

Pullman residents get caution on water

MOSCOW, Pullman water safe, but can pick up contaminants

Erin Schultz
Staff

Due to recent water testing, residents in Pullman have been advised to use only cold water for cooking, making hot drinks or mixing baby formula.

"Hot tap water has the tendency to leach out materials from metal pipes," said Gene Patterson, public health manager for Washington State University.

Moscow officials haven't all been made aware of Pullman test results, but Gary Smith, chief operator for the City of Moscow water department, said he can see how such findings would be true.

"I can see how heat would absorb [contaminants] off of metal quicker," Smith said.

Of special concern are particles of lead that can get into the water we drink. This can

be a health hazard, leading to kidney damage and high blood pressure in adults and depressed intelligence and learning ability in children.

In 1993, the state and federal government came up with mandated lead and copper tests to help ensure the safety of our drinking water.

Recently, as the City of Pullman and WSU conducted some of these lead and copper testings, they made a different discovery. While they found that Pullman area ground water is safe, they also discovered that hot water has more of a tendency to pick up contaminants from faucet components and solder.

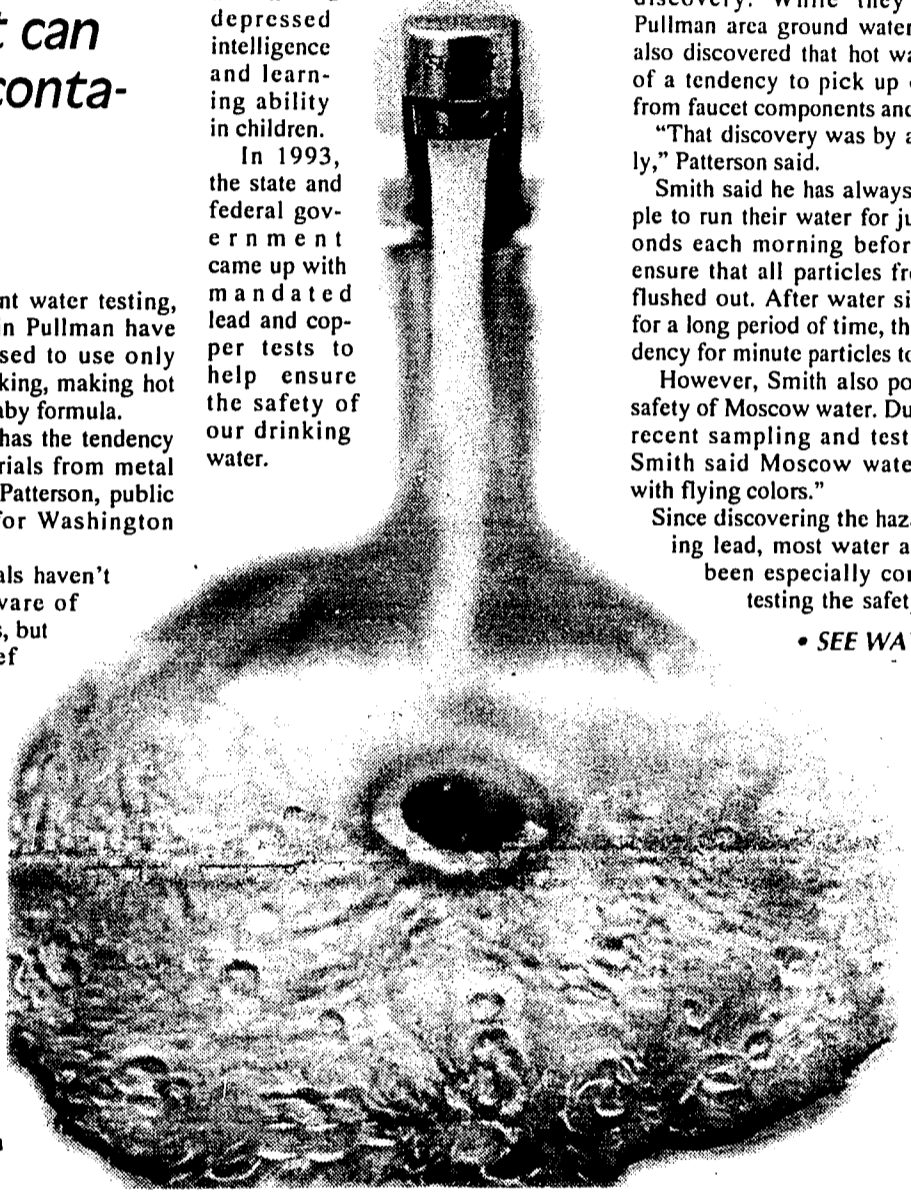
"That discovery was by accident, really," Patterson said.

Smith said he has always advised people to run their water for just a few seconds each morning before using it to ensure that all particles from pipes get flushed out. After water sits in the line for a long period of time, there is the tendency for minute particles to seep in.

However, Smith also pointed out the safety of Moscow water. During the most recent sampling and testing process, Smith said Moscow water "came out with flying colors."

Since discovering the hazards of drinking lead, most water agencies have been especially concerned with testing the safety of drinking

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Regents approve fee increase for fall

Officials target summer 1998 for University Commons groundbreaking

Michelle Kalbeitzer
Staff

Returning students for fall '97 can expect a \$45 increase in student fees to facilitate the construction of the University Commons Building.

With the Board of Regents' approval of the fee increase Wednesday, the project has moved from the planning stage into the final decisions and preparations needed to begin building.

"That [increase] is expected to produce, between now and 2022, a sum of \$13 million to construct the new building," said Joanne Reece, director of Capital Planning.

In addition to this sum, up to \$4 million is expected from private, local and corporate resources.

The University Commons is just one of four adjuncts to the upcoming University Center, designed specifically to foster the "living and learning" environment.

Over the past three years, student fees have gradually increased to help fund the preliminary planning of the Commons. This semester saw \$30 per student assigned to the project.

Reece said students are willing to pay for things in which they see value. Student input on the subject was actively sought after in the earlier planning stages.

The ASUI Senate, student officers of university clubs and committees, and a steering committee were used to determine student views on the necessity of a University Commons. Fulfilling student needs was the impetus for

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Forum discusses local flooding, water quality

Panelist predicts more Moscow floods

Andrea Lucero
Assistant News Editor

Although actions are being taken to decrease the possibility, Moscow flooding is predicted to increase in coming years.

According to the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute's "Just Desserts" community forum held in Moscow City Hall Sunday, water quality and flooding problems are the result of difficulties common to most urban communities.

"A lot of the problem in Moscow is caused by construction," said Adam Thornbrough, PCEI

Wetlands project coordinator. "Structures built in the flood plain can cause water to build up and force its way over the structure in its way. The problem isn't the stream itself."

Other common causes for flooding and poor water quality in the Moscow area include: chemical contamination (such as fuel and oil leakage), urban development, waste and run-off, channel alteration and encroachment. The most prominent water problems in Moscow are channel alteration and encroachment.

"Channel alteration is when creeks are straightened out so water will flow more quickly through town," explained Thornbrough. "The change in velocity results in large cut banks that deposit more sediments into creeks."

Thornbrough said that encroachment occurs when houses and bridges are built directly above or around a creek. This construction does not allow enough room for the water to expand, and forces water to build up and produce high-velocity flooding.

Recently, steps have been taken to help decrease flooding. In past years, Moscow only had a stage-one flood plain located near the wetlands project.

"The term stage in stage-one flood plain refers to water height," explained Thornbrough. "The flood plain provides storage capacity which helps decrease flooding downstream."

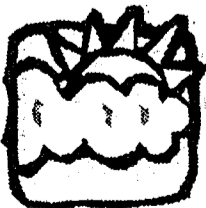
The stage-one flood plain has now been altered to form a stage-two flood plain, which will provide increased storage for water overflow.

"Although flooding can cause problems, it can also be helpful," said Ken Hoska, district conservationist. "Flooding provides habitat for

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Weather

Snow advisory this morning. Mostly cloudy today, with highs in the 30s. Wednesday — areas of low clouds and fog, lows in the 20s, highs in the 30s. Thursday — warmer, with possible rain showers

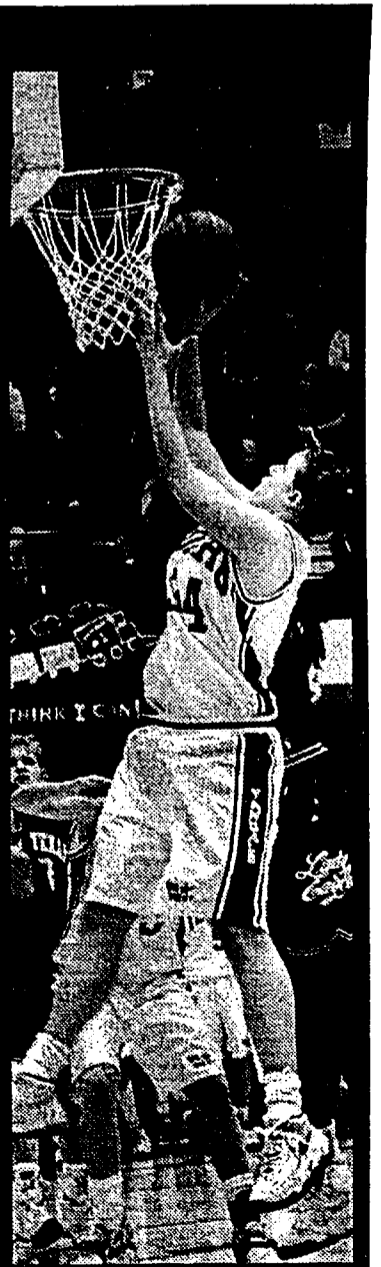


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water.

But what about the flavor of Moscow water? Some people worry that the distinctive Moscow flavor is a health hazard. Depending on where a person is originally from, Moscow water tastes comparatively good or comparatively bad.

Smith explained that the flavor of water comes from the ground. Whatever geological layers the water must come up through determines taste.

