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> classic is coming to Pullman.

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Vigil tonight to protest cross-burning

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ceremony is to start at 5 p.m.

Lori Graves, a Washington State University graduate student and activist, awoke to find her front porch on fire along with a four-foot cross. Hours later, she discovered a note in her mailoox that said, among other things, "the time of reckoning is coming for people like you."

Just the day before, charges of indecent exposure were dropped against Graves, who had been arrested in July for not wearing a shirt in public. Graves has been well-covered in the media for various other exploits, including being arrested while protesting a Aryan Nations march in Cour d'Alene this summer.

Graves believes the note, which called her a "disgrace to her race," is the work of neo-Nazi

sympathizers.

"We haven't connected it to any body," cau-

dent a hate crime at this point. In order to qualified as a hate crime, an act must specifically attack one's race, religion, or other ethnic background.

"What they are calling it now is arson," said Lanpher.

The local community has been disturbed by the incident, although cross-burning has happened before. Lanpher said years ago a cross was burned, but was determined to be a prank.

Community members, however, don't want the

A candlelight vigil will be held tonight tioned Moscow police Captain Don Lanpher. in Friendship Square to condemn want The police department has not ruled the incimany are calling a hate crime in Moscow. The

By Beth Green University of Idaho

Argonaut

Indecent exposure charges against three women who went topless in downtown Moscow last July were dropped after a local judge determined that the state law about indecent exposure was too ambigu-

Some, like Valerie Russo, women' resource specialist for the University of Idaho Women's Center, are cautionary about the court's ruling and the legal implications that come

"I deal with sexual assault and battery charges where the law protects women from having those parts of their body touched," Russo said. Perhaps if women's breasts are no longer deemed private, then cases of sexual assault may become more ambiguous. "I want to keep the women who could be crime victims in the future protected," she said.

Others would say that if a male can go in public without a shirt, then women should have the right to do the

"It's 100 percent ridiculous," said Jodi Ivie, who does work study at the Women's Center. "I want to know who made women's breasts offensive."

"We haven't sexualized men's breasts so I don't know that men are afraid to walk around with out a top," Russo said, mentioning that some women are afraid to walk around topless or in revealing clothing.

Moscow's size and geographic location make a difference for some people. While a woman in New York City may think twice before wearing a tank top, a woman here in Idaho may feel perfectly safe walking topless through town.

"I think it depends on the area we're in. If there are women that feel comfortable with it it should be legal," said Christina Ryan, another work study student at the Women's

"I don't see the need for there to be laws against it," Kelie Bennet, a senior at UI said.

Even in cultures like the French that are commonly perceived as being very comfortable with nudity, women are not allowed to go into town with out covering their breasts, said French

exchange student Olivier Nicolle. "Near the beach, no problem," he said, but not in the city.

In Australia, "Heaps of girls actually wear revealing garments, and sunbathe topless and that's not frowned upon in any way," said Australian exchange student Silas Middleton. But women are prohibited from showing their breasts in a city or town, he said. "Breasts as opposed to a masculine chest have more sexual implications," said Middleton. Van Anderson, an RA

for Whitman Hall, opined that "We are afraid of sex in this country. Quite frankly it is a social confinement of freedom of expression. A private part is something that you believe to be pri-

Other members of the community may object to topless women for moral reasons.

Ul freshman Heidi Shiers and some of her theatre classmates were changing out of their theatre garments one day in front of the windows of the Shoup Arena. Even though the girls were not exposing their breasts, a woman in a parked car outside came in and told them that she was thinking calling the police to have them arrested for indecent exposure because they were visible through

the windows. "There are social statutes that we have to consider and as much as we hate to admit it, there is a difference between men and women," freshman Clay Cavanaugh said.

incident to go without condemnation. Tonight's vigil is not likely to be the last response to the attack - the Latah County Human Rights Task Force is considering other ways to rally the community against hate crimes.

In a written statement, Clinton said

Espy had served the country with distinc-

"After what have been challenging

times for Mr. Espy, both personally and professionally, I am heartened that he has,

as he said, emerged from this ordeal

moves forward he will continue his

stronger," Clinton said. "I hope that as he

notable record of service to the country."

him to the Cabinet in 1993. He was the

since Raymond Donovan, labor secretary

first Cabinet-level official to face trial

under Ronald Reagan. Donovan was

acquitted in 1987 on charges involving

Former Clinton Housing and Urban

Development Secretary Henry Cisneros

faces trial in February on charges involv-

Smaltz claimed that Espy had his hand

out from his first night on the job, when

Tyson gave him extra tickets to an inau-

Other charges involved trips Espy took

to the 1994 Super Bowl, a Chicago Bulls

In some cases, Espy sought the tickets

that a company he regulated was paying

cases, Espy never knew who was paying

the bills, or believed the favors were fine

under federal gift laws, witnesses testified.

Among the 70 witnesses were farm

executives who testified that they expect-

ed nothing in return for their gifts and that

or made no attempt to conceal the fact

the bills, prosecutors alleged. In other

playoff game and the U.S. Open tennis

ing payments he made to an ex-lover.

old business deals.

gural dinner for Clinton.

tournament.

Espy was a Democratic congressman

from Mississippi when Clinton nominated

Former Agriculture secretary innocent in corruption

Espy, 45, said outside the courthouse.

Espy had faced 30 counts covering

about \$33,000 worth of gifts and enter-

tainment he received. U.S. District Judge

Ricardo Urbina threw out an additional

eight charges before the jury began its

Smaltz's investigation traced sports tick-

crystal bowl and an oil painting that came

Federal ethics laws prohibit expensive

gifts to public officials. Espy also faced

potentially more serious violations of the

Meat Inspection Act, which could have

meant three years in prison if he was con-

Smaltz had complained more than once

during the trial about references to race

own witnesses, and he made a direct

Monday not to let "sympathy or race"

made by both defense lawyers and by his

appeal to the jury in his closing arguments

But he made no references to race after

the verdict. Espy was the first black secre-

tary of agriculture and the jury in the case

Jurors, who were identified only by

number during the trial, were whisked

ries Smaltz's remarks may leave an

jury in a majority-black city.

n't do anything," Wells said.

from the courthouse without commenting.

Defense lawyer Ted Wells said he wor-

impression that Espy owes his acquittal to

"I would like to think Mike Espy would

have gotten off any place, because he did-

racial sympathy from a majority-black

had 11 blacks and one white.

ets, travel, meals and trinkets such as a

from companies regulated by Espy's

deliberations.

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By Anne Gearan Associated Press

WASHINGTON --- Former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy won acquittal Wednesday on all 30 corruption charges brought against him in a four-year, \$17 million investigation headed by an independent counsel Espy called a "schoolyard bully."

President Clinton reacted to the verdict with joy, telling fellow Democrats at a fund-raising dinner Wednesday night that "I know we all wish him well and we're happy for him."

Espy was chased out of office in 1994 after allegations that he took illegal gifts on the job from agribusiness companies he supervised, including Tyson Foods Inc. of Springdale, Ark. - and then tried to cover it up. Independent Counsel Donald Smaltz was already investigating Espy when the White House asked the secreary to leave office.

> The case was the culmination of Smaltz's work, and the independent counsel tried much of the case simself. Espy pleaded innocent, nd always maintained he was an nnocent target of an overzealous prosecutor. He now practices w in Mississippi.

"He's not unlike any other schoolyard bully," Espy said of Smaltz after the verdict.

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Outside the courthouse, Smaltz scknowledged disappointment but aid he accepts the outcome. "We net our obligation and the jury nas spoken," the prosecutor said.

The jury heard about two nonths of evidence and spent lightly less than two days deliberating before the forewoman faced Espy and slowly answered "not guilty" as the judge read out each

charge. When she was done, Espy and his

lawyers huddled in a hug while relatives and supporters cried and held onto one another in the front rows of the court-

"It's cost a lot, it's been tough, but I knew from day one that I would stand here before you completely exonerated,"

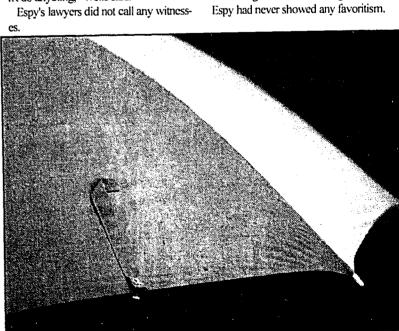


Photo By Nic Tucker

This weeks rain will be replaced by next weeks snow.

University of Idaho professor has alternative for wheat farmers

Associated Press

MOSCOW, Idaho - Jack Brown dreams of a day when many of the 11 million acres of Northwest farmland now seeded with wheat will grow mustard seed, instead.

But the University of Idaho professor isn't aiming to satisfy the world's hunger for hot dog condiments.

The mustard seed Brown has in mind is genetically altered to prevent the formation of glucosinolates, the compounds responsible for mustard's zippy heat.

The glucosinolate-free seeds produce an oil indistinguishable from

canola oil. "We have the potential to have an oil-seed capital here," Brown, an associate professor of plant breeding and genetics, told the Wall Street Journal's Northwest edition.

Brown is one of dozens of Northwest researchers trying to come up with alternative crops for the region's wheat farmers.

The grain business is doubly

cyclical, with prices dependent on the global economy and the caprice of weather.

, Wheat is now in a down cycle. And despite a price-depressing glut, Northwest farmers have few options but to plant more wheat, in part because of soil conditions.

Continued planting of wheat in the same field year after year can cause pests to multiply faster.

"Farmers need an alternative crop to break the disease cycle," as well as to find new market niches, said Glen Squires, an analyst with the

Washington Wheat Commission. "If there are alternative crops that help growers remain viable, it's good for the industry."

Barley, peas and lentils have been crop-rotation staples for several years. Some farmers have recently tried their hands at safflower, shortseason corn and garbanzo beans.

But prices for those crops have also plummeted recently; barley from Eastern Washington, for example, is selling for about \$70 a ton, down almost 18 percent from a year ago.

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Announcements

Today:

- Honduran/Nicaraguan relief bake sale in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tis the season for thinking of others, you know.
- Opening reception at the Prichard Art Gallery from 5 - 8 p.m. The exhibit is from the College of Art and Architecture Faculty, on display until Jan. 16.
- programs will feature the Madrigal Singers performing vocal music from the Renaissance Era. Dec. 4-5, begins at 6 p.m., prime rib dinner, at WSU CUB, \$30 in advance. Call info desk at 335-9444.

