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THE VANDAL VOICE SINCE 1898

In this special edition of *The Argonaut*, we take a look back on the 125 years of the University of Idaho's history. Flip through our history and check out our "Then and now" photo gallery at [fb.com/uiargonaut](http://fb.com/uiargonaut).



## Heartbeat of town

**Amber Emery**  
Argonaut

University of Idaho graduates often look back at their college experience, only to realize how long it's been since they've been to Moscow, let alone visited campus. But this isn't the case for Moscow residents and alumni Jim and Judy Pilcher — who have a special way of expressing their Vandal pride.

"I have a Vandal tattoo," Judy said. "I got it last year for my birthday from Jim. It's just a little one-inch on my ankle, but it shows how much I love the university, so I really like it."

From freshmen pledging Alpha Phi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon to becoming longtime leaders within the UI community — the Pilchers have an extensive history with Idaho's land-grant university.

The high school sweethearts traveled to Moscow from Nampa, Idaho,

“I think we're involved in university activities because that allows us to associate with younger people, which tends to keep us feeling younger in return.”

**Jim Pilcher, UI alumnus**

in 1965 in hopes of receiving a reputable college education. Judy, an education major and graduate of the class of 1969, waited for her newlywed husband to attain his accounting degree in 1970, before joining him aboard a naval ship.

"I was in ROTC as a student," Jim said. "That was in the Vietnam era, so it was either be drafted or join

up, so I joined up through ROTC and later served in the Navy. The ship I was on, we would unload 1,000 Marines and drop them off in Panama for jungle training and then the ship would cruise the Caribbean, so I got to see quite a bit."

Both Jim and Judy were born and raised in Idaho. The Pilchers said that while they enjoyed traveling with the Navy, they quickly realized their innate desire to settle down.

"When it came time that the Navy career was over, we decided to raise a family and Moscow seemed like the perfect spot," Jim said.

The Pilchers said being UI alumni instantly helped them create a life in their former college town. As an undergraduate student, Jim interned with Hayden Ross PLLC and was offered a full-time job upon his return to Moscow. He has since become a partner and is still there 41 years later.

*UI couple reflects on time at UI, shares Vandal pride with family*

## News briefs

### LGBT service-denial bill passes in committee

BOISE — The House State Affairs Committee in the Idaho Legislature unanimously passed a bill that would allow businesses and medical professionals to deny service to gay individuals, as well as unmarried mothers, without losing licensure — as long as they cite religious beliefs.

Rep. Lynn Luker, R-Boise, said the bill would also allow teachers to deny educating a student if they are gay.

Rep. Grant Burgoyne, D-Boise, is a proponent for the "Add the Words" campaign — a campaign to add equal protections for the state's LGBT population to the Idaho Human Rights Act. Burgoyne said Luker's bill is bringing an opportunity to have a conversation in the legislature about the state's slashing equal rights for gays. He said he is hoping to change minds on the issue before the bill is passed.

There is no date set for the hearing. More information will be available next week.

## University of Idaho old school

**Ryan Tarinelli**  
Argonaut

A "kegger" in a residence hall on a Friday night was not an unusual occurrence on the University of Idaho campus in the early 1970s, said Dean of Students Bruce Pitman.

"It was very common place to have a keg, because it was legal," Pitman said.

From strict dress codes to excessive drinking, University of Idaho has seen the extremes of campus culture over its 125-year history.

Pitman said when he arrived at UI in 1973, as the Greek Adviser on-campus social activity surrounded alcohol, because the legal drinking age in Idaho was 19.

Moscow Police Lt. David

Lehmitz said large parties, fist fights and excessive drinking were a regular affair in Moscow. He said Moscow used to have approximately 26 bars before Idaho raised the drinking age — most of them along Main Street and Sixth Street.

"Huge parties, really huge parties ... there were huge fights, I mean 15 to 20 people," Lehmitz said.

Lehmitz said the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, a fraternity that left campus in spring 2013, used to host a large party called the "Tin Canner." He said ATO would line the trees with fishing nets and throw beer cans up into the nets all night.

Pitman said UI's campus culture changed dramatically

after Idaho raised the legal drinking age to 21 in 1987. However, the change was not fully implemented until 1989 because of a grandfather clause attached to the bill. He said the Idaho State Board of Education phased in restrictions on alcohol consumption on-campus in the early '90s.

"It was putting toothpaste back in the tube, because going from a social environment that was not only permissive but legal, to engage in a wide range of social activity that involved alcohol," Pitman said.

Pitman said the annual spring rock festival, "Blue Mountain," was a prime

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Gem of the Mountains 1973 | Courtesy

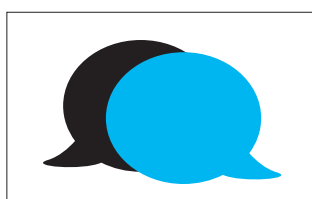
Students relax at The Blue Mountain Festival in 1972, Blue Mountain was a 24-hour rock festival in the early 1970s.

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## Wellness

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## Sport Clubs

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## Intramural Sports

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# BBQ chicken pita pizza

Marissa Rudley  
Campus Dietitian

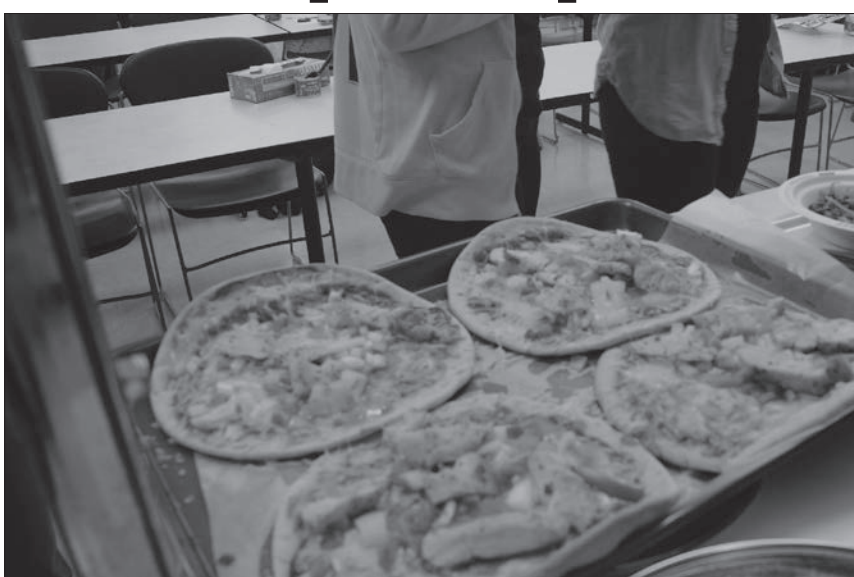
For an easy weeknight meal, try using a rotisserie chicken. Enjoy this pizza with any toppings or sauces for a simple and delicious complete meal. This recipe makes four servings.

