

Mother risks all

Salvadoran faces prison, deportation after return to see kids. - Arkansas, 1B



Sweet Home hero

Poet, writer Dumas getting recognition 50 years after his death. - Style, 1E

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In the news

- **Nancy Crampton Brophy, 66**, a self-published romance writer in Oregon who once penned an essay titled "How to Murder Your Husband," was charged with murder in the shooting of Daniel Brophy, her husband of 27 years.
- **Patricia Tillis**, a nurse in Tennessee, saw her medical license suspended after the state Board of Nursing found that she had used a doctor's prescription pad to write herself prescriptions for thousands of pills of opioids and muscle relaxers over three years.
- **Mario Salinas, 27**, a southeast Texas man, faces multiple charges including cruelty to a nonlivestock animal and terroristic threat to a family member after he reportedly threatened to kill his girlfriend. Grally, stabbed the family cat and left unguarded in his home a rifle that was fired by his 4-year-old son, according to police.
- **Joel Bane, 35**, pleaded guilty to interfering with a flight crew after passengers said he threatened flight attendants, disobeyed the captain's orders and assaulted police officers on a Southwest Airlines flight from Chicago to New Orleans.
- **Andriammar Patel**, owner of a smoke shop in Jasper, Ga., was arrested on charges of possessing a controlled substance with intent to distribute after six people got sick during a drug search, including a detective who opened a container, began to feel dizzy and threw up.
- **Gregory Wilson, 32**, and his girlfriend Lynda Michel, 42, were charged with child neglect and other counts after authorities in Minnesota said the couple dropped off Wilson's 5-year-old son in the woods as punishment for writing himself, and that multiple bruises were found on the boy's body.
- **Timothy Hamilton, 31**, pleaded guilty in Tulsa to promoting false investment opportunities for various companies that claimed to produce and market sports-wear and nutritional supplements in a scheme that defrauded investors of more than \$875,000.
- **Gleam Fink**, district attorney in Davidson County, Tenn., said Ben Solomon, 26, a prosecutor and musician, died after suffering traumatic head injuries when he slipped at a boat dock in Jasper. His father, Robert Ray, 68, of Danversville, La., was booked on hate-crimes charges after police said he approached a 39-year-old woman in a store and told her to "go back to Mexico," then attacked her parents when they intervened.

Execs at nonprofit profited with deal

Files show \$17M netted by group

ERIC BESSON
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

Four former executives of a Missouri nonprofit netted \$4 million each through a deal in which the nonprofit paid more than \$47 million to a publicly traded company over 10 years, records show.

One of the four, Keith Noble, pleaded guilty Tuesday to a federal charge of not reporting a felony. Noble was chief financial officer of Alternative Opportunities, which provided mental-health, substance-abuse and other taxpayer-funded services in several states, including Arkansas. Noble also was a member of the nonprofit's "Resource Team."

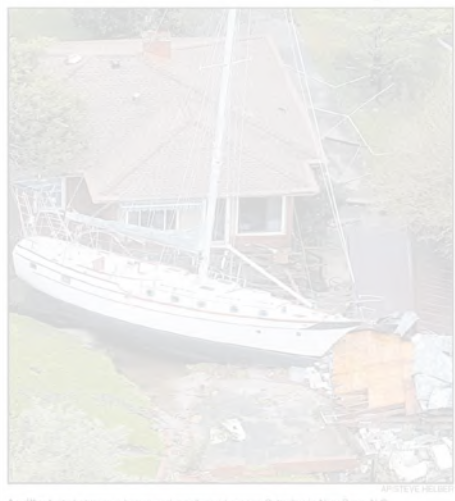
Noble's plea agreement includes accusations that unnamed colleagues stole, embezzled and misapplied more than \$30 million. Among the claims addressed in court documents is the \$7 million-plus sale of the nonprofit's management company, or "Entity A," to a publicly traded corporation, or "Company A."