Coming Events:

- · Next week is dead week, or "noexamination week."
- It's Native American month. On Monday there is storytelling at 7 p.m. in the SUB Gold room by Rudy Shebala of the Navajo Tribe. On Tuesday, same time, SUB Silver, natural resources discussion with Jack Bell of the Nez Perce. Wednesday SUB Borah, Kennewick Man and NAGPRA, UI anthropologists will discuss.
- · Help out the Moscow Food Bank by dropping off your donations at Eastside Marketplace from now to
- · Better yet, KUOI is having a food drive, drop off in the main entrance

of the SUB on Dec. 7 or in the CUB on Dec. 11. CD's, T-shirts and bumper stickers also available.

- Rock 'n roll in TV commercials on Hey Joe's electric factory on KUOI tomorrow on 8:30-10:30 p.m.
- Two panels on the AIDS Quilt will be on display in the SUB Vandal Lounge this week.
- The Palouse Audubon Society is • The 7th Annual Madrigal Dinner sponsoring a field trip to the Cocur d'Alene area on Saturday, focusing on gulls. Contact Charles Swift at 883-0553 for more info.
 - The work of Moscow artists Sally Graves Machlis and Sandra Salo Deutchman will be on display at the gallery at Moscow City Hall until
 - · Local motorcyclists will ride about the Palouse on Dec. 5, collecting toys you have donated. Drop off working toys at the Eastside Marketplace, Palouse Mall, Tri-State, the Genesee food store, or Dick's Horseshoe Bar in Troy. It's for the kids.
 - Nez Perce beadwork bazaar and craft sale form 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nez Perce National Historical Park near Spalding on Dec. 5.
 - Student loan repayment workshop 2:30-3:30 p.m. Dec. 9 and 10 in Borah Theater in the SUB. Satisfies federal requirement of an exit inter-
 - It's the holidays, so why not listen

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to Handel's Messiah as performed by the UI Symphony Orchestra and Chorus on Tues., Dec. 8, in the University Auditorium at 8 p.m.?

• Then go to the UI Faculty String Quartet on Wednesday the 9th in the Music Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

- Have a Victorian Christmas at the McConnell Mansion (didn't know Moscow has a mansion, did you?) on Saturday, Dec. 12, 1 - 4 p.m. Live cello music.
- For those who plan ahead, preliminary announcement of course offerings for the Summer Session

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available

- Opportunities and Information: • How about the National Library of Poetry contest, deadline Dec. 31? It is free. Send one original poem, any subject, any style, to: National Library of Poetry, Suite 1946, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117-6282 or go to <www.poetry.com.> No more than 20 lines, poet's name and address should be at top of page.
- Or earn a thousand bucks grand prize in the religious poetry contest Margrit von Graun at the sponsored by New Jersey Rainbow Environmental Poets. Send one poem only 21 lines Engineering Dept., Morill Hall 207, or less to Fee Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., Suite 70, Linden, NJ

07036 or <www.freecontest.com.> Deadline is Dec. 11.

· It's a good time to be a poet. Another contest, sponsored by the Bards of Burbank, has a Dec. 18 deadline. Send one poem on any subject, any style, 21 lines or less to : Free Poetry Contest, 2219 W Olive Ave, Suite 250, Burbank, CA 91506. Or <www.freecontest.com.>

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The 1999 BMI Student Composer

Awards Competition is open to persons under 26 years of age as of Dec. 31, '98. The postmark deadline is Friday, February 12,1999, send for rules and entry blanks: Ralph N. Jackson, Director, BMI Student Composer Awards, 320 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019 USA. • The Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy foundation will award nationally approximately 75 scholarships in the spring of up to \$5,000. Present sophomores or juniors interested in a career related to environmental public policy and Native American and Alaska Native students interested in careers related to health care and tribal public policy are invited to apply. Contact

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Science

Foe of 2002 game beer taking fight to Norway

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — George Van Komen, the Salt Lake City doctor who is leading the fight against the 2002 Winter Games' adoption of an official beer, is taking his crusade to Norway.

Van Komen is a guest speaker at a seminar on alcohol and sports scheduled to start on Monday in Oslo. He will be talking about his efforts to prevent the Salt Lake Organizing Committee from promoting drinking during the Olympics.

Other speakers at the conference include officials of the Norwegian Olympic Committee, which dealt with the issue during the 1994 Winter Games in Lillehammer.

"The connection between alcohol and sports is a worldwide issue," said Dag Rekve, a leader of AlkoKutt, a Norwegian organization with goals similar to those of Van Komen's Alcohol Policy Coalition. The pair met last spring at a conference on alcohol policy in Chicago.

Van Komen hopes to prevent what has happened in past Olympics, when official beers such as Budweiser were heavily advertised and also readily available in tented beer halls erected on city streets.

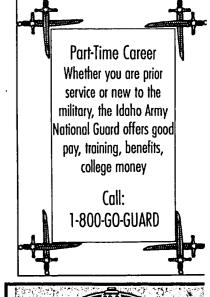
"We want reassurance alcohol does not have as high a profile in Salt Lake City," he said. He has suggested limiting alcohol sponsor advertising during the Olympics to designated commercial zones.

Van Komen feels many Utah residents' sensitivity toward alcohol should be considered by Olympic organizers. Members of the state's predominant faith, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, are not allowed to drink.

The Salt Lake Organizing Committee and the U.S. Olympic Committee are earning some \$50 million by designating Budweiser as the official beer of the 2002 Winter Games and the U.S. Olympic teams.

In 1994, Rekve said, "it was easy to drink alcohol in the town centers of Lillehammer, Hamar and Gjovik during the Olympics. Many beer tents were put up and new hotels and pubs were built."

Still, he said, there were "very few alcohol-related problems - at least in the public areas." He credited Norway's extreme cold with keeping people from overindulging.





KUOI needs you to come out and support the Moscow Food Bank Monday December 7th, from 9am to 5pm on the I carpet at the SUB main entrance.

What to Bring: Non-perishable food items and or toiletries. For more information contact Dan

Robertson or Kevin Hobdey at 885-2218 or email kuoi@uidaho.edu.



News Briefs.

Woman seeks \$500,000 for consentual sex with jailer

RIGBY, Idaho -- A woman who claims a jailer had consentual sex with her while she was in the Jefferson County jail is seeking a \$500,000 settlement.

An attorney representing Sandee Grende, 36, filed a tort claim Nov. 4 with Jefferson County. The county has 90 days to respond. If it declines to do so, a lawsuit can then be filed.

The jailer, 23-year-old Mark Riley of Rexburg, was charged in October with two counts of sexual contact with an inmate. The crime is a felony in Idaho punishable by up to life in prison.

Riley resigned his jailer's position with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and is currently free on his own recognizance pending trial.

The complaint alleges he had sex with Grende on Aug. 5 and another woman on Aug. 6.

Jefferson County was holding the women for Fremont County until they could be sent to the Idaho Department of Correction's women's prison in Pocatello.

Grende told a guard at the women's prison about the incident in the Jefferson County jail once she compiled from The Associated Press

was moved. The Department of Correction then called the Criminal Investigation Bureau of the Idaho Department of Law Enforcement, which launched an investigation.

A preliminary hearing to determine if there is enough evidence for a trial is scheduled for Dec. 15.

ACLU seeks to intervene in case of man sentenced to castration

LITTLE ROCK -- The ACLU of Arkansas filed a petition Tuesday seeking to prevent the state from allowing James Ray Stanley to be surgically castrated as part of a plea agreement.

Stanley, 47, of Greenwood, pleaded guilty to rape and solicitation of a minor in November.

He faced up to life in prison, but Prosecutor Tom Gean said Stanley's attorney, Mark Mobley of Russellville, suggested castration as an option under a plea agreement. He was sentenced to 30 years as a result of his agreement to be castrat-

"This proposed action is illegal and unconstitutional," said ACLU of Arkansas Executive Director Rita

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Sklar in a news release. "There is no Arkansas law which gives the court the authority to impose such surgical castration as a sentence or the state the power to carry it out."

She said surgical castration violates the 8th Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punish-

"If Mr. Stanley wanted to be castrated at any other time in his life, the ACLU would support his right to do so. However, in this instance, as part of a sentencing proceeding, the act is no longer voluntary, and is in fact an act by the state, and not Mr. Stanley: it is in fact court-ordered." she said.

State Department of Correction spokeswoman Dina Tyler said in November that her agency couldn't castrate Stanley because it didn't have the legal authority.

Arkansas sentencing guidelines don't list castration among the choices for juries.

"I feel pretty comfortable in saying that no plea agreement in Arkansas has ever involved castration," said Deputy Attorney General Kelly Hill in November.

Salesman part of panel setting writing standards

RUPERT, Idaho - An Idaho man was part of a panel that spent five days examining current standards for the National Assessment of Educational Progress in writing.

Car salesman Jack Bell was nominated not because he is a professional writer but because the staff at American College Testing Inc. wanted not just educators but people who had contributed to their communities.

When asked for recommendations, Minidoka County School District Superintendent Nick Hallett said "Jack came to mind right away.

Moscow Extended Weather Forecast

Temperance, Mich. and returned to

the restaurant. Police are investigat-

statue was missing Sunday after-

The Big Boy is a frequent target of

vandals and pranksters. About three

years ago, a group of college stu-

dents kidnapped a Big Boy from the

same restaurant. After dismember-

ing it, the group left his body parts

around the city with notes saying

That Big Boy was beyond repair

by the time his parts were collected,

but the pieces were offered as organ

donations to other damaged Big

Big Boy statues have guarded the

doors of its restaurants around the

went out for a ride.'

"Big Boy is Dead."

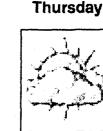
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splitting the district.

Deconsolidation of the district, "I guess he's going to be all right," which includes schools in Troy, said Leyton Hill, the eatery's assis-Deary and Bovill, may be among tant manager. "He just looks like he options discussed at a school board meeting Dec. 14. It was discussed at Employees noticed the fiberglass a November board meeting.

Any plan that would spread the district's responsibility for aging and unsafe schools would have to be approved by the State Board of Education and district voters.

Judy Goodson, a school board member from Deary, said there is a lot of talk about deconsolidation.