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup finely chopped cooked chicken
- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce
- 4 whole wheat pita breads (6 inches)
- 1 small onion, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 small green pepper, julienned
- 1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chilies
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

### Directions:

Preheat oven at 450 degrees F. In a small bowl, combine chicken and barbecue sauce. Spoon over pitas. Top with the onion, green pepper, chilies and cheese. Place on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until heated through.



Marissa Rudley | Crumbs

### Nutrition facts per pita pizza:

415 calories  
12.5 g fat  
52 g carbohydrates  
6 g fiber

23.5 g protein  
25% DV Calcium  
14% DV Iron

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Shane Wellner | Argonaut

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# The science of Shreeve

Jean'ne Shreeve has given 53 years to University of Idaho

Erin Bamer  
Argonaut

Hired in 1961, Jean'ne Shreeve, university distinguished professor and research faculty in the Department of Chemistry, has worked at University of Idaho longer than any other faculty member.

In that time, Shreeve has been a department chair for the department of chemistry for 14 years, and was the university's vice president for research for 12 years. She also has written more than 500 research publications.

But, Shreeve said, none of these things outweigh what she calls her biggest accomplishment — her students.

"All of the 200 people that I've had work in my labs," Shreeve said. "Those were the highlights, because now they're out, doing good things, great things. Some of them of course are retired — I don't know why. That's what university life is all about, I think, it's the students,

and the co-workers and the exciting research you've been able to do with them."

Shreeve was raised by a family of teachers. She said she developed a passion for chemistry and research early on, and she also wanted to be close to home. This brought her to university teaching, instead of industrial chemistry.

Her first job at UI was only supposed to be a one-semester appointment, but during that time, a position opened up and her boss, the late Malcolm Renfrew, offered it to her.

"When you come on a one-semester appointment and you run into the world's very best boss, there's no reason to leave," Shreeve said.

Shreeve said many historical events didn't directly affect the university, but instead allowed for additional opportunities in research. She said it was the wars, when many students were being drafted, that dwindled the student population.

"Depending on the type of research you're doing," Shreeve said. "If you're doing something which is of value to the war effort, then the amount of money avail-

able may suddenly be much greater than it was in the past. That was true during the Sputnik era, when the Soviets were so successful with their space program. There was a lot of money for research then, related to that sort of research."

Shreeve said most of her challenges as a university faculty member and science researcher were local.

When she was first hired, the resources available for scientific research were limited to just one infrared spectrometer. Because of that, Shreeve made a habit of driving to the University of Washington, where she received her doctorate in inorganic chemistry, every weekend to use their materials.

Though less advanced in technology, Shreeve said the early years of her teaching were "the good times" because there were fewer obstacles and more interest for her subject.

"Things that used to take 15 minutes now take a week," Shreeve said. "And that's not just because I'm getting older, that happens to the young ones as well. And I don't think there's the enthusiasm

on the campus for research that there was in past years."

Although there have been many changes to her department and the world during her time in Moscow, Shreeve said her philosophies of teaching have not shifted. She no longer presents formal lectures, and most of her work is done in the labs with students.

Similar to her start at UI, Shreeve makes a point to give students applicable knowledge they can use in their lives after college.

"I think if we were really lucky, we wouldn't have lectures," Shreeve said. "We would teach everything in the laboratory. That's how I think I make my contribution to teaching now, in the laboratory, with these young people. I think you have to work with the student so that when they finish the course they're able to, not regurgitate the information, I don't care about that, but can they take what they've learned in the course and solve problems? That's what life is about."

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## A very Vandal timeline

A timeline of UI's past to celebrate UI's future.

As the University of Idaho celebrates its 125th anniversary, many are looking back at the university's history and realizing exactly how much has changed since 1889.

### Jan. 30, 1889

Idaho territory legislators established the University of Idaho. They recognized the need for higher education in Idaho and chose Moscow because it was one of the richest and most populous agricultural sections in the entire Northwest.

### 1889

Beta Sigma established themselves as the first sorority at UI. Now they are known as Delta Gamma and still participate in UI activities.

### June 9, 1893

UI and Washington State University play their first ever football game. Now a tradition known as the Battle of the Palouse, the Vandals defeated the Cougars in the first game 12-0.

### June 11, 1896

The first graduation commencement at UI included four graduates.

### 1898

Kappa Phi Alpha became the first fraternity on the UI campus. They are now known as Phi Delta Theta.

### November 1898

The first edition of The Argonaut hit stands on campus.

### Feb. 17, 1904

The Associated Students of the University of Idaho was created. Now, 110 years later, they are still an integral part of Vandal life.

### April 9, 1911

Theodore Roosevelt visited UI and planted the first tree in the Presidential Grove.

### Spring 1927

Future UI President Jesse E. Buchanan is the first student to earn straight A's.

### Football Season — 1953

A player named Flip Kleffner kicked an 82-yard punt, breaking a world record. The game was against WSU.

### 1976

The Kibble Dome wins a National Outstanding Structural Engineering Achievement Award.

### November 1992

UI is given its own zip code.

### Oct. 24, 2002

The Albertson Building is dedicated. It is the first building in UI history to be sponsored exclusively by donations.

### March 26 2004

UI students held a protest to stop UI from cutting the fine arts program.

### November 2013

Chuck Staben is selected as UI's 18th president.

### Jan. 30, 2014

UI celebrates 125 years as an institution.

## Girl behind the boxes

Hayley Lydig coordinates anniversary festivities

Hannah Shirley  
Argonaut

By now, students have noticed the handful of birthday presents scattered across campus. These presents are 4-foot tall plywood boxes painted in silver, black and gold, each with shimmering bows and small signs wishing the university a happy 125th.

The birthday boxes created buzz on campus just as Hayley Lydig, the mastermind and the artist behind the concept, hoped they would.

"I didn't want to do a traditional social media based campaign for students," Lydig said. "I wanted something they couldn't ignore. You can't scroll through a physical object, essentially. I wanted students to know about and get excited about the 125th in a way they weren't expecting."

Lydig, an operations management and human resources major set to graduate in May, has been organizing the festivities for months. Her present and future is entwined in planning — she hopes to be hired as an events coordinator upon graduation.

Lydig has studied abroad in Ireland, served as both the Communications Board Director and the Director of Finance in ASUI, a Rho Chi for Panhellenic and



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Gift boxes are displayed around campus in honor of the university's 125th Anniversary Celebration. Hayley Lydig was the mastermind behind the marketing project.

ambassador for the College of Business and Economics.