Records filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission show the description of Company A matches Providence Service Corp., a Stamford, Conn., holding company, and Entity A is W.D. Management LLC, which was jointly owned by Noble and four other Alternative Opportunities executives, known as the "Resource Team."

Alternative Opportunities executives who sold W.D. Management were Tom Goss, chief financial officer; Douglas Genshaft, administrative officer; Marilyn Nolan, chief executive officer; and Jane A. Pille, according to SEC filings.

Before the sale — for \$1 million — **See NONPROFIT, Page 6A**

Florence on deadly slog west



A sailboat sits between a house and a collapsed garage Saturday in New Bern, N.C.

Power out, rivers rising in beset N.C.

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DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE STAFF
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CONWAY, S.C. — Florence, the powerful storm that has already left at least 11 people dead and nearly 1 million without power on the East Coast, moved inland at an astonishingly sluggish pace Saturday.

A day after blowing above near Wilmington, N.C., the storm hit with 90 mph winds, Florence said.

CRUVED **TRUMP KEEPS** west at 2 up front of north and high death toll poured on in Puerto Rico the rain. **Page 6A.**

With rivers rising toward record levels, thousands of people were ordered to evacuate for fear the next few days could **See FLORENCE, Page 6A**

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North Texas 44, Arkansas 17



A line shows its frustration with the huge performance on their way to their second straight loss Saturday afternoon at Paycom Field at Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville. **Complete coverage, Sports 1C**

15,800 names on sex-offender rolls

State's count second-highest in U.S.; list overseer doubts that many roving

AMANDA CLAIRE CURCIO
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Arkansas has about 15,800 registered sex offenders — 526 offenders for every 100,000 residents — the second-highest total in the country based on population, recent national research shows.

The manager of the state's sex-offender registry says the numbers are misleading. "It's not like we have 16,000 sex offenders roaming loose around Arkansas," said Paula Stitz. "It's more like 3,000."

Arkansas' rank behind only Oregon was based on analysis conducted by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, a nonprofit clearinghouse that focuses on the prevention of child victimization and recovery for victims. Center researchers evaluated the sex-offender registries of each state and compared those tallies with state-level **See OFFENDERS, Page 11A**

Agencies serving older Arkansans face budget debate

DENNY MONK
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

The Area Agencies on Aging, which provide food and transportation and operate senior-citizen centers, has remained about the same for the past decade, but the agencies are serving more people and the costs of goods have risen, officials say.

Legislators debated adding two categories to factors the formula used when doling out money for services for senior citizens: one based on rural population and the other based on the number of people over 75. All factors are based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Those measures aim to assist all rural regions, and five regions would get more money, but south Arkansas stands to gain the most. All funding would change by less than a percentage point.

"This was all about fairness," said Craig Cloud, former director for the Aging and Adult Services Division of the state Department of Human Services. "It was about preventing a large decrease that had happened."

Under the proposed change, 15 percent of funding for regional Area Agencies on Aging would be based on a region's proportion of rural Arkansans who are 60 and older; 5 percent of funding would be based on the proportion of all residents 75 and older.

The change also would decrease the funding percentage based on all residents 60 and **See AGING, Page 9A**

BRINGING HOME WARS' FALLEN

Identifying remains is painstaking task

Gains made on Pearl Harbor's lost

FRANK E. LOCKWOOD
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

WASHINGTON — When Japanese torpedoes sank the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, it became the temporary tomb for hundreds of Americans.

Now, nearly 77 years later, an agency of the U.S. Department of Defense is working to identify their exhumed remains, using DNA from relatives. It's a painstaking task taking place around the world.

The Defense Department has promised to give "the fullest possible accounting" for all American servicemen who died in World War II.

