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Antarctic ice shelves retreating

SANDY BAUERS
The Philadelphia Inquirer

The U.S. Geological Survey recently reported that ice shelves are retreating in the southern section of the Antarctic Peninsula, and the researchers said it is due to climate change. They said it could result in glacier retreat and sea-level rise

if warming continues.

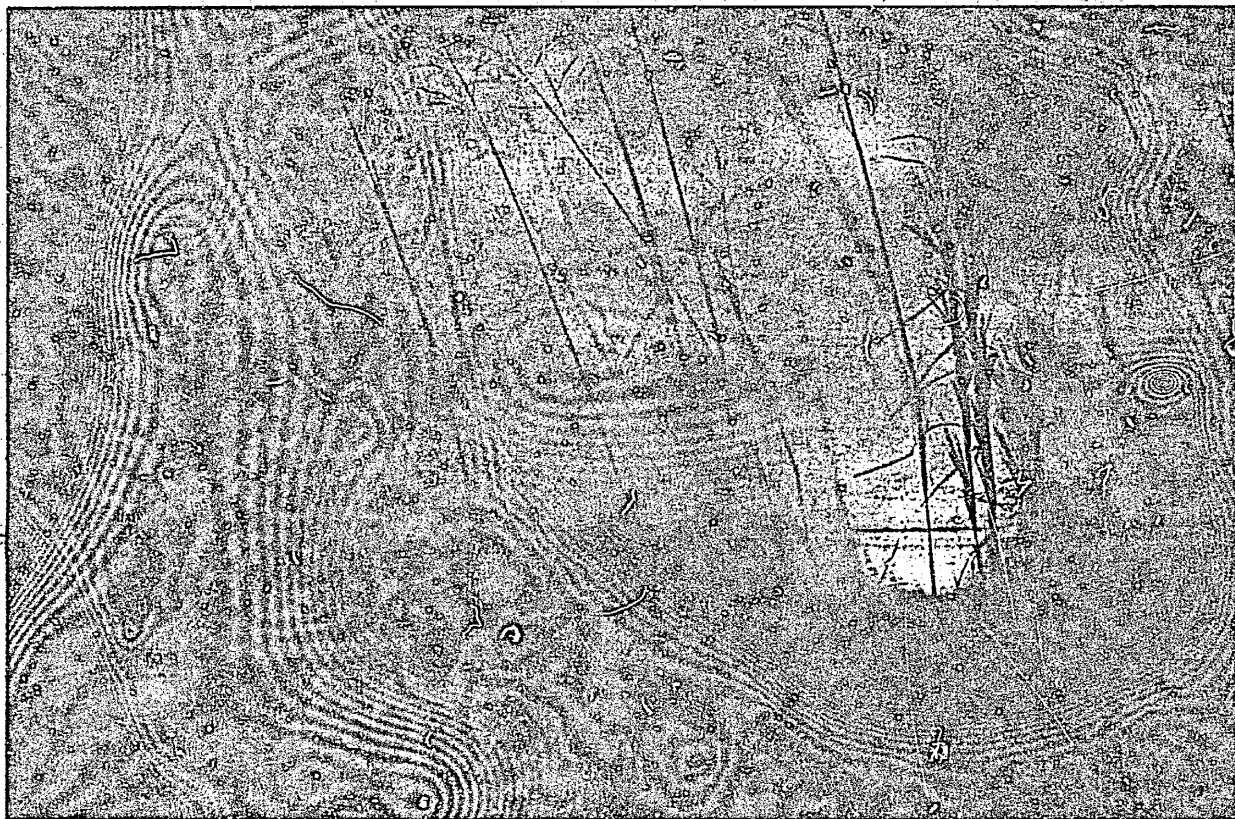
The agency says the research is the first to document that every ice front in the southern part of the Antarctic Peninsula has been retreating overall from 1947 to 2009, with the most dramatic changes occurring since 1990.

"This research is part of a larger ongoing USGS project that is for the first time

studying the entire Antarctic coastline in detail, and this is important because the Antarctic ice sheet contains 91 percent of Earth's glacier ice," USGS scientist Jane Ferrigno said in a press release. "The loss of ice shelves is evidence of the effects of global warming. We need to be alert and continually understand and observe how our climate system is changing."

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A SOUTHERN SUNSET



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The sun sets in a field west of Carbondale. According to almanac.com, the days lengthen as the earth approaches the vernal equinox and summer.

January was 4th warmest on record

PAT BRENNAN
The Orange County Register

The nation's climate monitoring agency says January's global land and sea-surface temperatures combined were the fourth warmest on record for that month — much of it the result of the Pacific ocean-warming phenomenon known as El Nino.

"It's due to some combination of long-term warming, the El Nino

phenomenon and other factors," said Deke Arndt, climate-monitoring branch chief at the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C.

And Januaries have been getting warmer, too, he said.

"We're working on 30-plus consecutive Januaries that it's been warmer than the 20th century average," Arndt said. This January "fits right in atop of that," he said.

