

Declining elk herds prompt new hunting regulations



Jim Teare, wildlife technologist (left), explains a bit about Craig Mountain Wildlife Management Area to local hunters John Gallaway and Arlynn Muman. Peter McKinney

Last public hearing is today in Orofino

Margaret Donaldson
Staff

The Idaho Fish and Game is roaming the state asking hunters for final input on new big game hunting regulations to go into effect in 1998. The proposed regulations for elk hunts offer two options to hunters. The first option is a controlled hunt which would limit hunter numbers to 70 or 75 percent of current numbers. Hunters would not be guaranteed a hunt every year, but few restrictions would be placed on the types of bulls taken. The second option divides the state into 28 zones, or management units. Hunters pick a zone to hunt in for that year, and

then choose either an "A tag" or "B tag." The "A tag" offers rifle season spike-only hunts and archery season any elk, while the "B tag" offers rifle season any bull and archery season spike-only and antlerless.

Regional Wildlife Manager Jay Crenshaw said the changes are important to stop the declining bull-cow ratios and to have what they consider a healthy elk population. Crenshaw said they asked hunters to comment on other options last fall and the two they are considering now are the result of that input.

"The next step is to get input from the public to mesh with these options and come up with a plan," said Crenshaw.

Travis House, a wildlife major and hunter, prefers the second elk hunting option because it offers a choice on the kind of bull a hunter can take. He agrees with what the Fish and Game is doing.

"We definitely have to do something about the elk population. There's not

nearly enough mature bulls in any areas," House said.

He said the Clearwater National Forest has one of the highest elk populations, but one of the lowest bull-cow ratios. "I hate to see the regulations, but with as many people as are hunting them (elk), they have to do something," said House.

The Fish and Game is also taking input on three deer hunting options for 1998. They are considering mule or white-tailed deer tags, north or south deer tags, or same as existing management with unlimited controlled hunts in units 14, 15 and 18.

The last Fish and Game public hearing will be held today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Orofino National Guard Armory.

Dining for scholars program provides ethnic fare

Robert Hall
Staff

Imagine what it would be like traveling from Kenya to study at the University of Idaho. Imagine coming from India, Saudi Arabia, Korea, Turkey, Hungary or Brazil. Imagine the journey, and the courage it must take to make it alone. You have no friends, no cultural similarities, no one speaks your language and no one seems to care. Imagine what it must be like.

Anjum Sadiq traveled from Kashmir, India, in 1993 to help her husband study computer science. She has

a son who attends Westpark Elementary, where about 20 international families have children attending school.

"Nothing prepares you for how small Moscow is. Initially, I hated it. But it has grown on us. I love the safety factor. It is warm and friendly, and inviting, and very welcoming. We love it. We will hate to leave."

Because of Sadiq's experience, she has seen a need to help other foreign students adjust to the tremendous change in culture. Together with Gleanne Wray, who is the associate director for International Programs, she has started "Dining for Scholars."

For three years, international students, faculty, scholars and interested members of the community have donated their cooking talents to sell international gourmet dinners to benefit the UI International Student Scholarship Endowment.

The 1997 drive has begun, and the gourmet dinners and desserts are now available.

The goal is to provide for the international students involved. It helps with scholarships, support, contacts and friendships.

Wray said, "These students aren't usually eligible for any financial aid. It's very gratifying to be able to help. Three years ago, we started with nothing. Now we have \$21,000. Thanks to a gift from a Tom Cooper, whose estate gave the program \$10,000, we now feel that we have a solid base from which to build."

One can order a gourmet meal from a list of

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Speaker to give insight on China's human rights

Michelle Kalbeitzer
Staff

One of the student leaders of the Tiananmen Square demonstrations, Li Lu, will speak tonight on human rights in China.

Lu's discussion will explore "China in Transition," the 1997 theme of the Borah Foundation Symposium.

University of Idaho President Bob Hoover, whose academic background is in international relations, will introduce the symposium series tonight at 7 p.m. in the Administration Auditorium.

"I am hoping that students will come and ask Li Lu why the students there found it so important to demonstrate," said Donna Hanson, Borah Foundation Committee chair.

Lu is expected to discuss why the students demonstrated and the consequences that remain in China today.

Lu's personal experiences were the reasons he was "chosen as a focal point," Hanson said. "Both his grandparents and parents were imprisoned or exiled to the labor reeducation camps during the Cultural Revolution."

As a result, he was raised in foster homes. Eventually he attended Nanjinx University, where he was a student leader.

When Beijing students began their demonstration, he traveled there to be a part of the protest. He was then democratically elected into leadership of the demonstrating students.

"I think it is going to be a very interesting presentation," Hanson said.

The Borah Foundation is named in honor U.S. Senator William Borah. The mission of the foundation is to "promote and contribute to permanent world peace by exploring the causes of war and the conditions of peace."

Future sessions addressing "China in Transition" are scheduled to take place later on in the semester.

Vandal men capture their third straight Big West Conference win

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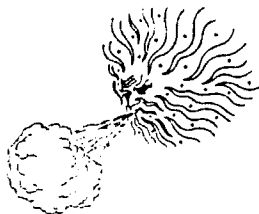
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about 25, and all come from different countries. The menus are pre-set and can include dessert. Some are vegetarian. A volunteer will work with the caller to arrange a date and time for delivery.

There are also "Rent-a-Chef" dinners available. In this case, the chef comes to your home with the ingredients for the meal and prepares it in your kitchen at the time and date of your choice.

The dinners are \$20 per person, in groups of six, and you must order ahead of time. Sadiq recommended ordering about a week in advance.

"If a person is paying \$20 for a meal, we don't want to give them thin slices of meat. You get what you pay for," she said.

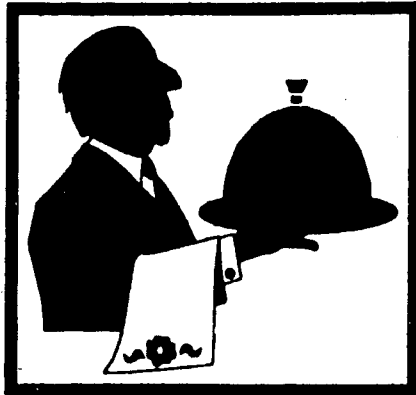
"This is a tremendous chance for interchange within the community for culture," Sadiq said. "We will deliver anywhere in Moscow."

Wray hopes to get more business from the sororities and fraternities, as well as any local group or club. "We will also do our best to negotiate prices and ideas. If anyone

has special needs or new ideas, we will do our best to accommodate them. We are open to any new idea."

"We couldn't have done anything without Anjum," Wray said.

To receive a complete list of menus, or for more information call 885-8984 or 885-1987.



China Night provides feast, fun

Chinese New Year, the most celebrated holiday in China, begins Feb. 7. The date varies in the solar calendar, and it is the first day of the Chinese traditional lunar calendar. It is a time for family reunions, feasts and fun.

The Chinese Students and Scholars Association will be celebrating the new year at China Night on Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom, in cooperation with the Borah Symposium committee. Some of the attractions include Chinese cuisine, entertainment and cultural exhibitions.

All the food served will be home-cooked by Chinese UI students. The menu includes Kungpao chicken, egg rolls, beef and vegetables, fried noodles and much more. Sponsors recommend eating a light lunch that day.

The entertainment boasts China's glam-

orous culture and tradition. The audience will be treated to a cultural performance by the gifted actors and actresses from the Chinese community. Volunteers will also be welcome to contribute to the show.

Cultural exhibitions will include a collection of Chinese arts and crafts items such as unique paper cutting, musical instruments, painting and calligraphy and traditional brush writing stationery. Slide shows and video clips will introduce some of the picturesque landscape and historical sites in China.

China Night promises to be a fun-filled event for all involved.

Tickets to the event are available at Ticket Express. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors, students and their spouses, and \$2 for youth over five.

Announcements

Today:

Experience history

"Threads of the Past" will be presented at the Women's Center at 12:30 p.m. Call 885-6616 for more information.

Make contacts

A Cooperative Education orientation will be held at 12:30 p.m. in Ed 103. Call 885-5822 for more information.

Tomorrow:

Find a job

"Introduction to UI Career Services" will be held in Brink Hall at 3:30 p.m. To pre-register for the free workshop call 885-6121.

Go to camp

Hidden Valley Camp will be holding on-campus interviews for counselors, maintenance positions, cooks, nurse, secretary and storekeepers. Contact Career Services at 885-6121.

Thursday:

Anyone for tennis

Table tennis entry deadline is Feb. 6. Call Campus Recreation at 885-6381.

Friday:

Mine the easy way

Barrick Gold Strike Mining will hold interviews for a staff accountant. Contact Career Services for more information at 885-6121.

Work with grain

Cargill Grain Division will hold interviews for county elevator management, plant operations management and fertilizer plan management. Call 885-6121 for more information.

Ongoing:

Relate to your computer

Throughout the winter, computer classes for beginners 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.

Donate the old, help the new

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:

It's new years again

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.

Correction:

The Jan. 31 issue stated the Faculty Council voted against the 20 credit limitation on repeating courses to replace a grade. The council did not vote against it and the regulation will be sent to the February faculty meeting for approval.

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Pretzelmaker satisfies variety of cravings

Margaret Donaldson
Staff

Joanne and Iain Mackie of Moscow were seen at the Palouse Empire Mall three nights in a row last week, but they don't work there. They keep going back for the Pretzelmaker pretzels.

Joanne Mackie blames her pregnancy for the cravings which call her back to Pretzelmaker, located in the mall near the Lamonts entrance, between Radio Shack and the Health Exchange. Her husband said Joanne's cravings don't bother him.

"I enjoy them (pretzels) too," said Iain Mackie.

Manager Heidi Armstrong said the Mackies are characteristic of the response they've received from customers since opening in December. She said they already have "regulars" and people like the pretzels and the variety of flavors.

"People don't realize there's a lot of different types. It doesn't taste like a traditional pretzel," Armstrong said.