So far, researchers with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency have identified the remains of nearly 200 servicemen who died in the surprise attack on the **See REMAINS, Page 11A**

Ethiopian groups return



An Ethiopian horseman celebrates Saturday in Addis Ababa as hundreds of thousands of people gather to welcome returning leaders of the once-banned Oromo Liberation Front, one of three groups removed from a list of terrorist organizations after Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed took office earlier this year. Abiy has moved to widen access to political power for the Oromo people, Ethiopia's largest ethnic group. **AP/WIDEWORLD**

WEATHER

LITTLE ROCK
Today: Mostly sunny
High 61, light northeast winds
Tonight: Mostly clear
Low 74

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The Kansas City Star/TNS TAMMY LUNGBLAD

Marge Padgett admires her collection of dresses once worn by Ginger Rogers. Padgett bought Rogers' birthplace in Independence, Mo., and now operates it as The Ginger Rogers Museum.

Rogers gets hometown museum

TAMMY LUNGBLAD
THE KANSAS CITY STAR/TNS

Marge Padgett had always loved Ginger Rogers.

"I was a fan of Ginger Rogers, as was my mother," said Padgett, a longtime resident of Independence, Mo. "She got me interested in old-time movies and, of course, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers dancing. There was nothing like the two of them. They were the best."

So it's fitting that Padgett not only owns the Independence home where the beloved actress, dancer and singer was born but has turned it into the Ginger House Museum — Birthplace of Ginger Rogers, which opened to the public recently.

The process began in early 2016, when Padgett was planning to buy a house as part of her real estate investment business. Three Trails Cottages, her daughter, the company's finance manager, immediately started looking.

"Ten minutes later she said, 'Mom you have to buy this house.' And I said, 'What house?' And she said, 'Well, it's the Ginger Rogers house,'" Padgett said from the living room of the home. "I went out the next day and put money down on it."

"We paid too much, but considering what it is, we didn't mind doing that because we really wanted to have it." And she wanted the public to enjoy it, too.

Rogers, born Virginia Katherine McMath in the home on July 16, 1911, is best known for the many 1930s musicals in which she danced with Astaire, most notably Top Hat and Swing Time.

The last time Rogers visited the Craftsman-style bungalow was July 10, 1994, for her 83rd birthday celebration.

By the time the Padgits bought it, the house was in poor condition. Marge's husband, Gene Padgett, a general contractor, handled the renovation work. Meanwhile, Marge was busy collecting Ginger Rogers memorabilia: gowns, Ginger Rogers "trading cards," a pair of dance shoes, gloves, theater programs, movie posters, as well photographs and news articles about the Academy Award-winning actress.

Rogers was also a talented artist, and the museum has three of her works: a self-portrait and two paintings. Original milk bottles from Rogers' Rogue River Ranch in Oregon are on display, and reproductions are for sale.

"I've bought some items on eBay and some items have been donated," Padgett said. "We got a large collection of items from Roberta Olden — she was Ginger Rogers' secretary for 18 years." The collection included a gown worn by Rogers at the 1967 Oscars.

Next July, the museum plans to host Ginger Fest 2019, featuring 1940s big-band music, a fashion show with Rogers' gowns, a silent auction, Rogers' movies, and ballroom and swing dance lessons.

The Ginger House Museum, 100 W. Moore St. in Independence, is open Wednesday through Sunday from April 1 through Sept. 30. Admission is \$8, \$6 for those over 60, \$4 for ages 5-12 and free for children under 5. For more information go to thegingerhouse.org.



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Hidden in plain sight, the Old Man's Cave surprises visitors exploring the trails in Hocking Hills State Park, Ohio.

HIGH ON OHIO

Don't pass through the Buckeye State without a trip to beautiful Hocking Hills State Park

ANNE Z. COOKE
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

LOGAN, Ohio — If you paused long enough to read the trailhead signs in Ohio's Hocking Hills State Park, you'd find that the Black Hand sandstone underfoot was laid down 350,000 years ago, on an ancient seabed.

Or you could blow off the science lesson — like I did — and push ahead to the Old Man's Cave, past a meandering creek and down a level path. Level, it seemed, until both trail and creek abruptly vanished, swallowed up by a hole in the earth.

A moment earlier I'd been slathering sunscreen on my nose. Now shadows dimmed the sky, pinched between narrow walls, and the sun's filtered rays glanced off a cluster of half-hidden caves and a waterfall below.