"The last January that was cooler than the 20th century average

was in the mid-70s," he said.

Combined land and sea surface temperature was 54.68 degrees in January, 1.08 degrees above the 20th century average.

Global land surface alone was 38.49 degrees, 1.49 degrees above the 20th century average — the 12th warmest January on record for land surface alone.

And global ocean surface temperatures alone stack up as the second warmest on record for January, behind

1998, at 61.44 degrees — 0.94 degrees above the 20th century average.

The climate summaries by the agency, part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, rely on temperature data gathered since 1880. And while the monthly snapshots offer little insight into temperature trends over decades, the Climatic Data Center also recently delivered its analysis of longer-term trends for both 2009 and the decade from 2000 to 2009.

The verdict: 2009 tied with 2006 as the 5th warmest year on record, and the 2000s were the warmest decade on record.

Before that, he said, 1990-99 had been the warmest decade on record.

"If you take the average in the '90s decade, every single year of the 2000s decade was warmer than that," he said. "When you look at the data, it's important to step back and look at the big picture. It paints a pretty compelling picture."

Mexico's spring break king rebounds in '10

OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
The Associated Press

CANCUN, Mexico — Mexico's spring break king, Cancun, is rebounding quickly from last year's triple

blow to its tourism industry caused by the country's swine flu epidemic, drug violence and a global economic crisis.

Those worries couldn't compete this year against Mexico's cheap airfare from the United States and phenome-

nal package deals that include the popular all-you-can-drink enticements.

February saw 85 percent of its 28,000 rooms filled, a sign of Cancun's speedy recovery from 2009, when 1 million fewer visitors came than in a

typical year. The relatively high occupancy seen in February is expected to go even higher in March when more universities are on spring break.

"We're back to normal levels after having seen tourism practically para-


lyzed last year," said Quintana Roo state assistant tourism secretary Dario Flota.

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At the sprawling, palm-tree packed 'Oasis Hotel,' a popular spot with spring breakers, visitors from the U.S. Midwest and Canada looking to shake the chill from a usually brutal winter dotted the beach where some took photos with monkeys while others danced to music pumped out from gigantic speakers.

Emma Duranti, a 20-year-old science major at Queens University in Kingston, Canada, decided to come to Cancun after comparing it to Jamaica and finding a better deal. Duranti said she paid \$1,040 for a seven-day, all-inclusive trip.

"I was expecting a good party but it went above and beyond," said Duranti while sunbathing with two other friends on the beach of the Oasis Hotel. "There is always a party on the beach and you can party all day and party all night!"

Tourism officials say they expect about 25,000 spring breakers to descend this season on Cancun's newly rebuilt beaches and turquoise blue ocean, compared to the 20,000 spring breakers who visited last year. That's in addition to tourists of all ages who visit throughout the year. And not only is Cancun drawing them back. Destinations across the country are seeing tourists return, despite a U.S. travel alert warning Ameri-

cans to stay away from some parts, mostly in the northern border states, because of drug violence.

Lonely Planet's U.S. staff's top-10 list for 2010 put Mexico as the No. 4 destination for the new year, declaring that "H1N1 is so 2009" and that Mexico is "still a good bargain, easy to get to for most Americans" — giving a much-needed endorsement for Mexico's third largest source of foreign income.

Tourism all but came to a halt in April 2009 when fear over the swine flu epidemic virtually paralyzed Mexico, forcing the closure of schools, restaurants and archaeological sites and restricted air travel to Mexico from some countries. Mexico's revenue from foreign tourism dropped 15 percent to \$11.3 billion from \$13.3 billion in 2008, according to the Tourism Department.

The world has since learned that swine flu is treatable if detected in time, vaccines are available, and death rates have dropped in Mexico and elsewhere.

Mexico has had a tougher time fighting off its bad image from drug violence, which has left more than 15,000 people dead since President Felipe Calderon declared his war on cartels in 2006.

To counter the bad news, the Pacific coast resort of Acapulco in drug-plagued Guerrero state paid MTV \$200,000 for the network to host its spring party there this year. The city expects to draw

between 7,000 to 10,000 spring breakers despite the resort's sporadic drug killings and gun battles, one of which took place near an historic tourist hotel last year. Some U.S. universities last year warned students headed for Mexico of a surge in drug-related violence south of the border prompting some to cancel already paid for spring break trips.

Mexican government officials have gone on the offensive and made clear every chance they get that the violence is concentrated in a handful of states, most along the Mexico-U.S. border, like Durango, Coahuila and Chihuahua, and in the Pacific coast state of Michoacan — all far from the country's popular beach resorts.

That message appears to be working: Travelocity's senior editor Genevieve Shaw Brown said bookings on Travelocity.com for spring travel to Mexico have shot up 25 percent compared to last year. Cancun is No. 5 on Travelocity's top 10 spring break bookings list for this year, up from the No. 10 spot last year.

She said the swine flu epidemic, violence and an unhealthy economy forced Mexico to lower its prices.