"The patrons seem to want it," she

said Monday. She believes the school district's financial situation has "gotten out of

hand" in the past few years. "It needs to be realized that we're spending somebody else's money. It's public schools, it's public money and ultimately it's their decision on how they want us to spend their

money." While deconsolidation is rare in Idaho, the Bonner County School District will hold an election Dec. 8 to decide if the district should split. Priest River and Priest Lake would separate from Sandpoint and

Deconsolidation requires a simple majority approval.

especially the chamber of commerce," Hallett said.

Snow

Tuesday

The 18-member panel, consisting mostly of college deans, professors and 12th grade English teachers, was charged with revamping the format for National Assessment of Educational Progress testing, Bell

Only a few members were not educators.

"I went as someone who was not an expert but as John Q. Public," he said. "The test can only be influenced so much by educators."

"I was quite intrigued with the whole concept," he said. "Our first assignment was to take the test. They put the sharp pencil on our desk and told us when to start."

Big Boy rescued after kidnapping, abandonment

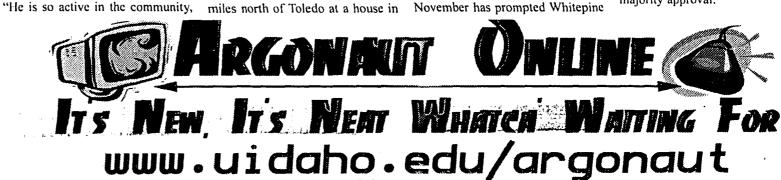
TOLEDO, Ohio — Big Boy is back home and under the watchful eyes of his owners after being kidnapped over the weekend.

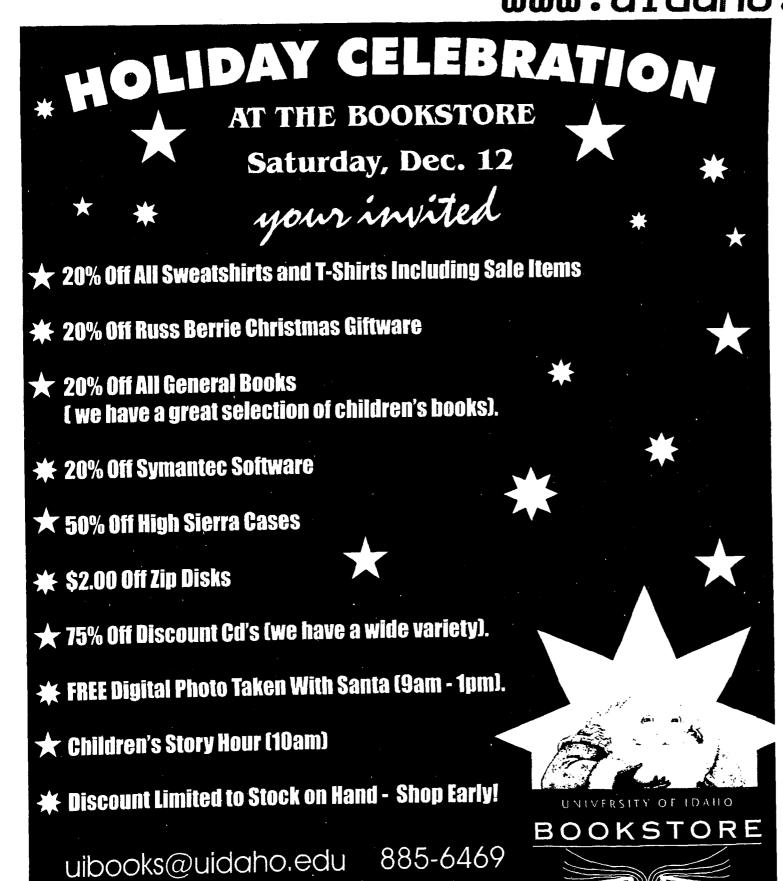
The 500-pound hamburger-toting statue with red-and-white checkered pants and matching suspenders was stolen from its pedestal in front of a Big Boy restaurant.

It was found Tuesday about 10

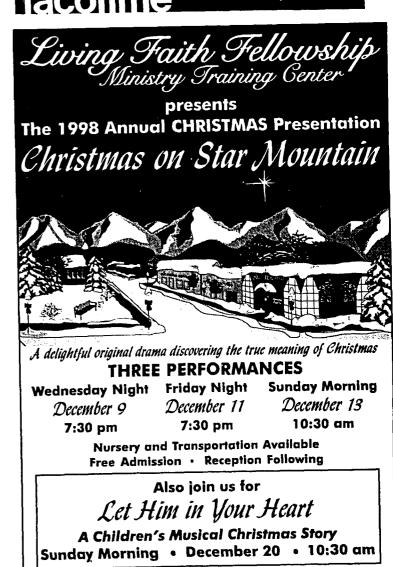
Bond failure prompts patrons to consider splitting Whitpine district

LEWISTON, Idaho -- The defeat of a \$7.2 million property tax bond in Clarkfork.









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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed a fun and restful holiday. We had a wonderful time with friends and family in Arizona and California and are eager to get back into the swing of the semester.

Much happened during the break, especially on the athletic front. As you've probably heard, the Vandals are on their way to the Humanitarian Bowl in Boise Dec. 30 after winning the Big West Conference championship. My congratulations to the team, Coach Chris Tormey and his staff, Athletic Director Mike Bohn and the entire Athletic Department Staff.

Coach Tormey has been selected Big West Coach of the Year for his winning record and conference championship, not to mention his gutsy call in the overtime session of the Boise State game. Running back Joel Thomas was one of the three Big West Players of the Year, and linebacker Ryan Skinner abd offensive lineman Rick DeMulling also won All-Big West honors. Not bad for a team the "experts" ranked last in its division.

This is the very first bowl game the Vandals have ever appeared in, and while it has great benefit for the athletic department, it also is a fine opportunity to showcase the entire unfversity and its students.

Despite some reports to the contrary, the UI will receive \$230,000 for participating in the Humanitarian Bowl — \$200,000 for making it into the game and \$30,000 on the first 1,000 tickets sold at \$30. The Big West Conference will receive an additional \$550,000 to divide among all the teams in the conference. Given the expenses we will incur for participation - lodging for the entire team and coaching staff, who are hired to be in Boise from Dec. 26 through Dec. 30, for example — this is not a "moneymaker" for us, per se. Estimating costs for bowl rings and apparel, meals, coaches' bonuses, lodging, tickets, travel and other expenses at about \$228,500, we still will be some money ahead. However, the public exposure is worth more than we could ever afford to buy.

A whole host of public events in the Treasure Valley including several opportunities for the players and coaches to interact with fans of all ages the week of the bowl game: gives us a number of opportunities to highlight the entire university as well as our fine student-athletes. During the game itself, which is being broadcast nationally by ESPN2, we will also have an opportunity to air the television advertisement developed for our image enhancement campaign.

I encourage you to make the trip to Boise for the game. Your presence at the BSU-UI game made a big difference, and I was proud to be associated with such a great group of young people. The Humanitarian Bowl is another opportunity for you to demonstrate the high quality of stuthe University of 🛃 Idaho.

Bob Hoover **UI** President

KEEP IN TOUCH

We welcome letters of up to 250 words on topics of general interest. All letters are subject to editing. Please sign with your full name (first name, initial, last name) and include a daytime telephone number where you can be reached for verification. Letters to the editor are selected on the basis of public interest and readability.

THE GOLDEN FLEECE: BY JASON AND THE ARGONAUTS

University of Idaho beat the Broncos of Boise State University. A great time was had by all Vandals in Boise over the Thanksgiving Break, and beating the Broncos, again, reassured our bragging rights for another year.

The game in Bronco Stadium was one of the best football games in the history of the rivalry. However, why does BSU give their students seats in the rafters and not on the field? Is

season ticket holders? Yes, and it just goes to show how much BSU cares about its students. They really go the extra mile in making sure the "student" is priority one.

The Argonaut has received numerous emails and letters from Boise State students explaining why their school is just as good as Idaho. One student enlightened the Argonaut by telling us the blue turf in Boise was the only blue turf in the country and

not unique and do not stand out from the pack. Another BSU student wants UI students to know we're missing out on the "urban" experience and big city lifestyle. Let's examine these points for one moment.

Yes, the student from Boise, probably a "non-traditional", is correct that BSU does stand out. BSU stands out as a place that welcomes the "big city" experience. And Boise

intimidating, and the three lanes of freeway traffic are so massive at all hours of the day we're surprised more people don't ride the expansive subway system. BSU students sure can capture that "urban" experience just like New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

It's great to be proud of the blue turf. And the fact you can take classes with your parents and have the oil in your car (or 'rig' if you're one of

Once again, the Vandals of the it because they give those seats to universities that have green turf are is such a huge city, the skyline is so the Gem, Canyon, Elmore, Boise, or Payette County types) changed at the same time is also attractive in a university.

> BSU students also enjoy criticizing the UI because we "drink" too much. What do you do at BSU to socialize? Play video games at Po-Jo's on Fairview with high school kids, go the movies with your parents at the Edward's 21 Megaplex (there is a new Edwards opening in Nampa/Caldwell for all BSU students living at home in Canyon County so they don't have to drive so far on the huge interstate system), or just hang out in the house you have been living in since the fourth grade?

> In the weeks to come the Golden Fleece will report on further BSU student submissions to the Argonaut. During the game BSU sure did sing their fight song loud and proud when they scored, Whatever it was. The BSU band at least played once during the game. Too bad it was at halftime.

On a side note, several students have approached the Argonaut with a compliant about the Residence Halls. These particular students were concerned the contract they signed with University Residences wasn't being followed. The specific complaint was a 22 hour mandatory quiet time was being required by the overseers in direct violation of the contract. This shouldn't be much of a surprise; students have been used to being walked on by the University Residences for generations. It must just be a fact of uni-



Passive approach will not defeat Nazis RUMINATING WITH RUEN

By Greg Mullen University of Idaho Argonaut

Early Tuesday morning, right here in Moscow, an unknown assailant threw a firebomb at my friend's house and burned ageross on her

The wet weather prevented anything from burning too much, but award for handing the city over to the message was clear. A note left in the Nazis, Graves' lawsuit embarthe mailbox called my friend a traitor to her race and warned her never to show her face in Coeur d'Alene. The hateful contents of the letter and the burning cross make it apparent that the attack emanated from the Aryan Nations or their fellow travel-

My friend is Lori Graves, and she has been a highly visible activist in recent months. She accompanied the Moscow contingent that protested the Aryan Nations march in Coeur d'Alene this summer, and was arrested there for refusing an illegal search of her backpack. Last entered into world war to destroy the not protect us.

week, her name was in the papers for the lawsuit she filed against the city of Coeur d'Alene alleging violation of her constitutional rights.

