Many ways to celebrate MLK Jr. Day in Moscow

Christopher Clancy

While January 15, for many of us a day off, for several dedicated volunteers it was a "day on," helping other citizens and spreading Dr. King's message throughout the community during a community-cleaning drive.

UNited donations of clothing and household goods were collected in the parking lot of Silveray and Rosauer's to benefit local non-profit organizations including Alternatives to Violence and the YMCA.

The national theme of "take a day on" is a way of addressing the "vital need" to recognize the MLK Holiday as an opportunity to participate in activities aiding the community or alternative to simply thinking of it as just another day off of school or work, said Victoria Salinas of the Office of multicultural Affairs.

The clothing drive was part of the ongoing "Martin Luther King Week" celebrations sponsored by the Latam Human Rights Task Force and various UI student organizations, including the Office of multicultural Affairs and R.A.C.E., the campus African American student organization, said Salinas.

"The week of events is intended as a way of educating the community by providing a learning environment and a chance for people in the community to help each other," said Salinas.

The activities are, in part, a result of a human rights conference Salinas attended in Atlanta last year and a discussion on how to best celebrate the MLK Holiday, in the spirit of the civil rights leader.

The MLK Holiday, celebrating King's birthday, memorializes the slain leader's effect on the climate of racial turbulence and diversity that has come to symbolize the federal holiday enacted in 1986. King was assassinated by a single bullet, on March 4, in a hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, at the age of 39. Four years earlier King was awarded the Nobel peace prize. Had he lived King would have been 86.

MLK activities during the rest of this week include a food drive to be held in the Potlatch Inn on Monday, Jan. 16, a candlelight march from Friendship Inn, in downtown Moscow, to the UI Administration Building, True Color video conference by Diane Sawyer, to be held in the Student Union Vandale Lounge.

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Calling plan proposal upsets Moscow customers

Janet Birdsell

A proposal made by GTE to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission could change the way you reach out and touch someone—especially if that someone is in Pullman.

Under GTE's proposal, customers would have a choice of community calling plans. Only the most expansive plan, Community Plus, would keep calls to Pullman toll-free.

"The flat rate (per month) would be higher but the toll-free calling areas would be greater," said Bob Wayt, GTE's public affairs manager for Idaho and Oregon.

The Community Plus option extends the toll-free service to local rural communities.

Moscow customers received news of the proposal in December. IPC did not plan to hold hearings on GTE's proposal, but due to the response from the Moscow area, hearings will be held in Moscow at the University Inn on February 7.

"Because of all the controversy, I need to clarify that the commission has made no decisions. The commission can accept the proposal, deny the proposal, or make changes. It's not a done deal," said Gary Richardson, IPC information specialist.

He estimated about 200 customers contacted IPC about the proposal. "They are concerned about the apparent rate increase to Pullman," Richardson said.

"It takes an outstanding amount of audacity for GTE to double or treble the Palouse the way it is proposing," said James Shelledy, former editor of the Moscow/Pullman Daily News. Shelledy worked to make Moscow/Pullman calls toll-free in 1986.

"GTE has never been a good neighbor of these two communities. In the past, at least, it did attempt to avoid it at the Economy 41 station," Shelledy said. "To split the communica- tion between two sister cities makes no sense, unless you are a company as short-sighted and greedy as GTE."

But GTE argues they won't be making any more money. The proposal is called a revenue-neutral plan, which means the company won't generate any more revenue than it does today. "Really this is just a shuffling of costs," Wayt said.

Reasons for the proposal are to offer more choices to the customers, and to make toll-free calling to Moscow available to more rural customers, Wayt said.

GTE's proposal gives three options. Basic Calling costs $8 per month for a residential line, and all out-going calls are billed at measured rates. Community Calling costs $14, and calls in Moscow and to Garrison, Wash., are toll free.

Community Calling Plus costs $15.36 per month, which covers calls to Moscow, Pullman, Garrison, Genesee, Weippe, Deary, Potlatch and Corr.

Troy, Kendrick and Juliets will continue to be long-distance areas. They are served by the Potlatch Telephone Company, rather than GTE.

Moscow customers currently pay $1.08 per minute, and calls to the Moscow, Garrison and Pullman areas are toll-free.

Quitting tobacco easier in numbers

Adam Lowry

Quitting something is gener- ally considered a bad thing, but not when it comes to tobacco. Tobacco can take hold of a person and put him or her at its mercy. N kicks, boredom and bars are just a few of the many places and times a cigarette is appropriate for tobacco users. Once a person becomes addicted to tobacco there is often times no turning back.

However, there are options for tobacco users who want to quit. Many Schwantes, coordinator of quit tobacco group sessions for smokers and chewers at Student Health Services, is offering users as effective way to quit. Using strength in numbers is the easiest way for tobacco users to end their habit, said Schwantes. When there are other people sur- rounding attempting to accomplish the same goal it tends to make it a lot easier to achieve the goal.