"Now Mexico is reaping the benefits of cheap travel costs with the return of spring breakers who are looking for deals," Shaw Brown said. "It's been communicated very well that Mexico is an outstanding value."

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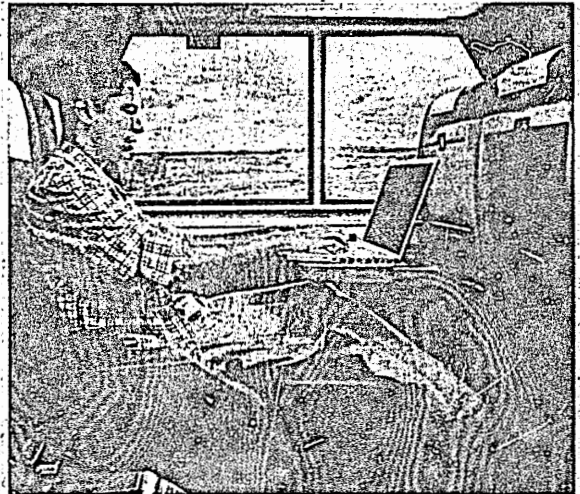


MELLOW IN THE MEADOW



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A whitetail deer stands in a field west of Carbondale. According to the Smithsonian Institute Web site, deer feed in the late afternoon and early morning.



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Skiers howling for Wolf Creek

R. SCOTT RAPPOLD
McClatchy Tribune

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA. Colo. — "It's all powder! Come on!" Karla Yahn, atop the Knife Ridge on a sheer chute lined with jagged rocks, hesitated, while below, Ian Melcker urged her on.

Her hesitation was understandable. The two snowboarders from Denver usually ride the resorts along Colorado's Interstate 70 corridor — a region that an El Nino weather pattern has kept brutally dry this year. As of late January, most central Colorado resorts had bases of just 30 to 40 inches, with hard snow and exposed rock and dirt.

"It's pretty bad — Copper, Winter Park," said Melcker, his voice trailing off, as if discussing some calamity. Yahn plunged down the gap between the crags, crashing halfway down with a burst of white spray. She emerged from the tumble laughing.

"It's way better," she said of the powder that cushioned her fall. "Summit County has no snow this year."

Welcome to the happiest place in the Rockies.

"We're always happy when we get snow," said Rosanne Haldorfer-Pitcher, vice president of marketing and sales for this southwest Colorado resort, last week. "Because we get a lot of it, we're always pretty happy."

It was not a happy first part

of the season for much of Colorado's ski industry. Vail Resorts, which operates Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge and Keystone, saw a 2.7-percent drop in skier visits through mid-January, compared with last season. Statewide, skier visits were up 1 percent for the first part of the season.

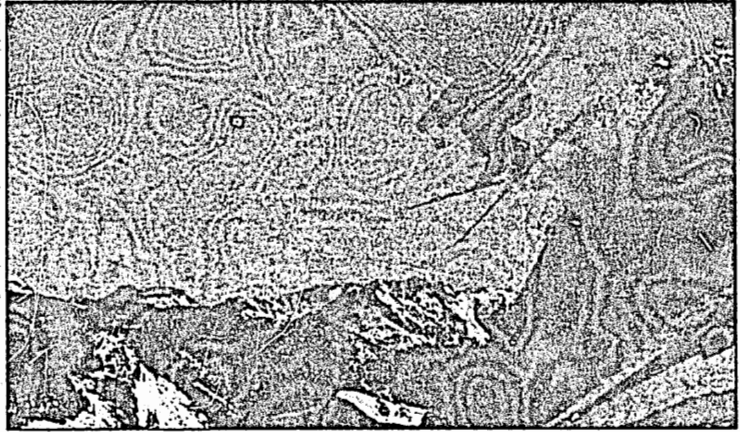
At Wolf Creek, four hours' drive from Colorado Springs, as of late January, skier visits were up 23 percent over last season.

From Colorado Springs, Denver and Boulder, from towns with their own ski hills like Breckenridge and Keystone, skiers are flocking to Wolf Creek this season. While the resort has long catered to locals in Pagosa Springs and the San Luis Valley, tourists from Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, and savvy powder hounds from across the country, its remote location has kept it off the map for most Front Range skiers.

With stunning scenery, affordable tickets, a laid-back vibe and short lift lines, it isn't too different from other small, locally owned hills like Arapahoe Basin or Monarch Mountain.

Except for in the one category that matters most: snow. Tons of it.

On a horseshoe-shaped ridge on the eastern side of the San Juan Mountains, Wolf Creek usually benefits from copious snowfall, 465 inches a year, thanks to a mix of geography and meteorology. The San



MARK REIS | MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

Mike Martin of Denver launches off a cornice on 11,900 foot Alberta Peak at Wolf Creek Ski Area. The area boasts the most annual snowfall of any ski area in Colorado.