"As a water operator, I have no

control over the flavor. I can make it as clear and clean and palatable as possible, but I can't change the flavor," Smith said.

Notebooks full of charts and graphs reveal test results of Moscow ground water. Certain levels of chemicals indicate a health hazard. In all categories, Moscow levels are far below the maximum amount of allowable chemical content, showing that having a few drinks is safe, after all.

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this project.

The Commons will be "in the very heart of the academic campus," Reece said. The building's location will be directly attached to the eastern side of the UCC building.

The new building will include student activity spaces, conference rooms, student services such as MSAC, TAAC, and Student Support Services, a computer lab, several food service outlets and lounge areas to "encourage student active learning," Reece said.

University of Idaho junior Dan Harrington said, "Consolidating the services in one place is a very good idea. Forty-five more dollars would be worth it to me."

He added, "I hate running down to the SUB to get food. I am too far away from the SUB when I am at the library. I just call Subway. But if I could just walk over one block, that would be cool."

Reece believes the Commons will address a variety of student needs. She said, "Not everything we learn is learned in a classroom." We need to "recognize that we have to do things differently than we have in the past." That is specifically what the Commons will be designed for.

Reece expects the ground-breaking to begin in mid-'98 with completion of the project at the end of 1999.

"The opening will correspond with the beginning of the new century," she said.

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Hoska pointed out that flooding occurs naturally and will always happen, no matter what is done to prevent it.

"There are so many developments going in and so much vegetation is being removed that flooding will definitely be an increasing problem in the future," Hoska said. "What we need to do is install some sort of water retention apparatus upstream when new developments are built."

In the future, PCEI plans to work on flood prevention and water

purification in the portion of Paradise Creek which runs near Sweet Avenue.

"Sweet Avenue conveyed a large amount of flood water last year," said Thornbrough. "It needs some work."

The PCEI "Just Desserts" forums will be held twice in the spring and twice in the fall. Dates and times will be announced. The agricultural committee will choose topics and coordinate the event. For more information contact Colette DePhleps at 882-1444.

Announcements

Today:

Correctly council an addict

"Professional Ethics in Chemical Addictions Counseling" will be offered as part of UI Enrichment's alcohol/drug abuse counseling classes. It begins today and continues through Feb. 27, with meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information or to register, call 885-6486.

Tomorrow:

Tell everyone

Graduation announcement orders will be taken at the Alumni Office Jan. 29-31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 885-6154.

Impress employers

"Marketing yourself with a resume and cover letter" is the topic of a free workshop at 3:30 p.m. in Brink Hall. Call Career Services at 885-6121 for information.

Thursday:

Relive summer camp

Warm Beach Christian Camps will be interviewing for summer positions. See information tables in the Student Union from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Find a job

"Introduction to UI Career Services" will be held at 11:30 a.m. in Brink Hall. Call 885-6121 to pre-register for the free workshop.

Ongoing:

Rwandans need help

Through January: Recognizing African American Concerns in Education (R.A.A.C.E.) members will visit residence halls, fraternities and sororities to raise funds for seeds and blankets for Rwandans.

Need money?

Students interested in federal financial aid for 1997-98 should complete and mail the Free Application for Federal Student Aid by the end of January to make UI's priority deadline. Applications are available at Student Financial Aid Services.

Understand your computer

Throughout the winter, computer classes for begin-

ners and those needing instruction in Windows 95, World Wide Web, e-mail, home page design, etc. will be offered by the UI Enrichment program. Fees and times vary, for more information contact Alison Oman at 885-6486.

Help the poor

Sojourner's Alliance is looking for donations of antiques, appliances, art and furniture for their first annual fundraising auction to be held March 8. The Alliance provides food, clothing and shelter to the homeless and poor. Call 883-3438 to donate items. Arrangements can be made to have them picked up.

Upcoming:

Collaborate on nutrients

The Food Science Club will meet Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in FRC Room 201. All interested are welcome to attend. Call 885-6456 for more information.

Getting married?

On Feb. 8 and 9, the Palouse Mall will be hosting "Promises," their 1997 bridal promotion. Activities will include informational booths, a fashion show, a wedding song performance and the "Nearly Wed Game."

Visit China

China Night will be held Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. It will feature dinner, traditional music, arts and entertainment in celebration of the Lunar New Year. Tickets, available at Ticket Express, are \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors, students and their spouses. Youth tickets cost \$2, and children under 5 get in free. For information, call Huang Jianguo at 885-9413.

Befriend the world

The International Friendship Association will host the Fifth Annual Afternoon of Culture, Costume, and Cuisine in the Student Union Ballroom on Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. The program will feature dance, music, ceremonies and traditional dress from around the world. Tickets are \$6.50 for general public, \$4.50 for students and will go on sale Feb. 3 at Ticket Express. For more information, contact IFA at 885-7841.

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Nature Conservancy leases Moscow Mountain parcel

Next step: management planning

Margaret Donaldson
Staff

Planning is the next step for the 295-acre parcel of land on east Moscow Mountain, on which the Nature Conservancy recently gained a 10-year lease from the Idaho Department of Lands.

The land includes a 40-acre grove of cedars. Harold Osborne, associate professor of forest resources and manager of the University of Idaho experimental forest, estimates the cedars are about 500 years old, but he said it's hard to tell exactly.

"These are old trees and these are big trees," Osborne said. Some of the trees could be as old as 800 years.

The future of the land and the cedars has been uncertain in the past with the state attempting to trade or lease it to various private and public parties.

Department of Lands is mandated to manage their lands for the highest returns, which usually means timber harvesting. Many people, such as local landowner and former Latah County commissioner Mark Solomon, feel strongly about saving the ancient trees, which may be the oldest cedars in the state.

The age of the trees may be what has saved them from harvest so far. Osborne said they are not worth a lot as timber and Department of Lands has been trying to get the unprofitable land off their hands.

They even approached UI to take it under a lease in 1994, but, "We never really came to a deal," Osborne said.

The College of Forestry has been conducting research on the land for years.

"Why should we pay a fee to study it?" Osborne said.

Now it is up to the Nature Conservancy to define a management plan for the property.

"What I think we can do is take a little bit better care of the management qualities of the property," said Mark Elsbree, conservancy Panhandle program director.

Osborne is in support of the Nature Conservancy as manager of the area.

"We view the Nature Conservancy as someone in the middle who can use public planning," he said.

The Conservancy hopes to form an advisory council including representatives from Latah County, Department of Lands, Bennett Lumber Products (which owns land adjacent to the leased area), and UI.

The UI College of Forestry can supply the planning team with information on snow depths, use patterns and access to the Geographic Information System.

What the Nature Conservancy and its advisory board decide on for a management plan is of concern to UI students and local residents. Moscow Mountain is a popular place for mountain biking, cross-

country skiing and partying.

Currently there are no use restrictions on fires or types of recreation, but that could change with the new management.

UI student Travis House, 21, said, "There's already so much development up there. They should save some of it for the public to use." He thinks it's all right that the Nature

Conservancy manages the area as long as the group manages for the public.

Osborne feels the old cedars should be set aside for botanical use with minimal recreation.

"It's a place to go see and then go home at night," Osborne said. "Take only pictures and leave only footprints."

The Nature Conservancy will pay \$250 a year for the lease with the amount possibly increasing after the first year. The organization would like to work with the Department of Lands to find a long-term solution, possibly even trading for the area with land elsewhere in the state.



Last weekend's snow storm left Moscow Mountain in the cold.

Peter McKinney

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Chipman Trail project nears financial goal

Robert Hall
Staff

Soon, bikers and hikers will be able to travel between Moscow and Pullman via the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail. A recent gift from General Telephone and Electric has given the project a boost.

The Chipman Trail is a proposed eight-mile rail-to-trail conversion located on the Palouse River Railroad track between Perimeter Drive in Moscow and Spring Street in Pullman.

It is named for the late Bill Chipman and will be used for recreation and transportation between the two cities. Bicyclists, rollerbladers, joggers and walkers are among those expected to benefit from the paved asphalt trail.

A total of \$1.3 million is needed to build the trail. About 70 percent of that amount, \$900,000, will be provided by the Washington Department of Transportation if the two

communities can come up with the other \$400,000. The Department of Transportation requires that \$180,000 be in hand by May 1, 1997.

A \$5000 gift from GTE has raised the actual total received to more than \$165,000.

JoAnn Mack, GTE local manager based in Moscow, made the presentation in December at the Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute's board of directors' meeting. PCEI is one of four local organizations raising funds for the proposed trail. Others are the WSU Foundation, University of Idaho Foundation and the Pullman Civic Trust.

"We couldn't think of a better Christmas gift to the Moscow/Pullman area. The Chipman Trail will improve the quality of life for families and individuals in both cities for decades to come — and at no cost to the taxpayers. It makes the entire area a healthier area for GTE to do busi-

ness," Mack said.

GTE officials were also impressed by the broad-based community support the project has received, noting that some agencies have been working together for more than 10 years to turn their dream into reality.

GTE's gift "...is setting an example for leadership philanthropy in our community," said Tom Lamar, PCEI executive director. "This will serve as an example for other companies who have not yet given. The timing of the gift is perfect."

Others who wish to contribute to the project may do so by contacting PCEI, WSU Foundation, University of Idaho Foundation or the Pullman Civic Trust.

All of the money collected will be used for the development of the trail, and all gifts are tax-deductible.

For more information, contact Lamar at 882-1444.

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Gimmicks amuse admission officers

DURHAM — This is the time of year when admission applications begin rolling into colleges, and with them come a steady stream of gimmicks designed to grab admissions officers' attention.

Usually they work — in grabbing attention, that is. But admission officers say they are no help at all in getting into school.

But they are amusing. There was the little pill bottle Christoph Guttentag, Duke University's admissions director, received in the mail, his name typed neatly across the label. Inside was a plea to relieve a student's stress by letting him into the prestigious school.

Other gimmicky admission applications to Duke and other North Carolina colleges include everything from sweets and home videos to a Duke Barbie that recently arrived in Durham.

