

Lee fans journey to grave site

SEATTLE (AP) — After a seven-month walk that wore out at least 15 pairs of boots, three martial arts enthusiasts from Mongolia made their way to actor Bruce Lee's grave.

Nazkanjam, 20; his teacher, Batzorig, 32, and a doctor, Dendev, 59, paid tribute to the martial arts expert Saturday, which would have been Lee's 53rd birthday.

"I think my legs are strong enough to make a big trip but, so weak when I stand before (Lee's grave)," Batzorig said through an interpreter.

Each wore out at least five pairs of boots along the way, said Bayar, a Mongolian interpreter and visiting scholar at the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington. Donations from Lee fans ranged from hot meals to a plane ride across the Bering strait, the trio said.

Each member of the trio brought a bouquet of white carnations.

"Our long trip has been devoted to you, the great master, and the art of Jeet Kune Do created by you," Batzorig said. "The memory about you is sacred and eternal."

Cancer victim earns award, helps others

SEATTLE (AP) — They couldn't bottle Jesse Schuette's gentle smile, so they did the next best thing.

Family and friends captured the 13-year-old Bellingham girl's favorite fragrance, packaged it in a line of soaps, shampoos and personal-care products and gave it an alluring label — Jesse's Perfect Peach.

They hope someday the profits from the Perfect Peach collection, marketed locally and nationally through Nordstrom, will bring a cure for the brain malignancy that Jesse has battled for the past four years.

So far, receipts and matching donations have raised \$20,000 for brain cancer research, with all profits going to Children's Hospital in Seattle. Jesse's family and friends expect to raise more than \$1 million in the next several years.

When Jesse was 9, a brain scan revealed a malignant tumor that required major surgery.

Since then, she has experienced two recurrences, which were treated with minor surgery and radiation.

Jesse recently returned to Shuksan Middle School in Bellingham, but attends only half days. Most 13-year-olds would agree with her when she says, "That's plenty."

For Jesse, it's a matter of endurance, not personal preference, and she's happy for the opportunity.

"That way I can get in what I need to get in

and learn what I need to learn without having to go a full day."

Glad to "be one of the crowd again," Jesse says. "It feels good to be back. I'm not different."

A few weeks ago, Jesse was one of five recipients of the 1993 Northwest Philanthropy Awards. She was named Outstanding Young Philanthropist and shared the luncheon applause at Seattle's Westin Hotel with Key Bank of Washington, named Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation; Benaroya Foundation; Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation; The Links Inc. (Seattle chapter), Outstanding Philanthropic Organization; and David C. Wyman, Outstanding Philanthropist.

The awards are sponsored by the state chapter of the National Society of Fundraising Executives and Northwest Development Officers Association.

Jesse got into the personal products business through Susan Smalls, a longtime friend of Jesse's mother.

Smalls and business partner Steven Walker own a Redmond company that manufactures cosmetics for Nordstrom.

Smalls was one of Jesse's regular visitors and staunchest backers through her battles with cancer.

When Jesse was released from the hospital, Smalls invited her to spend time at the shop and make up some gifts for friends.

"It all started as small gifts," Jesse says. "Then Susan suggested that I go down and make up some (items for sale). I was the one who picked the fragrance and the color, the name and stuff."

Peach? "Yeah, I like peaches."

The suggestion was perfect for Jesse.

"Ever since I got out of the hospital, I wanted to do something that would help other kids. But I couldn't think of any things (she could do at her age). ... Like they have volunteers that just go around and do things with patients. That was something I always wanted to do. And it's something I'll probably still do."

"But this kind of came up, and so we did it," she says. "I'm happy because it will help other kids."

Jesse's products are marketed by the Life's A Peach Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Redmond, created to support cancer research and families fighting cancer.

Among the products in the Perfect Peach line is a gel Jesse calls "Everything Wash." The following verse is included on the tag and describes the range of possibilities:

"When everything needs washing from your head down to your toes / Your fuzzy hair, your knobby knees, your big or little nose / A bottle full of hopes and dreams is here within your reach / A super special sunny squirt of Jesse's Perfect Peach."

Ravaged rotunda not to be complete until March

SALEM (AP) — Repair of the earthquake-damaged Rotunda at the Oregon Capitol has yet to begin as experts continue to evaluate the extent of the damage.

"It's looking like late February or early March before we'll even see construction," said Wade Lange of Capitol Facility Ser-

vices. "We think the Rotunda will remain sealed for over a year, during the repair work."

The March 25 quake forced closure of the Rotunda, which stands 106 feet high beneath the brick and mortar dome. It remains sealed from public access, because of the danger it

poses.

In addition, the quake rocked the 23-foot, 19-ton "Oregon Pioneer" statue that stands atop the Capitol tower and left a three-foot bulge on the west side of the building.

After the quake, workers anchored the statue to the con-

crete beneath its pedestal on top of the dome and made numerous other repairs throughout the building.

However, the Rotunda, the most heavily damaged part of the Capitol, needed expert evaluation before extensive repair work could start.

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