Juans are the first obstacle tropical storms from the Pacific Ocean hit, forcing the warm air up, where it cools and dumps. The shape of the Wolf Creek Pass area can grip the storms, so it may still be snowing on the mountain when the storm is causing interstate pile-ups in Oklahoma.

This year, the El Nino, a warming of Pacific waters that occurs about every five years, has shifted the jetstream to the south, which has sent the storms battering against the San Juans, leaving the northern moun-

tains of Colorado drier than usual.

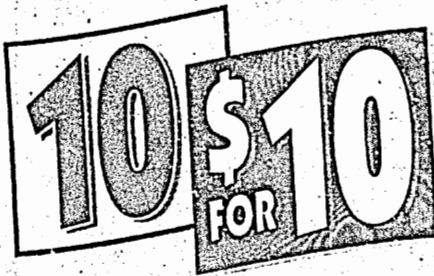
While Breckenridge had received 119 inches of snow by Jan. 29, Wolf Creek had 273. Its 114-inch base was better than any other resort in Colorado. Or New Mexico. Or Utah. Or Montana. Or Wyoming. Or Idaho.

The storms have been colossal, 5 feet over several days in mid-December, 5.5 more feet in one storm two weeks ago. They love El Nino down here, though they take a long view.

"There are years when southern

Colorado doesn't have any snow and northern Colorado does. I think, unfortunately, everybody's got to take their turns," said Haldorfer-Pitcher. As she spoke, the first flakes were falling in a storm that brought another 17 inches of powder.

The town of South Fork, a collection of hotels and vacation cabins on the east side of Wolf Creek Pass that seems especially sleepy in winter, is loving it, too. Most tourists stay in Pagosa Springs, on the west side of the pass, but that is changing this year.



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Dr. Janice Knebl has cared for residents at the James L. West Alzheimer Center since it opened 16 years ago in Fort Worth, Texas. Knebl, a geriatrician, is also a prominent researcher in the field of Alzheimer's and dementia. Here she discusses the disease, its treatment and prevention.

Q: Are we close to a cure for Alzheimer's?

A: I'm not as optimistic about a cure. I view this disease at the same complexity level as diabetes. We do not have a cure for diabetes, but we have great approaches, prevention, treatment and management. If we can do what we've done with diabetes, that could be awesome. It would have a major impact.

Q: How much do we know about the causes of Alzheimer's?

A: We don't know the cause, but we know a lot more than we did. (Proteins called plaques) are like gum interfering with the way cells talk to each other. Also, another kind of protein (tangles) actually gets in the nucleus and causes cell death. The brain actually degenerates and shrinks.

There is just a huge amount of research at many different levels. One is looking at those plaques and tangles and trying to understand how they're made. Can we stop them from being produced or can we eliminate them once they are produced? Another area we look at is what's called neurochemicals. It's how the brain cells talk to each other. Research is being done, trying to alter the amounts of those chemicals in the brain to help people function better. But those drugs do not alter the course of the disease.

Q: Can anything be done to reduce the odds of developing Alzheimer's?

A: People need to be physically active because the brain is attached to the rest of the body. Walking is great. Diet is really important. If you have high blood pressure, you need to get that treated because high blood pressure is not good for the brain. Smoking is another one. Drinking in moderation. Those practical things.

If people are under undue amounts of stress and suffer from depression, it's got to get treated. People with late-life development of depression have a higher risk of developing dementia. We don't understand the connection, but it's clearly there.

The other thing is just keeping your brain active. There are all kinds of games now. Nintendo has come out with them, and Dr. Gary Small at UCLA has his own kind of brain game. Something simple to do is to not drive home the same way every day. Change it up, because you get into a role mode. You get home and you don't even remember how.

Unfortunately, the activity we're talking about is still no (guarantee of) prevention. Look at Ronald Reagan, with all the things he was doing as president. But to me, it's something you have control over. Forty to 50 percent of what's going to happen to you as you age is based on genetics. We can't change that at the moment. But the other 50 to 60 percent is in your control. That's a huge chunk. That makes me optimistic.

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY ALZHEIMER'S

At the James L. West Alzheimer Center, a private, nonprofit facility in Fort Worth, Texas, a residential room can cost up to \$200 a day, or more than \$70,000 a year. The West center does not accept government assistance like Medicaid. But options are available for families without those financial resources, says Theresa Hocker, executive director of the North Central Texas chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. The key is to research them before a medical crisis happens.

"It's just awful when people have to decide very, very quickly where their loved ones go," Hocker says. "It's just such an important decision."

For starters, she says, it's crucial to understand the difference between Medicare and Medicaid. Medicare, a federal program, pays some medical bills for the elderly, but not for long-term care. Medicaid, which is administered by the state, does fund long-term care, but families must qualify by need.

Long-term-care insurance also is something families should investigate, Hocker said.

