

lis reported earlier this week on a St. Paul, Minn., woman, Lisa Perry, who is selling "everything I own!"

What caught my eye, though, is the category under which Perry listed her auction: Slightly Unusual, a subcategory of Weird Stuff. That would seem to fit her listing. But then I started looking at other items in that section. Yikes.

BECOME A LANDLORD
WWW.STARTRIBUNE.COM/A2588

Pitch: Buy a square foot of land in the heart of Scotland, and you can legally claim to be a laird (Scottish lord) or lady. "Purchase your very own Highland sporting estate (albeit a small one — but you don't need to tell your friends the exact size!)," the ad says. You even get fishing rights on a nearby river.

Cost: The land and proper documents for \$49.95, plus \$7.99 shipping. Ends: April 20.

PLAY A DIRTY TRICK
WWW.STARTRIBUNE.COM/A2590

Pitch: Get revenge or play a prank on someone by having a diaper sent to them — but not just any diaper. As the ad parenthetically notes, "(We will either put peanut butter, a Hershey's bar or any combination of melted chocolate bars inside the diaper to simulate human feces, At no point will there be any human feces or remains shipped!!)" Whew.

Cost: \$5, plus \$12.95 shipping.

GET RICH SLOWLY
WWW.STARTRIBUNE.COM/A2591

Pitch: Using a "freaky unique idea," you can make \$100 to \$400 a week by providing a service for small car dealerships. It's simple and easy, although, the ad points out, "This will not make you a million (dollars) in six months." Now there's honesty. The catch? You have to pay the sellers to find out the idea.

Cost: \$9.97. Ends: Ongoing.

Randy A. Salas

WHO DOESN'T LIKE A FREE DRINK?

So, do you like free drinks? Well, we're celebrating being around for a year now, so we're giving away free drinks!!!! WOOO HOOO! Check out the ad we have running in the paper, as well as here on the Web. It lists all the places we're going to be in April and May (twice a week baby!) And, you never know, you might just discover how much fun we are! You are so lucky...



Janice

SNOW RUNNING AND OTHER ADVENTURES

"Maybe we'll be able to drive with the top down on the way back," I said to my friend Nick, whom I was to go for a long run with on Saturday.

Heh, in hindsight that seemed a tad optimistic, as were most of our ideas on Saturday. Observe:

The plan was to meet up at Nick's place at 7 a.m., drive over to Horsetooth, and go for a nice morning run along the Blue Sky Trail. We'd start at 7:30 a.m., run down to Loveland and back for a total of 20 miles, and be done by 10:30 a.m. We'd be back at our respective homes by, oh, 11 a.m., and still have an entire day to get stuff done. Sounds good, yes?



Well, I got out of bed on time and met up with my friend at 7 a.m., but then there were a few things that prevented us from getting out of his home for a while. Like food, talking with his wife, playing with his kid, and, oh... snow. It was 70 degrees inside his place and only 20 outside, which hardly helped motivate us to get moving along.

By the time we hit the trailhead it was 8:15 a.m. Ah, well.

Then there was the issue of the trail. For some reason, despite all the forecasts calling for snow, I was positive that no white stuff would actually stick. Let me say this was also a tad optimistic. The good thing was, in the first 15 miles, I only slipped about, oh, three times. No blood or sprains, so that was good.

Running got harder after that.

That is because my quads started aching from the rolling terrain, and soon I was lagging far behind Nick, a 2:55 marathoner. Then my hands went numb, and my left calf started cramping. Suddenly running a single mile seemed like 10.

But we made it back to the car, with our reward being... a parking ticket. Doh! In my distracted state, I had forgotten to deposit \$6 in the parking kiosk. Well, good to see that the rangers are still working on a 20-degree day!

The last challenge of the day was driving back. Now, that would seem fairly trivial, except my hands were so cold and numb that I could not even turn the key in the

ignition. Ultimately, I was able to do so using two hands, much to the laughter of Nick. Though he wasn't laughing much when he saw how ineffective the defroster was in my little convertible ("that's Italian engineering for you," I remarked.)

Needless to say, we didn't drive with the top down after all. Nor did we get back at 11 a.m., or even noon. But it was a good little adventure, and probably our last snow run of the year until October.

One can be optimistic, after all.
Felix Wong

BONDS BASEBALL AND THE HR HUNT

Barry Bonds is only 20 home runs away from breaking the most coveted statistic in all of sports. The All-Time

Career Home Run List. Hank Aaron, of course, currently holds the top position with 755 career



home runs. Bonds has hit only one so far this season, but now only stands 20 round trippers away from tying Aaron.

We have all heard of the Barry Bonds scandal along with other prominent Major Leaguers using steroids... By now you are probably still sick from all the commotion it caused just last year.

Well before you refuse to read any more about Barry Bonds and the steroid issue, take a glance at the numbers. **Read more at** www.nextnc.com.

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