Lori has been targeted because of her opposition to the passive approach to human rights activism. While the Anti-Defamation League gave the city of Coeur d'Alene an rassed the city for its tacit complicity with the hatemongers.

The Aryan Nations knows it has nothing to fear from speechmaking and candlelight vigils. Rather, it is the principled opposition of Lori Graves and others that can drive the Aryans back under the rock they

crawled out from. Graves and others (myself included) have been accused of dangerous radicalism for standing up to the Nazis. When did opposing fascism become a radical concept in America? In 1941, this nation

fascist menace. Countless thousands of Americans died on foreign shores for this struggle. Yet when the beast of fascism rears its ugly head at home, the city of Coeur d'Alene gives up its streets to the fascists and arrests citizens for peaceful protest.

Shame on Coeur d'Alene for its cowardice. Ignoring the Aryans will not make them go away. It only encourages them to consider themselves good Americans and step up their recruiting drives.

Neither will vigils and speeches be effective. If we do no more than sing "We Shall Overcome," we most certainly shall not. These tactics make us feel good, but warm fuzzies will not win this struggle. These passive approaches empower the Nazis to extend their reach as far as Lori's home in Moscow. Confronting the Aryan Nations to express our disgust is not enough, but it's certainly a start. Hiding our heads in the sand will get us nowhere. Ignorance will

The news hit the American media like a proverbial bombshell. Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence and our nation's third president, likely fathered at least one bastard son with his slave, Sally Hemings. The news, which fortuitously hit the fan just prior to the election, immediately drew parallels to the current scandal which has rocked the White House for the past several months. But this article will not make such a comparison; lest there be any doubt (and I hope there isn't), Bill Clinton is no Thomas Jefferson. What I find intriguing is that virtually all commentators have jumped to the worst possible conclusion concerning this story: Jefferson, a powerful slavemaster, used this power for his own sexual gratification. I hope that I'm not the only one who is bothered by such reckless hyperbole.

The jury is still out as to whether Jefferson is indeed the father of Eston Hemings. The Washinton Post described DNA evidence as "almost certain," a statement which some have condemned as terribly misleading. In a recent Sacramento Bee article, David Murray notes that researchers because tested Jefferson's paternal uncle, there is a chance that one of the male relatives of the founding father was indeed the miscegenist. Nonetheless, even if we accept the DNA evidence on its face, there is still the philosophical question of what we glean from

How quickly people have assumed the worst with respect to Jefferson's alleged indiscretion. Crosthwaite, a professor of religion at Mt. Holyoke College argued in The Chicago Tribune that "especially in times of slavery, one form of submission —women gain support from men by agreeing to limit their sexual activity — reinforced another — black women had no reasonable means to agree or to disagree, and male slaves were denied any paternity rights at all." Certainly, Crosthwaite is not alone in implying that the most eloquent proponent of human rights was at least confused, if not outright hypocritical.

The Washington Post's "hip" black columnist Donna Britt seems almost happy to say that "the most degrading of institutions [can] degrade any man." Proof of Jefferson's transgression has vindicated liberal historians and commentators seeking ideal, yet increasingly superfluous evidence that slavery was at its heart an evil, corrupting institution. The idea that the man who penned the phrase "we hold these truths to be self-evident. that all men are created equal," could be dragged into the depths of degredation is a happy conclusion for these people. Though liberal historians decry the fact that the current president's image is being besmirched with sexual accusations, they jump at the change to drag Jefferson through the pornographic

Jefferson's views of slavery notwithstanding (he was a slaveholder, yet abhorred the institution which he would ironically describe more than once as "corrupting"), 1 have a hard time swallowing the idea that the great man's libido enabled him to sexually defile his slave. We do know that Jefferson had few romantic interludes in his life, a circumstance which seems to imply that he really did think with his head (the one on top of his shoulders). Jefferson may have connected spiritually with Hemings, he may have seen her as the beautiful, worthwhile woman that she was, and not merely as an object for his own gratification. After all, Hemings was the mulatto half-sister of Jefferson's wife Martha, who died in 1782, at least four years prior to the commencement of the alleged affair. Jefferson may have found in Sally the same qualities which he loved so dearly in his wife. For all we know, Hemings may have given Jefferson a new and worthwhile insight into the black race at a time when they were considered by the mass of society to be subhuman.

Unfortunately, the historical record is meager on this issue, and one hopes that rather than grind their proverbial axes on Jefferson's gravestone, that liberal historians would maintain a respectful silence concerning the supposed details of his affair.

Donna Britt concludes her piece noting "It's instructive to recognize that [Jefferson] achieved greatness despite [his] inconsistencies; unlike false gods, flawed heroes show us that nearly anyone can soar." No, not anyone can soar. No less a statesman than John Adams turned down the opportunity to write the Declaration of Independence, deferring to his colleague from Virginia (for good reason, as Adams was nowhere near as eloquent as the young Jefferson). The Hemings affair has not been solved, nor will it ever be. One hopes that it will become a historical curiosity, rather than the means toward a political end.

...And give me one more for my tongue

By Bob Phillips, Jr.

University of Idaho Argonaut

There was a time within the span of my own life wherein you could tell the gender of an individual by looking at his or her ears. If the person had pierced ears, then she was female. If the person in question did not have pierced ears, then he must be a guy. This simple classification no longer works.

The chronology went like this: first, men had no piercings whatsoever, though a tattoo was enough to make you look dangerous. The fairer sex was the only gender with metal pins in the head. Of course, this simple categorization had to fail sometime, and it eventually became mainstream for men to have one

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earring. Somewhere in the rumor mill of popular society it was assumed that a man's sexual orientation could be discovered by which ear had the artificial hole in it. I'm not sure about this system, but I believe it went as follows: if the man has a pierced right ear, then he must be gay, but if he has an earring in the left ear, he's straight.

Following the earring confusion, some went on the have both ears pierced, which meant they were either bisexual or transsexual, or none of the above. Anyway, it added fuel to the controversial blaze. Well, the bottom line of this physical stereotyping was beginning to fall through, especially when people had his or hers ears pierced in a place other than the ear lobe.

Once the ears were completely stabbed through, the nose became the next targeted piece of cartilage. I seriously wonder about the temperament of those with nose rings, for in the animal kingdom, the beast most commonly afflicted with a nasal piercing is the bull. Are people with nose rings bull-headed, then?

holes and thereby exhausted, someone had the brilliant notion of putting a touch of metallic decoration in the eyebrow. I frequently contemplate if the originator of this trend hadn't done the piercing on

accident, only to have some dimwitted acquaintance compliment the deformity. I can't imagine what would possess someone to have an eyebrow pierced; the crux of the situation is that you are voluntarily having someone stab a needle through some flesh that is dangerously close to your eyeball. It all seems stupid to me. Maybe this glint is a sign of inward distress, something that the rest of the world can see and realize that the owner of the punctured eyebrow is facing some sort of personal turmoil; more likely, someone on an acid trip thought it looked cool.

Continuing on the ladder of the grotesque, the next rung down from there on the hideous scale would be the pierced lip. This bit of jewelry is quite hideous, and worse than being bad looking, it's totally useless. Sure, someone will take that extra second to stare at you, but the interested party isn't trying to remember you, unless it is to avoid future con-

Of the facial piercings, the tongue is the final victim. This is a selfmutilation which should be known by, at most, three people. These would be the owner of the skewered tongue, the person who pierced the appendage, and possibly the unfor-

After the nose was shot full of tunate individual who has the mis-

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PIERCING, from A4-

fortune of kissing the owner of the pierced tongue. Somehow, though, the rest of us know about the piece of metal sticking out from a place God never intended metal to stick out from. These people invariably develop the habit of clicking the gilded dumbbell against the teeth, which basically turns the person's entire head into a percussion instrument. Drums are usually hollow, as would the head of the person with the pierced tongue. I've seen many more impaled tongues than I ever wanted to, for this horrid bit of artistry is something that the owner always wants on display. Of course, this means that the proprietor of the tongue stud must stick his or her tongue out for all the world to see, something which I find most appalling.

In the end, those with too much metal in their faces want attention. This attention can come in any form, though why it is preferred to put extra holes in our head rather than develop a rememberable personality, I will never understand.

The Argonaut Mailbag =

has written an editorial on how to argue considering Mr. Mahurin's demonstrated lack of ability in this

I find it doubly ironic that I sent a letter to the editor a couple weeks ago in response to the 10/27/98 editorial by Mr. Mahurin on the Lilith Fair, in heck of a quarterback, and one helluwhich I point out one (of the many) va team. GO VANDALS! I am so logical fallacies Mr. Mahurin

commits in that piece. And now, here's Mr. Mahurin giving all of us a lesson in how to argue. Ironic also that my letter (a letter based on logical argumentation) did not get printed, but letters calling Mr. Mahurin various names did get printed, thereby allowing Mr. Mahurin to give us today's editorial.

But most of all, I find the closing words of Mr. Mahurin's 11/17 editorial the most ironic: "if you refuse to argue intelligently...the only argument you will refute will be your own." How true Scott.

Robert Anton-Erik

Dear Editor,

I have been a Moscow Resident for I find it ironic that Scott J. Mahurin 2 years now (moving up north from New Mexico), in the 2 years that I have lived in Moscow I have become a die-hard Vandal fan. To show my support for my team, I headed to the Idaho vs. Boise State game, and let me say it was well worth the trip.

I would like to say we have one proud of the Vandal football team. This was a well deserved win for a dedicated team. I don't think any college football team could come off the road with 4 1/2 - 5 hours of sleep, and play a game as well as the Vandals. Sure, there were some upseting plays, and HORRIBLE calls by the refs., but our vandals played hard and played great!

Although, I won't be able to make it to the Humanitarian Bowl (sad to say), but my fiance and his family will be there rooting for our vandals, and I will be watching the game. CONGRATULATIONS VANDALS! You deserve this more than anyone I know. WAY TO GO!

