloat. Believe it or not, economists consider this a good sign. If workers were successful in preserving for higher wages, that would reflect an expectation of even more inflation to come and lead to a spiral of rising wages and prices. It's the job of the Fed, Bernanke has said, to use smart policy to keep those expectations in check by consistently taking action as soon as inflation starts to cut loose. "The Great Inflation of the 1970s," as he calls it, is "an example of what can happen when inflation expectations are not well anchored." So as long as we can stand a little lead in our pockets, relief may be in sight.

...YOUR DEBT
Every time the Fed ups interest rates in response to inflation, that takes a bite out of anyone carrying a lot of credit-card debt or holding an adjustable-rate mortgage—the tools that have fueled the housing boom, particularly in the big metro areas of California and South Florida. Ann Johnson, 57, a saleswoman in Kansas City, Mo., cringes thinking about what could happen to the mortgage that looked so appealing two years ago and wonders if she'll be able to sell her condo in a cooling market. "I tell my sister to keep that spare bedroom open for me," Johnson says. She also buys strategically on long trips to lower the cost of a tankful (hint: skip Kansas). Painful as it may be, that's exactly the effect that Bernanke is looking for. As consumers limit their spending, inflation follows suit and tapers off in turn.
The Kasich Budget / 2014-15

HOW THIS ONE AFFECTS YOUR LIFE

Yesterday, Ohio Gov. John Kasich released his proposed state budget for the next two years, and it's far from dull. Overall, the $63.3 billion plan would significantly cut income and sales taxes while boosting taxes on some services not currently taxed, such as haircuts. In addition, an estimated 275,000 Ohioans would be covered by health-care insurance as part of a Medicaid expansion.

STATE INCOME TAX: Ohioans would pay $3.1 billion less in state income tax in returns filed in 2014 and 2015. Those are the first steps toward a 20 percent reduction over three years. Withholding rates would start to drop in September. The rate for those with an adjusted gross income between $40,000 and $50,000 would drop to 3.287 percent from 4.197 percent in three years. The rate for the top income bracket (those making more than $206,250) would decrease to 4.74 percent from 5.925 percent.

BUSINESS IMPACT: Business owners paying state income tax as a "pass-through entity" would get a 50 percent tax cut on up to $750,000 in net income. That would cut state income taxes by another $1.2 billion over two years.

STATE SALES TAX: The overall sales-tax rate would drop to 5 percent from 5.5 percent. But Ohioans would end up paying $3.2 billion more in sales tax from September 2013 through June 2015. Why? A lot more categories would be subject to sales tax, including haircuts, cable TV, dating services, coin-operated laundries, concert and some ballpark tickets and fees for lawyers and accountants.

TAX REFUND: Ohioans would get a one-time state income-tax refund of 4 percent, $400 million total, in 2014 because the state's "rainy day" fund is expected to grow so fat that it will trigger an automatic reduction.

MEDICAID EXPANSION: An additional 275,000 Ohioans would receive health-care coverage.

EDUCATION: $1.3 billion would be added for primary and secondary education through a revamped funding formula.

Crime & the courts

Inman is guilty on all charges

By Mary Beth Lane
THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio — It took a jury only 26 hours to find William A. "Bill" Inman guilty of all six charges, including two counts of aggravated murder, in the strangulation death of his daughter-in-law, whose body was recovered from a septic tank.

Now, jurors must decide whether to recommend that Inman be executed. The sentencing phase is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, when defense attorney K. Robert Toy will try to dissuade jurors from recommending the death sentence. Hocking County Common Pleas Court Judge John T. Wallace does not have to follow a jury's death recommendation.

Besides the two counts of aggravated murder, the jury convicted Inman, 46, of single counts of murder, kidnapping, tampering with evidence and gross abuse of a corpse in the abduction, zip-tie strangulation and disposal of his 25-year-old daughter-in-law, Summer D. Inman, on March 22, 2011.