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EARLY LIFE

Racial background: Barack Obama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Aug. 4, 1961. His father, Barack Obama Sr., was a student from Kenya who herded goats as a child. His mother, Ann Dunham of Wichita, Kan., was a student at the University of Hawaii and the daughter of a furniture salesman. She married Obama Sr. unaware that he was already married to a woman in Kenya, with whom he had two children. Two years later, Obama Sr. accepted a scholarship at Harvard University and moved to Boston, and the couple divorced.

To Indonesia: Dunham married an Indonesian student named Lolo Soetoro, and in 1967, when Barack was 6, the family moved to Jakarta. Barack (known as "Barry" as a child) attended Indonesian schools for four years. He was 9 when his half-sister, Maya Soetoro-Ng, was born. In 1971, Dunham sent Barack back to Honolulu to live with his grandparents, and in 1972 she left her husband and moved back to Hawaii.

with Maya. When Barack was in the fifth grade, his father came to visit him briefly — their first meeting since he was a toddler.

To college: Obama played basketball in high school, graduated with honors in 1979 and enrolled at Occidental College in Los Angeles. There he befriended black students — who were few and far between everywhere else he had lived — but he had difficulty seeing himself as one of them. After two years, he transferred to Columbia University in New York, where he started running three miles a day and immersed himself in his studies. In 1982, he was informed in a call from Africa that his father had been killed in a car accident.

EARLY CAREER

Community organizer: Obama graduated in 1983 with a degree in political science, and in 1985 he moved to Chicago and worked as a community organizer with poor residents of the city's South Side. Despite his atheistic upbringing, he joined the Trinity United Church of Christ. In 1988, he traveled to Kenya to meet his grandmother, half-

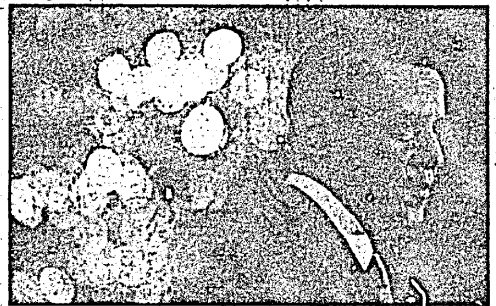
siblings and other relatives.

Harvard standout: In Fall 1988, he enrolled at Harvard Law School. The following summer, he worked as an intern at Chicago law firm Sidley & Austin, where he met and began dating Michelle Robinson, a Harvard Law grad and first-year associate. In 1990, Obama was elected president of the Harvard Law Review, the first black man to hold the prestigious post. In 1991, he graduated magna cum laude and returned to Chicago. He married Michelle in 1992 and went to work for a Chicago law firm, while also lecturing on constitutional law at the University of Chicago Law School and directing a voter outreach program.

On to politics: In 1996, Obama ran for and won an Illinois state Senate seat representing Chicago's South Side neighborhood of Hyde Park. During his eight years in the state Senate, he would introduce more than 20 successful pieces of legislation.

ONE SMALL FAILURE, ONE BIG SUCCESS

Failed House run: In 2000, in the



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biggest miscalculation of his career, he ran for a U.S. House seat held by four-term incumbent Bobby Rush, a charismatic former Black Panther. Rush defeated him by a 2-1 vote in the Democratic primary.

Race for Senate: In 2003, with a one-term Illinois senator retiring, Obama entered the race for the U.S. Senate. He

easily won the Democratic primary against a multimillionaire businessman whose ex-wife accused him of domestic abuse, and his Republican rival dropped out of the race in June 2004 after his ex-wife said he took her to sex clubs. To oppose Obama, the GOP drafted Alan Keyes, a conservative radio talk show host from Maryland.

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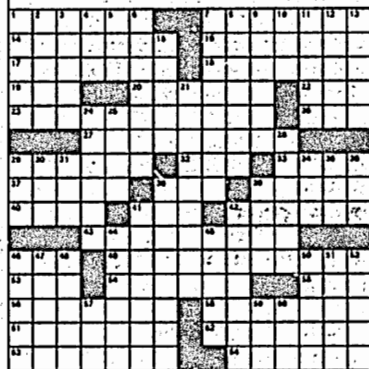
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Crossword

Friday's answers



Across
1 Dramatic descents
7 Down with relish
14 Adams, as curtains
16 Grant
17 March's Hard Lemonade, e.g.
18 Organs and such
19 Health and Human Services agency
20 Start enjoying
22 Stout contemporary
23 War of 1812 battle site
26 Coll. divisions
27 No matter what
29 1970s CIA director, familiarly
32 North Sea country: Abbe
33 "80/80's" e.g.
37 Legalese, say
38 J and others
39 Laugh-in regular
40 Small bug
41 French pronoun

42 Send by wire
43 Nightly news snippet
46 Stick (out)
49 1993 Dean Koozest best-seller
53 "Until every one comes home" org.
54 Ingratiate
55 Honduras family member
56 Portia's maid in "The Merchant of Venice"
58 Not in over one's head
61 Narrow window
62 Like child's play
63 Refuse collectors
64 More prosperous