The Pretzelmaker pretzels are large and soft and range in flavors from blueberry or cinnamon to jalapeno or garlic. Armstrong said the flavors are subtle like a bagel.

Snackers can choose from five or six pretzel flavors plus almost a dozen toppings like jalapeno cheese, peanut butter, or vanilla glaze.

All of the pretzels are 100 percent fat-free

before the toppings, which makes them a good alternative to traditional fast food.

"Women like them for lunch," Armstrong said. A pretzel dipped in pizza sauce and cheese is a popular lunch choice.

The pretzels are \$2 each, but can be bought in value packs of three, six, or 12.

Pretzelmaker is an international chain based out of Denver. The Moscow store, which opened Dec. 18, is the first of four opening around the Northwest.

Armstrong is pleased they had a successful first month during the holiday shopping. Even in a slow month like January, they are still selling a lot of pretzels.

"Weekends are phenomenally busy," Armstrong said.

Armstrong has worked in fast food before and she likes the pretzel business so far. "It's really easy," Armstrong said. "There's not the grease, no big menus."

Pretzelmaker employs 13 part-time workers. Ryan Shumaker, 16, is a Moscow High student who has been working at the pretzel shop since December.

"It's pretty fun...not like the usual fast food," Shumaker said.

Pretzelmaker is open during regular mall hours, Sunday noon to 5 p.m., weekdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. They give free pretzel samples to anyone who wants to try a new alternative to burgers, tacos and subs.



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Li Lu is the first speaker for the Borah Foundation Symposium Series for 1997. This years theme is "China in Transition"

Moscow nursing home gets blue ribbon for idea

Erin Schultz
Staff

Though the majority of University of Idaho students aren't planning on taking up residency at a nursing home any time soon, it's still good to know that there are some Good Samaritans in the business.

The Moscow Good Samaritan Village, a nursing home located near McDonald Elementary School, was recently awarded first place in a statewide competition recognizing outstanding programs in the nursing home industry.

In an effort to encourage partnership in this often overlooked industry, the Department of Health and Welfare organized a "Best Practices" fair.

The department then asked Idaho nursing home facilities to submit current ideas or practices they use to be considered for awards. The Good Samaritan Village submitted their "Red Alert" program and, out of 17 other Idaho entries, received first place.

The Red Alert program alerts care teams to changes in patient's conditions that could be warning signs for other health problems. Using a checklist mounted on, of course, red paper, nursing home workers note any behavior patterns

not normal for the patient.

The notes are then given to a department head, who must follow through with check-ups and assessments.

"We've definitely caught things earlier," Sandy Thomas, director of Social Services at Good Samaritan, said. "There is much better follow through."

As an example of how this program has helped, Thomas explained that a change in eating patterns might be noticed by a worker. This change is then noted on the chart and is sent directly to the department head, who must do a follow-through exam. The exam might reveal tooth pain which the patient wasn't able to verbally communicate.

Thomas said the Village plans on entering the competition again next year.

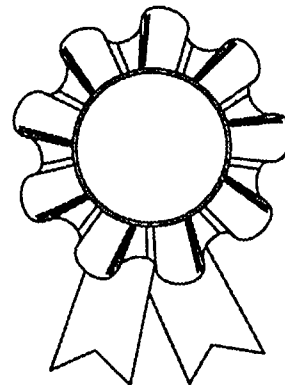
"This award has been very encouraging to staff. We've heard from family members of patients who are excited to see us in the paper," Thomas said.

In the same competition, a Lewiston nursing home was also recognized for its program for restraint reduction. Restraint belts are often used in nursing homes to keep patients from falling, but lately these belts have been found to do more harm than good.

The Lewiston Rehabilitation and Care Center implemented a program which reduces the level of restraint and focuses more on individual needs.

John Hathaway, bureau chief for Facility Standards in Idaho, said that all of these ideas have been published in a booklet and distributed to Idaho nursing homes.

"The Moscow home had a very good idea. It is something all facilities can implement. This event is the first time we've ever had any partnership in [the nursing home] industry," Hathaway said.



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UI cadets go All-Pro

Andrea Lucero
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The next time Uncle Sam shops for new additions to our country's security system, his first stop may well be the University of Idaho.

Dr. Dene Thomas, associate provost, was presented Wednesday with the All Pro Plaque in recognition of the UI cadets' outstanding accomplishments at Advanced Camp last summer.

"I am very proud of our ROTC program," Thomas said. "I have advised a number of the students cadets and they are of top quality. The UI is lucky to have a program of such high quality."

Juniors in the ROTC program spent six weeks in Advanced Camp, where they were evaluated in various areas of military competence. Some areas were physical fitness, leadership skills and rifle maneuvers.

"The camp gave everyone a lot of team experience and helped us all get a feeling for a true military atmosphere. I think it gives us a great advantage," said Ryan Lippert, a camp participant.

Members of Advanced Camp were awarded points according to their performance in each area of the camp. At the end of the six weeks the points were added up, divided by

the numbers of the students attending the camp and compared to the results of the entire nation. Only 23 programs in the region, out of a total of 300 nation wide, have received the award.

"We are all really proud of the award. It shows that we have been trained above and beyond the Army standard, which will influence our standing upon entering the military after college," Lippert said.

All ROTC contracted cadets are obligated to join the Army after graduation.

"It's a really good system. We all attend college classes and activities like everyone else, we just have extra training," Lippert said.

Advanced Camp is an annual event beginning after the first week in June. In the past, the camp was conducted in Fort Bright, SC, and in Fort Lewis, Wash. This year, all cadets will attend camp in Washington. The camp will also be shortened from six weeks to 35 days. Approximately 5,000 cadets from all over the nation participate in the camp.

"The camp gives the cadets a chance to work with the best students from all over the country. It's a great opportunity to let them use their leadership techniques and other skills," said Louis Haynes, assistant professor of military science.



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Groups prepare for Sexual Assault Awareness Week

Candice Long
Staff

Although Sexual Assault Awareness Week at the University of Idaho is a couple of months away, the UI Safety Task Force, the Women's Center and Residence Life Program have already come together to create awareness of violence against women and men, educate others, and help prevent sexual assault.

Sexual Assault Awareness Week, slated for April 14-18, started four years ago at UI and is always held in April, the National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

This year's planned activities include a March for Safety and Break the Silence Rally, the Clothesline Project, and the Purple Ribbon campaign, along with a possible self defense class.

"We are starting earlier this year," said Chair Rhonda Anderson. "We're looking for more support from the Greek System, residence halls and all-around student

involvement."

"We are also hoping that more men will get involved," Anderson said. "I think sometimes there is an image that only women can participate in this. There are sexual assault crimes committed against men."

The Clothesline Project is an expressive collection of shirts created in recognition and support of survivors of sexual assault, incest and abuse. It is a symbol of survival and a memorial to those who have died from violence.

Students are urged to watch for areas on campus where they can make T-shirts. The shirts will be displayed at the March for Safety and Break the Silence Rally, which will kick off Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

For more information about programs and events during the week, contact the Women's Center at 885-6616.

Marine Corps papers back Gulf veterans' claims of chemical exposure

Associated Press
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Department of Defense is studying claims by U.S. Marines they encountered chemical weapons during the 1991 invasion of Kuwait, and the Pentagon has released documents supporting the veterans' testimony.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman called the Marine claims "a key case" in the investigation of whether Gulf veterans were exposed to chemical weapons.

Several Marine veterans have testified to Congress and a presidential committee investigating Gulf War illnesses that they were exposed to chemical weapons during the operation. Many of the Marines, like thousands of other Gulf War veterans, are suffering from chronic health problems they believe may have been caused by the toxic exposures.

For years, the Pentagon has

denied that any such exposures occurred. But new evidence backing up the Marines' claims — including logs, radio messages and journals — has been released in recent weeks on the Pentagon-operated GULLINK Internet site.

The Birmingham News reported on the documents Sunday. Whitman said the 100 Pentagon investigators reviewing claims that chemical weapons were used in the conflict are taking another look at what happened to the Marines during the invasion.

"We're burning the midnight oil," Whitman said. "We're working Saturdays; we're working nights. We're going to learn a lot more."

Among the references to chemical weapons in the recently released documents:

— An official Marine journal for Feb. 24, 1991, the opening day of the ground offensive, states that

the 2nd Marine Division reported at 7 a.m. possible chemical mines at its breach site into Kuwait. At 7:40 a.m., troops reported that the first 300 meters of their breach site was contaminated with "nerve oil and mustard."

— Another journal entry from Feb. 24 said members of Task Force Ripper, a Marine attack group, were "hit with mustard gas" at 7:15 p.m. The journal said the incident was confirmed by a Fox vehicle, a state-of-the-art mobile laboratory used to detect chemical warfare agents.

Whitman said the Pentagon hopes to issue a "narrative" on the Kuwait operation within a week to 10 days. He said it's doubtful that investigators will be able to confirm chemical detections, but they will — for the first time — give a comprehensive view of the invasion.



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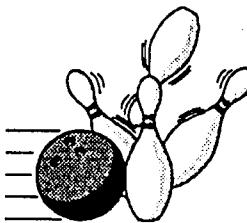
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University ponders more fee increases

Associated Press

MOSCOW — The University of Idaho is trying to find its financial footing with a slipping enrollment, and the possibility of more new fees. Vice President for Student Affairs Hal Godwin indicated Friday the \$45 university commons fee approved this month may not be the school's last attempt to boost revenue.

"There are minimal fee increases being considered in addition to the commons but we have always

intended to focus on the commons as the primary segment of the fee increases," he said.

University officials maintain student fees do not constitute tuition, but they concede the rising cost of an education there is keeping many out-of-state students away.

There was an 11.6 percent decrease in the number of out-of-state students, dropping from 2,516 last spring to 2,223 this semester.

"We are concerned and we are,

and have been, working to turn this around," Associate Provost Dene Thomas said. "The heaviest loss was non-resident and that's a direct result of our increased out-of-state tuition."