"In the process good friendships are often formed in these group sessions," said Schwantes.

Schwantes' main approach is to begin by assessing how heavy of users the group members are and what actions are necessary for each individual. For some of the heavier users, a nicotine patch is necessary while others simply go cold turkey.

Preparations for quit day is the first step in the quitting process. This simply involves the person doing whatever is necessary to pre- pare for the shock of not being able to use tobacco.

"The first week they are all zom- bies and their concentration is shot," Schwantes said.

Many of the quitters feel rotten for a couple of days but as time passes they begin to feel "power- ful" as Schwantes puts it.

One of the main benefits of the group sessions is the support the users get from one another.
Batt budget: A conservative's dream

BOISE—For fiscal conservatives, Gov. Phil Batt's new budget plan could be a dream come true.

Conservatives have called for years for a leaner state budget, fewer workers and less emphasis on social programs. They get all that from Batt's new budget. The question is whether the Legislature can live with it and the inevitable hard decisions that follow.

After Batt declared he's seeking an increase of just 4.7 percent in the budget starting next year, right-wing legislators immediately announced their support.

All said, they said, we can't spend more money than we have. The GOP governor predicts a $2.7 billion tax gap in the state for the 2008-09 fiscal year, which means less tax revenue to spend.

And to a person, legislators say there is no need to raise taxes just so the state can spend more.

Batt declared he's eliminating 245 positions, and state employ-ees would be forced to pay $100 in the first year of his tenure. That doesn't include layoffs. But some say they have already cut state agencies to eliminate jobs that haven't been filled.

Even so, it gets down to specifics, the Legislature may find it harder to get along with the gov-ernor. For example, Batt wants to cut library funding from $10 million to $5 million to pay the Epiphany League.

With a base-bounds budget, the Legislature will have to make a lot of hard decisions this time. Batt will have his biggest battle yet fighting for public schools. He recommended an increase of $25.5 million from general tax revenue, about $21 million less than education leaders want. In a nutshell, both state Sen. Bill Armstrong, R-Boise, and Idaho Education Association President Monica Byars told lawmakers to add at least $10 million.

--Associated Press

Craig says Idaho people disappointed with house speaker

BOISE—Republican Sen. Larry Craig says he thinks Idaho resi-dents are disappointed with House Speaker New Gingrich.

Gingrich was scheduled to appeal Wednesday to a major fundraising event in Boise for Rep. Helen Chesnoweth. But Gingrich backed out of the Idaho event after his staff later confirmed it was a 5:30 a.m. House Republicans who voted against Gingrich's budget plan to cut back on food stamps.

Craig was interviewed Friday for the weekend Viewpoint program on Idaho Public Television.

Despite the widespread criticism of Gingrich's fiscal policies, the postponement of Chesnoweth's Boise event, Craig said it probably will go away if Gingrich later reneges on it.

Craig, in his 16th year in Congress, said he's often voted against leadership when necessary. He said he was never punished for it.

Craig said he's frustrated over the high cost of living in Washington, but denied it was "business as usual." among the nation's leaders.

--Associated Press

Internships with ‘Here We Have Idaho’
The Division of Educational Technologies is offering many internships for the fall of 2007. Some positions are available for students on Jan. 22 and 24, and some positions are available for the Student Union and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the UI Library and during normal office hours.

--World News

Palouse Regional Crisis Line

The Palouse Regional Crisis Line is holding training for people interested in volunteering to be available to staff on Jan. 22 and 24. More information call Lata at 885-7775.

--World News

Children's Saturday

The Children's Book Corporation is pleased to announce their final Saturday Spring Semester will be Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Children's Book section at the Books, located at 360 S. 3rd Street.

--World News

Drifter convicted of manslaughter in swimming hole standoff

GOODING, Idaho—Oregon drifter Cooling was convicted of voluntary manslaughter for shooting a Jerome man to death during a fight over a swimming hole.

Simms, 39, could be sentenced to up to 15 years in prison for killing David Luna at a Hagerman- area swim hole on July 27.

The case began with a fight early Friday morning after six hours of deliberation by a Canyon County Prosecutor Phil Brown. It also convinced Simms of using a gun to commit a felony.

Simms, who admitted to police on tape he fired a shotgun into Luna's abdomen, was acquitted of second-degree murder. He never testified in his own behalf.

Defense attorney Patrick McMillan maintained Simms bran-dished the gun in self-defense, but insisted it went off accidentally.

Witnesses said two fights were running high between Hispanics and Anglos at the Mermaid swim-ming hole before Luna had been drinking and was acting bel-igerent.