She is currently an intern for the president's office, where she picked up the job spearheading the coordination of the anniversary festivities.

Since then, Lydig has been busy handing out prizes around campus, acting as the middleman between different offices on campus and painting boxes.

"Making sure security doesn't come and take them away," she said.

Though the birthday presents serve as a tangible reminder of the festivities on campus, Lydig has supplemented their presence with social media.

"It's called Vandal Pride 1-2-5," she said. "It's a huge Vine and Instagram campaign. We'll see how it goes. To extend it, we're trying to get students to show us their Vandal pride with videos and pics and tweets, and why students and alumni

love Idaho, and what it means to be a Vandal."

Lydig said being a Vandal is one of the many reasons the project is so important to her.

"I love the sense of community I get being a Vandal," she said. "Especially not being from Idaho state. When I wear my Idaho clothes, you always get people singing the fight song at you, asking about your life, telling you about how their uncle's niece's husband is a Vandal and I never got that with other colleges I'd wear."

Lydig said coordinating the festivities has also been a great experience professionally. Lydig has coordinated Greek events, fundraisers and non-profits, but said taking on a project that extends over the course of a year instead of a single, isolated day is a whole other realm.

More than anything else, that's what Lydig hopes students will remember this year.

"It's a year-long celebration," Lydig said. "It's not

over just because Thursday comes and goes. I think it should matter. (Students) should be proud to be at such a great place. I think a majority of students really enjoy their time here, and are really proud of themselves and the education they receive here."

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University of Idaho Interim President Don Burnett speaks at the University of Idaho's 125th anniversary celebration Thursday in the Idaho Commons.

## Admin building's fiery history

*In 1906 the original Administration Building was hallowed by fire*

**Amber Evans Pinel**  
Argonaut

Most University affiliates are familiar with the Administration Building, but not everyone is aware that it's not the original Administration Building.

It took 10 years for the first Administration Building to be built as it was done wing by wing. The building was completed in 1899 and seven years later — at 2 a.m. on March 30, 1906 — the building went up in flames.

"At first it hardly seemed possible that the entire building would burn, but fire swirled up the open stairway, engulfed the redwood interior, and within a few hours left nothing but 'the gaunt, staring walls of the great building,' in the words of Jay Glover Eldridge, dean of the faculty," wrote Keith C. Petersen in "This Crested Hill, An Illustrated History of the University of Idaho."

Jay Glover Eldridge, the dean of faculty at the time, was also the registrar. While the building was burning, Eldridge used a ladder to get into his first floor office and save his desk drawers full of important documents, wrote Rafe Gibbs in "Beacon for Mountain and Plain, Story of the University of Idaho."

"But the desk drawers were more important. Yanking one out, Eldridge carried it to the open window, and glanced down ... 'Judge!' shouted Eldridge. 'I'm going to toss out all the

record drawers. Pick up the stuff that falls out"

"Fire away!' returned the judge, and, as desk drawers bounced on the ground about him, he stuffed back spilled contents," wrote Gibbs.

At the same time, a group of students entered the President's Office and rescued the "Silver and Gold Book." It was a valuable box with precious jewels embedded into it and on which a picture of the Administration Building was etched, Gibbs wrote.

The Administration Building was the University of Idaho, at the time. All classes and labs were housed in the building, wrote Petersen. When the building burned, the university lost almost everything.

"Nearly all of the valuable contents were destroyed, among them being almost priceless collections of plants and insects, a valuable library and nearly all of the expensive equipment with which the building was fitted," wrote the Moscow Evening Journal. "As the flames shot upward from the main section and began burning the woodwork at the base of the steeple, an order was issued to keep the crowd back as far as possible for it was believed that the mass would fall forward. The structure fell unexpectedly, but instead of falling forward settled into the flames below."

After the fire, some believed the building's structure was sound enough to rebuild the inside. The structure of the building remained mostly intact while the interior was burnt.

The day after the fire, Julia A. Moore wrote to her friends.

"They were surprised to see

the same form there — the walls — chimneys — cross walls — concrete steps — even the plaster on the walls, and very little traces of smoke or blackening. Everything that could burn was burned — on the window sills the melted glass can be seen, but the structure from foundation up seems to be in good condition."

However, it was not possible to renovate and so the building was blown up with dynamite, wrote Petersen.

The cause of the fire was never found. Flames were discovered in the basement stairway of the west wing, wrote Gibbs.

"It was discovered early in fighting the fire that some of the University fire hoses had been cut, and the nozzle of a hose, certain to have been in place the afternoon before the fire, was missing. Arson was suspected. Proof was never found," wrote Gibbs.

Before the fire, the University of Idaho had been struggling to maintain funding and support. That changed after the Administration Building burned down. A new and much larger building was built in the same location and the university gained more support through the process, Petersen wrote.

The process of rebuilding the Administration Building brought Southern and Northern Idaho together, Gibbs said.

"That structure symbolized the University of Idaho's growth and maturity as a major institution of higher education," wrote Petersen.

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## Vandals in Boise

*Vandal alumni take on southern Idaho*

**Chloe Rambo**  
Argonaut

For Rod Gramer, attending the University of Idaho was a pivotal life decision.

Without UI he said he wouldn't have met his wife nor had the opportunity to study and excel in a field he still loves today.

Gramer is currently president and CEO of Idaho Business for Education, a non-profit group comprised of business heavyweights and state company presidents aimed at improving education in Idaho.

He had not originally planned to attend UI, but visited the university for a journalism workshop while in high school and said he fell in love with the campus. He canceled plans to attend a different university and applied to UI right away.

"I have so many great memories at UI," Gramer said. "Especially working at the Argonaut — the chance to really learn journalism hands-on."

Gramer has worked extensively in journalism in Florida, Washington and Idaho and was also once editor-in-chief of The Argonaut. He worked closely with Kenton Bird, the current director of the Department of Journalism and Mass Media.

"I kept journalism as what I wanted to do," Gramer said. "For lack of a better term, I kept journalism as my practical degree. I always knew that I wanted to be a journalist."

While working for news outlets in Florida, Gramer and his wife didn't picture themselves coming back to Idaho so early in Rod's career. But when the CEO position at IBE became available, they saw it as a chance to come home.

"I'm passionate about education — education is the passport to the American dream for young people," Gramer said. "Without my education, I would have never

been able to do the things I've done in my life."

When visiting campus, Gramer and his wife took their children to the dairy. While the residence hall he once lived in has since been torn down, Gramer said coming back to campus is still important.

"Of course my favorite building on campus is the Administration Building," Gramer said. "I love that building, and most of my history classes were in that building. I just love the campus."