While enrollment drops are the norm from fall to spring semesters, enrollment in all of the university's programs statewide is down 6.2 percent from 11,057 last spring to 10,368. The in-state enrollment dropped only slightly, from 6,971 to 6,928.

The full-time equivalent, on which the school's state funding is based, is down 4.5 percent.

Thomas said the university is intensifying efforts to recruit top out-of-state students and provide more scholarships. A \$150,000 Washington Water Power grant will be set aside for a scholarship endowment, for example.

"That's where we really need to look for sources for scholarship funds because the tuition was dictated by the state Board of

Education," Thomas said.

But the school is not the only one in the state raising fees. Boise State University and Idaho State University have both indicated they want to do the same. Lewis-Clark State College President James Hottos said his administration also is considering that, though how much may depend on the level of funding from the Legislature.

Tobacco supporters claim free speech rights

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — To some, a tote bag is just a tote bag — even when it touts Marlboros.

"It doesn't matter what's on it," said Jennifer Craddock, a senior at Varina High School in eastern Henrico. She received the bag from a relative who smokes.

Federal officials believe that tobacco-branded bags, hats and clothes worn by kids are walking billboards for smoking and smokeless tobacco products. Regulatory actions, encouraged by anti-smoking forces, make February a crucial month in the battle over tobacco.

President Clinton has endorsed sweeping federal rules coming Feb. 28 that ban the distribution of anything — hat, tote bag or T-shirt — that advertises cigarettes, snuff or other tobacco products.

The Food and Drug Administration also wants to outlaw vending machines and self-service displays that make it easy for young people to skirt laws against selling cigarettes to minors.

Federal officials estimate about one in three teens — three million in all — smoke at least once a month. And 90 percent of adult smokers got their start when they were teens.

Faced with the tough new rules, Philip Morris and its tobacco and advertising allies are seeking an injunction from a federal judge in Greensboro, N.C., to block them. A hearing is set for Feb. 10.

The Greensboro court case could provide a historic debate pitting the tobacco industry's First Amendment rights to promotional speech against the FDA's mandate to oversee the making, labeling and marketing of consumer goods.

If successful, the tobacco supporters could also derail new FDA limits on ads in youth-oriented magazines and billboard

and in-store advertising. New rules set to take effect in August call for black and white ads only, and rub out high-profile cartoon pitchmen such as Joe Camel.

Philip Morris, Richmond's largest private employer, has branded the FDA regulations as the first step of a prohibition against all tobacco use. The FDA denied the charged, saying its measures are designed solely to stop smoking by children. FDA spokesman Mitch Zeller said the new regulations are designed to "change the landscape" in respect to teen smoking.

"Whatever messages we send to kids about smoking or spit tobacco hazards are being overwhelmed by the glamorization of tobacco use in the billions of dollars spent on its promotions and ads," Zeller said.

Despite the criticism, tobacco leaders like Philip Morris haven't backed down from aggressive marketing. The company recently announced a nationwide campaign for Virginia Slims cigarettes that mixes rock music, a soap opera star and local talent shows. The company has long denied such events are meant to encourage teen smoking.

"All of our products, all of our ads, all of our marketing, are designed for adult smokers who are over legal age," said Karen Daragan, manager of media affairs at Philip Morris USA in New York.

"The number one contributing factor to why teens or kids smoke is peer influence," Daragan said. "It's never been proven that cigarette advertising can make anyone smoke."

Philip Morris, which posted record profits last week, is estimated to spend about \$2 billion a year on advertising and marketing. That's about 40 percent of the tobacco industry's overall \$5 billion advertising budget.

Militia members, survivalists meet in Spokane

Associated Press

SPOKANE — Hundreds of survivalists and militia members trooped through the Spokane Convention Center this weekend, browsing at items ranging from camouflage clothing and machine gun clips to copies of Adolf Hitler's *Mein Kampf*.

The Self-Sufficiency and Preparedness Expo was held just a mile from the jail where three men with militia ties await trial on charges that they exploded three pipe bombs in Spokane last summer.

But there were no reminders of last summer's bombings at the expo, where sale items included everything from juice makers to diatribes against homosexuals. Some of the merchants warned people not to judge them too hastily based on media accounts of militia activities.

"There's fear because there's ignorance," said John Trochmann, head of the Militia of Montana. "Come find out for yourself what these people are all about."

Still, Bill Wassmuth of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment called the expo the most significant gathering of white supremacists in the Northwest in some time.

There were protests outside the convention center Saturday. A group of black and white clergymen held hands and sang while holding up a sign that said "The NAACP Welcomes You." They said it was a demonstration against hate groups.

"Our side has nothing to do with racism," said Trochmann, whose group warns against the United States becoming a vassal of the United Nations. "I don't care what the color of your skin is or what religion you are."

Bishop Walton Mize said he wanted to believe that.

"Maybe there's been some great conversion

and people are changed. Maybe their concern is survival and government intrusion," Mize said. "I pray that's the case."

The expo is in the city-owned convention center, which had no choice but to rent the space for \$2,750. The city cannot discriminate in who it leases space to, officials said. Some of the vendors who rented space were surprised to find themselves surrounded by controversial groups.

"They put a stigma on it that doesn't fit my beliefs and what we are trying to do," said Betsy James, who was selling canned foods at the expo.

The Militia of Montana had one of the largest booths, selling survival gear, videos, sweatshirts and, for \$500, a set of 16 videotapes designed to produce experts on the legal system. The militia's 1997 catalog, entitled *God, Guts & Guns*, is dedicated to keeping the United States a sovereign nation.

Trochmann warned of a conspiracy of "globalists" who are out to destroy the American way of life.

But the enemy is not necessarily a foreign power, according to some speakers at the expo. Author Ken Royce led a seminar on how anti-government types can deal successfully with police and bureaucrats.

When pulled over by a police officer, he advised, "be polite, confident and firm, not scared or nervous."

"Cops are kind of like a dog, sniffing, going on his feelings, all instinct," he said. He also provided tips on how to "live hidden, happy and free."

It is surprisingly easy to hide in plain sight, Royce said. Setting up a mailbox along a rural road with a phony address is a way to establish a legal residence without being found, he said.

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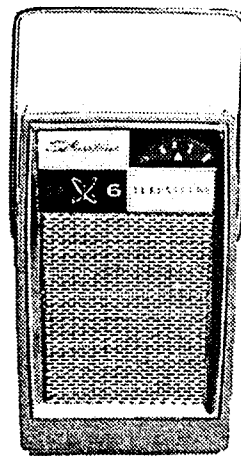


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OPINION

Idaho's official state reptile?

STATE LEGISLATORS

What better example of democracy in action could one present to a group of elementary school students than to convince a state legislator to introduce a bill the kiddies thought up? The legislator gets good press, the kids get a good lesson in legislative processes and the whole state gets a cutesy announcement of their civic-mindedness in USA Today.

You won't hear this about Idaho any time soon.

A band of fourth-graders at Boise's Summerwind Elementary noticed Idaho did not have an official state reptile, and thought the Western Rattlesnake would be just the critter. They lobbied their representative, Boise Republican Max Black, to introduce the bill to the legislature.

Then, as representatives of the class sat and watched the proceedings, they witnessed venom of a power their dear rattlesnake could only dream of.

"Are you aware of the fact," said Rep. Jim Clark, (R) Hayden, as quoted in the Spokesman-Review, "that this snake does not travel north of the Salmon River? We're back again to the division of the state of Idaho, this time by reptiles."

Yes. Reptiles in the guise of bullethead politicians who know less about tact than Ted Kaczynski knew about what one ought and ought not to send through the mail.

Rep. Black, trying to de-fuse the situation, pointed out the Mountain Bluebird, Idaho's state bird, and the Western White Pine, Idaho's state tree, are only found in North Idaho, and the state fossil, the Hagerman horse, is unique to Hagerman.

Even with the ludicrous count of state symbols solidly in the panhandle's favor, Clark was not mollified. "If there is anyone from North Idaho who votes for this," he said, "you are now a liberal pinko."

In other words, the new threat of Communism is: Today, Official State Things; Tomorrow, the World!

Joining the fracas on the side of Clark was Republican Lenore Barrett. As a native of Oklahoma and a representative of the snake-infested (last count 13 rattlers) burg of Challis, she felt the "only good thing about rattlesnakes is that they taste like chicken."

Makes you wonder what some politicians taste like. Probably chocolate-covered rotten eggs.

Whether or not the choosing of assorted whatnots to represent the state is a good use of legislative time is beside the point. All Idahoans get out of this childish exchange of little words is that some of their elected representatives must have missed out on nap-time before the session began and thus came to the session a little cranky.

Representatives Clark and Barrett would be wise to remember that in the eyes of the public, it is not the big mistakes politicians make, but the small ones that voters generally remember. Disappointing a group of elementary kids is on quite opposite ends of the spectrum from kissing babies. But then I guess going around Boise known as the Rattlesnake Twins will add a certain bit of notoriety to their hopelessly brief legislative careers.