Crawling a wounded-off shotgun, Simms told Luna to back off, but remained pointed at him.

The maximum penalty for volun-tary manslaughter is 15 years in prison and a $15,000 fine. The firearm enhancement up to 5 years in prison.

Fifth District Judge Judge Broy Wood ordered a presentence investiga-tion and is expected to sentence Simms sometime next month.

Simms is charged in 2007 in prison for aggravated assaulted fol-low-ing a 1976 conviction in Portland, Ore.

--Associated Press

More no traffic ticket quotas for state police

BATON ROUGE, La.—quotas are for salesmen, not for troopers. 

Governor Kathleen Blanco has eliminated the five-year-old quota system in the Louisiana State Police Troop A, said in announcing the new system will allow state troopers to 'write a minimum number of traffic citations per day.'

Unlike former Gov. Edwin Edwards, who personally staked his legs to quota limitations and was known as "the quota king," the new governor this week promised to end the system of quotas.

White Conditioning would be personally taking over the leadership of his agency's enforcement and regulatory role in Louisiana's gam-blimg industry. Fontenot has one of his top staff members heading agency gambling regulations efforts.

White Conditioning's new ticketing pol-icy was praised from the Louisiana State Troopers Association, which was extremely critical of Fontenot for requiring troopers to meet ticket quotas.

For Gov. Edwin Edwards viewed a bill last year to ban ticket quotas after Fontenot expressed confidence in the issue.

In the Baton Rouge and New Orleans region, the department has been on tickets last year to ban ticket quotas after Fontenot expressed confidence in the issue.

In the Baton Rouge-based police force, there was one ticket fine for hazardous driving, such as speeding, for every two hours; one conviction for hazardous parking, such as an expired dri-ver's license, for every two hours; and one ticket fine for warning ticket for every four hours of patrol; and one ticket fine for dri-ver's license for every two hours of patrol.

--Associated Press

Life term ordered in three strikes case

SPOKANE, Wash.—A man convicted of committing three robberies in which no one was hurt was sentenced to life in prison Thursday in Spokane County Superior Court.

The sentence, the biggest of its kind in the past five years, was ordered after the judge rejected constitutional chal-lenge by his defense lawyer.

The lawyer, Scott Mason, said the state Board of Parole and Reprieve)['s decision to sentence Richard Ray to a life sentence in a case of three, separate, serious crimes from the past five years.

Mason, who said he planned to appeal the sentence, argued incapa-city was warranted in Stapleton's case because no one was hurt.

Stapleton, 24, pleaded guilty to first-degree robbery in the first two holdings, which occurred in Spokane in 1985 and 1986. He was carrying a gun in one of the holdings and tried to use the weapon.

He was convicted of second-degree robbery last year in the September 1994 holding of a man and woman in Spokane. Driscoll said staples was unamused in that case.

--Associated Press

Key official in nuclear cover-up investigation leaves his post

'"Tokyo—A nuclear power plant manager who uncovered his com-pany's errors in concealing the occurrence of an accident at an experi-mental reactor apologized in a brief speech to his workers Wednesday night, then left his post, his boss, to his death. 

Shigeo Nishimura's body was discovered on the pavement out-side the reactor's adjacent building. By noon on Saturday morning, hours after his body was found, a state of emergency that had been declared Thursday after the accident was made public.

Nishimura, who was staying at an apartment building near the building where his body was found, was an official of the government's top nuclear research agency, the Atomic Energy Agency. 

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The much publicized trial of famous athlete O.J. Simpson and the murder of his wife Nicole Brown Simpson has had at least one benefit: the public has become more aware of domestic violence. The prosecution believed Nicole Brown Simpson died as a result of physical abuse at the hands of O.J. Simpson, although a jury found him not guilty.

"This trial has brought domestic violence from behind closed doors into unprecedented public scrutiny," said National Organization for Women Executive Vice President Kim Gandy, in a press release. "Domestic violence has been discussed in living rooms, classrooms, boardrooms and neighborhoods across the country as never before. And if public awareness has been heightened, women may have the courage and public and judicial support to stop their abuser."

On the local level, the Palouse area has seen an increase in domestic violence reports since Nicole Brown Simpson's murder. But Fran Cardine, executive director of Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, gives credit to the efforts of local agencies, who try to get more people to report incidents of domestic violence. These agencies, such as ATVP, which serves both Lewis and Whitman counties, are creating things such as safety planning strategies for women to use when living in an unsafe environment.

The Safety Planning Strategy’s purpose, which was recently released from ATVP, is a tool for those—who live in unhealthy environments—to use to help themselves identify possible ways to protect themselves and their children from physical violence.