Despite widespread admonishment from advisers and college guides, hundreds of students still try to gain an edge in the college admissions process with such gimmicks, The News & Observer of Raleigh reported.

In fact, such ploys can backfire. Some admissions officials say they often signal an application that lacks substance.

"In many cases, students are trying to cover up academic shortcomings," said Martha Allman, associate director of admissions at Wake Forest University. "And that doesn't work."

Allman remembers the kid on the waiting list who sent a size 13 gold and black shoe "to get his other foot in the door," and the girl who sent a poem on a postcard for each of the 12 days of Christmas. (Refrain: "the Demon Deacons gave to me.")

George Dixon, director of admissions at N.C. State University, said a tenet of the profession is that the best applicants — knowing their academic record will stand on its own — send

the least supplemental material.

"The extras really do not give them an advantage," Dixon says.

Home videos are the most common appeal for attention, officials said. And most universities — not counting those that require videotapes for special programs such as dance — slide them into the garbage rather than the VCR.

"We have boxes and boxes of videos," said Jim Walters, director of undergraduate admissions at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "With more than 16,000 applications to read, we just don't have time to view them."

Allman said she's received videos logging everything from a family trip to India to a valedictorian's speech — but she doesn't watch them.

Walters said when videos first started coming in, the staff checked them out for curiosity's sake and found them most of them were awful. His office now keeps the videos around for a year or so, then they are tossed in the trash — along with all the other gimmicks.

Except for those that taste good. "Sure, if we get something edible, we eat it," Walters says. "Why waste it?"

He notes that food is separated from its application so no one knows whose cookies they're eating.

Admissions officers are confounded that the gimmicks keep coming although high school students are clearly warned against them. In this year's "How to Get into College" guide by Kaplan, University of Illinois admissions director Martha Moore said students should avoid anything cute.

"Let's see, this year we received orchids, candy and a loaf of bread with a note saying 'I won't loaf around if I come to Illinois,'" Moore said. "This shouldn't have any bearing on whether a student is admitted. It won't move them from a no-admit to an admit."

Damn, it's slick!



Peter McKinney
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According to guest list released Friday by the White House, Clinton and America's chief banking regulator often sat down with more than a dozen leading bankers — as well as political operatives from the Democratic National Committee.

A spokesman for comptroller of the currency Eugene Ludwig said that when the bank regulator was invited, "he did not know that anyone would be there from the Democratic Party." Ludwig discussed banking at the meeting, said the spokesman, Dean DeBuck.

The White House defended that informal meeting and others like it as perfectly appropriate.

"A bank regulator being in a

room with people in the industry that he regulates is not an unusual activity," White House spokesman Lanny Davis said.

Davis acknowledged the events were set up by the Democratic Party and campaign officials for "sustaining and developing political support," but he said there was nothing wrong with using the White House setting or the participation of administration officials.

But U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon said inviting the banking regulator to meet with bankers at a political event was "highly unethical." Solomon, chairman of the House Rules Committee, suggested in a telephone interview that it might even have been an illegal use of government property.

Davis said, "There's nothing unusual in presidents from Abraham Lincoln to Ronald Reagan to Bill Clinton inviting people to the White House, some of which happen to be your financial

contributors."

Most of the meetings lasted from 45 minutes to an hour, and typically Clinton would stop by to describe his policies and answer questions, Davis said. The meetings usually were held around a table in the White House Map Room.

In almost all cases, political operatives from the Democratic National Committee took part, along with senior administration aides. They often included Mack McLarty, a former utility company executive from Clinton's home state and now a senior adviser to the president.

From January 1995 through September 1996, executives invited to the informal meetings included people from Tenneco, Walt Disney, Miramax, NYNEX, Philip Morris, Circus Circus casinos, AT&T, Coca-Cola, American Crystal Sugar and Goldman Sachs.

Executives from some of the nation's largest banks — Wells

Fargo, Chase Manhattan, NationsBank and BankAmerica — were invited to the May 13, 1996, coffee with Ludwig. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin also was on the list.

NationsBank gave \$53,650 to national Democratic Party committees in September and October of 1996, according to Federal Election Commission records. BankAmerica gave the Democrats more than \$55,000 over the two years leading up to the election. But some banks represented at the meeting gave primarily to Republicans.

In addition to lists of guests at the coffee meetings, the White House also released documents that offer a glimpse of how administration officials planned to use the office of the presidency to aid the campaign.

Offer supporters "unprecedented access to the White House and key administration decision-makers," one document said.

The documents, most written by

officials within the White House early in 1996, lay out plans for using presidential appearances and Cabinet members to help win votes and financial contributions from several ethnic groups.

In addition to the Asian Pacific American program — which sparked a Justice Department investigation because of contributions from foreign companies and individuals — other outreach plans targeted blacks, Hispanics, Jews, the handicapped and "ethnic Americans," primarily people of European descent.

Davis said the fund-raising section of the Asian American outreach plan was written by John Huang, the Democratic fund-raiser at the center of the controversy over foreign-linked donations. It resembled a document Huang later prepared for the Democratic Party, including its goal of raising \$7 million from Asian Pacific Americans.

Arafat appoints former Hamas activist to cabinet

Associated Press
 HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — In a move to draw support from his opposition, Yasser Arafat Friday appointed a member of the Islamic movement who was once part of the militant Hamas organization to serve as a minister in his Cabinet.

Talal Sidr, a 44-year-old from Hebron, where Hamas rather than Yasser Arafat's Fatah party enjoys popular support, was sworn in as minister of youth in the Palestinian Authority.

Sidr, a former Hamas activist, was arrested

three times by Israel in 1988 for activities related to the Intifadeh or Palestinian uprising before he was deported to Lebanon in 1992 along with hundreds of other suspected militants.

The group was allowed to return after Israel and the PLO forged the September 1993 Oslo peace agreement.

The appointment was announced by Arafat at a Cabinet meeting in Hebron, the first session held there since 80 percent of the city was turned over to Palestinian control following the recent Israel-PLO Hebron deal.

Sidr, who describes himself as a "son of the Islamic movement," has been an outspoken opponent of the Oslo accord but said that his views would not interfere with his post in the Palestinian Cabinet.

"I am still against Oslo ... but I can serve my own people," Sidr told The Associated Press. "We have to cooperate with (Arafat) and work together for building a homeland."

The appointment is important for relations between Arafat and rival Palestinian factions who criticize the Palestinian leader for making agreements with Israel which fall short

of creating full statehood.

Sidr no longer identifies himself directly with Hamas, the group that claimed responsibility for a series of suicide bombings last year that killed scores of Israelis and now works with the more religious Islamic Movement. Hamas sources in Hebron said the group, which rejects Israel-PLO peace making, quietly supports Sidr's appointment.

Arafat's Cabinet includes another former Hamas member, Imad Falouji, who serves as communications minister.

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Recruit who brought sex scandal to light leaves Army

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — A female soldier who went public with her allegations that a drill sergeant at Aberdeen Proving Ground sexually harassed her and threatened to kill her if she told is leaving the Army.

The South Carolina woman's claims sparked an investigation last November into the worst military sex scandal since Tailhook.

"I was getting phone calls everywhere in the United States, girls telling me things like that had happened to them," Jessica Bleckley told WSPA-TV as she arrived back in South Carolina Saturday.

Bleckley, 18, was granted an honorable discharge for hardship reasons, Rachel McDonald, a spokeswoman for Aberdeen Proving Ground, said late Friday.

"She has requested a discharge and it has been granted," she said.

Bleckley said she attempted suicide two days before the Army let her go.

"I was already depressed," she said. "I was being seen by a psychiatrist for depression and I just didn't think there was any other way, that somehow taking pills would be the only way. I mean I really wanted out of the Army somehow and I really didn't care how."

WUSA-TV in Washington reported Friday that Bleckley faked a suicide attempt Wednesday and was admitted to Fallston General Hospital and transferred to Walter Reed Hospital. Neither hospital could

find any evidence that the woman had taken an overdose of Prozac, a drug prescribed for depression and anxiety, the station reported.

When asked about the report, McDonald said it was true that Bleckley had been in both hospitals, but she said the medical reasons were confidential.

Bleckley was allowed to leave Walter Reed Friday evening, McDonald said.

Bleckley, a Belton-Honea Path High School graduate, probably will head back to her home in Anderson County, S.C. She said she hopes to attend the University of South Carolina later this year for law school.

Since Bleckley's allegations, four instructors at the post north of Baltimore have been charged with sexual crimes including rape, sexual harassment and adultery involving more than a dozen female recruits.

Bleckley said the trouble started in May, after she rejected the advances of a married drill instructor. He threatened to kill her if she revealed the unwanted advances, she said.

She said about nine other higher-ranking soldiers — mostly drill sergeants — also made unwanted advances toward her.

"It's like everywhere I went I was constantly being harassed," Bleckley said.

In the scandal's latest development, an instructor at Aberdeen Proving Ground was charged earlier this week with adultery and sodomy involving two female

trainees and one female civilian.

The charges were the first to emerge from a continuing investigation that began after a captain and two drill sergeants at the Ordnance School were charged with rape and other crimes in November.

Staff Sgt. Delmar Simpson, who is being held in a military prison in Quantico, Va. faces the most serious charges. He is charged with raping 10 women in 1995 and 1996.

The two other drill sergeants charged in the sex scandal remain at Aberdeen but have been re-assigned.

In early January, a private facing a court-martial within days for an alleged rape at Aberdeen was found dead in his barracks, an apparent suicide.

Ms. McDonald said the Army did not resist Ms. Bleckley's request for a discharge.

"Our goal since these allegations came to light is to care for the soldiers," Ms. McDonald said. "When she requested her discharge the Army felt it was an effective way to care for her."

However, Ms. Bleckley said she didn't feel like the Army cared about her at all.

"They said they discharged me because that was their best way to take care of me but that's not true," she said. "They were not trying to take care of me. Nothing they did was in my interest. They were trying to cover up what happened and make themselves look good."

