

ROMAN CANDLE

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so supportive of each other. "With the *Exiled on Main Street Sessions* we wanted to do something that can take advantage of that culture and get the entire community involved." Skip promises that anyone who comes to the recording sessions will have a chance to be a part of the album — contributing cheers, melodies or even hand claps. It's that kind of audience interaction that makes live recordings so special and unique. "They just add an entirely new level of excitement," lead guitarist Nick Jaeger said. "With a live show,

everything depends on the audience." Tickets for any of the three nights are \$8 and can be purchased by contacting the Speakeasy at 929-6881. Only 40 seats are available for each performance. "These shows are just going to be totally honest," said Logan Matheny, drummer and Skip's younger brother. "In the studio, we can always go back and do it again until we get it like we want it. Live, there is no telling what could happen. There are no boundaries. That's scary, but also really thrilling."

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all this ... when we were a little worried about her and Ryan," said David Walmer, who works at the medical center with Gaudet. Gaudet has had limited access to the Internet, arranged by journalists who were living in the hotel to cover the uprisings. She and Liebowitz also are able to speak over the telephone. "I found out how expensive it is to call Haiti," Liebowitz said. Gaudet has sent several e-mails to friends and family who are awaiting her arrival home. In a message she sent April 8, Gaudet gave an update about Ryan's new discoveries. She wrote that Ryan rolled over for the first time, pushing hard with his head and feet to turn over. He also has discovered his feet and likes to hold on to them with his hands, she wrote. Liebowitz said that he would like to be there to see Ryan discover new things but that somebody has to be home to go to work. After returning from his second trip to visit his wife and son in Haiti, Liebowitz said Ryan is the center of attention everywhere he goes. "He couldn't know for anything that he's in the middle of a war-torn country," Liebowitz said. And there has been a silver lining to the story, he said. Because his wife and baby have been prevented from returning home, Gaudet is able to spend all her time with Ryan instead of having to return to work soon after adopting him. The couple first considered adopting a child from Haiti after Liebowitz returned from a med-

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ical missions visit there last summer. After seeing the poverty-stricken country and talking to Walmer, who also adopted a child from Haiti, Liebowitz and Gaudet decided to adopt a child from there. Two years ago, Walmer and his wife, Kathy, adopted a daughter from a Haitian orphanage run by Catholic nuns. Through Walmer's contacts in Haiti, Liebowitz and Gaudet were put in touch with a pregnant 16-year-old living in Port-au-Prince's poorest slum. The couple have been in contact with the girl since before she gave birth to Ryan, and Liebowitz and Gaudet will pay for her to finish school in Haiti. On Thursday, Liebowitz will take his third trip in two months to Haiti to see his wife and son. "We're hoping that when (Liebowitz) comes home this time, he'll be coming home with Tracy and Ryan," Kathy Walmer said. In spite of not knowing when Gaudet and Ryan will return to the United States, Liebowitz said the adoption is worth the uncertainty. "The minute you hold the baby in your arms ... oh yeah, it's all worth it."

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Officials to stockpile flu shots

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ATLANTA — Caught off-guard last year by a flu vaccine shortage, the government will begin stockpiling flu shots for the first time ever and target them toward children. "We were caught with our pants down," Dr. Lance Rodewald, head of immunization services with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Tuesday. "The pressure on CDC to find vaccine was enormous." The government plans to spend \$80 million during the next two years to pay for the 4 million-dose stockpile, which will be set aside for children up to 18 years old, said

the CDC's Dr. Stephen Cochi. Congress could allow adults to tap into the supply during a crisis, Rodewald said. This past winter's flu season got off to an alarming start with emergency rooms filling up and parents lining up at doctors' offices seeking the shots for their children. Flu was blamed for dozens of children's deaths by Christmas. Most state health departments and doctors told the CDC they had run out of flu shots, or had few doses left. The sudden demand in late November also surprised the nation's vaccine manufacturers, which already had ended produc-

tion of last season's vaccine. At the same time, the CDC and health officials were urging people to get their shots when there were none available. "Had we known that, we would have changed our message a little bit in terms of how we promoted vaccinations," Rodewald said. CDC officials hope the announcement of its planned vaccine stockpile will prompt manufacturers to make more flu shots, Cochi said. But there are potential problems. The flu vaccine only is good for the year that it is made and flu shot makers have to find a way to be

able to provide the reserve without affecting the regular supply. About 83.1 million doses of flu shots were distributed in the United States this flu season, the CDC said. "It's going to be a challenge to use this stockpile in an optimal way," Cochi said. Despite its early start, this past flu season turned out to be fairly typical, the government said last week. This season 143 children died of the flu, which is about average, Cochi said. Most of the children had no health problems before getting the flu, and most had not received a flu shot.

Retail sales leap may bolster economy

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. shoppers, buoyed by an improved job climate and tax refunds, indulged themselves in March and boosted sales at the nation's retailers by the largest amount in a year, a promising sign the economy is back in the groove. The stunning 1.8 percent gain in retail sales reported Tuesday by the Commerce Department added to evidence that the economy has closed out the January-March quarter of this year on a strong note and was entering the current quarter with good momentum, analysts said.

Bill Cheney, chief economist at John Hancock Financial Services. Shoppers splurged on a range of goods in March, including cars, clothes and building and garden supplies. January's and February's overall sales figures, meanwhile, turned out to be better than previously estimated, increasing by 0.5 percent and 1 percent, respectively. The latest snapshot of retail activity showed that consumers have a hearty appetite to spend.

That's good news for the economy because consumer spending accounts for about two-thirds of all U.S. economic activity. Economists said stronger job growth, tax refunds and super-low borrowing costs probably made shoppers feel more inclined to treat themselves. Those forces blunted the negative impact of soaring energy prices, especially gasoline, analysts said. "It was a blowout report," said

Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group. "Consumers were shopping themselves silly in March. The whole first quarter was a barn burner for consumer spending." But on Wall Street, the retail sales report made investors worry that the Federal Reserve might move to raise interest rates sooner than some anticipated. The Dow Jones industrials lost 134.28 points to close at 10,381.28.

"The picture clearly emerging is that of a resurgent economy," said

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a lot." Also excited about his award was In Joon Hwang, who received the James M. Johnston Distinguished Senior Award in the Undergraduate Program, given by the Johnston Undergraduate Awards Program. Hwang said he felt blessed when he found out he won the award. "My experience at Carolina was just great. Winning this award was the cherry on top."

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