Another UI alumnus, Idaho's Lt. Gov. Brad Little attended UI without much interest in politics. From Emmett, Idaho, Little said he took one political science class for general requirements, but never pictured himself in a high-ranking government position as he is today.

"Where it's a residential campus, you meet a lot of people," Little said. "One of my best friends was from Rochester, Minnesota while another was from Rochester, New York. For a kid from Emmett, (being at UI) was a pretty broadening experience."

Little works with UI students and alumni often and his parents, wife and in-laws and children also attended UI.

"Very seldom do I go somewhere in the state without meeting Vandals," Little said. "It's a diverse university, from agriculture to architecture. People that come here from other states are always amazed at the number of Vandal connections."

Little said his personal connections to UI are eternal and filled with much emotion. He last visited the Moscow campus in Dec. 2012, and said the feelings of being back on the campus of his alma mater are indescribable.

"It's vastly different," Little said. "The university tracks the state and place of Idaho."

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# SPORTS



Idaho track and field returns to Pullman for a second time in three weeks.

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1975 Gem of the Mountains Yearbook

An Idaho women's basketball player receives a pass during Idaho's inaugural season in 1975. The Vandals went 8-9 in their first season. Deanne Ercanbrack was the Vandal's first coach in the 1974-75 women's basketball season. Bonnie Hultstrand took over as coach for the next three years.

## Rivalry rekindled on Capitol Hill

Seattle U swept Idaho last regular season

**Sean Kramer**  
Argonaut

Idaho's one week of late-game brilliance that led to an NCAA Tournament berth last season didn't begin in Las Vegas, where the Vandal women cut down the nets at the Orleans Arena as Western Athletic Conference Champions. It all started in Seattle one week prior to that net-cutting, having instead to watch their opponents cut the net.

Vandal players and coaches walked off the court at Seattle's Connelly Center after the Redhawks clinched the regular season WAC championship with a 55-53 down-to-the-wire victory over the Vandals.

"We talked about it in the locker room about turning the tables in Las Vegas," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "I think the girls who were here last year will remember the feeling of being in the Connelly Center and how that experience went."

The feeling resonated. The next time Idaho saw Seattle, the Vandals were ready and a physical, emotional and nerve-rack-

ing one-possession game again ensued. But a 3-point shot clanking off the rim by Seattle's Daida Brown meant Idaho claimed the championship.

That was more than 10 months ago. Now, the rivalry will be rekindled on Saturday at the Connelly Center, the first time the teams have played in the 2013-14 season. It's a game that's been circled by both teams, despite a one-game-at-a-time mentality.

"After every game (this year) we check back to see how Seattle did," senior Alyssa Charlston said. "Everyone is on the bus right after the game, after we're done celebrating, we're trying to see if Seattle won or lost. It builds a lot too, because we want to see where we're at and we don't get it until halfway through the schedule."

As it stands now, the Vandals sit two games ahead of Seattle in the conference schedule at 7-0 compared to Seattle's 5-2, though Idaho is still wary of Seattle.

The Redhawks blew out two WAC opponents who gave Idaho trouble, UTPA and



Hannah Sandoval | Argonaut

Senior Alyssa Charlston and freshman Brooke Reilly practice Thursday night at the Kibbie Dome. Idaho travels to Seattle U Saturday to try to stay undefeated in conference play.

Grand Canyon.

"They're a great team, they're the regular season champions. I think that keeps us grounded, knowing that they've beaten us in the past," junior Stacey Barr said.

The feeling of rivalry is reciprocated on the other side of the court.

"I definitely feel like this is a big rivalry game for us," Seattle senior Kacie Sowell said. "Having played Idaho three times last year, they're really one

of the only schools we've played so many times before."

Having stumbled twice in the first half during its initial campaign in the new-look WAC, Seattle players feel the timing of this game is good for them.

"There's a lot of anxiety. You really want to play, you're really excited about it, kind of want to watch the conference play out a little bit," Sowell said.

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## Vandals hope for turnaround game

Idaho welcomes rival from Seattle on Saturday

**Korbin McDonald**  
Argonaut

When the Idaho men's basketball team takes on Seattle U Saturday at the Cowan Spectrum, it will be playing a team the Vandals share a lot in common with.

Like the Vandals, the Redhawks have lost their share of close games this season, coming out with only one win in six conference games.

"Seattle U is a good team, all of their games have been really close," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "I think if you ask anybody in the conference, they're the best one-win team, they've lost some close games like we have."

The Idaho roster has four players from the Seattle area and five more from the Northwest. It's easy to see why the Redhawks are the Vandals' biggest rival in the WAC.

"If I had to say right now who our rival was in this league, I would have to say Seattle U," Verlin said. "Seattle U is probably the game that our guys look forward to the most."

Glen Dean is one of those players from Seattle and can't wait to match up against some old buddies.

"There definitely is some incentive on it," Dean said. "I know I'm going to see those guys this summer and I'm not going to want to go back home and here them saying 'Yeah we got you

guys,' so there is a lot on the line with this game. It's going to be a lot of fun though."

Dean has been nursing an ankle injury that has kept him out of the lineup for three games, but the Vandals enjoyed an eight-day break that has helped him heal. He said he feels that he is at 75 percent, and hoping to be at 90 percent come game time.

"Once you cross those lines, it don't matter if your hurt or not hurt, you better be 100 percent mentally because nobody is going to give you any excuses once you're on that court," Dean said. "If we decide I'm going to play, I'm 100 percent, and there's no excuses."

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## Basketball A look team born back

Women's basketball program has been growing for 39 years

**Stephan Wiebe**  
Argonaut

The Idaho women's basketball team is young compared to 125 years of University of Idaho history, but the program has come a long way in 39 years.

On Nov. 11, 1974, an organizational practice was held to gauge interest for what would become the first Idaho women's basketball team. Participants were expected to come out and be ready to play basketball.

While the team started in 1974, the first season didn't start until Jan. 17, 1975. Idaho beat border rival Washington State 39-27 in its first game.

It was the start of the women's basketball Battle of the Palouse that continues today.

The Vandals went on to win eight of their first 11 games in 1975 before ending the season on a six-game losing streak in their only season under coach Deanne Ercanbrack. They finished their first season with an 8-9 record.

Two of Idaho's other biggest rivalries also started in 1975 — Boise State and Eastern Washington. The Vandals hold a 31-34 record against the Broncos and a 28-34 record against the Eagles for a combined 127 games.

The Vandals played Eastern Washington again this year losing their closest game of

the season 85-84 Dec. 14 in Cheney, Wash.

Idaho had its first winning season four years into the program's existence during the 1977-78 season. Then third-year coach Bonnie Hultstrand took his team to a 19-7 record with key wins over Whitworth in the season opener, Gonzaga and a 77-32 victory over Eastern Oregon in the season finale.