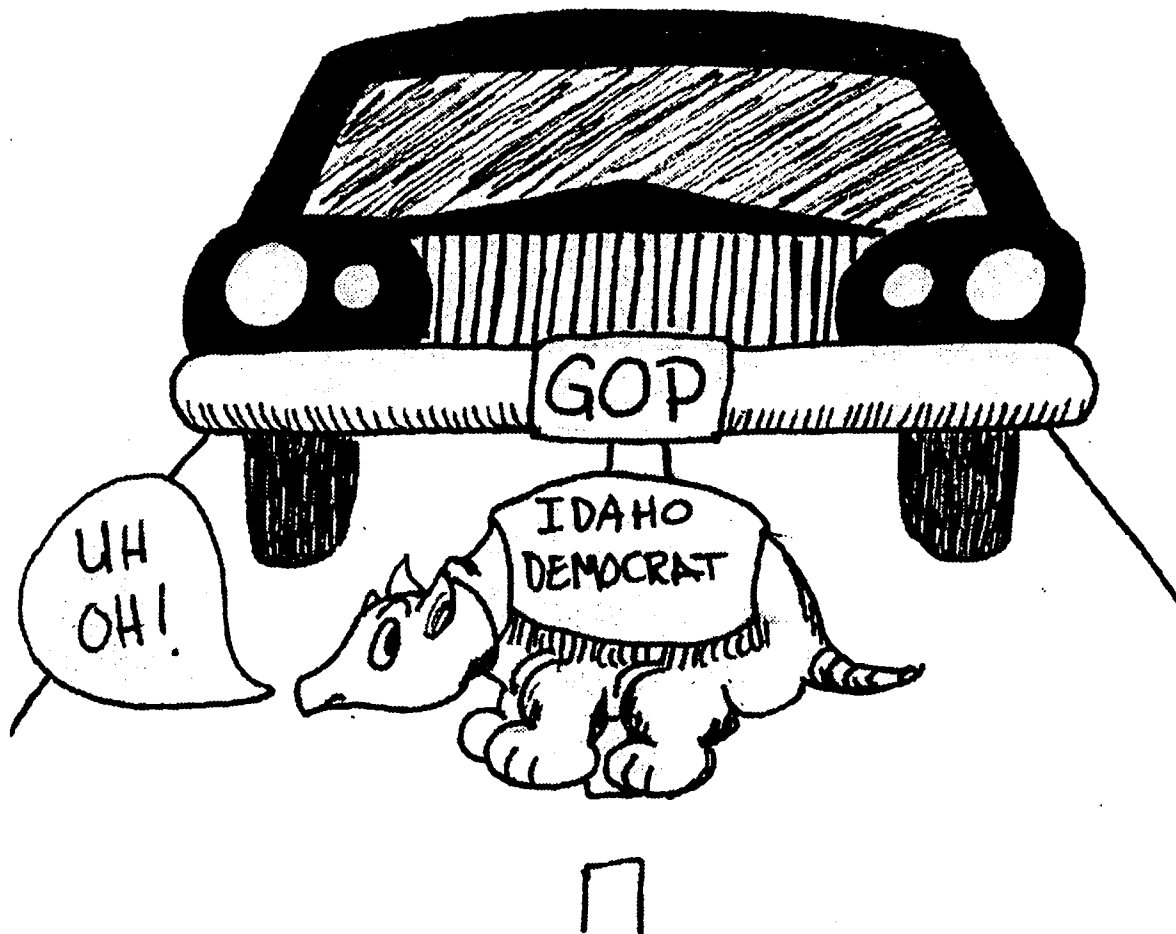
While single incidents of maniacal outburst such as these cannot make or break a legislator's career, they can certainly call into question an individual's level of maturity.

If there is a division between north and south in this state it is only perpetuated by those who have the persecution complex in the first place. Regionalizing what could have been a simple bill to give Idaho an official reptile did nothing more than weaken the already tottering faith present — and future — voters have or will have in politicians in general.

Summerwind Elementary students were philosophical. One student said the class chose the rattlesnake because they felt it "represents the courage and bravery of Idaho citizens."

To represent certain Idaho politicians in the list of official state things, we'd have to find a slot for a skunk.

—Brian Davidson,
Opinion Editor



Will vanishing Idaho Democrats find habitat?

It's old news that the Northwest is home to an alarmingly long list of threatened species. But the rapid recent decline of some of these creatures is nothing short of alarming. The dwindling steelhead runs come quickly to mind, and the pitiful plight of another once proud beast is of concern as well. (At least to those who still see it as a distinct species.)

I'm referring, of course, to the elusive Idaho Democrat. In recent years its runs for office have been cruel jokes. Showing some initial promise, these campaigns have been plagued by a marked inability to maintain any kind of herd integrity.

But what's the cause of this Idaho Democrat decimation? Can it be reversed? I thought I should seek expert help before my own dark beliefs on this question surfaced too soon.

My cry for help was answered first by the Democrat-friendly Lewiston Morning Tribune editorialist Bill Hall, a devout church-man. Hall was upbeat about the party he calls home, at least in a limited sense. He's convinced that the strongest of the latest crop of Demos., Dan Williams, is blessed with a future. Hall had written that Williams ran a great campaign and should seek a rematch with GOP arch-foe Helen Chenoweth, who just slipped past him in last November's vote. Indeed in that race the mere 3 percent of the ballots siphoned off by a Natural Law Party candidate could have easily given Williams a stint in D.C. As Hall put it, "Very few Idaho Democrats make it on the first try."

That truth is a bit of a stretch when applied to this case, I'm afraid. The grim reality is that the Williams/Chenoweth election shows how far gone the Idaho Democrats really are. First of all, if ever there was a beatable first-term incumbent, it was Helen Chenoweth. I mean, love her or hate her, you've just got to admit Helen made more than her share of mistakes during that first term. A candidate in a true two-party state should have been able to combine public disapproval of Chenoweth's more, um, remarkable statements with strong issue stands to sail into office, first try or not.

Sensing in Hall the plausibly rosy visions of an optimistic true believer, I decided to seek another opinion. I found some insight in the decidedly more independent lookout of Mark Trahan, editor of the Moscow-

Pullman Daily News. In Trahan's view, the Idaho Democratic party will need a "legally enforceable search warrant" in order to find viable candidates next year. But he sees some promise from past election results. Trahan notes that Idaho Democrats can count on 2 of 5 voters. Obviously, not a winning number, but it's not too bad as a base for coalition-building. There's the problem and the opportunity. This coalition-building requires leadership, and the Idaho Democrats' real quandary is that, well, they just ain't got none.

As I pondered this, my hidden suspicions about Idaho's diminishing donkey party streamed out of my subconscious mind. The truth is they're an illusion. They're not really here. Parties have to stand for something to exist. No, Democratic Idahoans, that Republican-like strategy just isn't cutting it any more in the fight for survival. Most folks prefer the genuine article to even an attractive fake. So now's the time to stem the headlong rush to oblivion. The only way to do it is to start taking distinct non-elephantine stands and preparing some bold plans for our state's future. Maybe it's time to listen to a bit of advice from an outsider, even a Texan. "There's nothing in the middle of the road but yellow stripes and dead armadillos," is how rabble-rousing Texas commentator Jim Hightower addresses a similar situation. Idaho may not be overrun with armadillos, but that GOP Limousine is sure going to try to keep up its statewide conservative cruise.

So Democrats, why not learn to stay on one side of an issue or another? That middling moderation is, well, killing you. Just be yourselves, or if that's part of the problem, start shopping around for a new fearless leader or two. The 1998 elections are getting closer all the time, and remember, extinction is forever.

Opinion gap



Tim Lohrmann

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OPINION

Sensationalism: What the customers want

As an active participant in a minuscule cog in the machinery of American media, it's easy to understand why some people out there would like to throw a wrench into the works.

The speedy, almost instant access one has to news nowadays, be it live on CNN, freshly Java-ed on the Internet and even via newsprint, (the 20th century's answer to the Jurassic's triceratops) has changed not only the type of news reported, but also the importance the media feels its readers and viewers should attach to the reported news.

Pas d'andouilles ici



Brian Davidson

The 24-hour cable news networks draw increasingly on stories that 20 years ago would not have even been mentioned on national news to fill burgeoning time budgets and to keep the viewers tuned in. Competition is fierce, not between news networks but between the news bloc and the entertainment and sports offerings channel surfers are more likely to rest at.

As a result, the edge between news and entertainment is becoming increasingly blurred. News is no longer simply reported, it is reported, expanded, expounded and re-hashed every hour on the hour so as to present a new and tantalizing angle to the story to keep the masses watching while sitting on the edge of their seats.

Two recent examples of such journalistic agenda setting: reporting of the shooting death of Ennis Cosby, son of entertainer Bill Cosby, and the death of

JonBenet Ramsey, a 6-year-old Colorado beauty queen. Nitpickers may argue that both Cosby and Ramsey, as being public figures in a sort, are open to media reportage. They would be correct. The media's general overzealous treatment of both stories, however, should come under tighter scrutiny.

The death of Ennis Cosby itself was treated with respect. The media's hounding of Bill and Camille Cosby — and the "timely" reportage a week after Ennis' death of an affair Bill Cosby had in the 1970s — sullied the already tarnished reputation the media has in covering such events. Their shots of a despondent family; their shouted and often unanswered questions, they argue, are aimed at showing the public that such public figures are human in their vulnerability to the hazards of life. Their empty pontifications and voice-trained solemnity display the media's inhumanity.

Why report on the Cosby affair at this time, when the family is already suffering? The Cosbys were reconciled over the whole matter years ago; yet the media's reportage of the affair smacks nothing more of tying one "related" story in with one which demonstrates timeliness.

The death of JonBenet Ramsey, on the other hand, has been treated with all the alacrity and subtlety of commercials advertising the Barnum and Bailey Circus. Newspapers and news networks, looking to fill the "exciting crime niche" which had been stretching dwindling reports from the O.J. Simpson trial, latched on to the Ramsey story as one that would grab the attention of readers and viewers nationwide, especially since the precious victim already had a professional portfolio of mug shots cute enough to melt

even the heart of Charles Montgomery Burns.

When the sheriff of Boulder, Colo., — where the crime took place — closed the case to the media in order to conduct a proper investigation into the crime, the media went into a spiel of speculation and published half-assed reports coming from just about anyone who knew the Ramsey family wherein they accused nearly everyone in Colorado and Atlanta, Ga., of committing the murder.

Concurrently, they ran investigative features into the seamy world of kiddie pageants and revealed to the nation the shocking truth that these pageants do indeed take place, and that some kids win and some kids lose.

The media would be wise to learn from its mistakes. Reporting zeal cost ABC \$5.5 million in a libel case filed on behalf of Food Lion, a southeastern grocery chain. Richard Jewell has just filed suit against an Atlanta, Ga., newspaper and NBC for their gross mistreatment of him during investigation into the Atlanta Olympics bombing. And while the Spokesman-Review is covering — with unprecedented, welcome balance — a possible connection between three local bombings and the bomb in Atlanta, they would be wise to put integrity on a higher shelf than purulent sensationalism.

