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Alzheimer's  Disease

'Worst nightmare'



Joe Mazurek and his wife, Patty, stand in front of their family photo. Patty helps care for Mazurek, who suffers from Early-onset Alzheimer's, so she can keep him at home. RANDY GRAY PHOTO

Early-onset Alzheimer's strikes former Montana Attorney General Joe Mazurek

By JANET HENDERSON
For the Tribune

As Montana's attorney general, it's been said that Joe Mazurek carried file cabinets full of information in his head that he could retrieve on demand.

"He had such a mind for details," said his longtime friend and chief of staff Dennis Taylor.

In 1996, Mazurek argued a case before the United States Supreme Court while maintaining daily contact with the director of the FBI to bring the 84-day standoff with the Freemen in eastern Montana to a successful conclusion.

At the same time, he juggled other pressing and complex legal matters in his combined role as the state's chief legal officer, its highest law enforcement officer



Democratic gubernatorial candidate Attorney General Joe Mazurek chats with Juan Martinez in a campaign stop at the Montana refinery in Great Falls in 2000. TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

and the administrator of the Department of Justice. The Department had 10 divisions with 700 employees and a \$40 million budget.

But several years after leaving office, when he was

in his late 50s, his mind began to disintegrate. Known across the state as one of its leading lawyers, he no longer knows the alphabet nor can he count to 10. His speech is mostly unin-

telligible and his behavior increasingly childlike. He relies on others for help with the most basic activities of daily living. For his own protection, Mazurek lives behind a locked door.

He is just 63 years old — Early-onset Alzheimer's has robbed him of most of what was his life.

"It's a devastating disease," said his wife, Patty Mazurek.

In 2007, Joe was tired all the time and began having trouble completing sentences. Patty retired from her career as a math teacher at Helena's Capital High School and has devoted her days and nights to caring for him ever since.

"You notice little pieces of him all the time that are gone. That's why they call it the long goodbye," she said.

Friends grieve, too

"It's really hard to watch

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BAKKEN OIL BOOM



A man walks back to his temporary housing unit outside of Williston, N.D., on July 26, 2011. Across North Dakota's oil patch so-called "man camps" cater to their hard-working tenants, but some communities have placed moratoriums on the temporary compounds saying the influx of new workers is straining their resources. AP FILE PHOTO/GREGORY BULL

Crew camps bane for some, salve for others

By JAMES MacPHERSON
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — Across North Dakota's oil patch, so-called "man camps" cater to their hard-working tenants. Some offer deluxe amenities — Internet cafes, satellite televisions, free laundry services, fitness equipment, pillow-top mattresses — but all offer a place to stay in an area where housing is at a premium.

Yet some communities in the western part of North Dakota have placed moratoriums on the temporary compounds, saying the influx of thousands of new

workers is straining law enforcement, emergency services,

roads and water and sewer systems.

Others see the dozens of man camps as a temporary and self-contained salve, and one county even reversed its moratorium this week.

With the advances in drilling technology in the rich Bakken and Three Forks shale formations, North Dakota has solidified

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SUMMER OLYMPICS 2012



British Olympic sailing hero and three-time gold medalist Ben Ainslie waves to the crowds as he holds the Olympic torch at the official start of the London 2012 Olympic games torch relay at Land's End, west of England on Saturday. The torch relay will travel some 8,000 miles round the British Isles on its way to the Olympic Stadium in London for the opening of the summer games on July 27. AP PHOTO/ALASTAIR GRANT

Torch relay marks 70-day countdown

By DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LAND'S END, England — British sailing hero Ben Ainslie kicked off the torch relay for the 2012 London Olympics on Saturday with a stroll through teary, flag-waving crowds who cheered the arrival of the flame to Britain.

Hundreds held up mobile phones to snap photos as the gold medal winner jauntily walked past. They banged on plastic tambourines handed out by sponsors, creating a roar that shook

the hillsides of this picturesque spot — the furthest point west in England.

The sun rose and shone across the moors all day, lifting spirits at a place known for its fog. It was a good-natured start of an event, which lasts for 70 days and ends with the lighting of the cauldron to start the games on July 27.

There were some mishaps along the way. A man who got too close to the flame as it was being carried by a torch bearer was

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America expands with digital manifest destiny

By TED ANTHONY
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — The metaphor is an easy one, overused and perhaps even a bit overwrought. We are forging forward into a digital frontier, leaving convention behind, traveling without guides into an uncharted virtual land where progress and profits are forever around the next bend.

Sound familiar? In the 19th century, Americans expanded into a physical frontier — a geographic edge of society brimming with opportunities and dangers and challenges and setbacks. So began the notion of

manifest destiny: the idea that, no matter what, the United States pushes outward to the farthest edge of the most distant place possible.

Today, almost two centuries after that term was coined, American expansionism is playing out vigorously at society's latest cutting edge: the social space of the Internet. Friday's high-octane, \$16 billion IPO of the global juggernaut that is Mark Zuckerberg's Facebook is, for better or worse, the most recent example of how the new frontier has been cultivated, colonized and com-

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The animated facade of the Nasdaq MarketSite welcomes the Facebook IPO in New York's Times Square on Friday. In the 19th century, Americans expanded into a physical frontier — a geographic edge of society brimming with opportunities and dangers and challenges and setbacks. Today, American expansionism is playing out vigorously at society's latest cutting edge: the social space of the Internet.

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