6 Lionel creation of 1912
7 Math and others
8 Maltary
9 Bugs
10 Company that developed TV's Indian Head Test Pattern
11 Sport crossover
12 Dairy container
13 Cuban currency
15 Winningest baseball southpaw
21 Freemason span named for a poet, familiarly
24 Chevy SUVs
25 Helens, Wash.
28 It may cover a spot
29 Emmet exclamation
30 Ocean State sch.
31 Pepper, e.g.: Abbe
34 dye chemical coloring
35 Shih Tzu
36 Tibetan dog
36 Successful

ACCT UTEP STAG
BEARD SADR COMA
ANNIEGETYOURGUM
STEPSONS CREASES
OPTIE JUDAGES
BANDON THERUM
ITISIT ATE SAME
LOB LARISSA REX
LISP DIK DIANA
HAMBURGERBUM
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TEASET SNIPPETS
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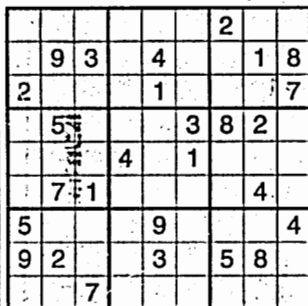
38 Actor who often said "Sorry about that, Chief"
39 Matted cotton sheet
41 Eccles
42 Inexpensive home protector
44 West Texas city named by Russians
45 Let out hot air
46 Small rafting faction

47 Web browsers, e.g.
48 Ark contents
50 Really bugged
51 Salon job
52 Member of Diorynus' realm
57 Business issue
59 Long, on Nihau
60 Examine carefully

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephram Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Friday's answers

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

Horoscopes

By Lasha Seniuk

This week's birthdays — Passionate decisions and new social invitations will be for your attention. Remain cautious and wait for powerful feelings of acceptance to arrive.

Aries (March 21-April 20) — Sudden impressions may reveal a private romantic history; watch for surprising revelations. Later this week, a past business associate may ask important questions. Workplace regulations and delayed payments are acknowledged; stay alert.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) — Highlight subtle romantic overtures and new social invitations. A recently silent colleague or friend may reveal a new love interest. If so, wait for obvious signals; emotions may be unpredictable.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Remain dedicated to your own needs and goals. Loved ones will soon offer group support and fresh options. A new era of business involvement and career interest arrives. Use this time to search out new income sources or submit job applications. Key officials will be receptive; stay focused.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Ask for all that you want and expect key officials to react quickly to new suggestions. Rest and pamper the body. Emotional vitality is low.

Leo (July 23-August 22) — Remain patient; key officials or older family members will review all recent contracts and transactions.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) — Remain attentive to the needs of close friends and relatives. Pace yourself before next week's emotional overtures may be confusing.

Libra (September 23-October 23) — Respond quickly to unique permissions and new proposals. Bores and manipulators will soon ask for extra dedication. Trust your instincts; strong emotions or social triangles may soon prove both serene.

Scorpio (October 24-November 22) — Offer optimism and support; loved ones may need extra time to resolve past social disputes or romantic disappointments. Find positive ways to nurture growth; your attention will be appreciated.

Sagittarius (November 23-December 21) — Don't neglect small tasks. Key officials are skittish; evaluate your efforts. Be patient; the right time to bring new creativity and social acceptance into the home.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20) — New relationships are potentially rewarding. Cautiously explore sincere proposals. In the coming weeks, new income sources are available; remain dedicated to reliable facts, contracts and paperwork.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19) — Expect unique proposals; complex prospects. Financial possibilities are reliable, and only if all yesterday's debts or errors are corrected. Stay focused.

Pisces (February 20-March 20) — This is a strong time for career planning and renewed ambition. Private emotions are extremely high; this week expect a new romantic attraction to soon be revealed.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argillon and Joff Knurak

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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REGE ME

CEERUD



HOW THE TEAM FELT WHEN THEIR COACH GROWLED AT THEM ALL DAY.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:



(Answers Monday)

Friday's answers

Jumbles: PARTY GOOSE EXHORT AERATE
Answer: What the dnor said when the server sprinkled cheese on the pasta — THAT'S "GRATE"

After drunken driver paralyzed her, ex-triathlete Jill Mason puts experience into book

SAM MCMANIS
McClatchy Tribune

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — She had been an English major in college, so naturally she wanted someday to write a book.

One problem, though. =True, in her mid-20s, Mason felt she hadn't done enough living to tackle a memoir or even fiction. Not that she didn't have a full life. She was a triathlete, had run marathons, worked in marketing for a Silicon Valley firm and had found love with a high-tech engineer and fellow triathlete, Alan Liu.

Life was going swimmingly, to say nothing of the running and cycling.

A training ride along a highway on Easter morning 2004 changed all that. Liu and Mason were hit by a drunken driver whose blood-alcohol level measured more than four times the legal limit.

Liu was killed; Mason survived — barely. Her spinal cord was severed, permanently paralyzing her. Injury to her brain limited her motor function — her right arm is numb, essentially useless — and leaves gaping holes in her memory and cognitive ability.