For a moment I wondered if we — my sister Mary and I — had tumbled into Rivendell, in Middle-earth. But the shapes ahead weren't elves. They were teens on a school trip, posing for selfies and daring each other to jump in the water. "Don't be a chicken," teased one of the girls. "It's nothing special. Just a creek."

But not to us, nor the bikers

behind us, astonished at their surroundings. The Old Man's Cave was as fabulous as it was unexpected. But our next day's outing, a nature walk booked in advance, which — to my surprise — included an introduction to rappelling — would do the job behind me.

"Don't we need a cliff to step off?" asked Mary, nervously scanning the landscape as eco-biologist Steve Foley, our guide, a rock climber and the owner of High Rock Adventures, gathered the group together. "Yeah, where's Old Rocky Top?" echoed the guy behind me.

But Foley, a student of native plants, was in no hurry as we strode uphill beneath birches and hemlocks. Stopping here and there, he pointed out the edible plants that thrive beneath hemlocks, trees descended from similar hemlocks that flourished 10,000 years ago, when the climate was cooler and moister.

"These here are jack-in-the-pulpits and those are mayapples," he said, moving on to a patch of green-briar and a solitary sweet cicely.

Then Foley stopped, next to two rocky walls. "Geeez," said somebody, gazing skyward. But



Color Work/TNS/STEVE HAGGERTY

Who keeps the Columbus Washboard Factory in business? Bluegrass and country bands love that raspy, rickety sound and so do souvenir hunters.



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Pioneer-built in the 1840s, the cabin that launched the Inn and Spa at Cedar Falls is still in use.

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Lesser-known Swiss treats abound for visitors

Mountainous Switzerland is well-known for its cows, chocolate and stunning scenery — but there's more to enjoy. Here are some lesser-known Swiss travel treats.

Experience Swiss military readiness. To protect its prized neutrality in the tumultuous 20th century, Switzerland wined its roads, bridges, and tunnels so they could be destroyed with the push of a button — they tried to make the whole country an impregnable mountain fortress. Most of these military installations — big guns in barns, air strips hiding like the Batmobile, and even hospitals buried deep in the mountains — are now tourist attractions, such as Fortress Furigen near Luzern.

Go topless on an alpine train. While Switzerland has many impressive train trips and fancy "panoramic" cars, the most thrilling ride is in an open-top car. You'll be awestruck at Switzerland's alpine wonders and its ability to tame nature with its railroad engineering. These topless or skylight-equipped trains run only in

TRAVEL IN EUROPE



RICK STEVES

summer, and in just a few spots (such as along stretches of the Bernina Express route, stretches of the Glacier Express route, and up the Brienz Rothorn excursion route that climbs from the shores of the Berner Oberland's Lake Brienz).

Walk a ridge. One of Switzerland's most glorious hikes is the walk along the ridge called Schynige Platte to the cable-car station high above Interlaken in the mountainous Berner Oberland region. You're virtually tight-rope-walking along a skinty ridge for several hours. On one side are lakes; on the other is a mountain panorama of dramatic cut-glass

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Rick Steves/Europe/DOMINIC ARIZONA BOWUCCELLI

A mannequin holding 1940s communication gear sits inside Fortress Furigen, a decommissioned bunker near Luzern that provides a peek at Switzerland's hidden defense system.



High Rock Adventures in Ohio's Hocking Hills gives nature-loving, trail-seeking travelers the chance to get a unique view of the landscape.



Visitors taste 100-proof corn liquor distilled at Hocking Hills Moonshine in Logan, Ohio.