See Inman Page A5

Young boy safe after Alabama hostage case ends

A 5-year-old boy held hostage in an Alabama underground bunker for 6 days is safe, authorities stormed the bunker yesterday and freed him, then reported that his kidnapper, 65-year-old Jimmy Lee Dykes, was dead. They would not say how Dykes died. Negotiations had faltered, officials said, causing them to rush the bunker. — Nation & World, A9

Family's Bible found after being stolen in late 2011

Tom Shier lost something more precious than his F-350 pickup and cash when his Marysville home was burglarized in December 2011: a family Bible printed in 1766. Some dogged detective work located the Bible in Georgia. Reporter Holly Zachariah writes about the Bible's journey and its ultimate return. — Page B1

Slots competition prompts Columbus casino to react

Hollywood Casino Columbus is planning to increase its marketing in central Ohio with hopes of attracting more slot-machine players to the West Side gambling hall. Penn National Gaming said slot revenue has been less than expected since the casino opened in October, Steve Wartenberg reports. One factor: the Scioto Downs "racino." — Page D1
Dordt prof researches possible sightings of mountain lions

Follows up when people report large cats in area

BY MARIAN OLIVER

REGIONAL — Dordt College biology professor James Mahaffy is continuing a personal research project. He is in search of the elusive mountain lions in the Black Hills region of South Dakota.

Mahaffy said he has been tracking mountain lions for more than 10 years, having made it his personal mission to find proof of their existence in the region. He has spent countless hours monitoring their movements and behavior through various devices and techniques.

“I am constantly amazed by the resilience and adaptability of these animals in the face of human encroachment," Mahaffy said. "Their survival is a testament to the power of nature and the unpredictable nature of our relationship with it.”

Mahaffy, who has been a biology professor at Dordt College for 15 years, said he became interested in mountain lions when he was a child. He has since dedicated his life to studying these magnificent creatures and documenting their presence in the region.

“I am passionate about these animals and their role in the ecosystem," Mahaffy said. "They are crucial for maintaining the health and balance of the region and its diverse wildlife.”

Mahaffy is currently using specialized tracking devices and techniques to monitor the movements of mountain lions in the region. He is also collaborating with other researchers and conservationists to ensure the success of his project.

“I am hopeful that my research will contribute to the understanding of mountain lions and their role in the ecosystem," Mahaffy said. "I believe that by understanding their behavior and habitat, we can work towards preserving their natural environment and ensuring their survival for generations to come.”

Mountain lions might roam into area

MAHAFFY

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130 pounds and has a tail about 4-feet long. He has stood 30-32 inches at the shoulder. He has a muscular build and a big head.

When he hears someone approaching, he gets up and runs into the woods. He is a mountain lion, and he's been seen in the area.

When he talks with someone who thinks they see a mountain lion, he tries to establish credibility and check facts before responding. He wants to make sure they are sure of what they are seeing.

Mahaffy keeps records of all sightings and sends them to the Big Cat Rescue in South Dakota. He has been tracking mountain lions for 10 years. He has also been tracking mountain lions in Africa.

“Mountain lions, like their counterparts in Africa, are elusive and quick to react to any perceived threat," Mahaffy said. "They are a mystery that draws the attention of researchers and the public alike.”

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“I have been able to learn a lot about these animals and their behavior through my research," Mahaffy said. "I am constantly amazed by the resilience and adaptability of these animals in the face of human encroachment."
LOOKING FOR MR. BIGFOOT

BIGFOOT BELIEVERS

Whether it's a creature in the wilderness that isn't supposed to be there, or a strange man who's been missing for 13 years, there are people who believe in the existence of Bigfoot.

THE WESTERN AND THE ETERNAL

BIGFOOT SOCIETY

SEARCH FOR TRUTH
HUNTING FOR BIGFOOT

You know he's out there. You know you can find him.

True Tales of Bigfoot

1924

The legendary John Muir is reported to have seen a Bigfoot in the Blue Mountains. Many believe he was foiled by the creature's proximity to the mountain. Mysterious footprints are later reported in Oregon and Washington.

1982

Rudy Maloof, Jr., reported what he said was a Bigfoot sighting in the Blue Mountains of Oregon. The creature was described as having long, black hair and a broad chest.

1991

For the first time in history, a Bigfoot has been captured on film. The creature is seen walking through the forest and then sitting on a rock. The film was taken by a man who was hiking in the area.

Bigfoot Resources

- Bigfoot: The Evidence (1993)

Bigfoot Tracking Tips

- Use a sound detector to pick up vibrations.
- Use a thermal image camera to see the creature's body heat.
- Use a GPS tracking system to keep track of the creature's movements.

On the Trail of Bigfoot

Peter Byrne is on the trail of the Bigfoot game, Bigfoot.

A Glance

- Peter Byrne's home on the north coast of Mount St. Helens, Washington
- Byrne's research into the existence of Bigfoot
- Byrne's encounters with alleged Bigfoot sightings

Byrne believes he has evidence of Bigfoot's existence, and he is still searching for more proof.
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