Michelle Loftis

We most definitely need to save Joe! Whoever thought up the lame"i" idea should be sent to the psycology department for evaluation. If we adopt the "i" as our mascot it is only a matter of time before schools like that abomination known as bsu start to call us the Idaho dildos or some other demeaning item. I take great pride in being a mighty Vandal. We are Vandals and historically Vandals have pillaged and plundered. I like that

Steven Bennett

Dear Editor,

Mr. Ben Morrow, I'm sorry that you had to be the one to cover the Calobo show, and I'm quite sure it was a rather painful and almost intolerable display of music for you to have to endure. Luckily your a soldier of the ever blasphemous Argonaut, which enables you to sit through all sorts of tortuous events; only to churn out ignorant and biased opinions on music you know nothing about, and have no real concern for in the first

You described the Calobo show as some hillbilly ho-down where a bunch of mindless hippies were grooving to "jammy" music. What the hell does "jammy" classify as in your arsenal of musical rhetoric? Isn't your so called "jamming" just part of music in and of itself. Is Pink Floyd classified as "too jammy" when they fly off into one of their acid trances? If so let me know.

The fact of the matter is that you were most likely disappointed that the band was folky, or "too happy; rather than a bleached

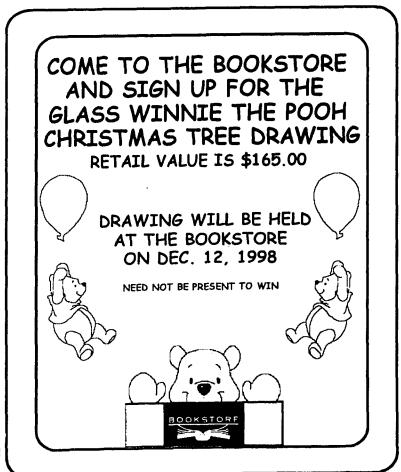
blonde mental case lamenting about how distraught and tortured he is because life is so utterly hopeless. Nirvana is a thing of the past, and all of the alternative garbage that is surfing the air waves of present is plastic unemotional noise that someone had the gall to classify as music. I know things have never been the same for you and your friends after Cobain decided to do us all a favor by eliminating his Nobrain ass.

Sitting down at a computer and pressing buttons is not something 1 would venture to call music, yet you seem to give glowing reviews of this style of inusic, and even went so far as to give credence to Marilyn Manson; though I have to give them some credit since they apply instruments to some of their music. I'm sure that you had already been warned as to what style of music Calobo would be playing seeing as how you hail from the southern part of Idaho; where the band has already attained a small following, and garnered some respect for those who appreciate "jammy" music.

Knowing this you should have removed yourself from the story, for I think most would see it as the professional thing to do considering your biased preconceptions of the band before you even heard them strum a single note. It is a reporters job to be objective, not subjective. Maybe you were just a little too sober to be at such an event. Next time either intoxicate yourself properly, or stay home and listen to some techno skate rap (or whatever crap you listen to) in your obviously preferred state of sobriety.

Brad Eells Offended Calobo Fan





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Idaho the perfect fit for Scott

By Todd Mordhorst University of Idaho Argonaut

Four years ago at Pasadena High School in California, Idaho was the last place Gordon Scott thought he would end up. The junior shooting guard has made an immediate impact after transferring from Barton County Community College.

Scott has complimented point guard Avery Curry nicely this season and the two sharp shooters give Idaho the most talented backcourt in the Big West Conference. Scott is leading the team in scoring with 19.5 points a game. Curry is averaging 14.5 and over 5 assists.

Scott hadn't played organized basketball at all until his junior year of high school when he was urged to try out for the school team.

"I just played street-ball. I just liked playing ball because it was the only thing that kept me out of trouble. I never thought I would get to a Division I school," Scott said.

He began to realize his potential when he led Pasadena to the state championship, and began his college career at Tallahassee Community College in Florida. Scott said Tallahassee wasn't the right place for him, so he joined current Idaho assistant coach Steve Forbes at Barton County CC.

Scott had a great year and became accustomed to the small town atmosphere in Kansas. He was a first team all-conference selection and was named MVP at the All-American Tournament.

After attracting schools like UConn, Texas Christian, and Iowa State, Forbes introduced Scott to Idaho and they both ended up in Moscow. Scott said Moscow is big compared to Barton County and he enjoys the college atmosphere.

Head coach David Farrar said Scott gives the Vandals another weapon with his athletic ability and shooting touch.

"He's got some pro-like physical skills in terms of his body size at his position, foot quickness and his competitiveness. He gives us another person that can raise up over the defense at the end of games and make baskets," Farrar said.

in the first four games, shooting 51 percent from the field and 93 percent from the free throw line. He has shown his three-point shooting ability as well as a good mid-range game and finishing ability. Scott appreciates the senior leadership Idaho has this year and recognizes his role.

"I know their main objective is to win because I've been a senior before, so I have to step up and take a leadership role. I just take every game like it's a championship game and I hate losing.

Farrar said Scott's mentality is something that can be infectious and help the team reach a higher level. "I don't know if Gordon will ever

I just played street-ball. I just liked playing ball because it was the only thing that kept me out of trouble. I never thought I would get to a Division I school.

- Gordon Scott

be a leader in the sense of helping people get to spots and do things like that, but he can lead with his competitive spirit and his example."

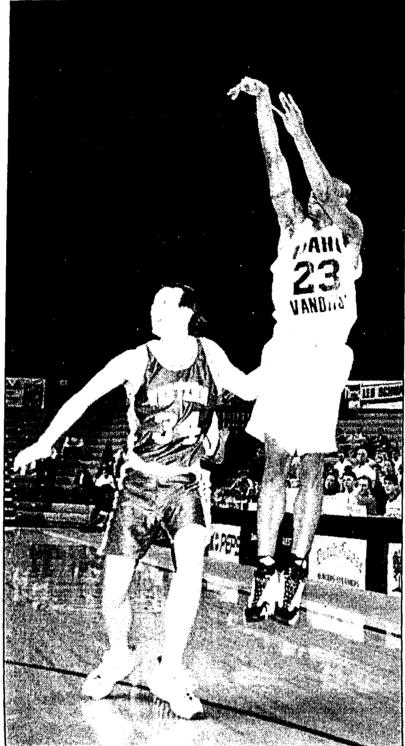
After school, Scott said he would like an opportunity to play professionally, but he also has an interest in broadcasting. He also would like to work with youth and be a role model for young people.

"Fortunately, I had boys clubs to go play in and make it safer. I'd like to own my own youth center to work with kids and that's something I'd love to be dedicated to."

Along with basketball and kids, Scott also has a passion for fishing. He said he fishes for anything that will go for a worm on a hook and has fished for everything from

cattish to deep-sea fish.

Scott said he hasn't fished in Idaho yet, but he and the Vandals will be fishing for a win tomorrow at



Gordon Scott puts some air under his feet during Monday's game with

Climbing wall offers high-rise thrills

By Cody Cahill University of Idaho Argonaut

Hidden in the depths of Memorial Gym lies a sterling opportunity for fitness and athletic Unbeknownst to most University of Idaho students, there is a facility tucked away in an old racquetball court that promises adventure and thrill to those who

If you crave the adrenaline rush of an outdoor mountain climb, but prefer such excitement to occur in a climate-controlled environment where the most serious threat to your health and livelihood is blistered fingers, then you may be interested in the secretive and classified information that had been uncovered: University of Idaho campus recreation has a indoor

embarrassment of showing the Those craving a climb can get their climbing wall personnel your Vandal Card picture, the Adventure Education Facility is free of charge and the downsides of its use are virtually nil.

Terry Shukler, head coordinator of the climbing room, says that the facility is somewhat unknown UI students, nevertheless, she sees a steady flow of the climbers who are aware of its existence. Shukler also mentioned that there is no personal equipment necessary, with the possible exception of a hard-soled shoe, in order to use the adventurous mounting barrier. Harnesses are provided free of charge.

The Adventure Education Facility has extended its hours in an

attempt to get more newcomers amongst desires met from 6 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and beginning at noon and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

For first timers, an orientation is required before you can begin your climbs. The orientation sessions are held on Mondays at 5 p.m..

Shukler claimed that the facility welcomes beginners to try it and hopefully return to the climbing wall for further use. She maintains that it is not a difficult pastime to pick up. "We had a kid come in for the first time just a few weeks before a competition," said Shukler, "and he ended up winning the event."

There is a particular buzz

Aside from the possible crawling up the artificial peaks. aficionados this week, because tomorrow the climbing wall will play host to the annual Palouse Pump. The Campus Recreation sponsored climbing competition get underway with the beginners division at 8 am, move on to the intermediate group at noon and conclude with the advanced climbers contest at 4 p.m.. There are men's and women's divisions for all three skill levels.

Participation in the event requires a \$5 fee and the climbers signature on a waiver that contains a plethora of fine print that details the risks involved with participating in a competitive climbing event. If you simply cannot go without a 1998 Palouse Pump T-shirt, then an extra \$15 is required.

Vandals stomp Western Montana at home

By Matt McGee University of Idaho Argonaut

The University of Idaho men's

basketball continued their good start of this young season by beating up on Western Montana 85-61. The NAIA Division I Bulldogs

limped into the Kibbie Dome with a 3-4 record overall. Sophomore Kaniel Dickens

sparked the Vandals in the first half by scoring nine points in five Dickens also showed off his defensive skills by swatting away

two of the Bulldogs attempted shots.

He saw limited action in the first

half because of his lack luster

performance in the pre-game warm-

"I'm not sure that it motivated him, but perhaps he got a better perspective," said head coach Dave

The early benching seemed to motivate Dickens who ended up scoring 15 points in 16 minutes for the game.

Junior guard/forward Gordon Scott continued his scoring barrage by putting in 12 points in the first half and led the Vandals with four

eight of their own.

The Vandals forced 19 turnovers in the half while only giving up UI dominated the smaller

Bulldogs in the first half outscoring

them 52-23 in what started as a total

The half ended with Scott making a buzzer beating shot seven feet from the free throw line.

Punishing a team by 29 points had an affect on Vandals in the second half; they came out on the

floor looking unmotivated. The offense that looked welloiled and unstoppable came out unrehearsed looking predictable.