Ohio

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 before you could snap your fingers, we'd buckled up, climbed to the top, wobbled over a narrow bridge, and one-by-one, gasped, backed off into this air and "bumped" down the wall to the ground.
 "Wow, it's easy, let's do it again!" clamored the group, thrilled — and relaxed — that they hadn't backed out. And to think that a month earlier, I'd written off Ohio as one of the states you fly over on your way to somewhere else.
 And I would have, if my sister, who lives in Kent, hadn't suggested a getaway to the Hocking Hills, southeast of Columbus. "C'mon, this is the 21st century. There's zip lines, music festivals, art galleries, antique malls. Even golf, or canoeing or you can look for the caves."
 "Everybody wants to see the caves," said Audrey Martin, at the Hocking Hills Tourism Association, in Logan, the county seat. "From nature lovers to serious hikers, or

families camping or renting a cabin, they all want to get out and walk.
 "The park gets an estimated 1.4 million visitors annually, but the trails are rarely crowded," she said. "But come in autumn, if you can. When the weather cools and the maples and birch change colors, every hillside glows. They're a dazzling panorama of reds, golds, bright yellows and oranges, with splashes of green. Hemlocks are evergreens."
 Packing up, we drove southeast to Columbus and on to Hocking County on U.S. 33, crossing rolling meadows and farms. Then it was on to two-lane roads over bigger hills, and finally to roller coaster-steep hills, winding, turning and climbing and plunging.
 Cottages, barns and trailers encroached the miles, front porches, vegetable gardens and laundry on the line marked the days. Here was a rusty truck, there a flower garden. The last turn, on Ohio 334, left us at our destination's door, the Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls, and to Ellen Grinfelder, the owner.
 "You'd think we were colonial, judging from Grinfelder's warm welcome. But I think it was Mary who'd read about

The Nitty Gritty

Going: Fly to Columbus, Ohio, drive southeast on U.S. 33 to Lancaster and Logan.
Staying: The Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls, Ohio 374, Logan, (740) 385-7489 or innatcedarfalls.com.
Hocking Hills Tourism Association: Visitors Guide at (800) 462-5484, (740) 385-2750 or explorehockinghills.com.
Eco-tour/trappelling: High Rock Adventures; (740) 385-9886 or highrockadventures.com.
Zip lining: Hocking Hills Canopy Tours; (740) 385-9477 or hockinghillscanopytours.com.
Columbus Washboard Factory: columbuswashboard.com.
Hocking Hills Moonshine: tour and tasting, 519 E. Front St., Logan, (740) 347-8044.
Recommended reading: Allan Eckert, *The Dark and Bloody River*; Bantam Books.

her mid-1840s (pre-Civil War) chinked-log cabin, still used, and picked out the inn from 203 other cabin rentals listed in the Hocking Hills Official Visitors Guide.
 Perched on 75 acres near the state park, the inn was a modest B&B when Grinfelder inherited it. Today it's classic rustic-luxury, with a cozy lodge, nine single rooms, 12 furnished log cabins (some with kitchenettes), four snappy yurts (where we stayed) and an outdoor fire pit plus benches.
 The restaurant, the neigh-

borhood's best, employs a full-time chef and supports a large and inventive menu. The 1840s cabin houses a tiny bar and half the kitchen; a meeting room seating 50 hosts girlfriend reunions, country dinners and small weddings.
 Best of all, was a brisk walk from the inn to the state park, where the trail loops from Cedar Falls to the Old Man's Cave, to Rose Lake and to the newest area, Whispering Cave. Other park sites — Cookles Hollow, Ash Cave, Rock House and Canwell Cliffs — are linked by roads,

a free public shuttle bus, 35 miles of hiking trails and 33 miles of biddle trails.
 And after hiking? We squeezed in three hours for a zip line whiz through the treetops — literally, giant beech trees — at Hocking Hills Canopy Tours, in near-by Rockbridge. A bird's-eye view of the hills and the Hocking River below were the highlight; our guide and comedian-in-training, Maddi Karlovic, was an unforgettable gem.
 The next day we toured Logan, named for Talgayocca, a 16th-century distinguished Mingo Indian chief who befriended the region's first white settlers. Welcoming to all, he preached and practiced friendship, until a couple of vicious white supremacists murdered his family. Wandering through the town center we came upon his name and picture on a small monument, a poignant reminder of Ohio's early history.
 And the town's premier attraction? The Columbus Washboard Factory, the last American maker of washboards, the rickety percussion instrument favored by country and bluegrass bands. The business, owned by James Martin, a former Briton, sells

