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CONCERT SERIES

Acoustic chamber music on program

The Intermountain Acoustic Music Association presents an evening of acoustic chamber music today. The group blue haiku and Beers & Mark begin the association's concert series at 7:30 p.m. at the South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 6876 S. Highland Drive. Coolers are welcome. Admission is \$5. Call Sharon at 801-278-0332.

CLUB MEETING

Frog & Toad fans to meet at library

Pint-size fans of the Frog & Toad Fan Club meet today. Grades K and 1 will join Frog, Toad and all their friends for stories, activities and reading at 4 p.m. at the Whitmore Library, 2197 Fort Union Blvd. Call 801-944-7539.

DANCE FOR SENIORS

Mount Olympus center hosting social

Seniors can attend a monthly dance and social at the Mount Olympus Senior Center Saturday. There will be refreshments and door prizes, as well as dancing to the music of Tony Summerhays from 7 to 10 p.m. at the center, 1635 E. Murray-Holladay Road. The cost is \$4 at the door. Call 801-274-1710.

GARDEN SHOWS

See daffodil, tulips, crocuses at Red Butte

Two spring events are being offered at Red Butte Garden on Saturday and Sunday. Learn about planting spring bulbs, such as daffodils, tulips and crocuses, Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. No registration is required. Then a Spring Bulb Show & Competition is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gardeners can showcase their own bulbs from 8 to 10 a.m. with judging from 10 a.m. to noon. The bulbs will be on display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the garden, 300 Wakara Way. For information, call 801-581-4747.

BIRD EDUCATION

Tracy Aviary offering classes

Tracy Aviary offers "egg-ucation" classes for the family during April. Saturday, learn the difference between two kinds of bird hatchlings and how they deal with challenges. The class is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the aviary, 589 E. 1300 South, and is free to members or with paid admission. For information, call 801-322-BIRD.

AUTHOR CHAT

Reader's chose to feature John Scalzi

The Salt Lake County Library has a Reader's Choice Chat with John Scalzi at 7 p.m. Monday. Scalzi is a fiction and non-fiction writer and film reviewer who wrote *Old Man's War*, and *The Rough Guide to Sci-Fi Film*. Visit <http://www.slco.lib.ut.us> and click on "Author Chat Online."

In her honor



PHOTOS BY TRENT NELSON/The Salt Lake Tribune

Zach, left, and Sid Groutage — whose mother, Lynn, died of cancer last year — are the organizers of tonight's Relay for Life event at the University of Utah. They hold a tablecloth displaying written memories of those who have had experiences with cancer.

Twin brothers help fight the disease that took their mom

By FRANCES JOHNSON
Close-Up Staff

Growing up as twins, Sid and Zach Groutage shared all kinds of things, including the pain of watching their mother struggle with cancer for more than two decades.

In 1975, before the boys were even born, Lynn Groutage was diagnosed with melanoma in her leg. When they were sophomores in high school, she was diagnosed with breast cancer, which went into remission. Just before Sid and Zach left for LDS missions, doctors found cancer in Lynn's other breast. When they got home, she was diagnosed with skin and bone cancer.

"At that point they said the bone cancer, they wouldn't be able to cure it," Zach said. "They could treat it to contain it, but she would have cancer for the rest of her life."

It was also at that point the boys decided it was time to do something for

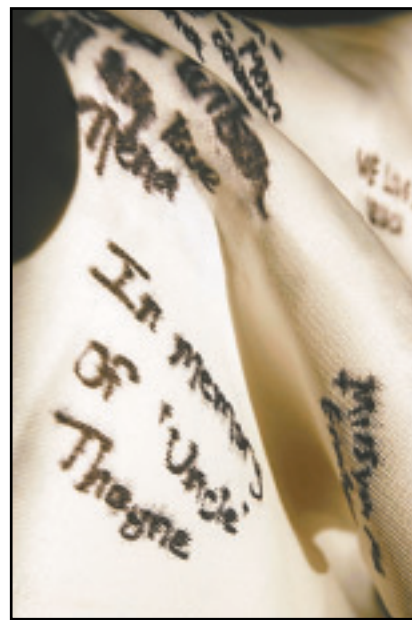
their mother. They had participated in Race for the Cure, a breast cancer fundraiser through the American Cancer Society, but now that their mother's cancer had spread beyond her breasts, they wanted to step up their support. Two years ago they came across the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, a national event that raises money for all cancer research, education, advocacy and patient services.

"We thought this would be a great way to do something more," Zach said.

The boys put a team together and participated in the Relay for Life event in Murray in 2004. During the event, which lasts overnight, each team of eight to 15 people has at least one team member walking or running around a track at all times. The event is rich with symbolism.

"It just signifies that cancer never sleeps," Sid said.

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At Relay for Life events, a tablecloth such as this is spread on an empty table so that messages can be written on it.

Walgreens proposal met with little love

Village center: More than 6,000 people sign petitions; concerns include traffic near a school and the fate of three other pharmacies

By CATHY MCKITRICK
The Salt Lake Tribune

A developer's plan to build a Walgreens drugstore in Holladay's village center — in the midst of three other pharmacies — has generated a groundswell of opposition in this affluent, east-side community.

More than 8,000 people have signed petitions, the Olympus Jr. High Parent-Teacher Association wrote a letter, and Holladay's Interfaith Council passed a resolution against the Walgreens plan.

The proposal was made by Thomas Fox Properties, a Salt Lake City-based development team made up of Holladay natives Tom Hulbert and Brett Fox.

"We already have three pharmacies within maybe 200 feet of each other in the village center. As big and strong as [Walgreens] are, they could easily drive out the other three," said Jim Kastanis, who organized and chairs the 12-member Interfaith Council. "Our concern is not against Walgreens. It's just out of place in that particular area."

The Olympus PTA letter voiced concerns that a planned drive-through exiting onto 2225 East would pump up congestion that occurs when parents drop off and pick up their children at the nearby junior high.

According to the letter, most residents are angry that another drugstore would even be considered for the property.

"This will not bring additional retail dollars to the city, but will in fact dilute the dollars already spent at the other three pharmacies."

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FRANCISCO KJOLSETH/The Salt Lake Tribune

Jorge Daskalakis delivers a gyro to a table at Dasks. The family-owned restaurant moved from Crossroads Mall to a strip mall at 6522 S. 3000 East in Holladay.

Dasks' Greek cuisine becomes a tradition

By FRANCES JOHNSON
Close-Up Staff

The table near the window on the right-hand side of Dasks is always reserved. Every day at lunch the same group of boisterous businessmen fills it.

It all started about a year ago when Dasks, a Greek restaurant, moved from the Crossroads Mall to its current location at 6522 S. Big Cottonwood Canyon Road (3000 East) in Holladay. Keith Warburton and Steve Jenson were looking for a

place to eat, and came across Dasks in a strip mall near their office.

"It wasn't my inclination to come in," Warburton said, "but we did and it was fantastic."

And they have been back every day since.

"I think if you find something that works for you, you should do it forever," said Marc Jenson, Steve's brother and the group's ring leader. "It's the perfect food."

The Daskalakis family has been serving that perfect food since 1982. See **DASKS**, H3