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Welcome to our new board members

Laurie Wilcox, President elect

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And

Amber Carte, Board member

And

**A Huge Thanks to our past Board
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Save the date!
Washington Branch of
AALAS'
Holiday Party
Will be held later in January
2007
Watch your emails for more
information!

Be part of the action!

What do you want to see in your
newsletter?

Please send in suggestions for new
sections and articles you want to read!

Been to a big event like Districts or
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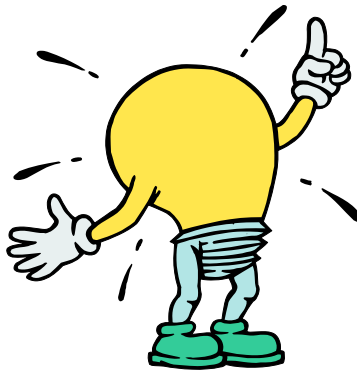
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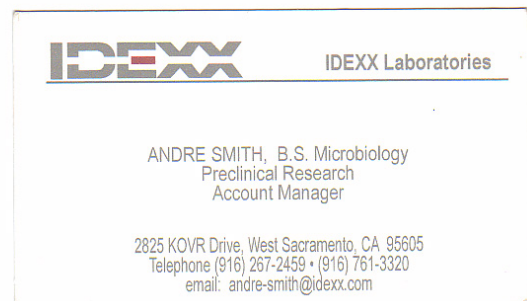
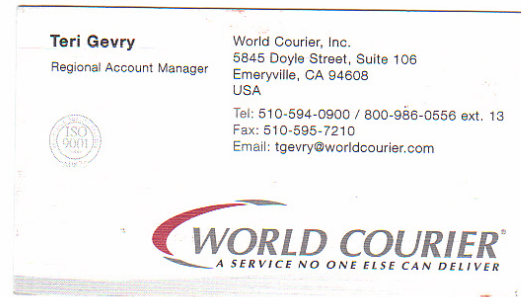
Save the Dates!!!

January, 2007
Holiday Party to be
announced

February 1, 2007
Deadline for articles for
Newsletter

March 22, 2007
Spring Trade Fair
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April 12 & 13, 2007
District 8 Meeting
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Mice star as Olympic food tasters

White mice are to take part in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing - their task to protect international athletes from food poisoning.

The mice will be fed milk, alcohol, salad, rice, oil and seasonings, the city's health inspectors said.

Mice show adverse reactions within 17 hours, while laboratory tests take much longer, they said.

Poor hygiene in food handling and low standards in distribution have made food poisoning rife in China.

The move is part of the huge effort the Chinese are making to ensure the showpiece event passes off smoothly.

24-hour guard

All the food and ingredients to be prepared in Olympic kitchens will be fed to the mice a day before they are served to athletes, state news agency Xinhua quoted Zhao Xincheng of the Beijing Municipal Health Inspection Bureau as saying.

Infected food can then be traced and destroyed in time.

More than 10,000 competitors will be staying at the athletes' village during the Games.

The kitchens will also have 24-hour guards, storage will be constantly monitored and transportation will have global positioning systems.

Zhen Xiaozhen, of the Beijing Organising Committee of the Olympic Games, said the food served would be Western, complemented by Chinese dishes.

The BBC's Quentin Sommerville in Beijing says nothing is being allowed to stand in the way of the perfect Olympics.

Stray cats and dogs will vanish from the streets, he says, and anti-aircraft guns, small planes and rockets will be used to disperse rain clouds, ensuring there will be blue skies over Beijing for the duration.



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