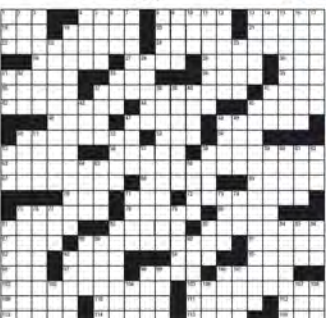
thousands of washboards annually, many to tourists lingering in the gift shop. A souvenir hunter's heaven, it's swash in games, bats, soap, honey, lotions, towels, playing cards, toys and, of course, washboards.
 On our last morning we headed for the Hocking Hills Moonshine company, making and selling old-time corn liquor, now produced legally. Distilled on site, it uses local spring water and crack corn (hard, dry kernels) bought in huge big sacks labeled "animal feed."
 Stepping up for a taste, I swerved. Would it be the 80-proof "original-recipe" wonder-woman 120-proof "Buckeye Lightning," or a sip of one of the favored liquors displayed on the counter? The clerk waited, glass poised in midair.
 To heck with a swallow. After all, I'd lapped up the hills, gritted my teeth, rappelled off Old Rocky Top and lived. "A large one," I told the clerk. "And I want to buy a bottle." Like it says in the song, "Rocky Top" why not "get MY corn from a jar?"
 "Hey," said Mary, waving the car keys. "One sip, you're driving."

New York Times Crossword Puzzle

Answers on the next page No. 0909

MIXED FEELINGS
 By Hal Mozer / Edited by Will Shortz

- ACROSS**
 1 No goodluck
 4 "So long, dear boy"
 8 Soap scent
 13 Tree for pussy
 18 Ballet (1980s fashion trend)
 19 Hiding, with "up"
 20 TD Garden, for one
 21 Beaker who directed "Get Out"
 22 Overheats
 24 Result of a photographic memory
 26 Neighbor of Hungary
 27 Raveling
 29 Wheeler investor
 30 Terra (French)
 31 Minor's opposite
 32 Where the U.S. won its 1,000th Summer Olympic gold
 34 Cheesecake
 35 ID restrainer
 36 Songbird
 37 Pair of diamonds
 41 Scurry
 42 Ralph Williams role in a 1991 blockbuster
 44 Reason to hold one's nose
 45 Fan lawsuits
 46 Horror assistant
 47 Bug name in water filter
 48 "I wish"
 49 Black bear
 52 Item at the end of a wizard's staff
 54 Man just after kneeling
 55 Unconventionally direct
 56 Classic Chevy
 58 Banker
 63 They involve ancient feelings — or a hint to first spouses in this completed puzzle
 67 2008 campaign slogan
 68 Major fashion capital
 69 Actress Thompson
 70 "The Rapinards"
 71 Insignia (minivan sports group)
 72 Efficiency stat
 73 Payment to a building
 74 Dinner in 14 items
 75 Set of values
 76 "Here"
 81 One smooching the way?
 82 Lyrics in
 83 Option for moving an apartment
 87 Neighborhood
 88 Parts of many law firm names
 91 Camera setting