Congress remains skeptical on UN reform

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. congressional leaders praised U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Friday for a "refreshingly new attitude" in dealing with the United States and promised to work with him to pay off Washington's debts to the world organization.

But Rep. Robert Livingston noted that the United Nations and Congress don't even agree on how much the United States owes. The United Nations places the figure at \$ 1.3 billion, the Clinton Administration \$900 million and Congress \$825 million.

Despite that discrepancy, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said he and Livingston, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, had a "remarkably positive" meeting with Annan.

Annan has been here since Wednesday trying to persuade the United States to pay its debt and to convince congressional skeptics that the United Nations is worthy of U.S. support. He was to return to New York later Friday after a speech to the National Press Club.

The Republican-controlled Congress has refused to pay U.S. arrears to demand widespread restructuring, personnel cutbacks and other reforms in the U.N. system.

During his two days of meetings with congressional leaders, the soft-spoken, U.S.-educated Annan appeared to score points for his willingness to accept American demands for reform.

"I believe the secretary-general

brings a remarkable depth of experience and a refreshingly new attitude in working with the United States," Gingrich said Friday. "We are deeply committed to a strong, effective, reformed U.N. system."

Annan won the top U.N. job after the United States vetoed a second term for his predecessor, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, allegedly because he was sluggish on reform.


U.S. officials said at the time of the vote that Congress was unlikely to consider paying the arrears with Boutros-Ghali at the U.N. helm. Sitting alongside Gingrich and Livingston, Annan said "what the United States wants" out of the United Nations "is what the U.N. wants."

Livingston said the House leadership welcomed Annan's promises of reform. Although Congress and the United Nations cannot agree on the figure owed now, Livingston said he "looked forward to eliminating those arrears in some sort of workable fashion."

On Thursday, President Clinton said the United States "cannot expect to lead through the United Nations unless we are prepared to pay our own way and to pay what we owe."

"In the weeks ahead, I will be working with Congress to reach an agreement through which America can pay our arrears to the U.N., meet our obligations, and continue to spur real progress," Clinton said.

But Congress wants to make sure that Annan takes home the message that he must make good on promises of reform.



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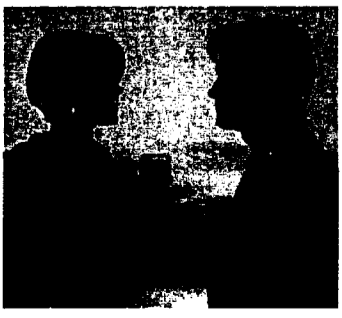
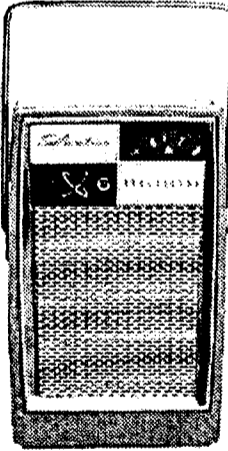


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OPINION

Taking the right road to the wrong place

"The Road to hell is paved with good intentions." So goes an instructive old proverb, and whether you believe in a Looney Tunes horned-demon-with-a-pitchfork hell or that hell simply doesn't exist is unimportant. Let's just agree that hell isn't exactly a preferred destination.

Opinion Gap



Tim Lohrmann

The saying is relevant because of its suggestion that naiveté, inaction and lack of judgment are often disastrous. The noble projects and works can invite disaster just as surely as the most devious criminality. The often horrible results of good intent gone awry are all around us. A tragic local case in point made the headlines of the Idaho Spokesman-Review on Jan. 24.

Review staff writer Adam Lynn reported that an elderly couple became murder victims in the bedroom of their own home near the

rural village of Waverly, between Pullman and Spokane. A young man the couple had taken in was arrested with a friend on suspicion of murder the same day. The suspect, a convicted felon, was taken into custody while driving the slain couple's pick-up truck which was missing from the murder scene.

Of course, a felony conviction does not necessarily make a person a monster, but whether or not the current suspect turns out to have been involved in the crime, news reports revealed several facts about him that might have been regarded as red flags.

The troubled young man had been convicted of stealing the couple's pick-up truck a couple of months ago. They invited him back to live on their small farm and gave him an opportunity to make restitution. The story also quoted a state corrections officer as writing in a memorandum last November that the man "is continuing to go about his non-compliant anti-social behavior." The same memo urged that this repeat offender be kept in incarceration as long as possible. He wasn't, of course.

Perhaps the state of Washington felt that the man deserved another chance. Their intentions were good. They're professionals, though. Maybe they should be held accountable for lack of judgment if it is proven to exist in this case. That's an idea that has surfaced repeatedly in recent years. Officials such as judges or members of parole boards should bear some responsibility for their decisions, no matter how noble the motives behind them might be. The thinking is that in the area of criminals proven to be violent it is better to err on the side of public safety rather than human compassion.

Good intentions can lead to hell. The hell of a couple who will never enjoy a peaceful retirement on a six-acre piece of Eastern Washington farmland for which they had worked all their lives. The hell of their four sons who will be denied the privilege to share this time or that of the grandchildren who will never be loved by doting grandparents.

It's a terrible shame that an insanely violent population segment exists. Are they to blame for their dark thoughts and sick tendencies? Couldn't their misdeeds be the results of an abusive childhood or chemical imbalances? That the motivation for violent crimes isn't the fault of the criminal is debatable, but certainly the fault doesn't lie with their innocent victims.

Today in far too many cases the innocent are paying the price for our societal good intentions, and the criminal

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My solution to overpopulation? Die.

After having studied Greek and Roman myths last semester, it has been a captivating hobby to identify myths which are believed in our modern world.

With the exception of Dennis Rodman, we no longer believe in scary Medusas who have snakes for hair and can turn you into stone just by looking at them, but we do have our own funny little myths which seem just as quaint and folksy as that.

Pas d'andouilles ici



Brian Davidson

The most amusing modern myth, to me, is the myth of overpopulation. There's just too many people on this planet, they say, and the sooner we get to zero population growth, the better. Resources are dwindling. The haves count cash while the peasants starve. The population of the globe is going to double in X amount of years, the skies are going to fall, the seas will boil, dogs and cats will live together — in short, mass hysteria and even longer lines at the SUB food court.

These freakish doomsayers who act less like Chicken Little and more like Charles Dickens' Ebenezer Scrooge in their zeal to rid the world of

"surplus populations" scare people with their facts and figures and charts and pamphlets from Planned Parenthood, but what puzzles me the most is their hypocrisy.

Problem: The world population is growing too fast, a fact which these naysayers attach to soaring birth rates principally in third-world nations and Utah.

Solution: Birth control, occasionally to the extreme.

Ain't gonna work. Sure, birth control devices allow one to listen to the organ grinder without paying the monkey, but the taboos and social traditions (i.e. religions) of many third-world nations have kept use of such devices abysmally low where the Preachers of Doom say they're needed the most.

The favored solution: Birth control education programs aimed at overcoming taboos and social traditions. In short, western social imperialism. McDonalds does it, so why not everyone else?

I've got some better solutions for these people. Better, due to the fact that these methods of population control are time-tested, effective and have been in use on this planet since that first primordial paramoebium met that nearsighted amoeba blobbing through that first earthly puddle of water.

Solution No. 1: War. Nothing rids the world of surplus populations

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Patriotism carries inherent dangers

Argonaut film critic Justin Cason accomplished with one article what the opinions section has not been able to do the entire year: incite a fury of debate.

Cason's review of *Michael Collins*, a story of the Irish Republican Army, has invited patriots and pundits from both sides of the pond to rattle their pens and sabres as they struggle to convince the populace that the IRA is either full of terrorist thugs or idealistic freedom fighters.

There are elements of truth in both arguments.

As in all revolutionary movements, there are the idealists who fight for freedom from oppressive forms of government through civil disobedience to the blowing up of federal buildings in Oklahoma. The participants in the

Boston Tea Party could just as easily have blown the ship to bits rather than simply chucking the tea overboard. Why they did not is simply a matter of choice of tactics.

There is an inherent danger in patriotism. Americans have a special spot in their hearts for patriots, given our own nation's revolutionary beginnings, but Americans fail to realize this commonality cannot be applied to every revolutionary situation which comes along because not every revolutionary movement is the same.

A patriot is one who loves his or her country and fights to defend it. With such a broad definition, one can easily realize the line between patriot and terrorist is often indistinguishable. Patriotism takes on the colors we choose. My father saw this first-hand.

During World War II, he saw, right along side his fellow Dutch countrymen who rallied for Queen Beatrix exiled in England, and who operated one of the most successful guerrilla war efforts in occupied Europe, the Dutch Nazis and Hitler Youth members who tracked down the Dutch Jews hidden by the likes of Meip Geis, Cornelia Ten Boom and my father's own country relatives.

Both groups called themselves patriots, no matter if their stripe was of the royal orange of Beatrix or the blood red of the Nazi party.

Another Dutch patriot, who wrote under the pseudonym Multatuli, penned his master work, *Max Havelaar*, which was a truthful tirade against the treatment of indigenous peoples in Indonesia by the Dutch East

India Company. He loved his country enough to show the world how cruel some of its citizens could be.

"Yes," wrote Russian Tsarist patriot Nikolai Gogol, "it's a depressing world, gentlemen."

Truth is, in war (terrorism, police action, or whatever euphemism you prefer) innocent people and not-so-innocent people die, and while it is true you can't make an omelet without breaking a few eggs, it makes no sense in trying to make an omelet by breaking the chicken instead, as the immovability of both the British and the Irish suggest they are ready to do. Pro-IRA or not, this is a case of potato-puhtah. Let's call the whole thing off.

—Brian Davidson

OPINION

History adds perspective to Irish conflict

I was most pleased that Elaine Winstanley and Emma Saunders responded to a letter which I signed concerning comments made by Lee Mulliss regarding the film *Michael Collins*. It is unfortunate, however, that Winstanley and Saunders sidestep the issue that led us initially to respond: that is, Mulliss' portrayal of IRA members as thugs devoid of patriotic sensibility. Of course, I cannot speak to the motivations of every member of the IRA, but history, seen from

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multiple perspectives, belies such a quick characterization of these individuals.