Granted much of the second half was played by the nonstarters, there was still a lack of intensity and desire to bury Western Montana on the home floor.

This showed by allowing the Bulldogs to out score the Vandals 38-33 in the second.

Senior guard Avery Curry once again came up big for the Vandals by scoring 12 points and dishing out seven assists.

The Vandals' win was definitely the result of a team effort. Of the 11 players that suited up for UI, five of them scored in double digits without a single player putting in over 19 points.

When asked whether his team overlooked the NAIA Bulldogs, coach Farrar was straight and to the

"Whether you believe it or not, we have the same perspective going

into any game we play." Idaho takes on

tomorrow on the road.

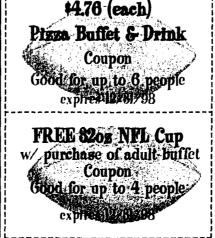
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Women's Basketball

Ul's women's basketball team will host the University of Idaho Classic Tournament this weekend. Idaho will take on Northern Arizona tonight at 7 p.m. before facing off against San Jose State Sunday at 2 p.m.

Nieman Player of the Week

Alli Nieman earned MVP recognition at the Coors Classic last weekend after setting five tournament records. The junior averaged 28 points and 11 rebounds and shot 51.3 percent from the field, earning Big West Player of the Week Honors.

Nieman scored 30 points and added 11 rebounds, accounting for almost half of her team's offensive output in a 77-66 loss to host Colorado. She made 10-of-17 (.588) field goals and 10-of-15 (.667) free throws against the Buffaloes.

The forward posted her second double-double of the tournament with 28 points and 11 rebounds in an 85-76 victory over George Mason in the consolation game. Six of her 11 boards were on the offensive end, and she added three steals against the Patriots.

Nieman broke five Coors Classic records, including most points (58), field goals (20), field goal attempts (39), free throws attempts (25) and most free throws attempted in a game (15).

This is Nieman's third career Big West POW award.

Volleyball Awards Banquet

The Idaho volleyball team will be holding its annual awards banquet Thursday, Dec. 11 at the University Inn Best Western at

Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:30 p.m. There will be live music and awards presented to the student athletes.

The event is open to everyone and the cost is \$5. Please RSVP by Dec. 8 to Ellen Ferreira at 885-0246. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Volleyball

Four UI volleyball players found a home on the All-Conference Big West Volleyball team announced by the conference Tuesday.

Idaho seniors Jessica Moore and Beth Craig each earned secondteam honor while Heather Kniss and Jenny Neville made the all-

Moore (Belgrade, Mont.), who made the second team last year and the first team her sophomore year led the Vandals with 3.97 kills per game, which ranked seventh in the Big West. She also had a .321 hitting percentage and averaged 2.4 digs per game.

This is the first year Craig earned all conference honors. She averaged a career-best 3:52 kills per game and led Idaho with 2.79

Kniss averaged 2.36 kills per game and 2.67 digs per game. Meanwhile Neville, the Vandals primary setter, averaged 9.86 assists per game, ninth in the Big West, and 2.09 digs per game.

Long Beach State's Misty May was selected as the Player of the Year for the third straight year, while her coach, Brian Gimmilaro, received Coach of the Year honors. The conference's Freshman of the Year came from UC Santa Barbara's Brooke Rundle.

Men's Golf

The Vandals signed highly touted Kristopher Lassman to a

national letter of intent

Lassman, a North Bay, Ontario native, is one of the most heralded recruits in Idaho coach Don Rasmussen's four-year tenure. While playing for Indian Hills Community College (Ottumwa, Iowa) last year as a freshman, he took medalist honors at the Bradley University Invitational, a Division I tournament.

"Kris is the caliber of player that will take our program tot he next level," Rasmussen said. "We've made a lot of improvement in the last four years with some great additions, but Kris can certainly take us to the next level.'

Lassman, recruited by such schools as Brigham Young, Minnesota, Florida State and New Mexico State, set an amateur record at the Ontario PGA Pro-Am Championships last year, shooting 15-under-par. He also held a 72.0 scoring average last year and didn't shoot over 73 in any tournament. Lassman will join the Vandals next fall as a junior in athletic

The Vandals also picked up Nate Baily, who hails from Laurel,

As a junior in high school, Baily finished seventh at both the Junior Americas Cup at Scottsdale, Ariz. and the Montana State "He's got a lot of experience and should add quality depth to our

lineup next fall," Rasmussen said.

Women's Golf

Maria Valente signed a letter of intent to play golf at the University of Idaho. Valente (Redmond, Wash.) advanced to the finals of the Pacific

Northwest Golf Association Junior Championships at Yakima, Wash, last year. The left-hander is a senior at Kent Ridge High School and will attend Idaho next fall.

"She's going to step in and compete for a spot immediately as a freshman," Don Rasmussen said. "I think her strong showing in the PNGA's shows she's starting to tap into her ability."

Rasmussen also compliments the left-hander for her adept short

Youth/Junior Basketball

The Moscow Parks and Recreation Department is currently taking registration for Youth/Junior Basketball. The season is scheduled to begin in mid-January continuing through mid-March. Games and practices will be after school and on Saturdays/ Registration is open through Jan. 4. Those registering after Jan. 4 will be placed on a waiting list.

Volunteer coaches and paid officials are still needed. Contact Moscow Parks and Recreation at 883-7085 for more information.

Palouse Pump

Campus Recreation is sponsoring the Palouse Pump, an indoor climbing event tomorrow in Memorial Gym. Early registration before Dec. 5 is \$5 for UI students, \$7 for non-UI students. An additional \$15 will be added if a T-shirt is desired. For more information, contact Campus Recreation at 885-6381.

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Arts & Entertainment

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Friday, December 4, 1998

Nutcracker: Christmas favorite pirouttes into Pullman

By Kristi Ponozzo University of Idaho Argonaut

Flowers, mice and sugar plum fairies are about to grace stages across the country in honor of the Christmas season. The Nutcracker

The Eugene Ballet Company and local Festival Dance students will perform this holiday favorite on Sunday, Dec. 6 in Pullman at the Beasley Coliseum and Monday, Dec. 7 in Lewiston.

As usual, ballet companies across the globe will perform this Christmas classic. The Eugene Ballet is currently touring the Northwest and parts of British Columbia with The Nutcracker. There are over 32 performances on the company's schedule this holiday season alone.

The Eugene Ballet has recently teamed up with Ballet Idaho from Boise and tours under each of these company names. Nineteen dancers will perform a traditional interpretation of The Nuteracker, based loosely on the story *The* Nutcracker and the Mouse King by E.T.A. Hoffman. It was Marius Petipa's idea to choreograph the story into a play that she based on the revised version of Hoffman's story by Alexander Dumas. Dumas' version reflects more of what has become familiar as The Nutcracker.

Peter Tchaikovsky composed the music for The Nutcracker in 1892. One of the most popular and influential of all romantic composers, his work is expressive and grand in scale with rich orchestrations

and beautiful melodies. He composed the music for this ballet in close partnership with the original choreographer, Petipa. The classical and romantic music for the ballet has become popular and familiar to people all around the world. Tchaikovsky also created music with Petipa for Swan Lake and The Sleeping Beauty.

Toni Pimble is the co-founder and artistic director for the Eugene Ballet. She, along with managing director Riley Grannan, founded the company in 1980. Pimble danced in Germany before coming to the United States.

"I like doing this piece every year, because it involves the community. Children get a chance to be back stage with a professional dance company," said Pimble. The production involves over 50 local Festival Dance students who audition for the parts of the party guests, angels, ladybugs and baby mice.

"For many people *The* Nuteracker is the first professional ballet they ever see," said Pimble. "Grandparents often bring their grandchildren to what was their first experience with professional

The Nutcracker truly does span generations but it is not old fashioned or outdated. Pimble choreographed a new routine last year that has new sets and new costumes to go along with it. Don Carson, a designer for Disney who has helped develop Disneyland's "Mickey's Toon Town" and other attractions, designed the sets especially for the Eugene Ballet. Carson's goal was to enhance the



The Nutcracker will be performing in Pullman on Sunday, December 6th, and in Lewiston December 7th.

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theatrical aspects of the piece and take the audience on a magical

The visual fantasy centers on a young girl, Clara, who receives a nutcracker soldier doll for Christmas from her godfather, Herr Drosselmeyer. Clara rescues the Nutcracker Soldier from the mice and in return the Nuteracker takes her on a fantastical journey to an enchanted kingdom where she is entertained by dancers from all over the world.

In years past the performance has been stellar. The local Festival Dance students stole the show, the young children brought life to the stage with their cute costumes and steps and the older children were

talented enough to be mistaken for professional dancers. The music will seduce the audience into enchantment and the costumes and

line dancers who will once again pull out all the stops for this exquisitely choreographed piece. mance range in price from \$6 to \$8 to \$12 and they are on sale at

Fraternities vs. the dormitories: Entertainment and bagels

By Ben Morrow University of Idaho Argonaut

-Reporter's note: in the best interests of this study a panel of non-biased students was put together in order to better represent a neutral interview and thus truly bring out the facts. Credit is esne cially due to Blaine Sellman and Scott Pirrene, who both brought to the project helpful insights and skillful questioning.

Occasionally during the day to day bustle of college life at the University of Idaho, various problems rise above the typical mire, and one of the most prominent of these is the question of what to do

for fun. This problem plagues students constantly and, more importantly, has everything to do with living groups.

Quite often people in general may think that all student activities are very diverse. The differences between the two most significant groups, Greek and dorm, may not be like the stripes on a zebra, but can be defined as noticeably different cultures, and not always complementary.

Obviously everybody drinks (or at least almost everybody) and goes to parties. These two activities are like the coat of arms at times of the college student. "Nuts to studying, quench your thirst for lust and stupor!" seems to ring in the ears of so many. But take away the bonding

effect of alcohol, and the dorms and the Greeks begin to grow farther and farther apart.

Dorian Owen, a longtime member of Steel House, said that she often goes to bars, but also cats lots of pizza, watches movies, and attends residence hall functions, something that Greeks could attend if so inclined, but almost never show up for, usually due to the tendency of "suckiness," according to one Wallace resident. These claims were the basic staples of most dormies, but some did have differing opinions.