Now 32, living independently in a house she owns in Sacramento, Calif., Mason works closely with Every 15 Minutes, a program that educates students on the perils of drinking and driving. She volunteers to help physical therapy students at California State University, Sacramento. She mounts her specially equipped hand cycle and heads out on the road for solo training rides, albeit much slower ones than in her triathlete days.

And yes, Mason has written that book.

Her self-published "Couldn't Happen to Me: A Life Changed by Paralysis and Traumatic Brain Injury" (\$15.99, Amazon.com or at) is a memoir

she didn't want to write, given the circumstances, but found she had to write.

"This gave me a topic!" she exclaims, guffawing and slapping her left palm flat on her kitchen table.

Mason often laughs and punctuates her points with that endearing hand-slap. She has always been a practical, outgoing, driven woman with a need to keep busy.

In the years since the injury — she refuses to call it an accident, given the nine-year prison sentence the driver received — Mason's time was dominated by rehabilitation: relearning the basics of everyday life, from changing clothes to using the bathroom to seeking to restore long- and short-term memory.

But she also found time to work on gathering into prose the jigsawed pieces of her life, pre- and post-Easter 2004. That was difficult because, as a result of her head being slammed against asphalt, memory gaps remain and retention of information is elusive.

With the help of her aunt, Carol Mason, a professional book editor, Mason eventually assembled a memoir detailing her physical and emotional ordeal, rendered in stripped-down prose short on cheap sentimentality and long on heartfelt insights.

Was writing the book a cathartic act?

Mason pauses, tilts her head to the left as if trying to dislodge the answer.

"I think it helped," she says. "But it really was hard during the last review (of the manuscript), having to go through reliving everything again."

The psychic pain was worth it, Mason says, because her story is meant to draw attention to drunken driving and the related issue of bike safety on the roadways.

"I just want to help others in this situation," Mason says. "There's not a lot of information out there."

At times, "Couldn't Happen to

Me" is intensely personal in detailing Mason's struggle. In addition to the daily bodily challenges, Mason's flitting memory makes life — and writing — difficult sometimes. Her Palm Pilot, on which she constantly types reminders, serves as a lifeline.

In the book, she shares anecdotes about forgetting things, like the time she left her purse at the curb and had her credit cards and identity stolen. She often failed to remember buying an item at a store and worried she had stolen it.

More poignantly, she writes about having no memory of the crash — or her relationship with Liu. In the early months of her recovery, her parents had to keep reminding her her boyfriend had been killed.

"It was hard for me to have to continuously relearn of his loss," writes Mason, who has recovered memory of Liu but not of the crash.

She doesn't sugarcoat her emotional struggles. Though positive by nature, Mason admits getting depressed sometimes.

"It's like I'm very deep in a well and cannot escape," she writes. "Often, when I'm in this sort of funk, I curse Harvey."

"Harvey" is 75-year-old Santa Rosa lawyer Harvey Hereford, the man sentenced to nearly nine years in state prison for vehicular manslaughter, driving under the influence and inflicting great bodily injury.

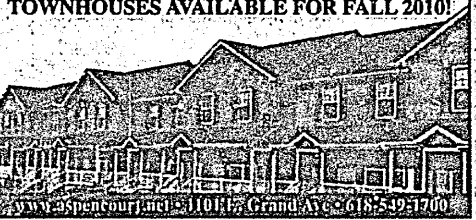
Mason doesn't speak of Hereford often ("He's not worth my time"). She did, however, write him a letter — never sent — venting her anger. She does not expect him to read her book.

The important thing, Mason says, is to make the book available to help others.

"This is not the life I'd chosen," she says. "But it's my life now. I try to just think of the next goal and move toward that. And right now I'm thinking, 'OK, what's next?'"

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Why buy it — A major complaint among fitness buffs is that detergents

wreck the elasticity in their clothes and don't eliminate odors. Win Green, endorsed by the U.S. Olympic team, says it does both, and even cleans chlorine-ravaged swimsuits without expediting their wearing out.

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"We can run with them and they know it"

— Kevin Harvick, who finished second to Jimmie Johnson for the second week in a row. Three races into the season, Harvick leads the Sprint Cup points standing.



Back in the game

Overshadowed by teammate Jimmie Johnson, Jeff Gordon's dominant performance at Las Vegas on Sunday shows the No. 24 team is a force to be reckoned with



STEPHEN DUIN FOR NASCAR

Jeff Gordon led 219 of 267 laps at Las Vegas on Sunday.

JIM UTTER
McClatchy Tribune

It's clear Jimmie Johnson is a serious threat to win a fifth straight Sprint Cup Series championship this season.

Also clear — but perhaps not as apparent — is the identity of Johnson's biggest obstacles to another title: Johnson's Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon.

Lost in the aftermath of consecutive Johnson wins at California and Las Vegas is Gordon's resurgence.