I would suggest as well that the defensive strategy mounted by Winstanley and Saunders bears some scrutiny. Indeed, most of their rebuttal seems intent on suggesting, through implication, that the initial respondents are dimwitted, overly sentimental Americans, possibly blinded by questionable Irish descent, who, if they had any real sense

of the situation, would obviously straighten up and fly to the British right by embracing a lopsided view of history. Or, even better, best to forget the history of the British/Irish troubles, since what matters is "the reality of today's situation." Certainly, such a statement as we made, the "Ireland will be at rest when Ireland is free," must evolve from an idealized cockeyed enthusiasm and not from Articles Two and Three of the Irish constitution, which clearly indicate that the Republic of Ireland had not given up claim to the six northern counties and will never do so.

As Winstanley and Saunders suggest, it is well that we examine our own history and our oppression of indigenous peoples, for, if we are to be truly patriotic, we must embrace our history and learn from it. Commendable as it is to acknowledge "the imperialist history of [their] country," true patriotism requires what the greatest of love requires: that we stand up and confront wrong in the people or the institutions we love, even when we fear being chastised or rejected by those we criticize. Such a position would require that Winstanley and

Saunders concede that the history of settlement in northern Ireland (similar to that of the West Bank in Palestine) forced a majority vote on a people whose fate would have been otherwise different; consequently, it cannot be disregarded. Such a position would also require that Winstanley and Saunders recognize, as Americans must, that treaties, despite the ruse of democratic action, are often less than democratic, particularly when one party is under extreme duress and has no choice but to sign. I willingly accept this truth about the treaties signed between American Indians and the United States government; can Winstanley and Saunders do as much for the situation between the British and the Irish?

From the late 18th century, fairly early in American history the Irish understood, from far across the sea, that their situation was similar to that of the American Indian. Americans, at least, have self-consciously reflected on their rendering of history, enough so that we begin to understand the actions of Indians such as Geronimo and Sitting Bull, who might be viewed as the equivalent of IRA members in our own histo-

ry. We can now comprehend that our government created the conditions that forced Indians to take violent action. Such harsh and often painful self-reflection is the first necessary step toward righting the many wrongs perpetrated against Indians as well as other citizens who are members of minority groups. Moreover, such self-reflection should not be restrained by territorial imperative, nor limited to one side of an ocean or another, but should be a necessary requisite for the advancement of the human condition; in other words, we must help each other compensate for our inevitable tunnel vision.

England's own great poet William Blake suggest as much when he indicates that neither the mole in the hole nor the eagle viewing it from above know completely the nature of the hole, each has his a knowledge that the other could not possibly have. Perhaps a film such as *Michael Collins* might provide Mulliss, Winstanley and Saunders with a truth about the IRA worth embracing, not as the only truth, but as one viable truth in negotiation with others. My question is: do they love their country enough to do so?

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justice system is but one example. Illegal immigration is another case in point. Notice the word "illegal" is in front of the word immigration. That's so you don't launch into the knee-jerk America-was-built-on-immigration rant. Illegal means contrary to our laws. Is that how we want to welcome newcomers into our country, as criminals?

Sure, the debates on the advisability of legal immigration are needed. Since it's increasingly difficult to provide necessities for our current residents, many feel immigration quotas should be reduced. But allowing illegal immigrants into our country is another matter.

All other nations require extensive screening, and those breaking immigration laws are dealt with

harshly. Mexico, which allows and encourages its citizens to stream across our open borders, had a much different reaction when undocumented Central and South Americans try to cross its southern border with Guatemala. Mexican authorities often respond with violence to these incursions, while responding with outrage to demands that their countrymen be

required to obey American laws.

We mean well in the area of immigration, but what are our official good intentions leading to? Apparently a period of open resentment and hostility towards immigrants both legal and illegal. Legal immigrants who follow the law must unfairly bear the brunt in this situation.

I picked the immigration issue

out of a hat. Try this "good intention" test on the other dilemmas you're dealing with. It makes us feel great to do the right thing; the problems come in when we really don't think things through. The great feeling is just a feeling. And feeling great sometimes results in one hell of a real-life hangover.

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OPINION

Letters to the Editor

'Addiction' delays term limit initiation

Even more addictive than alcohol is the power craved by various elected public officials.

Witness Speaker of the House Mike Simpson's latest suit against the voters of Idaho: Although Mr. Simpson (R-Blackfoot) has been imbibing at the bar of power for a number of years now, only recently has he staggered into the gutter of litigation. There he wallows with another power-crazed litigant, the ACLU. Simpson's new bedfellows are the ones who managed to get God out of the classroom. Perhaps Simpson saw how easily He was defeated and has decided to join the opposing camp.

When and if Mr. Simpson sobers up, he might come to the realization that we, the people, passed the Term Limits Initiative by

a 56 percent to 44 percent margin, and we want to have it implemented. It is arrogant, power-crazed professional politicians like Simpson who caused us to vote for the initiative.

The arguments presented by Simpson and his cronies are vapid, lame, condescending and a direct insult to the voters of Idaho, our system of citizen government, and his constituents in Blackfoot.

Simpson and the ACLU should get a clue. The people of Idaho have now voted twice for term limits — we're tired of self-serving professional politicians and we want the initiative implemented.

— Richard Le Francis
Coeur d'Alene

Term limits would simplify tax debate

The "debate" over tobacco tax monies caused by Idaho House Bill 11 is a dramatic argument for term limits. Lawmakers hear primarily from those who would take my money and give it to government employees and "consultants" (sometimes called "volunteer coordinators" paid by tax money) to do good. Most of the testimony they hear will come from government employees or their "clients" who have a direct interest in the continuation of the programs.

In spite of the fact that no evidence has been presented that the less than \$20 per year per child spent on so-called drug resistance education programs is either effective or harmless, hundreds of government employees from across the state have already flooded our representatives with

calls in opposition. Common sense argues that a more concentrated spending of money on the kids actually at risk — the proposal by the Department of Juvenile Corrections — would be more effective than spending a pittance per child in experimental programs that compete for our public school kids' limited "seat time." Instead, the paid volunteer coordinator in our county suggests another tax!

Good-hearted people on the public payroll have learned how to effectively lobby our established legislators. Term limits will help bring people with common sense back into government and allow those who have served the opportunity to step back and see what they have done.

If you think we already pay enough (or perhaps too much) in taxes, please call your legislators today in support of term limits and H.B. 11.

— Don Morgan

SOLUTION • FROM PAGE 8

better than a good old-fashioned war. Take Bosnia, for example. Who knows how many have died over there? But it ought to please preachers of overpopulation to know that at least in the former Yugoslavia the world has an example of zero — if not negative — population growth. Why, if we could air-drop a couple crates of condoms where the Serbian — and Canadian — soldiers hang out over there we could drop the growth rates even further into the cesspool.

Solution No. 2: Pestilence.

Burn the works of Salk and Pasteur, ban the production of penicillin and let disease — a population control device nature keenly provides — take charge where the fallibilities of humanity make it difficult to achieve that zero-population growth goal. I'll personally

conduct tours of random Wallace Complex bathrooms, which harbor approximately one-half of the planet's disease-causing agents.

These farcical solutions, of course, would not work for the NIMBY ninny sect of the overpopulation group. How could the industrialized nations of the world maintain their high standards of living if we can't have tea with the Joneses without fear of contracting leprosy from the biscuits?

Solution No. 3 (Industrialized nations): Murder/handguns.

Only 768 people were murdered in New Orleans — Murder Capital, USA, — last year. Surely we as Americans can do better. Why, each city of any size could double or triple that number without too much of an effort and that would leave more Social Security money

for the rest of us.

Additionally, if we required everyone to pack iron, discouraged gun safety courses and substituted library cards for NRA memberships, the population of the South and the West would drop faster than Paradise Creek during a deep freeze. That fellow taking potshots at random vehicles on I-90 in Spokane shouldn't be prosecuted; he should be given tips on improving his aim.

Solution No. 4: Capital punishment.

Make jaywalking, spitting tobacco juice in drinking fountains and wearing baggy pants capital offenses and you could clean out the Moscow-Pullman corridor in a matter of months. Bump off everyone in the nation's prisons and convert the buildings into institutes of high-

er learning — not that you'll be issuing a lot of degrees, what with all the gunfire on the roads to school.

Solution No. 5: Generic death in general.

This broad Earth-saving category could include:

- Euthanasia for street performers.
- Death by dangling participle on the brain for journalists.
- Death by teaching ninth grade English for university English professors.
- Installation of faulty airbags on pinball machines for when they "tilt."
- Death from food deprivation brought on by being locked in a room filled with baby boomers whining about social security for today's youth.

Angry people out there should

know I'm not serious. These solutions are nothing more than half-amusing farces and are offered only to show the hypocrisy in the overpopulation movement. They target those yet to be born, I target those who are already here consuming those dwindling resources, polluting that air and water and then doing it all over again when the sun rises and they dare call me crazy. I'm only trying to help.

What may be most frightening is that I'm sure there's a fringe element in the overpopulation movement which has already written all these solutions down on some brainstorming list and are ready to sue me for theft of intellectual property. You'd best watch out, though. I've got a jar of Ebola viruses and I'm not afraid to use it.

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Alli Nieman (34) dribbles past a North Texas defender on her way to yet another score.

Kindra Meyer
Asst. Sports Editor

The North Texas Eagles couldn't get their wings off the ground Saturday night. And the Vandals...? Well they simply couldn't be grounded.

In a flurry of feathers the University of Idaho women's basketball team ravaged the ragged Eagles 84-46.

UI wasted no time tearing into their opponents. It was an almost painful display as the unstoppable silver and gold shot out of the gates and sailed past the bewildered athletes.