Probably the most off-the-wall

statement (it disregards the original question completely) came from a girl who wished to remain anonymous and said that she didn't want a part of sororities because she had "...integrity," and did not want to become a "carbon copy" of many other girls. This became one of the most common preconceptions to pop up during any of the interviews and certainly provided for heated

On the other side of the spectrum, more specifically at frat house Kappa Sigma, Ryan Vargas and Levi Brown specifically joined the fraternity for social reasons and because "fraternities are a lot bet-

On the dorm-incited topic of car-

"It is a lot different in sororities,"

bon copy girls, Brown felt that this

may be true of sororities, but is

said Brown. "They're always on

top of each other bitchin' at each

Brown and Vargas also pointed

out, however, that no matter how

ternities, they always end up at

much dormies complain about fra-

Unfortunately, many Wallace res-

idents would not speak out on this

subject and sadly enough almost all

of those that did wished to remain

quite different in frats.

other and whatnot."

their parties.

anonymous. While those who did speak admitted to going to an occasional Greek smash, they also like to drink, attend hall activities, hang out, play pool, and watch TV.

Luckily, two brave souls, Heather Landers and Bonnie Young, did allow their thoughts to be registered with a name. When asked about the "rat hole" condition of the dorms, Landers went on about mice and then responded, "I like the bagels [in the cafeteria].'

And this is where the true controversy comes out. All entertainment aside, bagels have become all the

The two previously mentioned Wallace girls keep bagels in their

rooms, buy their own bagels, and

eat them, "every day, every morn-

Owen of Steel House brought up

during an interview, "Yeah, I eat a

lot of bagels." Later on she admit-

effervescent Owen said with glow-

ted to "loving" bagels and as the

interview progressed an almost

ing cheeks, "I am pretty much

At first it seemed that bagel

addictions were limited to dorms

only, but this notion was soon dis-

pelled by Vargas and Brown, who

both repeated the phrase, "bagels

addicted to bagels."

ing for breakfast." They are not

alone.

are good" many times. Members of sorority Delta Gamma unknowingly chipped in to this enigma by saying, "there's always bagels here," and later adding in confident soprano voices, "no shortage of bagels

Other quotes from anonymous Wallace dudes seemed to become less intelligent each time, as though the inhabitants were being eaten away by the very yeasty treats they so adore. The statements ranged from "yes, I like bagels," to simply, "bagels..."

In fact, throughout the various interviews meant to expose the differences in entertainment habits between dorms and Greeks, the

topic of bagels continued to pop up, almost as though they were jumping out of toasters, begging to be eaten. This is troubling to say the least.

The only group questioned that did not know of this odd cult-like addiction were Kappa Kappa Gamma girls Nicola Ballard and Delfina Krakau. While Krakau did try to helpfully chime in complaints about the vast amounts of chicken at her house, stating, "...I'm a red meat kind of gal," neither she or Ballard

really were concerned with bagels at all. The two politely informed the interviewers of the manners they learned at the house, Ballard's feelings on individuality in sororities (individuals stay who they are no matter where they are), and philanthropies KKG

had taken part in. Whether or not any sort of comparisons could be made between different living groups and their eating habits is hard to say, but could probably be summed up best by Ballard, who commented, "I don't think bagels have really been an issue." And that is the way it should be.

set are an aesthetical masterpiece. The Eugene Ballet has top of the

Tickets for the Beasley perfor-

\$25 and are on sale at Beasley and The Depot in Pullman and at the UI ticket office in the Student Union Building. Tickets for the Lewiston performance are priced Klings, Good Health and Wasems Drugs. Show time for both performances is at 7:30 p.m.

Prosecutor says former mouseketeer lied

By Jeff Wong Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Former Mouseketeer Darlene Gillespie wrote hundreds of thousands of dollars in bad checks, some with a phony identity, to buy stock and then tried to cover up the scheme from federal investigators, a prosecutor told jurors Tuesday.

Ms. Gillespie took part in an "elaborate series of lies, lies she told to stockbrokers to make money, lies she told to Securities and **Exchange Commission investigators** to thwart their investigation," Assistant U.S. Attorney Jack S. Weiss said in opening statements of her trial for securities fraud and

obstruction of justice. Defense attorney Charles Rondeau told jurors that Ms. Gillespie trusted others to handle her investments and wasn't aware of many of the transactions because she was too busy.

Rondeau suggested Ms. Gillespie's boyfriend, Jerry Fraschilla, 61, was to blame for her

troubles. He pleaded guilty to 21 counts of various fraud charges and last month was sentenced to 18 months in prison and probation. He was also ordered to pay \$65,000 in restitution.

"My client is not the perpetrator that the government will try to prove. At worst, it'll show she was an unknowing participant" in the scheme, he said.

She faces 14 counts, including conspiracy, securities fraud, mail fraud, obstruction of justice and perjury.

The first prosecution witness was CIBC Oppenheimer securities firm stockbroker Gary Handler, who testified that Ms. Gillespie wanted to invest heavily in a company named Unique Mobility, contrary to his advice.

"She felt the company was essentially going to be a home run for her," he said.

When he suggested that Ms. Gillespie diversify her investment portfolio, "she thought I was out of my mind" because she believed the

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Exhibit devoted to John Steuart Curry

By Kathy McCormack Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Bill Manville never met John Steuart Curry, but he knows a lot about his second cousin from family memo-

Like the time when Curry was a boy in the early 1900s, attending school with Manville's mother. When he showed up, he would draw trains on the blackboard.

"Nobody wanted to disturb him," Manville, 51, said from his farm in Valley Falls, Kan. He was born after Curry died.

The boy grew up to become a famous, but controversial painter first recognized in New York for scenes of his native northeast Kansas, but disliked by some back home who thought that he depicted his subjects in an unsophisticated manner.

In later years, he had a falling out with the state Legislature over his Capitol mural depicting anti-slavery abolitionist John Brown, recalling one of the bloodiest moments in Kansas history.

But Curry, who was born near

Dunavant and moved to the East after his boyhood, loved Kansas and would visit. Even though he lived far away, he used his own memory to paint many of his works, some based on scenes he saw a decade earlier, such as the farm gathering of Baptism in Kansas, his first big success.

The painting is one of 50 Curry works on exhibit at The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City through Jan. 3, a sort of homecoming after stops in San Francisco and Madison, Wis. It's the first comprehensive exhibit of Curry's art in 25 years, emphasizing the painter's themes of religion, man versus nature and the outcasts of society.

In Kansas, Manville's mother, Nelle Curry Manville, so admired her cousin that she started a memorial to him in the home of his youth. The small white house contains lithographs, personal items, and written works about Curry. It was opened last year.

Curry's career lasted two decades, ending with his tenure as artist-in-residence at the University

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Senators urge caution on buying, selling of violent videos

By Melissa B Robinson Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the holiday shopping season moving into high gear, two senators asked stores Tuesday not to sell video and computer games that depict machine gun murders, decapitations, cars running down people and other violence to children.

Parents, too, should scrutinize their purchases to make sure they're not buying violent videos rated for adult use for their kids, said Democratic Sens. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut and Herbert Kohl of Wisconsin.

"These games and their awful ads are part of a toxic culture of violence that is enveloping our children, that is helping to desensitize them... and that is, in fact, encouraging some of the most vulnerable of them to commit violence," said Lieberman, a longtime critic of sexual and violent imagery in music, TV and video games.

The senators gave high marks to the rating system that the video and computer game industry put in place in 1994. A separate rating system for arcades has been developed but not fully implemented.

But they, and other critics, said too few parents are paying attention to the ratings. Many parents are also unfamiliar with electronic games because they didn't grow up with them.

"They can't play the games, so they tend not to get into the games," said David Walsh, executive director of the National Institute on Media and the Family, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit group that studies media impact on children.

A survey of 529 parents in 46 states, conducted this summer by the institute, found that just 40 percent reported routinely looking at industry ratings before buying or renting

Douglas Lowenstein, president of the Interactive Digital Software Association, said he, too, finds some of the very violent games objectionable. But he said the industry has done it's job by developing a good ratings system, and that it's up to parents to police what their children watch. "This is an industry that appeals to people with a variety of ages, tastes and interests," said Lowenstein, who said more than 60 percent of video gamers are adults. The association represents game manufacturers.

Even critics acknowledge that very violent games comprise a minority of all video and computer games on the market. Estimates vary from 5 to 20 percent.

But in an industry that has grown to a nearly \$6 billion enterprise, those games can still reach millions of children, who play games on home computers and play stations, at friends' houses and in arcades.

Walsh said there are too few studies to support causal links between video games and violent actions, but recent research has shown that children who play violent games exhibit more aggression than those who don't.

Lieberman pointed to anecdotal evidence, such as reports that 16-year-old Evan Ramsey, who shot and killed the principal and a fellow student at a Bethel, Alaska, high school in February 1997, was a fan of violent games.

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of Wisconsin. He died in 1946 at the age of 48 and is buried in Winchester, Kan. He was riddled with self-doubt much of his life, and in his later years, he didn't paint as much.

His first Kansas paintings deal with a sense of loss that he felt in 1927 over the death of his brother, Paul, 24, from an ulcerated colon, said Patricia Junker, curator of the exhibit. It shows in *The Return of Private Davis from the Argonne*, which was worked on over 12 years. Curry also was dealing with the death of a friend, lost years earlier in World War I.

"I think Curry thought no two young people could have died a less glorious death," said Junker, associate curator of American art at the Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco. "These events really shook his religious grounding."

The painting shows a burial service with a flag-draped coffin in the center, surrounded by a crowd, including many soldiers, with their heads lowered in prayer. A later painting, *Parade to War* from 1938, shows young soldiers with skeleton-like faces eagerly marching to join the cause.

"The whole idea that people could dismiss these (war) losses as a marvelous realization of coming home to their maker, I think he thought, 'My God, this is a huge waste,' "Junker said.

Another memory painting, Baptism in Kansas, shows people gathered around a woman being dunked by a preacher in a wooden tank. It's one of Manville's favorite paintings. He said he can recognize his mother's family in the work.

In 1934, Time magazine grouped Curry with contemporaries Grant Wood of Iowa and Thomas Hart Benton of Missouri as "The Big Three" in American art. The trio led the Regionalist movement in the '30s, characterized by archetypal American images painted in a straightforward, narrative style.