- DOWN**
 1 Small bulbs
 2 Gravel container
 3 Arrive for the band villain Ernst
 4 Tavern shield
 4 Author Marjorie
 2 Director of the "M*A*S*H" finale
 6 Simple top
 7 Shield
 83 Option for moving an apartment
 9 Weights, informally
 10 Car door
 11 Parallel
 12 Idaho state
 13 Copies
 14 Short time, for short
 15 Maria ray, by another name
 16 "The Crucible" for McCarthy
 17 Mustard and saffron
 19 One firing off the land
 20 "Why am I not surprised?"
 23 "Three"
 25 Driver
 26 "Bury"
 27 Mire for Bambi
 28 Supervised
 29 Milburn's town friend
 30 Dashboard warnings, informally
 31 Imaginary
 32 Partner of smash
 41 "King of" actor Philip
 42 Fruit-into brand
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 61 "Bury" spent in the tropic "Cinderella"
 62 Free TV spot, for short
 64 Tennessee computer
 65 "I might be tipped with pascarely"
 66 Tie (minors)
 67 Cow, cow
 68 Madras, for short
 69 Great Britain connection
 80 Belton
 82 Sent up
 83 "Bury" spent in the tropic "Cinderella"
 84 "I'll cover this"
 85 Nonense
 86 U.S. courses for college credit
 88 Suffix with large numbers
 89 "Bury" spent in the tropic "Cinderella"
 90 In fact, common a manner
 91 Composites
 92 Fancy French home
 93 Once, once
 94 The best in the Big Apple, for short
 95 Central square
 103 Ingredient in a Bull Terrier cocktail
 104 Certain both stars
 106 Actress Long
 107 Timber sound
 108 Curvature with
 109 Denominations of 1,000, 5,000 and 10,000



Switzerland's Ebnalp summit is home to a family-run hut with cheap dorm beds and a fantastic view.

Steves

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 peaks. And ahead, you may hear the long legato tones of an alphon announcing that a helicopter-stocked mountain hut is open — and the coffee schmapps is on.
Get the big-city perspective. Zurich affords a peek at Swiss solutions to persistent urban problems. As you stroll down the main drag, you'll see designer boutiques breaking through the sidewalk. These aren't decorative; they're there to stop the cars of thieves from crashing into jewelry stores for a grab-and-run. Around the corner, public toilets have blue lights. This prevents junkies from shouting up there. Under blue wavelengths, they can't see their veins.
Walk the path of a hermit monk. A century ago, a hermit monk inhabited a humble church in a cave just under a mountainous plateau called Ebnalp, high above the town of Appenzel. A cliff-hugging path leads around the corner to the humble guesthouse that was built — right into the vertical cliff side — to accommodate pilgrims who had hiked up to pray with the monk. While the guest-

house isn't currently accepting overnight stays — and its restaurant is undergoing renovations that may close it for a while — the hut's setting is impressive enough to merit the excursion.
Ride a high-mountain summer luge. Ascending Mount Pilatus, near Luzern, is worth it for the heavenly views alone. But for extra thrills, hit the summer-fun zone of Frakmuntog, an area on the mountain's north slope. Here you'll find Switzerland's longest summer luge ride: Sit yourself in a sled-like go-cart, grab the joystick brake, then scream back down the mountainside on a banked stainless-steel course. Then take the lift back up and start all over again. Nearby is a park with 10 fun ropes courses and plenty of options for novices.
Ponder some insane art. Lausanne's Collection de l'Art Brut is unique in Europe. In 1945, the artist Jean Dubuffet began collecting art he called brut — untrained, ignoring rules, highly original, produced by people free from artistic culture and fashion trends living in psychiatric hospitals and prisons. Visiting his collection, you'll wander through halls of fascinating doodles and screaming colors, marveling at the talent of people out society.

has locked up as "criminally insane."
Relive the Swiss old days. At the Hohenberg Open-Air Folk Museum (an hour east of Interlaken on Lake Brienz), traditional houses, schools, churches, and shops from all over Switzerland have been moved to a huge park. The layout is just like the country: French in the west, Italian in the south, and so on. Each dwelling is furnished, old-time crafts are kept alive, and goat herders are nooting their slender stretch alponers. It's Swiss culture on a lazy Susan for the hurried visitor, and a great rainy-day option in the Berner Oberland.
Climb the Eiger ... the easy way. You don't need to be a rugged mountaineer to climb the ultimate alpine cliff face — you just need train fare. For a century, a thrilling train has tumbled up through the inside of the Berner Oberland's Eiger mountain. Halfway up, the Jungfrau train stops to let travelers hang out the window and enjoy the views clinging to the infamous north face of the Eiger. After a few minutes, the train carries on, taking you about as high as you can get mechanically in Europe: 11,500 feet. The air is thin, and anything goes atop the Jungfrau.