While we, the media, are to blame for such reporting tactics, it is the fault of the viewing and reading public that such methods proliferate. Increased sensationalism represents less of a new wave in journalism than an even newer wave in attracting consumers. The media is simply giving the audience what they're pretty sure the audience wants.

Letters to the Editor

Project aims to share services

The Idaho Assistive Technology Project assists older persons and individuals with disabilities in Idaho in acquiring the assistive technology they need to live more independent and productive lives. Assistive technology refers to any device or service that enables people with disabilities to move, communicate, learn, work or perform everyday living activities. Examples of assistive

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OPINION

Return of the Jedi, Return of the hype

The Minnesota Daily
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Reaction to George Lucas' space opus has always been fervent and divided.

Responses ranged from "I've seen it 20

times and could easily see it 20 more," to "it's damned infantile and brings out the worst and gushiest sentimentality." Whether touted for its groundbreaking special effects and rousing adventure or lambasted for its simple story and one-dimensional characters, the *Star Wars* debate has scarcely subsided in the last two decades.

Critics call it the film that ruined American cinema. Before Luke Skywalker, the argument goes, smaller and smarter movies from the likes of Martin Scorsese, Arthur Penn or John Cassavetes had a chance.

Afterward, Hollywood simply pumped millions upon millions into mindless, derivative action flicks. But supporters, most notably scholar Joseph Campbell, saw *Star Wars* as a rich parable which provided a generation with legendary heroes engaged in a classic struggle between good and evil. "Star Wars is not a simple morality play," said Campbell, "it has to do with the powers of life as they are either fulfilled or broken and suppressed through the actions of man."

There's also the juggernaut of merchandising to consider. *Star Wars* was the first film in history to earn more from action figures and product tie-ins than box office returns. Between a re-release of the original saga echoes from Madison Avenue: Cha-Ching! Pepsi has already paid \$2 billion for advertising rights for the prequels. Meanwhile, Darth Vader duels the Energizer Bunny and treasured Boba Fett action figures fetch hundreds of dollars on the black market. Even the most devout fans admit some of the magic is dispelled. But don't overestimate the power of the marketers — their mind tricks won't work on us.

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Nor will we quibble over the cultural or philosophical ramifications of *Star Wars* when the curtain goes up. We'll stand in line just to see an old favorite on the big screen again, or perhaps even for the first time. Whether critics and scholars read too much or too little into *Star Wars*, they seem to forget that the fundamental appeal of the film is its unparalleled power to capture the imagination. We're transported to a galaxy far away, peopled by strange creatures, imbued with detail and nuance. Equal parts western, fairy tale and sci-fi, with WWII-style dogfights and Samurai swordplay, its vast adventure suggests a grander scope. *Star Wars* endures because its swashbuckling escapade is simply the most fun we've ever had at the movies.

Don't Mess with my toys

Bryant J. Kuechle

The re-release of *Star Wars* premiered last Friday and as the movie promoters said, "It's a chance for a whole new generation of fans to experience the magic."

That's my magic and they can't have it.

Don't get me wrong, I love *Star Wars*. The first movie I have a recollection of seeing was *Empire Strikes Back* when I was 4 years old. When *Return of the Jedi* came out I was shaking in my Zips.

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We didn't parade around like the Lone Ranger and Howdy Doody and they should never know what happened a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.

I have one more question in my campaign for preserving the heritage of the children of the '80s, How can this Elmo punk come in and start bullying around such veterans as Cookie Monster and Grover?

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SPORTS

Vandals put the boot to young Anteaters

Damon Barkdull

Sports Editor

Capitalism, in essence, is a means by which the strong and rich dominate while the weak and poor just try and stay alive, hoping they don't fall to the way-side.

On Saturday night, UI coach Kermit Davis gave a hands-on lesson in capitalism, though, his Vandals never saw the losing end of it.

And in a Big West Conference showdown, not even the American Welfare System could save the UC-Irvine Anteaters as the Vandals rolled to a 57-40 win in front of 4,038 fans in the Kibbie Dome.

Idaho (10-11, 3-5) won its third straight conference game while UC-Irvine (1-16, 1-7) continued to flounder at the bottom of the Western Division of the Big West Conference. The Vandals are fifth in the Eastern Division, trailing fourth place Boise State by two games.

The Vandals are on the road against UC-Santa Barbara and Cal Poly SLO on Thursday and Saturday in a pair of Big West Conference matchups.

"Winning three straight games in any conference is pretty difficult to do," Davis said. "I can tell the difference in time outs when I have to really get after them. I see them coming out and responding more. I think they understand that in close games they have a great opportunity to win."

Sure, the Vandals have had some opportunities in the past when they didn't win the close game — although, this game was far from coming down to a last second shot.

"Obviously it's the same old story," said Anteater coach Rob Baker, who has just one victory this year after winning Big West Coach of the Year last season. "We need five guys to come and play every night."

The Vandals exploited the youthful Anteater ball club. UC-Irvine started three freshmen and a sophomore against an Idaho squad starving for a home win.

However, the Vandals got help from some youth and inexperience also.

Idaho wide receiver Robert Scott, who is usually known for jump-starting the Vandal football team, sparked Idaho's basketball team in a unique way — by playing glove-like defense, dishing out a team high three assists and nine rebounds and punching in some quality minutes (19 minutes, 7 points and a steal).

Not bad for a guy who is usually playing intramural basketball this time of year.

"I got tired — it was a fun tired," Scott said. "I have to learn fast. I don't have a lot of time on my own. I have to learn in the heat of the battle."

Scott's relentless play in the first half inspired the coaches to start the sophomore in the second half — even without the knowledge of the system completely.

"I wouldn't know it either, there's no way he can comprehend everything," Davis said. "He's very unselfish. Everytime he came in he just changed our whole tempo."

Both Idaho and UC-Irvine would need a tempo change after the first half as the Vandals shot 10 of 29 (34 percent) while the Anteaters went 8 of 16 (50 percent) from the field.

Idaho held the 24-20 lead at half-time after a Jason Jackman jumper with :02 left.

The Vandals then came out firing in the second half, going on a 9-3 run before the Anteaters called a timeout at the 15:27 mark.

With 7:36 in the game, Idaho threatened to blow out UC-Irvine as the Vandals led 43-31 and

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Idaho guard Eddie Turner (25) makes a Micheal Jordan-like move on some oncoming UC-Irvine defenders.

Sarah Wichlacz

Joe's return to Moscow memorable

Damon Barkdull

Sports Editor

In high school, college and professional sports, ironies exist everywhere.

Those ironies may include the Jimmy versus Jerry saga in Dallas or a fired college basketball coach returning to his former place of employment with a different team. On Saturday night, a bit of irony made a blowout win appear slightly more interesting.

The love-hate relationship between the Idaho Vandal fans and former UI coach Joe Cravens was heightened in Saturday night's matchup against UC-Irvine in the Kibbie Dome.

Cravens, who was forced to resign last season after a three-year stint with the Vandals, returned to Moscow as an assistant coach with the Anteaters.

So how did the former Vandal coach feel about the crowds mixture of boos and cheers in the pregame introductions?

"The boos, was I booed?" Cravens said. "If I didn't hear them then I guess they didn't bother me. I enjoyed the cheers from the ones who cheered."

After a 57-40 whipping, Cravens mingled with fans, former players and UI supporters — he also responded to several questions regarding his old team, his new team and the emotional return to a town which shunned him.

"I saw a lot of friends — people that meant a lot to me," Cravens said. "I felt it was really positive."

Those friends included UI players.

While at Idaho, Cravens recruited and coached four current

Vandal players including Reggie Rose, Jason Jackman, Kris Baumann and Eddie Turner.

Before and after the game the players walked over to the Anteater bench and chatted a bit with their former coach.

"I appreciated their support," Cravens said. "I had a good relationship with my players here. They're not my players now obviously but I really care for those kids. I'm just glad to see them, really."

Likewise, Cravens thought his students had improved.

"I think they're playing really good," Cravens said. "I think they'll win some more games this February. I've watched a lot of tape on them. They're slowly getting better. I think they're going to be OK."

Certainly, Cravens did respect the players he once recruited. However, even with the player-coach bond still intact, the former UI coach and his players knew things would never be the way they once were.

"I just wished him good luck, there's not much you can say to him," Jackman said, referring to his old coach. "I just went over there, we hugged and I just wished him the best of luck. We said we'd get numbers, exchange them and keep in touch."

As for the return to Moscow and his team's performance, Cravens would have liked to beat his old team — instead, the Vandals treated the Anteaters like a freak mammal.

"It was bad that we lost," Cravens said. "When you're 1-15 you'd like to have a win anywhere — whether it's Moscow or Moscow Junior High."

Kermit and Julie: getting the job done



Nate Peterson

The University of Idaho basketball programs have undergone a metamorphosis in the past few weeks that can only be attributed to the fiery resilience and motivation implemented by coaches Kermit Davis and Julie Holt.

After a shaky start, which included five Big West losses in a row, the men's basketball team has won their last three games and climbed out of the cellar in the Eastern Division of the Big West Conference.

Their success is outstanding and quite surprising, considering the fact that guard Reggie Rose was lost for the season with a partial tear of the medial collateral ligament in his left knee during a Jan. 3 game against Lewis-Clark State College.

With the loss of Rose, Idaho's second leading scorer, Davis has had to make major adjustments in maintaining a competitive basketball team, doing so, Davis has exemplified a quality that all great coaches possess — the ability to handle adversity.

True freshman Jon Harris probably didn't expect he would be thrown into the mix as soon as he was. In fact, Davis had initial plans to redshirt the home-grown star from Boise. Despite his early premonitions, with injuries and players leaving the team Davis was

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Vandal News and Notes

Idaho men's tennis team falls to the Buffaloes

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — After losing its No. 1 and No. 2 singles matches, the University of Colorado came back to defeat the University of Idaho 4-3 in men's tennis action Sunday afternoon.