"Nothing but net," could describe Idaho's first 10 minutes, as they racked up 24 consecutive points before North Texas finally responded. Those early stacking points could certainly be attributed to the hot hand of Kelli Johnson, who hit 5 of 6 three-pointers in the half's opening minutes.

At the halftime mark it was evident that the Eagles would have no chance for redemption as they slumped off to the locker room under the scoreboard's 45-20.

"I'm real proud of our kids," Idaho coach Julie Holt said. "We just keep getting better and better and now we're over the hump. It takes a while and now we know what we can do. These players are really believing in themselves and they're doing a great job."

Although Johnson played little in the second-half, she still managed to lead UI's offensive onslaught with 20 points. She hit 7 of 11 field goals, six of those were threes. Johnson also dished out four assists. She is now Idaho's all-time career three-point leader.

Freshman Alli Nieman played another outstanding game, collecting 16 points, 17 rebounds, three steals, two assists and a block. Kathryn Gussett and Michelle Greenwood also chipped in 11 points and four boards a piece.

One reason it's nice to have a large point spread in a game such as this is that it gives the coach a chance to give the bench substantial minutes. Many capitalized on this opportunity, but sophomores Sarah Blakley and Jennifer Stone were two particular stand-outs. Blakley hit 4 of 5 from the field to accumulate 8 points in 15 minutes on the floor and Stone nabbed three rebounds and a steal in addition to scoring 6 points.

"It's great to let everybody play. Just like in the New Mexico State game it was the ones off the bench who were getting the job done. I think when you have that kind of ability for the bench to step up, it takes some of the pressure off of your starters," Holt said.

Not only was Johnson's shooting phenomenal for the Vandals, but the entire team was on fire from the outside. They hit 10 of 15 three-pointers and 30 of 62 field goals while the struggling Eagles managed to sink 3 of 16 from outside the arc and 16 of 64 total shots. Although Holt gives credit to the team's shooting ability, she also nods to competitors teaming up on Nieman as a source of lacking outside defense.

"All those guys are capable of taking the long shots, but I think what happens is that the perimeter opens up when you get the ball inside like Alli did tonight," Holt said.

As the game neared its final minutes, it appeared as though things might get ugly, and play evolved from physical to rough. A fight almost broke out when a North Texas player got in the face of Idaho guard Ari Skorpik following a foul. A technical foul was attributed to the instigator and Holt was proud her team kept their cool.

"There were a few points when tempers were flaring," Holt said. "I was proud of our kids for maintaining their composure and sticking up for their teammate at the same time."

A rather large crowd of 889 fans was at hand to cheer on a rising Idaho team which continues to solidify its place in the Big West. The Vandals are now 8-9 overall and 3-2 in conference.

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Vandals in Big West plus column

Byron Jarnagin
Staff

You can chalk one in the record books for the University of Idaho men's basketball team, or at least acknowledge it as step in the right direction which ended their drought in the Big West.

The Vandal men made history this past Saturday in Denton, Texas, at the Super Pit, as they pulled out a 68-64 victory against the University of North Texas.

It is official folks, the University of Idaho has won its first ever Big West Conference game. A game that saw the lead change seven times made for an interesting finish as the Vandals grabbed a 4-point photo finish victory down the stretch in the Lone Star State this past weekend.

"It sure is good to go home on a positive note," said UI coach Kermit Davis. "I am really proud of these guys — they really played their hearts out. I hope this will give us a good jump start because we will be looking for good things against Fullerton this coming Thursday."

Directly following the tip-off, the North Texas Eagles and Idaho found comfort on the defensive side of the ball as each team only found the net a couple of times to keep the score tied at 4. With just under 2:00 gone off the game clock, the Vandals found an early niche that sprung a 4-point lead for Idaho.

Steadily, the Vandals held North Texas off and maintained a lead through a majority of the first half.

Just before the half the Eagles found some inspiration in their potent man from the outside in T.J. Atkins. Texas started to close the gap, catching the Vandals in the transition. Twice in a row Idaho was caught off guard, and twice North Texas was able to

capitalize on the laziness of the Vandals. Still, Idaho led by a narrow margin thanks to the rebounding efforts of their big man Jason Jackman.

With about 7:00 left in the first half, North Texas hit a clutch three-pointer. The Vandals had missed seven shots in a row and the quick transition was starting to pay off for North Texas. Another 3 points would tie the ball game at 27, and in the heat of the moment North Texas would benefit from another 3 to take the 30-27 lead.

Controlling possession, the Vandals brought the ball back up the court and fed it inside to Jackman. Jackman turned for a shot, but was called for a travel which opened up another opportunity for the Eagles to continue their offensive onslaught. North Texas put the ball back into the hands of Atkins who nailed another field goal.

Soon after, Atkins would again score, as he took the leather coast-to-coast for another 2, giving North Texas a 34-29 advantage with only 2:00 left to go in the first half.

The Vandals made a good effort to come back in the first period, tying the game at 34 with 1:24 left before Pooh Davis would put North Texas back up with a three-point bucket just before half.

The second half was an offensive battle.

Both teams pulled out their big guns to keep the score close. Both teams were at the top of their game. North Texas continuously hit the long threes from outside, but the Vandal game down low counterbalanced any North Texas points.

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Vandal news and notes

Nieman earns first Big West Player of the Week honors

The Idaho Vandal's went 2-0 this past week, and playing an instrumental part of each of those victories was the play of forward Alli Nieman.

For her efforts, Nieman was awarded Big West Conference Player of the Week honors. She is the first Vandal ever to win the honor.

Against New Mexico State, Nieman, a native of Sandpoint, finished with 28 points which tied her previous career high. In Idaho's win against North Texas, Nieman grabbed a game-high 17 rebounds which tied her career-high as well. She also scored 16 points and has now scored in double-figures for eight consecutive games. In two games, she averaged 22 points, 12.5 rebounds, shot 56 percent from the field and was 15 of 19 from the free-throw line.

— Courtesy of UI Sports Information

Kibbie Dome buys new machines

The number of cardiovascular exercise machines at the Kibbie Dome has been increased from 30 to 36, said Terry Rivers, assistant manager of the UI dome.

Last week the Kibbie Dome added six Concept II rowing machines to the North Concourse (sec. 20).

"We've had requests in the past to have the exercise machines require more balance," Rivers said. "The rowing machines provide a total body workout."

Rivers said the new machines help develop all areas of the body, rather than a stair stepper which requires just lower body usage.

"Cardiovascular machines are sweeping the nation," Rivers said. "This particular product, we felt, was an excellent product in terms of money spent."

The total for the machines came to \$4,050. The Kibbie Dome spent \$675 on each machine.

"We want to encourage students to come use this facility," Rivers said.

Finally, it's over

Really, for us sports fans it's almost like when you were a kid and it was the day after Christmas. All the presents are opened, the egg nog jug is drier than Bob Dole's sense of humor and Santa Claus has come and gone — post X-mas depression.

As I get older, the joyful events change yet the post-celebratory depression does not.

Super Bowl XXXI has been built up, it has been played and finally, it has been won. Of course, the NFC nobles once again gave a beating to their AFC peasant brethren — no big surprise. Heck, the game even covered the 14-point Las Vegas spread.

Yet, this game offered something special.

The game was close in the first half, which shocked the Green Bay faithful as well as the Pat fans. New England coach Bill Parcells certainly had his underdog team ready for the upset. Although, not even the experienced Super Bowl coaching legend from New Jersey could kick away the hopes of the Packers.

Super Bowl XXXI was important for several reasons, including a few individual stories:

1. Reggie White, the 12-year veteran and Packer defensive end, clubbed the Patriot offensive line in the final 18 minutes of the game and sacked New England quarterback Drew Bledsoe on three occasions. His inspiring play and peer domination helped kill any chance of a Bledsoe-led drive. Basically, White's bulldozer-like act had me feeling embarrassed for New England's offensive lineman. White can now celebrate, he's got his Lombardi Trophy and it's going home to Cheesville.

2. Can you say, REE-DEEM yourself? That's exactly what Desmond Howard did on Sunday. After a rocky NFL career, Howard showed the

world why he won the Heisman Trophy while he was at the University of Michigan — Super Bowl Most Valuable Player.

Sure, he deserved it. But viewers at home didn't deserve seeing him act like an idiot. Oh yah, he whooped it up. Howard was dancing, getting into player's faces and talking a lot of smack. So, in light of Howard's Miami Hurricane-like performance, I give him the Super Bowl's other MVP award — the no More Valium Please award.

3. Super Bowl XXXI didn't shed Drew Bledsoe's image of a quarterback who can't win a big game. So what did the New England media think — that Bledsoe would overcome Reggie White and the Cheese Hoard and pass for 10 touchdowns? The Green Bay defense was the best Bledsoe had faced, and under the circumstances he did better than what was expected of him.

4. Will Parcells leave New England? Most likely. A great coach like Parcells comes along only once in a great while, so expect his services to leave the Patriots.

On Sunday, Parcells didn't become the first coach to win the Super Bowl with two different teams, although, the captain almost made the game interesting with a less talented squad. Expect the New Jersey tough guy to return to his native land — J-E-T-S, Jets, Jets, Jets.

Take us back to NBC or ABC

No more John Madden, please.

As a Dallas Cowboys fan, I've had a steady diet of Madden and the Fox disciples this season. So Fox, if you're listening, send Madden on a Fantastic Voyage like the one Coolio went on (except, don't let Madden come back).

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Damon Barkdull

WIN AT DENTON •FROM PAGE 11

Vandal guard Eddie Turner came out hot in the second half, hitting 6-10 from the field to start off, better than his 1-5 first half start. Jackman had a marvelous game, recording 21 points with 7:27 left to go in the game.

The turning point in the second half came in the final three minutes when Jackman went to the line to shoot two technical foul shots which tied the game at 62. The first Vandal lead in the second half came at the 2:00 mark when the Vandals jumped out to a 1-point, 63-62 lead.

From this point on, the closest North Texas came to the Idaho lead was 65-64 with just under 2:00 left to play.