The Vandals finally joined a conference in 1979 under their third coach, Tara Van Derveer. Idaho went 25-6 in its NW Empire League debut. Idaho's best days arguably came in the NW Empire League but it wasn't under Van Derveer, it was under legendary coach Pat Dobratz.

Dobratz took over in 1980 and went 27-1 in conference play in her first two seasons. Dobratz, Idaho's winningest coach at 142 wins, led the Vandals to their first NCAA Tournament appearance in 1985. Idaho fell at the tournament 73-51 to No. 15 USC but not before the best season in program history with 28 wins.

Dobratz in the Idaho Hall of Fame, but Idaho coach Jon Newlee has a chance this year to do something Dobratz never did — take the Vandals to consecutive NCAA Tournaments.

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**Nov. 11, 1974**

Women's basketball team forms.

**Jan. 17, 1975**

First game in program history, a 39-27 win over WSU.

**Feb. 22, 1975**

First game against BSU, a 71-37 loss.

**1977-78**

First winning season. Idaho went 10-7 under coach Bonnie Hultstrand.

**1979-80**

The Vandals finally join a conference, the NW Empire League, going 10-2 in conference play.

**1981-82**

Idaho goes undefeated in conference play at 14-0.

**March 15, 1985**

The Vandals lose to USC in their first NCAA Tournament appearance but finish the season 28-2.

**March 22, 1986**

Idaho's last game under winningest coach Pat Dobratz. It was her 142nd win.

**1988**

The Vandals join the Big Sky, the conference they are returning to in the 2014-15 season.

**2013**

Jon Newlee leads Idaho to its first NCAA Tournament appearance in 28 years after winning the WAC Championship.

## A game of redemption

Vandal women should put themselves in ideal spot with win Saturday at Seattle U

For Jon Newlee and his Idaho women's basketball team, any remaining memories of the Connelly Center are likely not fond ones. It's where Newlee and the Vandals witnessed, firsthand, their WAC nemesis capture the regular season conference title and complete a season sweep of Idaho last year.

The dagger was a last-ditch jumper by the Redhawks' Ashley Ward with 1.2 seconds remaining.

Idaho, riding a seven-game win streak that has the Vandals undefeated in WAC play, returns to one of their least favorite gyms Saturday to seek redemption from the Redhawks.

Revenge is sweet, yet what may be the overlooked with this game is an opportunity for Idaho to all but lock up the regular season title.

Here's how it would break down. The Vandals, unscathed thus far in the conference, are 7-0. With a loss Saturday, the Redhawks would be a three-loss team.

Meanwhile, Bakersfield and Texas-Pan American check in with two losses each behind the Vandals. Idaho beat both the Roadrunners and Broncos by double digits in games earlier this season — the chances of a loss at UTPA would be much more likely than a home loss against Bakersfield.

So, while a win Saturday wouldn't necessarily wrap things up as far as a No. 1 seed goes, it's also safe to assume that the Vandals haven't looked like a team that could collapse anytime. Idaho has steamrolled its conference opponents, with the exception of UTPA and Grand Canyon, now a

four-loss team in conference.

Going undefeated would be spectacle in itself, yet the way this conference is panning out, it seems that even a two-loss Idaho team could be safe. And picking out two losses on the remaining schedule is as hard a task as any.

At this point, the only teams emerging capable of handing the Vandals their first conference loss seem to be Grand Canyon, UTPA and Seattle.

Now, employing the transitive property is ill-advised in most situations, but gauging the talent of the 2013-14 Redhawks, the conference losses are eye-opening.

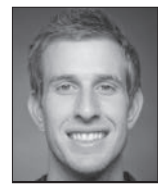
Seattle fell victim to a 12-point loss at Missouri-Kansas City's Swinney Recreation Center, the same venue where Idaho would stomp the Kangaroos in an 81-64 rout. The Redhawks got their act together in a hurry, then lost it again two games later — this time at CSUB's Icardo Center where Idaho dropped 96 points on the 'Runners in a 27-point blowout.

Seattle's first conference loss was as shocking as the next, but again, the transitive property has its flaws.

The Redhawks shut down Grand Canyon in an 89-68 decision Jan. 25 at the Connelly Center. The Vandals narrowly escaped their own Cowan Spectrum with a four-point victory over the Antelopes.

So while Idaho still appears to be the obvious No. 1, expect the Redhawks to be chomping at the bit to make it regular season win No. 3 over the Vandals.

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**Theo Lawson**  
Argonaut



# QB commit lands at Idaho

**Sean Kramer**  
Argonaut

Jake Luton doesn't care what people think about the offense he ran at high school.

Marysville-Pilchuck High School has been operating run-oriented offenses for decades — and against the advice of some who thought he'd get recruited more playing elsewhere, Luton stayed true to his hometown and enrolled at Marysville-Pilchuck.

Playing with the kids he grew up with was important to Luton. Even if it meant he was joining a high school program that, at the time, hadn't had a quarterback throw for over 1,000 yards in a season since before Luton was born.

"He went through the four years of people telling him if he would have gone to another offense, he could have had these numbers," said Brian Hoorn, an assistant at M-P who's known Luton since he was in elementary school. "He took it in stride, worked with us on working to make him better and said 'let's see what works out.'"

Luton broke that trend by topping 1,000 yards passing in each of his seasons as starter at M-P. Still, only 2,200 yards in two seasons wasn't enough to get him recruited heavily. He got the attention of Idaho by attending a scouting camp in Mercer Island, Wash., last year and also by attending Idaho's camp last summer.

He committed to Idaho in October shortly after Idaho offered, citing Petrino not caring about his lack of passing attempts as a big reason.

"I think he put a lot of emphasis on a lot of things besides the offense I was running, because he saw me in camp, saw what I could do and not necessarily what I was doing in high school," Luton said.

That fact might be a blessing in disguise for Idaho. Recruiting analyst Dirk Knudsen of NWPrepport.com said 2014 was a down year in terms of quarterback talent in the Pacific Northwest. Mount Si, Wash., quarterback Nick Mitchell is the top prospect and an

Oregon State commit, but Knudsen isn't sure if he's that much better than Luton.

"Look at his production, Jake is right there," Knudsen said. "Just an off-year in terms of perception, these guys were missing something, didn't have the total package people were looking for. There were some schools that came really close (to offering Luton)."

The focus on Luton would remain the offense he ran in high school despite his 10-1 record as a starter his senior year. He didn't have to throw the ball much with 2015 running back prospect Austin Joyner running for 1,500 yards in 2013. Luton also didn't get many opportunities to add on to his statistics with the hurry up passing game — it simply wasn't in the Tomahawk's playbook. For Luton and the coaching staff, it was the process of finding ways to utilize his talent while staying true to the offense they ran.