With the win, Colorado improves to 3-0 on the spring season while Idaho falls to 0-3.

Vandals' No. 1 seed Danny Willman beat Robert Pauliska in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2. In addition, Jorge Aldrate squeaked by Dony Papadia 7-6, 7-5.

The 35th ranked Buffaloes, however, won three of the next four singles matches and swept Idaho in doubles play.

Results:

Singles — Danny Willman, UI def. Robert Pauliska, CU 6-3, 6-2; Jorge Aldrate, UI def. Dony Papadia, CU 7-6, 7-5; Martel Bufford, CU def. Darin Currall, UI 7-5, 4-6, 6-2; Keith Bradbury, UI def. Boris Sepesi, CU 6-2, 6-3; Chris Celechovsky, CU def. Tad Kincaid, UI 6-3, 6-

3; Chris Tapernoux, CU def. Dustin Hinson, UI 6-7, 6-4, 6-1.

Doubles — Bauer-Sepesi, CU def. Aldrate-Willman, UI 8-5; Papadia-Bufford, CU def. Currall-Bradbury, UI 8-5; Pauliska-Jenkins, CU def. Kincaid-Hinson, UI 8-5.

Women's basketball time change

The start time for the women's Feb. 23 game against Boise State in Memorial Gym has changed from 2 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. (PST).

The change has been made to accommodate a television broadcast.

Intramural deadlines

For those interested in playing walleyball or table tennis, here are some deadlines you must consider: walleyball forms are due tomorrow by 5 p.m. and table tennis singles forms are due on Thursday by 5pm. All forms must be turned into Room 204 in Memorial Gym.

Idaho women's four-game win streak comes to end



Alli Nieman



Michelle Greenwood

Kindra Meyer
Assistant Sports Editor

The Vandal women's four-game winning streak was put to rest Sunday as UC-Irvine proclaimed a 65-62 victory.

Idaho jumped out early in the first half with a burst of energy led by freshman Alli Nieman. All though they led by as many as 8 points, they could not maintain momentum and the Anteater stamina continued to wear on the Vandals through the final minutes.

The lack of Idaho spark may be greatly due to an illness factor. Starting guard Ari Skorpik, Jill Ortnor, Jennifer Stone and Nieman were plagued by illness. In fact, Nieman had to leave the game at one point due to her sickness. She returned as though nothing could stop her, recording her third straight double-double with 25 points and 12 rebounds.

"We did have both our starting point guards down with sickness and a couple of posts, although Alli did a great job," Idaho coach Julie Holt said. "But the real difference in the game was poor defense, which is very unlike our team normally. We just didn't play good enough defense to win."

Junior Michelle Greenwood continued to play solid, backing up Nieman with 11 points. Melissa McDaniel also hit for 11 points in only 19 minutes of court time.

Idaho, which is usually hot outside the arc, was frigid on the night, hitting only 3 of 14. Rebounding was another weak link to the Vandal attack as UC-Irvine grabbed 15 more boards (44-29).

"It's pretty straight forward," Holt said. "We just got killed on the boards and you can't do that and expect to win."

The Anteaters were led by Leticia Oseguera with 16 points, 12 rebounds and two blocks. Shannon Anders and Megan Stafford recorded 12 and 11 points respectively. Stafford also led the game with four assists.

Idaho is now 9-10 overall, 4-3 in the Big West.
IDAHO (62)
Gussett 2-7 0-1 4, Nieman 10-16 5-8 25, Greenwood 4-8 2-2 11, Johnson 2-8 0-0 5, Skorpik 1-6 2-3 4, Ortnor 1-2 0-0 2, McDaniel 4-7 2-2 11, Stone 0-2-0-0. Totals 24-56 11-16 62.

UC-IRVINE (65)
Roberson 1-5 2-2 4, Chen 2-6 4-5 8, Oseguera 6-15 4-5 16, Anders 5-10 0-0 12, Stafford 3-10 4-4 11, Hatcher 1-3 4-4 6, Payton 0-1 0-0 0, Cappel 2-4 0-1 4, Mackey 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 22-57 18-21 65.
Halftime — Idaho 33 UC-Irvine 36. 3 point goals — Idaho 3-14 (Greenwood 1-1, McDaniel 1-3, Johnson 1-5, Nieman 0-1, Gussett 0-2), UC-Irvine 3-9 (Anders 2-5, Stafford 1-2, Payton, Roberson 0-1). Fouled out — none. Rebounds — Idaho 29 (Nieman 12), UC-Irvine 44 (Oseguera 12). Assists — Idaho 9 (Gussett 3), UC-Irvine 10 (Stafford 4). Total Fouls — Idaho 19, UC-Irvine 16. Attendance — 211.

Last Thursday night the Vandal women chalked up a Big West win on the road, defeating Cal State Fullerton 63-59.

That victory peaked their four-game winning streak, the best in three years.

It wasn't easy bringing down the Titans however. Cal State controlled the entire first half, never once giving up their lead. At the half, Idaho had worked their way to merely a one point deficit simply due to team effort.

The challenge was keeping the scoring machines of Dee Braxton and Andrea Thieme at bay, who combined for 41 of the team's 59 total points. The Vandals had a number of tricks up their sleeves and answered with some star power in addition to a few secret weapons.

Never giving up hope or letting down their guards, the silver and gold battled to the bitter end. It was in the final seconds where they found salvation, taking their first lead of the night with :09 left in the game and stole the home team's victory.

"With three minutes to go in the game we took a time out," Holt said. The score was 46 to 56 and we told our team that we needed to hold them to 60 points — which meant for the next three minutes they couldn't score more than 3 points. It really comes down to us doing a great job defensively and converting at the other end."

Coach Holt and staff must have delivered one convincing pep talk as the Vandals hit the court on a rampage, yielding a 17-3 run.

Alli Nieman led Idaho with 15 points and 10 boards but it was perhaps the depth of the bench that pulled the

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Bring in the Idaho fans

Kindra Meyer
Assistant Sports Editor

The University of Idaho Athletic Department is determined to boost attendance.

Over the years there has been a steady decrease in the number of fans at Vandal games. At the verge of frustration, Vandal promoters are not only getting the word out but enticing the public with tangible rewards.

There are a number of possibilities as to why the stream of support is now only a trickle. Kurt Zimmerman, assistant director of Marketing and Promotions, believes it may be a matter of recognition.

"With the exception of Boise State, the Big West teams are all brand new to the fans. Although there are some very good teams in the new league, fans aren't familiar with them," Zimmerman said.

What ever the reason for the lack of support, Zimmerman and team will continue to tackle the problem until they have won the battle and the stands are once again brimming with enthusiasm.

On Feb. 7 the Vandal women host first place Big West opponent UC-Santa Barbara and will try to break the all-time Memorial Gym attendance record of 2,400. It will be elementary school night, where all local elementary kids get in for free and their parents at half price. UI staff and their families are all admitted free of charge with a flash of their Vandal Card.

Santa Barbara's team carries two play-

ers local to this area, so fan buses will be coming in from their home towns. The bottom line?

"Hey, we want more people yelling for us," Idaho coach Julie Holt said.

Two days later when UI hosts Cal Poly, a \$150 ski package will be given away during the game.

On Feb. 11, the Idaho men battle border rival Washington State. Z-fun will be giving free CDs to the first few hundred attendants in addition to music trivia prizes during breaks. A \$250 ski package will be awarded to one lucky fan and half-time entertainment will be provided by coaches Tom Hilbert, Julie Holt and Cindy Frederick.

Also, a season-long living group attendance contest will reward those members with a Lake Coeur d' Alene cruise. Two more ski packages will be given away, as will a wet suit and a three-day white water rafting trip.

You would have to be a hermit not to get the word about Vandal athletics, with advertisements in all local papers, on 104.3 FM, announcements at every eatery in town, flyers, balloons and television ads to name a few.

Even for those students who may not be sports fanatics, games have more to offer than merely the competition. Zimmerman believes that those type of students may catch Vandal fever if they give it a chance.

"If they just come once and see these teams play, it would draw them to the gym again," Zimmerman said.

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left with no choice.

The results have been better than satisfactory. Harris is a part-time starter who has played solid all year. Although he is timid to put up a shot, the 6-foot-5 forward plays aggressive defense, handles the ball well and plays with composure in crucial minutes.

Another of Davis' important qualities became evident — his ability to get production out of his players.

Transfer Jarrett Wendt has also come on strong for Davis but none can be more surprising than the play of Robert Scott. Scott, a sophomore wide receiver on the football team, walked onto the team about a month ago.

Amazingly enough, Scott is now playing major minutes, including 19 quality minutes in Saturday's win over UC-Irvine. Davis' confidence in Scott was apparent, starting him in the second half. Scott responded with 7 points, six rebounds and three assists.

Perhaps the best quality Davis possesses is his ability to forgive and forget. After dismissing Derrick Elliott from the basketball team, Davis allowed him to return last week. The return of Elliott has the offense clicking on all cylinders.

For Davis and the men's basketball team, life in the Big West has become friendlier. If, however, they want an invitation to the Big West tournament in Reno, they can't afford to let their guard down.

Currently the Vandals are second to last in their division. In order to attain a birth in the tournament they must overcome either Boise State or New Mexico State.

Coach Julie Holt and the women's team are enjoying their position at the top of the Eastern

Division of the Big West.

For Holt, getting up and going to practice isn't as easy as it used to be. Holt is in the later stages of pregnancy and with it comes all the complications that women experience — and I don't care to discuss further.

Throughout most of a game, Holt can be seen with her hands on her lower back as she screams and shouts at players and referees.

The players are obviously listening and following through as well. The team is on a roll and headed for the Big West tournament.

Like Davis, Holt has had to make many changes with her lineup so she could incorporate her older and younger talent.

The Vandals have quality veterans and quality freshmen, so Holt has had to work at creating team chemistry. The solution is a dynamic trio of Kelli Johnson, Kathryn Gussett and freshman sensation Alli Nieman.