Curry was different from the others, however, in that his art had much more of a personal connection. He wasn't making any kind of social reform statement nor did he have an ideological motivation, Junker said.

"For him, the Midwest was one very specific place, which was northeast Kansas... It was always Kansas that engaged his imagination," Junker said.

One of Curry's more popular paintings, *Tornado*, reflects such values as love of homeland and self-reliance. Even though he had never seen a tornado, Curry listened to others' recollections and painted a panicked farm family trying to run to the safety of the their cellar to escape the encroaching twister.

Curry's paintings have come to represent more than portraits and landscapes. They have taken on an iconic, universal quality, said Margaret Conrads, Samuel Sosland curator of American art at the Nelson-Atkins.

"It's coming out of his immediate experience and it's with people that he knows and loves," she said. "He takes it to the level of... this is the person or people who make the foundation of our country. And so it became not only a personal art; but very much art for the American people."

In the 1930s, Curry got commissions to paint murals for the U.S. Justice and Treasury departments, and the Topeka Capitol building, an affirmation from home that he was missing, Conrads said.

"As much as New York and the

East Coast loved those Kansas pictures, people at home thought they were disgusting because it showed them with all their zits," she said.

Curry was asked to portray the history of Kansas. He picked the bloodiest figure in its history, John Brown. As the state was struggling to prevent itself from being led by proslavery settlers, Brown in 1856 helped kill five, responding to the shooting of abolitionists in Lawrence.

"He knew exactly what he was doing," Conrads said. "He knew that it was going to be real controversial. But to him, as a history painter, it was his duty to tell the story in the way that would take it to its most universal level."

Curry had asked that some marble panels be removed so he could finish painting the Capitol Rotunda. But the Legislature wouldn't pay for it. And it wasn't just because he had decided to paint Brown.

"There was a group of people who saw him as an interloper," Junker said. "He was the one who really left Kansas... he's not a Kansas artist; he was a New York artist," was the feeling at the time, she said.

So, Curry quit the project. For years, his work was deliberately shunned. Other reasons that Curry's work faded from view were the rise of abstract expressionism and the declining popularity of regionalism. Benton, Wood and Curry were seen just as provincials, Junker said.

"There was a whole generation of people who came of age in the '40s and '50s who can't even look" at Curry's work, Junker said.

But people came around. In 1992, the Legislature issued an apology to Curry. Last year, it celebrated what would have been his 100th birthday.

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company's shares would eventually skyrocket from \$5 per share to more than \$50 a share, Handler said.

Ms. Gillespie, 56, was one of the nine original Mouseketeers who appeared in the Mickey Mouse Club's first season and for the duration of the show's 1955-1959 run.

Remembered by millions as the bouncy teen in black mouse ears and a sweater emblazoned with "DARLENE," she appeared at the trial in a formal gray suit. She looked on intently, occasionally jotting notes.

The prosecutor told jurors that Ms. Gillespie wrote a series of bad checks to brokerage firms to pay for stock in Unique Mobility beginning in late 1992. She made the purchas-

es under the company name Top Gun Ventures and also used the alias Michael Andrews, Weiss alleged.

Andrews was, in fact, the ex-husband of a woman who Fraschilla met while in Arkansas in the early 1990s, Weiss said.

Fraschilla and Ms. Gillespie bought tens of thousands of shares of stock in the company. Because their checks bounced or were phony, they stood to make money if the stock value rose while they risked nothing, Weiss said.

Other checks written by Fraschilla and Ms. Gillespie had several serial numbers rubbed out so it would take longer for banks to realize there were insufficient funds their accounts, the prosecutor added.

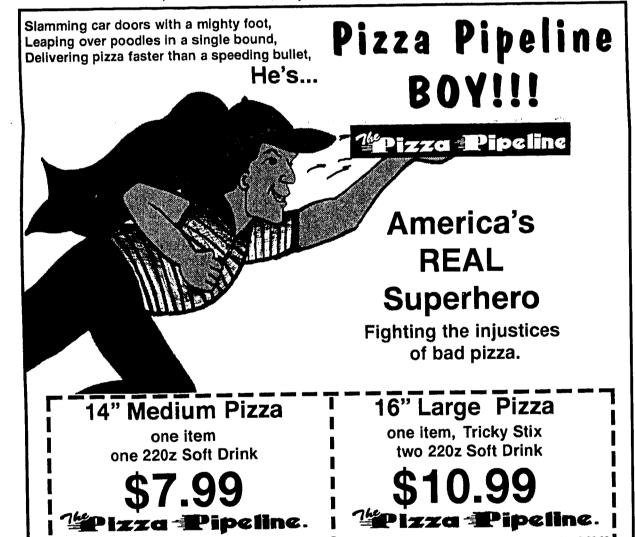
The scheme allegedly involved at least 40,000 shares of stock.

"This stock was going to be a gold mine for them as long as they got their hands on as much of this stock as possible," Weiss said.

Weiss said Ms. Gillespie lied about the scheme to SEC investigators in 1993 when regulators began probing unusual trading in the company's shares by Ms. Gillespie, Fraschilla and Andrews.

During the course of the SEC investigation, Ms. Gillespie also forged a letter from Handler that reportedly said she wouldn't have to pay for the stock at that time, Weiss alleged.

Handler testified he did not write the letter and had nothing to do with it.





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(9th) Dr. Don Tyler, U of I Anthropology

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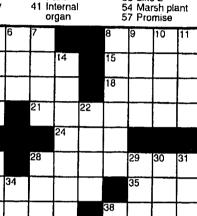
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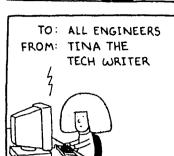


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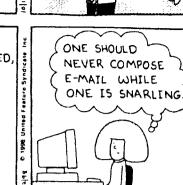
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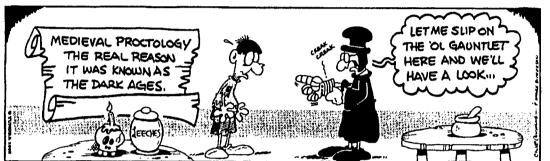


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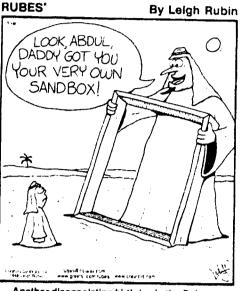
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Californian grad students strike for some recognition

Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. - With final exams just a week away, graduate teaching assistants at all eight University of California campuses went on strike today in a battle over their right to unionize.

How many of the 9,000 teaching assistants and other aides actually walked off the job wasn't known, and the impact their loss will have on the 170,000-student system was unclear this morning.

There have been many other strikes before, but this is the first time grad assistants have simultaneously walked out at all UC campuses - Berkeley, Los Angeles, Davis, Santa Cruz, Irvine, Riverside, San Diego and Santa Barbara.

can unionize for collective bargaining, a right they have been trying to win for 15 years. Many belong to the Association of Graduate Student Employees, which is affiliated with the United Auto Workers.

Teaching assistants explain lectures, lead discussion groups, help students prepare for tests, grade papers and act as mentors. Tutors give individual remedial instruction, and readers grade papers and

"If we're that important, we should have a voice," said Scott Purdham of the Berkeley union. "Employees everywhere have union rights."

The university says teaching assistants are primarily students, not employees, and don't have the right to unionize, said Brad Hayward, a university spokesman. California Court of Appeals agreed in 1992, he said.

At Berkeley, which has some The issue is whether the students 2,500 graduate assistants, teaching assistants earn \$13,329 to \$15,862 teaching one undergraduate course per semester, plus funds for tuition and health insurance.

Californian court to decide if shield law stops prosecutor tects reporters from being held in was intended to protect only sensi-

By Bob Egelko Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO —The state Supreme Court says it will decide whether prosecutors can puncture California's "shield law," which lets journalists keep sources, notes and outtakes confidential.

Six of the seven justices, all except Marvin Baxter, voted Tuesday to review a lower-court ruling that required a television news director to surrender a videotape to a San Joaquin County prosecutor or go to jail for contempt of

The news director, Ellen Miller of KOVR-TV, remains free while the court reviews the case. Journalists in at least two other cases, in Santa Clara and San Bernardino counties, also face possible contempt orders sought by prosecutors, said Charity Kenyon, a lawyer for Miller and

The shield law, added to the state Constitution by voters in 1980, procontempt for refusing to disclose confidential sources or unpublished

California courts have recognized an exception for evidence vitally needed by criminal defendants, to protect their right to a fair trial. The state's high court has not decided whether prosecutors are entitled to similar treatment.

KOVR's appeal to the court, backed by news media and journalists' organizations, said it would be dangerous to let the government's prosecuting arm breach the shield

"The function of the Constitution is to limit governmental power, reserving rights to the citizens," Kenyon said. While a defendant may have the right to obtain evidence from journalists that cannot be found elsewhere, she said, prosecutors should have no such power.

Deputy District Attorney Dorothy Klishevich, the prosecutor in the case, countered that the shield law tive material and wasn't meant to be absolute.

If the defendant spoke openly to a reporter, with no promise of confidentiality, "then it simply is another statement by the defendant, and we always have the right to a statement by the defendant," she said.

The defendant, Anthony Lee DeSoto, was an 18-year-old inmate at a California Youth Authority facility near Stockton when he allegedly sodomized, tortured and murdered cellmate Timoteo Carona Silva, 22, in March 1996.

Soon after his arrest, KOVR showed a jailhouse interview in which DeSoto explained how he killed Silva.

In a voice-over, reporter Tom Layson said DeSoto told him he and Silva had consensual sex and that he carved a symbol on Silva's chest several hours after killing him. But that portion of DeSoto's statements, which allegedly contradicted statements to sheriff's inves-

When the district attorney's office sought the videotape, KOVR provided only the part that had been broadcast, arguing that the shield law protected the outtakes. Superior Court Judge William Murray disagreed and ordered the news director jailed until she complied.

The 3rd District Court of Appeal upheld Murray in August, saying the state Constitution gives the prosecution a right to "due process of law" that can override the shield law when the material is highly relevant, non-confidential and otherwise unavailable.

There is no reason to believe that "the disclosure of statements given freely to the press with no strings attached would somehow have an adverse effect on future newsgathering efforts," said Presiding Justice Robert Puglia in the 3-0 rul-

The case is Miller vs. Superior Court, S073888.



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