This game went down to the wire as the Vandals were defending a three-point lead, 67-64, with :20 left. North Texas had the luxury of possession of the ball in these last few seconds.

Trying to get the ball into the hands of their go-to-guy Atkins, the Eagles hit Sean Riley who took the pass from out-of-bounds and chucked up an unsuccessful prayer from three-point land.

Turner and Jackman shared co-players of the game. Turner finished as the second leading scorer for the Vandals with 15 points and eight rebounds. Jackman had a heck of a game, scoring a team high of 23 points, six rebounds and an 8 of 12 performance from the free-throw line.

"Coach told us that this game was a chance for us to make our mark in the Big West. We are just happy with the victory," Turner said. "This win was very important for us after losing on Thursday (against New Mexico State),

but we came into this game with a lot of enthusiasm and a lot more confidence."

Davis told his team at halftime that this game was still within their grasp, and the 3-point deficit was definitely catchable. Turner said that Davis stressed team togetherness, which he says was what put them over the top against North Texas.

"We did have some breakdowns on our transition, but I thought we defended better in the second half," Davis said. "Our game plan was to hold off Atkins and Duncan, which I felt would make a big difference in the game. The other big element to our win was the way that our guys executed tough defense throughout the entire game."

Idaho (8-11, 1-5)

Thompson 3-8 0-0 6, Byrne 3-3 2-2 8, Jackman 9-15 8-12 26, Baumann 4-8 1-3 13, Turner 7-13 1-3 15, Scott 0-1 0-0 0, Harris 0-1 0-0 0, Wendt 0-1 0-0 0. Totals: 26-50 12-20 68.

North Texas (6-10, 1-5)

Elstun 3-12 0-0 9, Miller 1-4 1-2 3, Riley 3-7 0-0 6, Davis 3-7 0-0 8, Atkins 10-13 0-2 22, Washington 3-8 1-2 7, Cooper 1-1 0-0 2, Duncan 1-2 0-0 3, Peyton 1-6 1-2 4, Neal 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-61 3-8 64.

Halftime — Idaho 34, North Texas 37. 3-Point goals

— Idaho 4-7 (Baumann 4-6, Wendt 0-1), North Texas 9-24 (Elstun 3-6, Davis 2-3, Atkins 2-3, Duncan 1-2, Peyton 1-6, Washington 0-1, Riley 0-3). Fouled out — none. Rebounds — Idaho 35 (Turner 8), North Texas 32 (Washington 13). Assists — Idaho 8 (Baumann), North Texas 16 (Elstun, Atkins, Washington, Duncan 3). Total fouls — Idaho 11, North Texas 15. Technicals — Elstun 1. A — 2, 144

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South leads UI tennis into bright future

Nate Peterson
Staff

Coach Greg South and the Idaho tennis team are in the beginning of their first season in the Big West Conference and, fortunately, South has the luxury of a fine roster of athletes who have both national and international experience.

"The Big West is certainly a much stronger conference than the Big Sky," South said. "It's probably one of the top four or five conferences in the country. There are a lot of excellent teams like Santa Barbara, Cal Irvine, New Mexico State and Cal Poly that are strong competition for us."

South has made major strides in the Vandal tennis program since coming to Moscow from Yuba College in Marysville, Calif.

"I've just been here a couple of seasons," South said. "I was brought in a couple of years to move this program forward and I think we are doing that."

South took the program from being the doormat of the Big Sky to one of the top three in the conference. Now, like other Idaho athletic programs, they are in a new conference.

"It is certainly a step up for our tennis program," South said. "We've gone from being bottom of the barrel to being competitive with most people."

Rebuilding a program is one thing, but South and his staff have gone beyond just revitalizing the tennis team. South is in the process of building a tennis team with a caliber of talent and excellence unfamiliar to the University of Idaho.

"These are the strongest tennis teams that Idaho has ever fielded," South said. "I think that Boise State is going to be the best team in the conference and we're right on their heels."

Recruitment is the big reason why the program is rising to such new heights. Both the men's and women's teams are com-

prised of players across the globe who have individually proven themselves as being top competitors in the NCAA.

Currently, both teams have a variety of athletes ranging from Portland, Fresno and Moscow to New Zealand, Australia, Canada and Mexico.

Of the top six players on each team, four are from Australia, three are from New Zealand and two are from Mexico.

"We've come a long way and we've got a great bunch of kids," South said. "We've got a young team and we are up and coming."

Among the players on the men's team are Danny Willman, Darin Currall, Keith Bradbury, Jorge Aldrate, Tad Kincaid, Ethan Eliason and Dustin Hinson.

"Danny is certainly one to watch this year on the men's team," South said. "Danny is special, he's as good as anyone in the country."

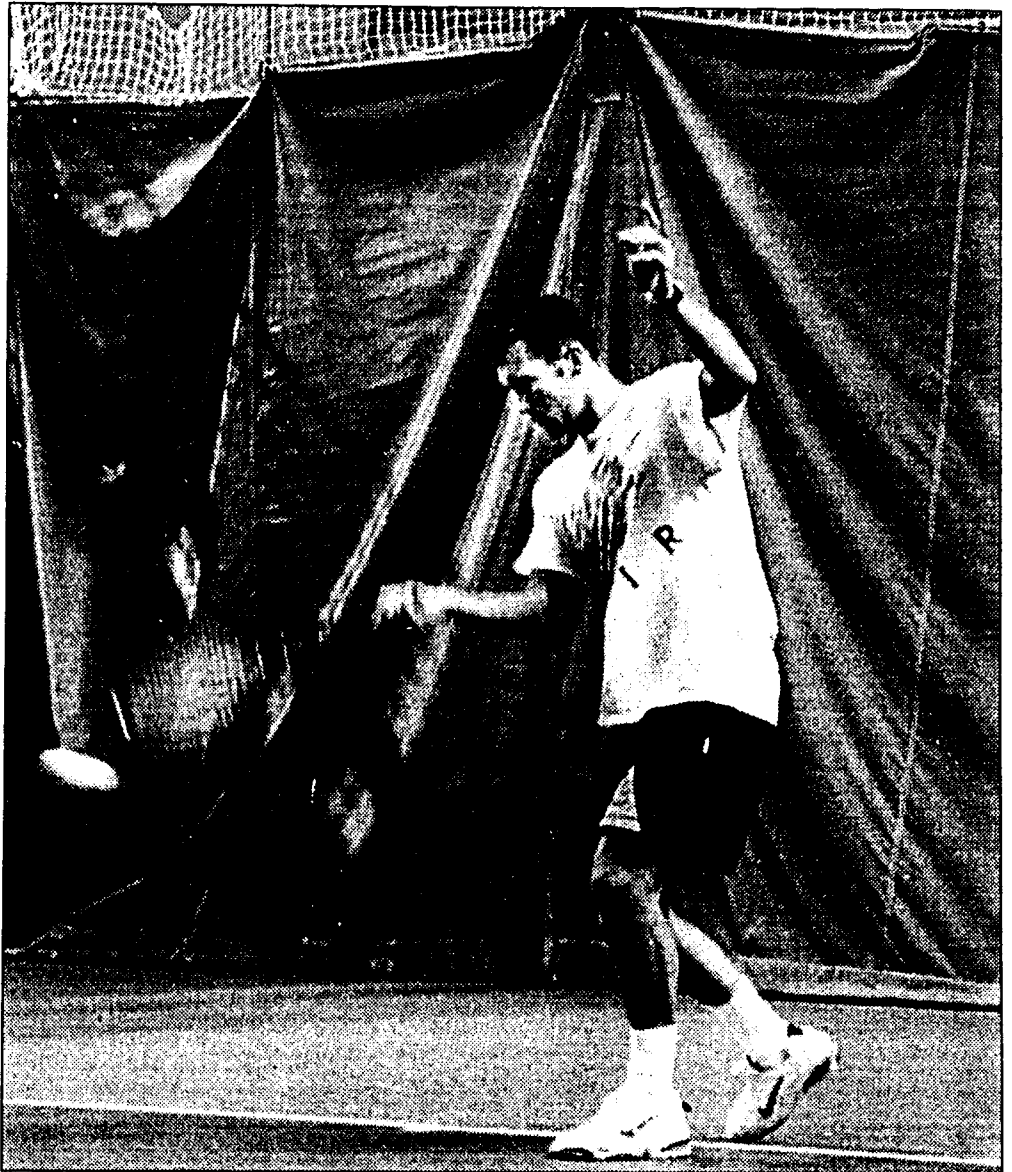
Willman, a sophomore from New Zealand, advanced through six rounds of the ITA Hardcourts Tournament. Playing at San Jacinto Junior College two years ago, Willman was ranked as high as No. 2 nationally in singles and No. 1 in doubles. He has also been No. 7 in New Zealand in the Men's Open Division.

Playing behind Willman are two very young players in Aldrate and Currall. Aldrate is an extremely talented player from Mexicali, Mexico, and Currall is a strong server from Sydney, Australia.

The women's team is stocked with talent much like the men.

There are six players returning from last year, plus two new recruits from Australia. Katrina Burke, Rachel Dive, Gwen Nikora, Erin Wentworth, Barbara Perez-Martinez and Liza Mulholland return for a successful season. Australian standouts freshmen Claudia Leigh and Georgina Whitem round out a very balanced team.

"Both teams have great depth," South



Bruce Twitchell

Danny Willman, a native of New Zealand, is seen practicing in the Kibbie Dome on a Monday afternoon.

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IDAHO (8-9, 3-2)

Gussett 4-6 2-2 11, Nieman 6-13 3-4 16, Greenwood 4-6 3-1 11, Johnson 7-11 0-0 20, Skorpik 2-5 1-3 7, McDaniel 0-5 3-4 3, Newman 0-5 2-4 2, Tenn 0-1 0-0 0, Blakley 1-5 0-0 8, Stone 3-5 0-4 6. Totals 30 62 11-25 51.