Nieman is an unstoppable scorer who may eventually break every scoring record the school holds.

Arguably Holt's biggest accomplishment of the past year was her successful recruitment of Nieman. As one of the top blue chip prospects in the nation, Nieman spurned offers from powerhouse schools to stay home and play at Idaho.

A big reason was Holt who, working together with volleyball coach Tom Hilbert, gave Nieman the opportunity to play basketball and volleyball.

Holt and her team have a tough schedule, before them but if they get through it successfully without too much screaming and no labor, they will win the Eastern Division of the Big West.

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team through. Melisa McDaniel hit for 12 points while grabbing seven rebounds, six of which were offensive.

In addition to her eye-catching performance were two youngsters, Jennifer Stone and Amy Lemm. Stone delivered a strong game down low recording 8 points and seven boards in only nine minutes

on the floor. Freshman guard Lemm racked up 6 points and two rebounds in 13 minutes off the pine.

Kathryn Gussett may not have been the leading scorer but she made some strategic plays in her minutes. She led the team with four assists and five steals while also nabbing seven rebounds.

The Titans were led by Braxton and Thieme, a pair of sophomores with much potential. Center Braxton may not have gone home with a win but she walked away with 21 points, 17 rebounds, two assists, two blocks and four steals. Thieme's evening wasn't too shabby either with 20 points, three assists, two blocks and two steals.

IDAHO (63)
Gussett 3-11 1-2 6, Nieman 6-15 3-4 15, Greenwood 2-8 0-0 4, Johnson 2-9 0-2 6, Skorpik 0-10 4-4 4, McDaniel 3-9 5-6 12, Newman 1-2 0-0 2, Lemm 3-6 0-0 6, Stone 3-5 2-2 8. Totals 23-75 15-19 63.
CAL STATE FULLERTON (59)
Cram 1-6 2-2 4, McMahan 7-13 0-2 14, Braxton 10-14 1-3 21, Thieme 8-15 3-8 20, Bucher 0-4 0-0 0, Anderson 0-1 0-0 0.

Cleveland 0-1 0-0 0, Sigg 0-5 0-0 0. Totals 26-59 6-15 59.
Halftime — Idaho 25 CSF 26. 3-point goals — Idaho 2-14 (Johnson 1-3, McDaniel 1-5, Gussett, Skorpik 0-3), CSF 1-8 (Thieme 1-2, Anderson, Cleveland 0-1, McMahan, Sigg 0-2). Fouled out — Thieme. Rebounds — Idaho 52 (Nieman 10), CSF 41 (Braxton 17). Assists — Idaho 8 (Gussett 4), CSF 14 (Cram, Thieme, Sigg 3). Total Fouls — Idaho 19, CSF 17.

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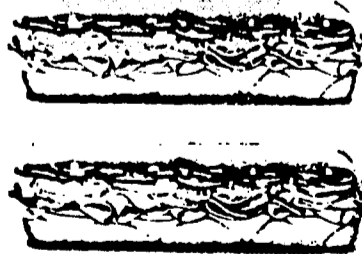


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Athletes today: It's all about money



Byron Jarnagin

The biggest motivational factor these days for young athletes to be successful is the earning potential at the professional end of sports. The mighty dollar seems to have taken some of the fun out of sports and keeps athletes searching for their pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

With all of the hype around sports today and the world-wide television coverage, athletes are more like actors on a stage than ball players on the court, turf or field.

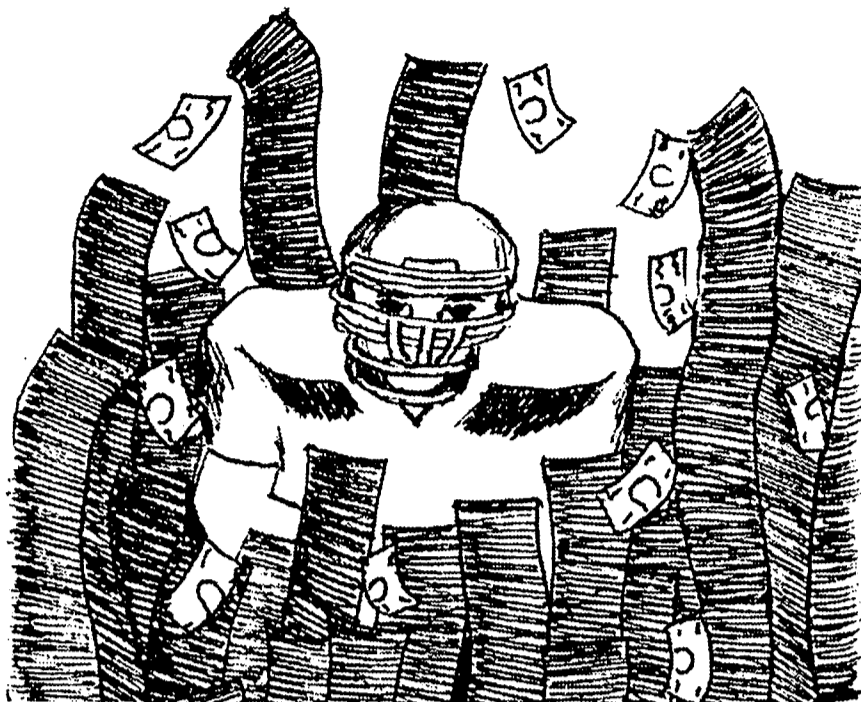
Athletes are making outrageous amounts of money for playing a game that Johnny or Suzy liked to play with dad on the weekend as youngsters — and as each season progresses, somewhere around the league somebody is always wanting more, more, more.

Aside from the fact that everyone and their dog would like to make \$120 million dollars, i.e. Shaq, sports are no longer about what many of them were founded upon. It is a business that sees the richest teams buying the best players.

The two most prominent sports in the money world today are basketball and football. Some college athletes who have the talent to be a pro can see the earning potential within their grasp. Not that every athlete does this but the tendency for college level athletes to drop an education and move on to make millions is not a very uncommon thing.

Turning to football, back in the pioneering days of the season preceding the first Super Bowl, flashy multi-million dollar contracts were not as prevalent as they are today and men took the field of battle to play a game they enjoy — motivated by the desire to win collectively, though, it was all about the game.

The flashy players in today's league repre-



sent everything those football pioneers were not.

It's not a game any more.

Most athletes these days are concerned with ways to improve their contract or where they could be traded to get paid more for their services. The commercialization of athletics has taken the "game" out of sports — it isn't uncommon for fans to recognize their favorite players by the amount of money the players pocket every five years.

Heck, the salary cap messed up the game plan for teams who wanted to buy up all the top talent but here again the concern for money is more important than the game itself.

The whole ordeal surrounding the baseball strike revolved around the mighty dollar. It even got to the point that fans were sick of everything and the sport was even boycotted by groups of fans who just wanted the game

to continue. It's not like these guys are leading the tough life, they just need more money.

The bottom line is that sporting events are no longer a game but a business. Athletes are merely tokens within the big league poker game. With this going on behind the scenes, players will hold out for as much money as they can, squeezing every nickel out of a franchise.

Remnants of this are individuals who are more worried about a contract than their team, teammates or the "next" game. Some players will even sit out a couple games because they are still negotiating items on their contracts.

Everything is about a contract and an amount these days. Money is the name of the game and different levels of athletic talent carry a price.

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pped the tempo against the youthful Anteater squad.

UC-Irvine's Lamarr Parker then threw up an alley-oop dunk to Brian Johnson with 3:49 remaining to cut the Idaho lead to 10. Idaho then responded by scoring 5 straight points, highlighted by a Kris Baumann three-point shot — pulling off the important conference win at home.

"We played real well tonight," said UI's Troy Thompson, who received a friendly first-half elbow to the eye resulting in a lot of blood and five stitches. "Everybody picked it up another notch."

That other notch included the play of Idaho forward Kevin Byrne. Byrne, a sophomore transfer from North Idaho College, scored 11 points due mostly to the double teaming of Jackman.

Jackman again played well, finishing with a game high 17 points. Idaho's Eddie Turner chipped in 11 points respectively.

The Anteaters were led by freshman Juma Jackson who poured in 14 points for UCI in the losing cause. UC-Irvine suffered a horrendous assist to turnover ratio (7 assists to 22 turnovers).

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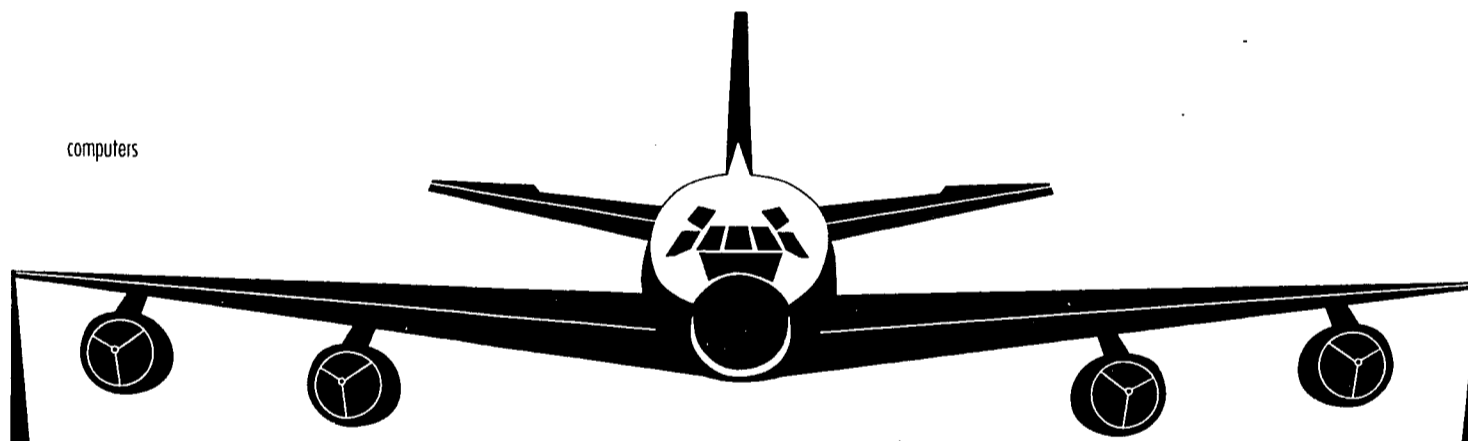
Thompson (0-4 0-0 0), Byrne (3-7 5-5 7), Jackman (5-11 7-8 17), Baumann (2-6 0-0 6), Turner (5-14 0-0 10), Scott (3-5 1-3 7), Elliott (1-4 0-0 2), Harris (2-4 0-0 4), Wendt (0-0 0-0 0). Totals (21-55 13-16 57).