"A lot of what we did with him was down the field stuff. It was all down the field, backside post, and he did great," Hoorn said.

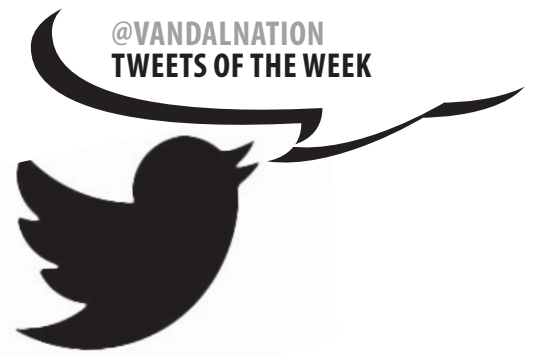
There were short-passing and screen opportunities for him to show off his decision-making, as well.

"What happens is Jake is so good, can't even tell you how many times he drops back, moves around the field, sets his feet and even go to his third guy," Hoorn said.

Luton will join the program and immediately be given a chance to compete, he said. Though he may face an uphill battle trying to convince Petrino not to redshirt him, as Petrino likes to do with freshmen quarterbacks.

"They know I have the talent, just a few fundamental things I have to tune up and study the offense. I'm ready to come in and try and win the job," Luton said. "I think that's everybody's goal coming in."

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Idaho senior Joe Kammerer defends freshman Chad Sherwood during practice in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals host Seattle U at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Spectrum.

**TURNAROUND**

FROM PAGE 6

Seattle is armed with the WAC's leading scorer, Isaiah Umipig, averaging 18.7 points per game. He's a player that Dean is very familiar with.

"I've known Isaiah for a long time," Dean said. "We grew up playing in the same AAU program, Seattle Rotary. Isaiah has always been a scorer, he's always been able to shoot the ball and I'm expecting him to bring it."

As far as the rest of the Seattle team, Verlin describes them as a big, physical and

strong as well as a team that will rebound the ball very well.

Both games last year went down to the wire and were decided by less than 10 points each game Verlin said the same could happen this weekend.

"Last year's games were really close and that's the kind of game I expect to have this year," Verlin said. "I expect a really good basketball game here on Saturday."

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**BORN**

FROM PAGE 6

The Vandals made the NCAA Tournament last season, falling to No. 3 UConn 105-37, but the Vandals are on pace to make it back with a better and more experienced team in 2014 than the 2013 WAC Championship team.

Idaho is currently undefeated in WAC play at 7-0 but nine conference games remain on the schedule before the tournament starts and Newlee's squad makes his push for Idaho history.

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**RIVALRY**

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"With the last game of the first round, as excited as we've been for this game ... We've enjoyed the other games, it's kind of built up to this game."

Emotions should be flaring on Saturday and the game could get physical, especially between Charlston and Sowell who will be going on their third year facing off against each other.

"It's not a dirty rivalry, but it gets really heated," Charlston said.

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**REDEMPTION**

FROM PAGE 6

This game, more than any other in the WAC this season, will indicate one of two things: how much of a gap there is between Idaho and the rest of the pack, or why we should pay close attention to the second half of the conference season.

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# OPINION



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OUR VIEW

## 125 years of Vandal pride

*UI continues tradition of education and research, remembers history and looks forward to the future*

Hundreds of students, staff and faculty crowded into the Idaho Commons Thursday to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the University of Idaho. The free Frisbees and cupcakes were a nice treat for all in attendance. However, the ceremony celebrated much more.

It was held to recognize the accomplishments and traditions UI had established over 125 years, traditions we should all be proud to be apart of.

This anniversary serves as a testament to what UI has meant, and will continue to mean to Idaho.

UI represents an opportunity to students in Idaho and around the world to further their education and themselves.

The \$207 million that has been raised through the Inspiring Futures campaign is an example of the widespread alumni network UI has created. This type of giving is an example of their commitment to ensure that

the UI tradition continues through student scholarships and research money, among other things.

UI serves as Idaho's land-grant research institution that has been committed to funding research endeavors that hold significance to the state of Idaho and the Northwest. UI has attracted millions of dollars in research funds each year that allows it to grow and develop. These funds are an example of the quality of research done here.

As a student newspaper, and more specifically as an editorial board, we pride ourselves on criticizing UI when appropriate. However, we all recognize the tradition we are a part of, and the significance of UI in our professional and personal development.

Although remembering our history is essential, it is the current and future students, professors and administrators that will continue to make UI memorable and significant.

It was fitting that future UI President Chuck Staben was in attendance at the ceremony. Not just to recognize the milestone, but to also signal a new path for UI as it faces large challenges in the near future.

As the confetti fell, we all took a moment to recognize what UI has meant for those who came before us, and what it continues to mean to all of us today.

-RT

### OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

#### Take care of yourself, no one else will

Of course the semester I realize I need to take better care of myself is also my most demanding. I guess that is life for you, especially when you are a graduating senior.

-Andrew

#### Today is the day

Today is my chance to prove to the world that I can be trusted as an adult, and I can take care of myself and be on my own. Sure, the other side of my is about to be unleashed — I am just trying to enjoy the world responsibly.

-Rainy

#### Kendrick v. Macklemore

Instead of comparing these two, because you simply can't, why don't we just embrace the fact that neither have hit their peak yet and we'll be enjoying their music for years to come?

-Theo

#### I don't talk

Because I'm about that action boss.

-Sean

#### Someday I will live in a state...

Where the legislators will not be OK with persecuting or discriminating against a group of people based on race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability or religion. It's the ignorance of things like Mr. Luker's proposed legislation that make me truly embarrassed to be an Idahoan.

-Kaitlyn

#### Props to Vandal Entertainment

I am always impressed that Vandal Entertainment manages to bring recently released movies to show on campus for free. I can't wait to finally see "Hunger Games: Catching Fire" without spending a cent.