NORTH TEXAS (3-13, 0-5)

Norris 1-16 4-5 6, Smith 1-6 1-4 3, Alex 1-2 0-0 3, Gunnels 0-2 0-0 0, Washington 2-5 0-0 4, Gilbert 2-8 1-2 5, Drane 5-9 3-9 15, McCombs 1-2 0-0 2, Thomas 2-7 2-2 7, McKizic 1-7 0-0 2. Totals 16 61 11-22 46.

Halftime - Idaho 45, North Texas 20. 3-Point goals - Idaho 10-15 (Johnson 6-9, Skorpik 2-2, Gussett 1-1, Nieman 1-2, Blakley 0-1), North Texas 3-16 (Drane 2-3, Thomas 1-2, Smith, Gunnels, McCombs 0-1, Norris 0-5). Fouled out - Washington.

Earlier in the week, Idaho came up with another win over New Mexico State, previously unbeaten in Big West play.

The Vandals trailed the

Roadrunners 60-45 with less than 9:00 left in the game. Then in an explosion led by an effective press, the Vandals stole the lead and ran with it, leaving their opposition more accurately resembling Wiley Coyte.

A 37-10 UI run ended in victory, letting any who doubted their first Big West win know that the Vandals are no fluke.

All the excitement of the Vandal's comeback did take its toll, however, as a member of the team was injured. Fortunately, it isn't serious and she won't be out for the season, but coach Holt did need some medical attention.

"I pulled a muscle," Holt said. "How does a coach get hurt. I don't know. We have good trainers and they gave me a rib wrap at halftime so at least I could yell without being in pain."

Nieman and Gussett were the players of the night, fighting their way through the mass of bodies and providing steady strength at virtually every end. Nieman's 28 points was the team

high, and she pulled down eight rebounds, four steals and a block. The center also unselfishly gave the ball away for four assists. Gussett delivered a smashing performance as well, with 21 points, nine rebounds, four assists, four steals, and a block.

New Mexico was led by Wendy Ray, who hit for 22 points and grabbed 10 boards.

Holt is pleased with her team's progress and is encouraged by their ability to compete at crunch time.

"I didn't expect us to get there immediately. When you have this many new players it just takes time," Holt said.

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said. "I can mix and match my players against anybody."

Tennis is much different than other sports in that the success of a team competing in the rankings depends upon the strength of their schedule. You get 5 ranking points for every Division I opponent you beat, but it's weighted in the top 50. If they are ranked 40 to 50 you get 6 points for beating them. If they are ranked 30-40, you get 7 points and so on. Teams ranked past 100 can actually detract from your score.

Competing in the rankings means that you have to pack your schedule with the strongest opponents as possible, however, you can't put teams on your schedule that will detract from your ranking score.

"We have people on our schedule that wouldn't have returned my calls two years ago," South said. "If you look at our schedule now, we've got Oregon, Arizona, Air Force, Colorado, Miami, Clemson, Fresno and Washington, which are all ranked and reasonably tough teams."

Although South and the team are engaging in their first season in a tougher and more competitive Big West Conference, there is room for optimism because their current accomplishments will only be followed by greater ones.

"I think that the word is out that we are an up and coming program," South said. "New Mexico, Yale, Washington State and Boise State are coming to play us and they won't come to play you unless you can beat them."

GET RID OF MADDEN •FROM PAGE 12

The Super Bowl, filled with yellow scribbling on the screen and dull Maddenisms drove most TV audiences crazy. If not for the sensible comments by Pat Summerall, I think most viewers would've put the boob tube on mute and listened to the radio.

It grew old fast, hearing about Kiln, Miss., the dang firework smoke and the clogged air conditioners. Who really cares, John? We certainly don't.

I don't believe he's going senile just yet, though, Fox shouldn't risk it.

If we're going to do the "Big Show," like America wants, the ABC Monday Night crew would be the obvious choice. Except, instead of loud mouth Dan DEER-DORF give us ESPN's Chris Berman.



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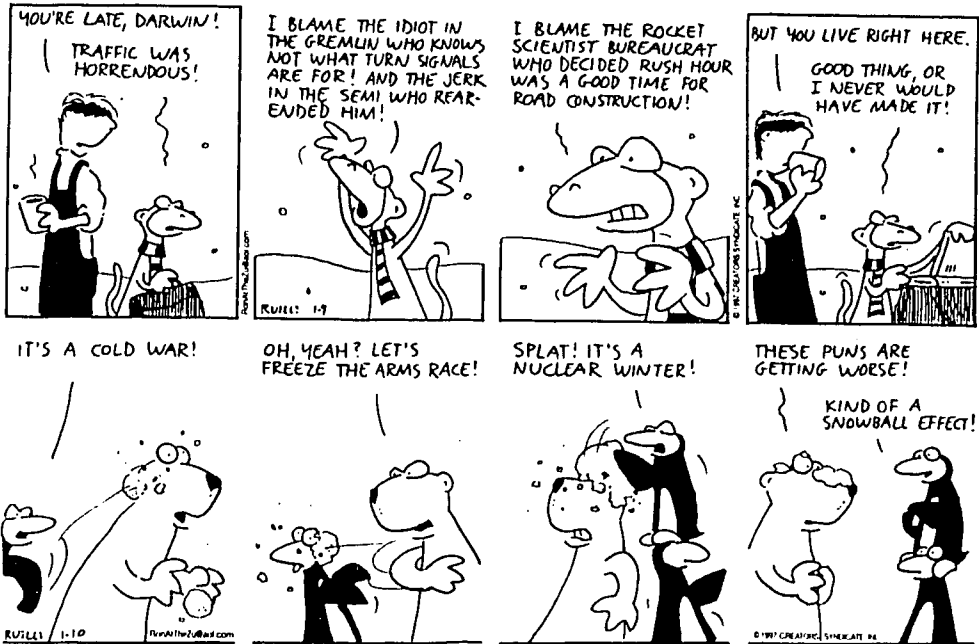
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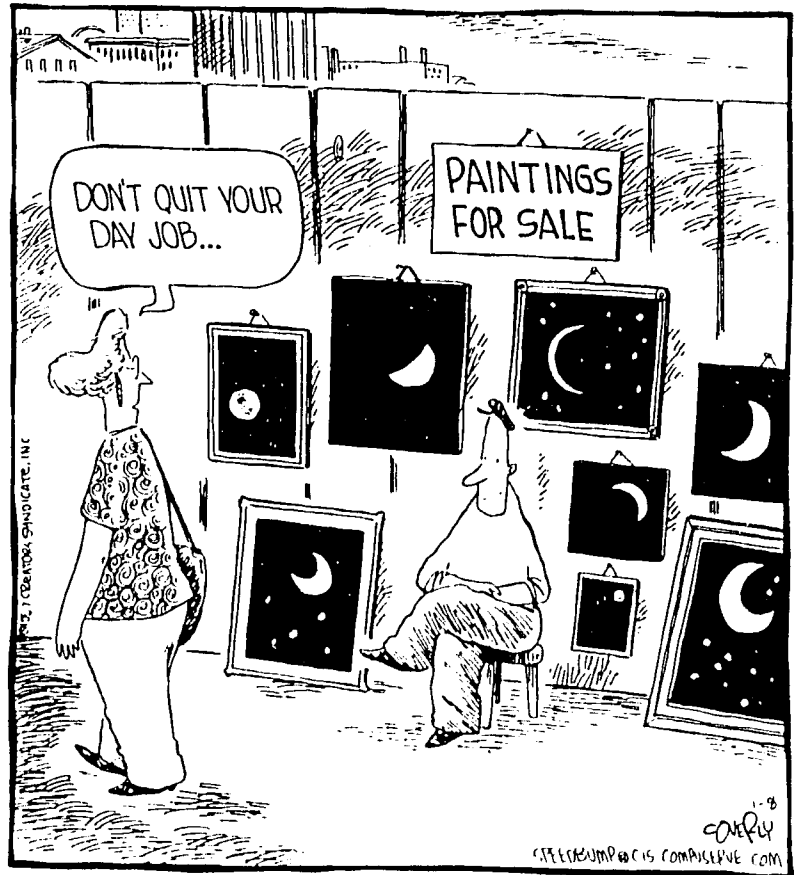
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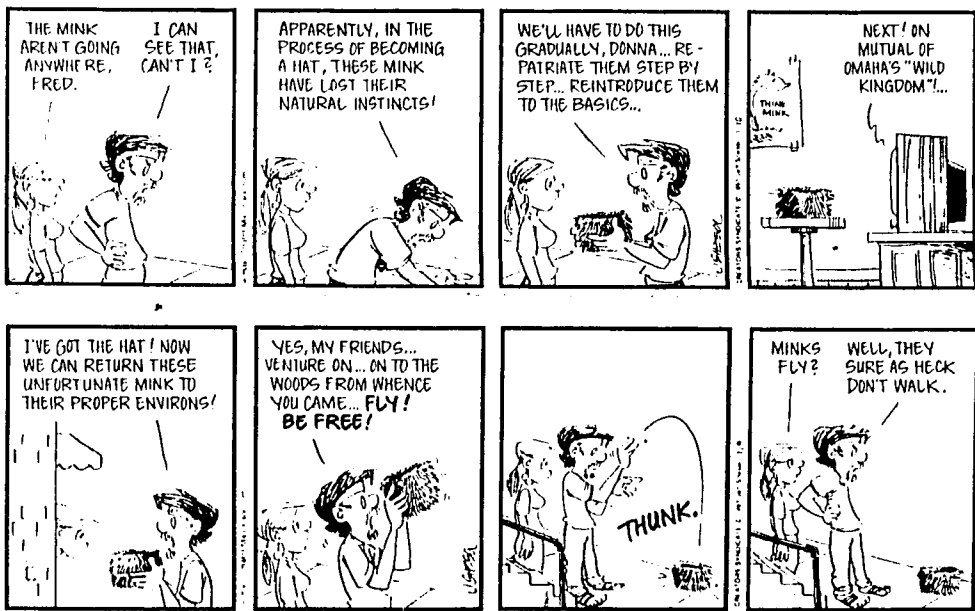
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