Although he lost Sunday's race at Las Vegas because of pit strategy, Gordon still enjoyed one of his most dominant performances in years. He led 219 of 267 laps (82 percent).

"I think we've got more of what we showed (and) that we're going to show a lot more," Gordon said. "I think we're just starting to tap into it."

Johnson certainly took note.

"Man, I did all I could and I had nothing for him," Johnson said of his effort to run Gordon down Sunday. "I think it really showed the strength of the Hendrick cars when Jeff and I checked out from everyone."

To find a race Gordon dominated like he did Sunday, you have to go back to the 2001 season, when Gordon won the most recent of his four Cup titles. He led 257 of 300 laps (86 percent) at New Hampshire, a race rescheduled as the season finale because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Gordon has won plenty of races since then, but none in which he had the field covered like he did Sunday.

"You know, it doesn't matter to me who it is out there, whether it's our own teammate or whether it's a competitor, you want to go out there and compete against the best and you want to beat the best," Gordon said.

"And I feel like our best days with our No. 24 team over the years, we were going up against Mark Martin when he was at Roush, Dale Earnhardt Sr. when he was at Childress, Dale Jarrett at Yates.

"So while it's coming in-house, it's still another competitor. And it drives us. It inspires us. It motivates us."

"The reason you saw us perform and dominate the way we did (Sunday) is because of those guys pushing us."

After four seasons of watching Johnson — who Gordon helped bring to the Hendrick table — match his championship total, perhaps the race to a fifth has provided extra incentive.

There is little solace in losses, but even Gordon saw the silver lining in Sunday's effort.

"I'm disappointed, but at the same time, we haven't dominated like this in a very, very long time," Gordon said. "At the same time, I'm very really excited about this race team."

"I've been saying it all winter long. Even the first two races, I've been trying to say it. If you don't have the results, then it doesn't matter."

"We showed what we're capable of. It gives us a lot of momentum to go to Atlanta."

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FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM/GETTY IMAGES

THIS WEEK'S RACE

KOBALT TOOLS 500

Where: Atlanta Motor Speedway, a 1.54-mile, paved, banked quad-oval located in Hampton, Ga.

When: Sunday at 1 p.m. (all times ET).

TV: Fox.

Radio: Performance Racing Network.

Last year's winner: Kurt Busch.

Worth mentioning: IndyCar Series star Danica Patrick has completed her first foray into the NASCAR Nationwide Series and will not return to action until the June 26 race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. In the meantime, she will begin competition in IndyCar on March 14 in Brazil.

STOP 'N' GO

WHO'S HOT

■ Jimmie Johnson: The drive for five is already in overdrive.

■ Kevin Harvick: Picked up his first Nationwide win and leading the Cup series points.

■ Las Vegas Motor Speedway: Great crowd. Great atmosphere. Great weekend.



Johnson

WHO'S NOT

■ Juan Pablo Montoya: Unnecessarily took early season frustrations out on teammate Jamie McMurray.

■ Denny Hamlin: Much preseason promise. Remains unrealized so far.

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

SPRINT CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of Feb. 27:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Kevin Harvick	506	21. Martin Truex Jr.	304
2. Clint Bowyer	459	22. Denny Hamlin	304
3. Mark Martin	457	23. Casey Mears	277
4. Matt Kenseth	448	24. Elliott Sauter	269
5. Jimmie Johnson	443	25. Regan Smith	252
6. Greg Biffle	443	26. Juan Montoya	248
7. Jeff Burton	430	27. A.J. Allmendinger	248
8. Joey Logano	413	28. Sam Hornish Jr.	245
9. David Reutemann	397	29. Travis Kvapil	245
10. Carl Edwards	389	30. Brad Keselowski	240
11. Tony Stewart	386	31. Bobby Labonte	231
12. Kyle Busch	375	32. Ryan Newman	225
13. Jeff Gordon	373	33. Marcos Ambrose	219
14. Jamie McMurray	363	34. Potty Gordon	215
15. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	357	35. Max Papis	188
16. Scott Speed	348	36. Boris Said	185
17. Paul Menard	345	37. Mike Bliss	180
18. Brian Scott	320	38. David Gilliland	150
19. Kurt Busch	312	39. Michael McDowell	138
20. David Tapp	308	40. Kevin Conway	125

NATIONWIDE SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Feb. 27:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Carl Edwards	505	11. James Buescher	347
2. Brad Keselowski	464	12. Mike Wallace	348
3. Brian Vickers	457	13. Trevor Bayne	320
4. Justin Allgaier	449	14. Jason Leffler	312
5. Kyle Busch	424	15. Joey Logano	311
6. Stave Wallace	423	16. Tony Raines	311
7. Kevin Harvick	414	17. Brian Scott	310
8. Greg Biffle	408	18. Michael Annett	303
9. Paul Menard	398	19. Scott Lagasse Jr.	297
10. Scott Riggs	389	20. Brendan Gaughan	293

NEXT RACE: March 29, Scott's Turf Builder 300, Bristol, Tenn.