-Aleya

#### 125 years

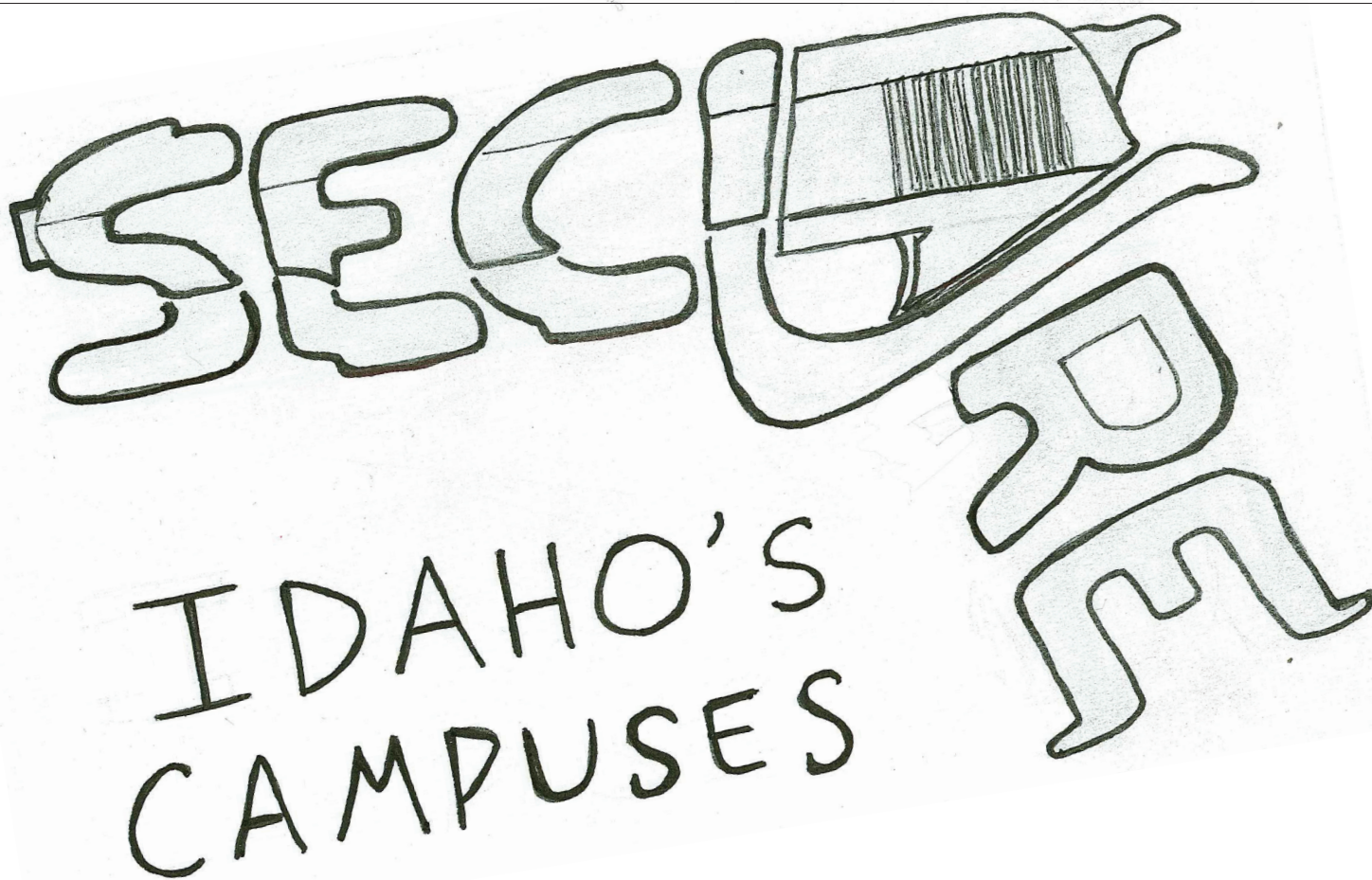
Happy anniversary, UI. I think you are pretty swell, even for an old geezer.

-Kaitlin

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### ANDAL VOICES

**Q: Tom Luna, superintendent of public instruction in Idaho, has decided not to seek re-election this November. What do you make of his decision?**



"He is doing the state of Idaho a great service."

Fino Osorio

"In Mr. Luna's first election, he won with fewer than 2 percent more votes than Jana Jones, his opponent from the Democratic Party. Ms. Jones announced she is running this year. Given the controversy surrounding many of Luna's decisions for Idaho education, I suspect he didn't think he could win re-election."

Rick Fletcher



"Finally, the first thing he has implemented in eight years that I can agree with."

Pete Flynn

"Huzzah! It is about time we have a change of pace/face. Idaho needs an advocate not only for the business side of school but also for the students. The focus has been a little too much on the business aspect and the whole focus of what school is really about has been lost. We need someone who is passionate about making sure Idaho's kids feel inspired and confident to continue their education. The change will be a welcome one and hopefully someone who has kids' hearts and minds at the forefront of their platform can get into the position."

Jannelle Meier

## 'Rec'ing a good time

*SRC should be family-friendly, identify their rules clearly*

### The F-Word



Kaitlin Moroney  
Argonaut

*A column on society and culture from a feminist perspective*

This last weekend, my toddler got us kicked out of the Student Recreation Center.

And there isn't even an exciting story to show for it. I was at the SRC with a group of friends, where we were meeting for some games in the Multi-Activity Court. Because I am a parent who not only doesn't get to see her child very often, because of my full-time work and school schedule, my husband also needs a break once in awhile. And since I was going with a group of friends to an enclosed area where I could have close supervision ... I decided to take my 2-year-old daughter with me.

We played games for about an hour and a half before an SRC employee told me my daughter could not be out on the court

where we were all playing. A reasonable request, so I thought we'd sit on the benches outside of the court.

I was then informed that apparently, that was not allowed either, and I was essentially asked to leave the facility altogether. Given that my group of friends didn't want to break up, they left with me.

It's the anti-climatic story of how a toddler got a group of grown college students kicked out of the SRC. As a parent, this is really annoying.

I can understand not wanting children to play on elliptical machines and underneath the climbing wall. But I am a responsible adult, who was keeping a close eye on my child, as we played in the MAC.

I can see the SRC not wanting small children on the court. I get it, it's a liability. But to kick us out entirely? To tell us we weren't allowed there at all, despite the fact I was willing to move off-court and sit on the sidelines? I found it utterly ridiculous we were asked to leave.

Not all University of Idaho students are childless, and those of us who aren't, would like an equal opportunity to enjoy some of the amenities I pay for with my student dollars. I wanted to spend some time with

my daughter and my friends. Apparently, the SRC isn't the place to do it.

For the most part, I'm a rule follower. Which is why I searched around for any signs or postings stating children were not allowed. I even looked online to see if there was anything about bringing children. If the warning against bringing your toddler is there ... I never saw it. So either they don't exist or the SRC does a really horrible job of making this rule known.

My husband attends WSU, where they have family hours every day — 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Children are welcome, provided an adult accompanies them. It would be nice if UI had a similar policy to accommodate the many students who are also parents at this school.

As a student, I'd like the option to hang out with friends and be able to bring my daughter. I love UI, and I love our SRC. Unfortunately, they don't love kids, which makes it more difficult for me to use their amenities.