UC-IRVINE (40)

Johnson (5-8 1-4 11), Foster (1-4 0-1 2), Carlson (3-7 0-0 6), Parker (1-5 1-2 3), Jackson (5-6 3-4 14), Pugh (0-1 0-0 0), Toscanini (0-0 0-0 0), DeLaCruz (0-0 0-0 0), Robinson (2-4 0-0 4). Totals (17-35 5-11 40).

Halftime — Idaho 24, UC-Irvine 20. 3-Point Goals — Idaho 2-9 (Baumann 2-4, Elliott 0-3, Thompson 0-1, Byrne 0-1), UC-Irvine 1-5 (Jackson 1-2, Parker 0-2, Johnson 0-1). Fouled out — none. Rebounds — Idaho 33 (Scott 6), UC-Irvine 25 (Carlson 7). Assists — Idaho 10 (Scott 3), UC-Irvine 7 (Parker 3). Total fouls — Idaho 16, UC-Irvine 14. Attendance — 4,038

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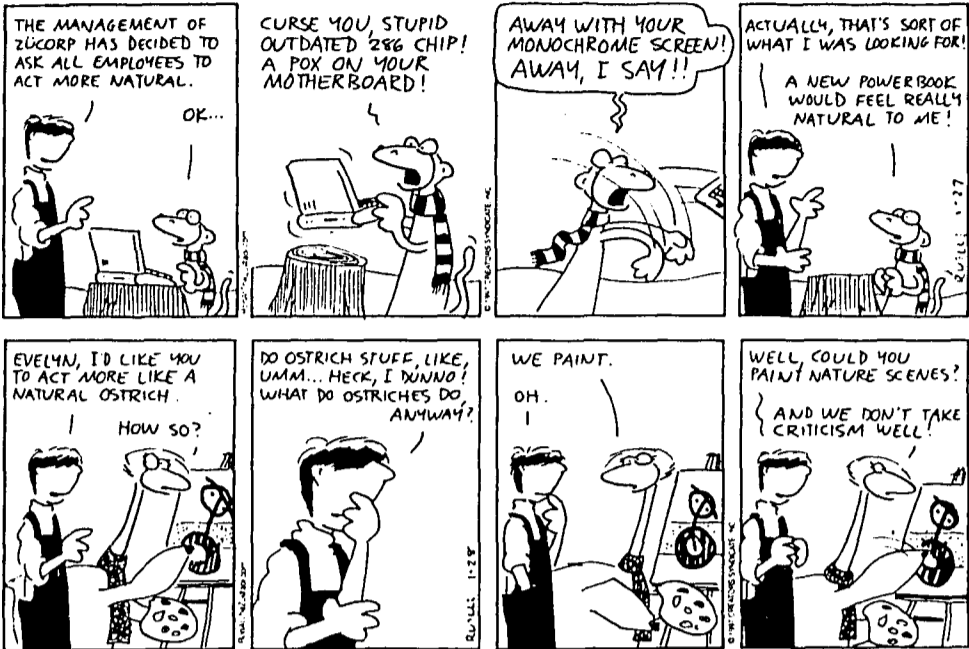
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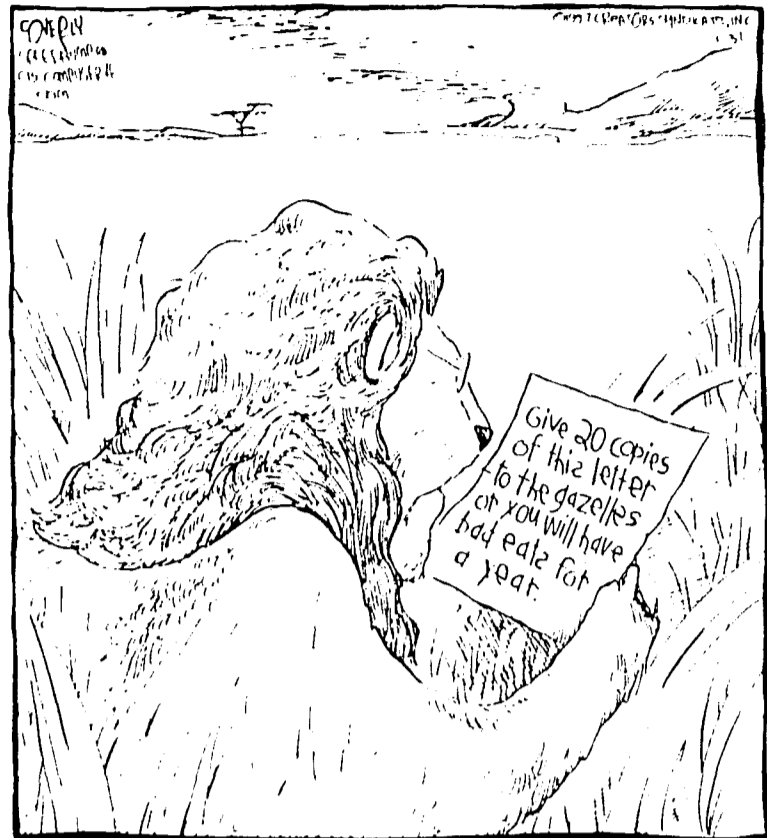
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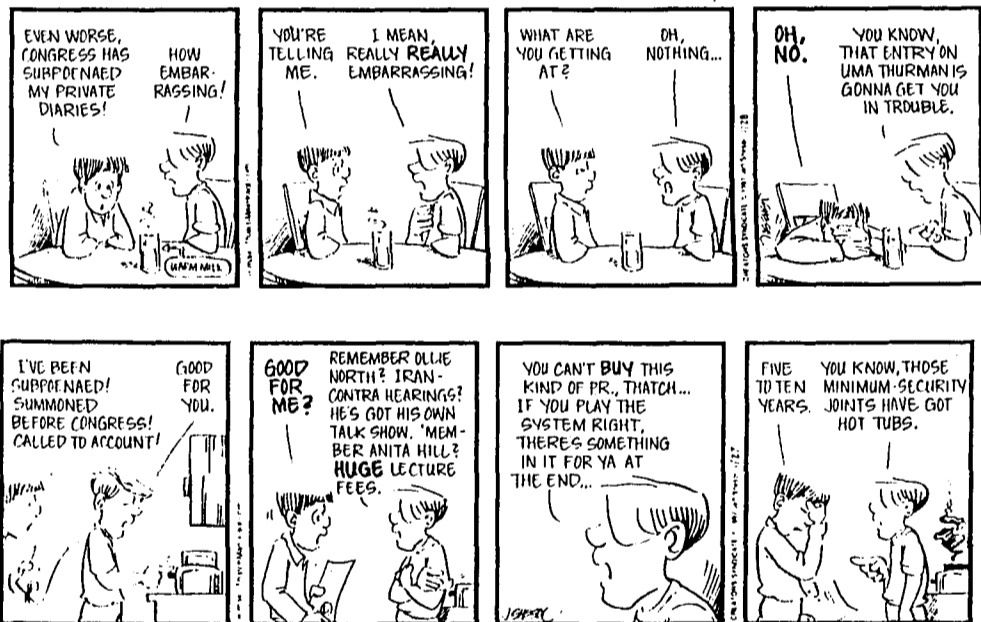
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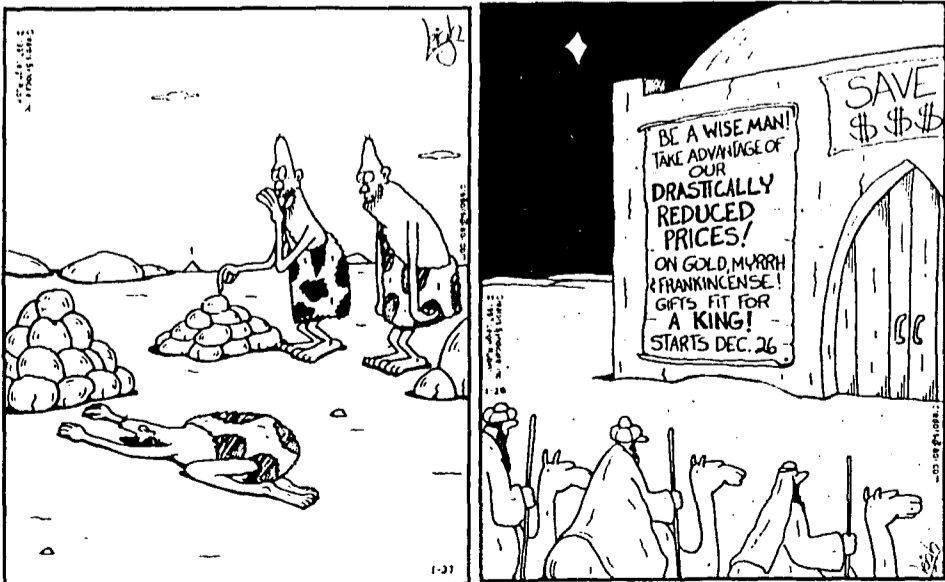
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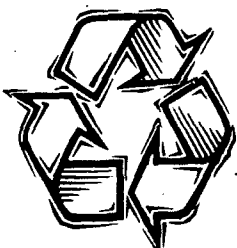
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