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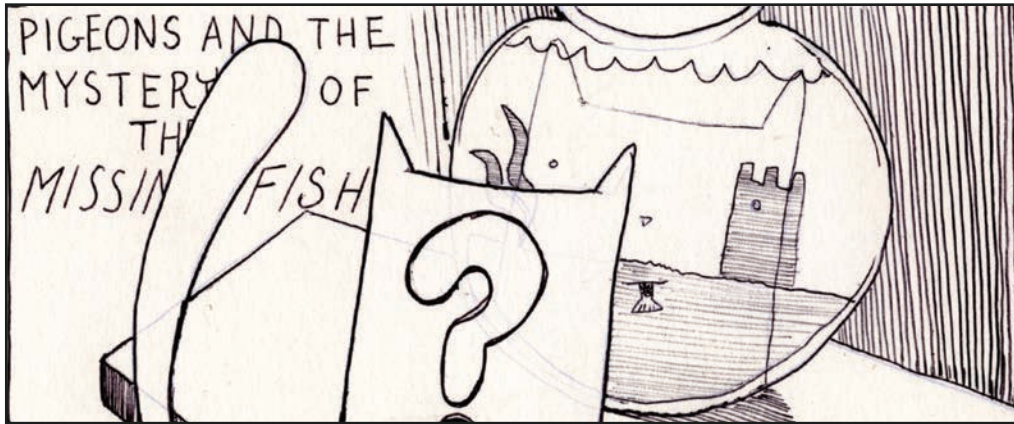
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## Cloud Nine



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### Truth

"You miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take,"

-Wayne Gretzky  
-Michael Scott

-Ryan

### Sunday

Can't come soon enough

-Ricky

### Favorite things

One of my favorite things about being a journalist is you get the opportunity to interview some amazing people. It's incredible to hear someone's

story with the emotion behind the memories as they walk you through a thrilling journey to their personal success. I find myself saying this often... that was the best interview yet!

-Emily

### Business taxes

Interesting things that are taxed specially for business owners in the state of Washington: Little cigars, moist snuff, syrup, and tires. Um, syrup? The tax is \$1 per gallon, if anyone was wondering.

-Phil

# Accepting ACA

Conservative or liberal, states see benefits of ACA

Mitch McConnell — one of the most ardent opponents of Obamacare and the president himself — is deeply conservative and would be expected to reject the ACA soundly. That probably would have happened were it not for Kentucky's Democratic governor, Steve Beshear.

Beshear's Kentucky is one of the poorest and unhealthiest states in the nation, and he sees it as a moral issue to expand Medicaid.

"This is a moral issue. Every person in the country deserves access to affordable health coverage. The Medicaid expansion is part of the way we can do that," Beshear said in an interview with The Washington Post.

According to a November article in The Washington Post, Kentucky had enrolled 56,422 people in new health insurance. The article takes a close look at Breathitt County and the efforts of Courtney Lively to enroll people in new plans. Breathitt County has a per-capita income of about \$15,000 a year, and the health of its population is so bad that it has earned the nickname "Coronary Valley."

In the article, Lively talks about how some conservative Kentucky residents needed some convincing, but when they saw what the law can do for them they get behind it. One of the residents even joked about becoming a democrat after getting covered.

Beshear also mentions this phenomenon.

"Just the phrase 'Obamacare' in states where the president isn't popular brings a very negative reaction," Beshear said.

Beshear thinks if Democrats stand behind the law, it will not be something that hurts them in 2014.

Clearly, the law can work in even the most conservative states in the nation, even if it does take a bit of marketing trickery. It is high time that Republicans stop playing politics and play ball because, in the absence of new ideas, Obamacare is here to stay. We may as well embrace the good, and work together to fix the bad. The law has plenty of both.

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During the fight to pass the Affordable Care Act — and ever since — Republicans have warned of a government takeover of health care. This has always struck me as odd for several reasons.

First, many of the ideas for Obamacare originated with the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, back in 1989. Not only that, but in 2006, Mitt Romney passed a health care law in Massachusetts that is virtually identical to Obamacare — albeit on a smaller scale. We saw in the 2008 election that Romney had the difficult task of campaigning without running on one of his key accomplishments as governor.

Second, while the law originally compelled states to expand Medicaid, the Supreme Court weakened the law in 2012, giving states the opportunity to opt out of this requirement. Many of them, including Idaho, did just that.

According to a report in The New York Times, the decision to not expand Medicaid leaves 8 million people without insurance nationwide.

Finally, if this was a government health care takeover, we would have single-payer. But that's an issue for a later column, but for now back to the states.

Although it isn't as much of an issue now, the federal exchange had a rocky start. Even now, state exchanges are helping to drive enrollment numbers. California led enrollments with 424,936 between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31. This puts them well on track for their goal, which is just a hair under 700,000 enrolled by March 31.

But let's be honest, it isn't surprising that California embraced Obamacare. The largest state in the nation is also one of the most liberal. California has been pushing for single-payer health care for years — it even passed both legislative chambers twice while Schwarzenegger was governor. There is one state currently embracing Obamacare wholeheartedly that few would have anticipated, Kentucky. The bluegrass state, home to Sen.


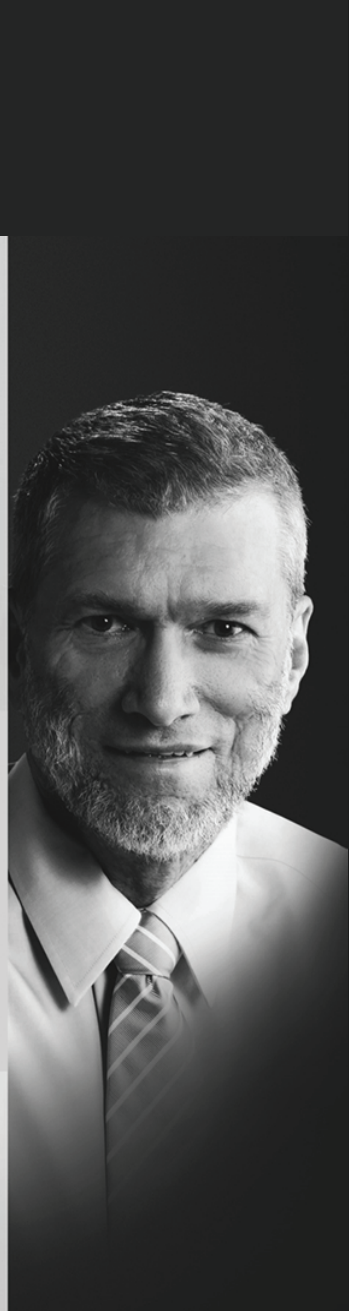


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