During the 1994-95 fiscal year, ATVP served 264 clients in Idaho and 321 in Washington State. So far, from July 10 to September 30, 1995, ATVP served 103 clients total in both Idaho and Washington states. The domestic violence crisis line has taken 1,192 calls in Washington and 988 calls in Idaho.

Cheryl Brawdy, an intern with ATVP, said the calls are from people who may only call once and never call again, but the number of clients served are people who keep in touch with ATVP. She said the clients come back for group-help sessions and other methods of helping themselves, their children and others stay out of violent homes.

Domestic violence is an ongoing problem in the United States. Idaho law defines domestic violence as: The physical injury, sexual abuse, forced imprisonment or threat thereof of a family or household member. This crime is punishable by six months in jail. Violation of a Protection Order is punishable up to one year in jail and/or a $500 fine. Caradine includes verbal abuse in this definition.

1. Keep your keys or any weapons in a safe place.
2. If you cannot leave, try to move to a room that is "low risk." Avoid the bedroom, kitchen, or bathrooms. Preferably, get to a room with a door, a phone and an easy access to the outside.
3. Call the police (911), leave your children call or screen to alert a neighbor to call.
4. If you are able to leave by car, lock your doors and keep them locked until you have arrived at a safe place.

Category C: Safety with a Restraining Order
Keep your copy of the protection order on or near you at all times.

2. Give copies of the protection order to the police departments in those towns you frequent; such as where you live, work, go to school, visit family and friends, etc.

3. Inform as many neighbors, relatives, co-workers and friends as possible that a protection order is in effect. Ask them to call the police if they see the abuser anywhere near you. Tell as many people as possible in your trusted personal community in order to form a safety net around you.

Category D: Virgins in the Family
If you need to leave your children behind, contact the police immediately.

1. Leave home at once. If you leave, get your children call or screen to alert a neighbor to call.
2. If you cannot leave, try to move to a room that is "low risk." Avoid the bedroom, kitchen, or bathrooms. Preferably, get to a room with a door, a phone and an easy access to the outside.
3. Call the police (911), leave your children call or screen to alert a neighbor to call.
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Category E: Sexual During a Violent Incident

Keep your copy of the protection order on or near you at all times.

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Alzheimer's Disease: Deadly killer remains at large

Tammy Mills

A deadly killer remains at large despite the efforts of doctors to track it down. Who will it strike next? A black or a white, male or female? The question remains unanswered because Alzheimer's Disease does not discriminate.

There are several theories as to what causes Alzheimer's, unfortunately for the 4 million Americans afflicted there is no cure. Alzheimer's is a progressive, degenerative disease which affects the brain and results in impaired memory, thinking, and behavior. In her book Altered Care of Alzheimer's Patients Lisa P. Gwyther states "During the course of this disease, the nerve cells in the area of the brain that controls memory, thinking, are damaged, interrupting the passage of messages between cells. According to Gwyther, chemicals called neurotransmitters relay messages between nerve cells or neurons. An Alzheimer's patient will lack one of these essential neurotransmitters, many believe this to be the cause of the disease. When messages don't reach the thinking center, or cortex, it shrinks. Gwyther said, "This makes less surface area in the brain, surface area plays a part in how well a person can think and function."

With an autopsy you will notice nerve cell changes in an Alzheimer's patient called neuritic plaques and neurofibrillary tangles. If you observe the inside of your brain you will notice enlarged vessels. To understand how neuritic plaques work picture a plaque building up on teeth. In an Alzheimer's patient the plaque builds up on their teeth but their brain. Where the plaque builds up loses control of that function, for example the ability to control a pen or to speak. Alzheimer's Disease was first diagnosed by German physician Alois Alzheimer in 1907, then considered a rare disorder. Currently, it's anywhere but rare; more than 100,000 Americans die annually. However, the life span of a person with Alzheimer's can range anywhere from three to 20 or more years. Sadly, it is always fatal.

Mickey D. Chamberlain, a nurse with Latash Health Services in Moscow, and a Volunteer Alzheimer's nurse for eight years said, "The worst thing is there are so many diseases that mimic Alzheimer's it is important to diagnose correctly." Chamberlain said memory loss can be figured to diabetes, thyroid problems and nutritional problems.

Chamberlain stated the youngest Alzheimer's victim she worked with was 49 years old, but the youngest documented case is of a 26-year-old.

Chamberlain stated in Latash County there are currently eight Alzheimer's patients at Latash Health, eight patients at Good Samaritan, and 16 patients at Moscow Care Center. Alzheimer's disease costs this nation $27 billion dollars annually, which families and patients try to cover. It is estimated that by the year 2050 over 14 million Americans will have Alzheimer's Disease. If you would like more information regarding Alzheimer's Disease please contact the North Idaho Chapter of Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-436-0641 or Mickey D. Chamberlain, RN a local support group leader at 833-3645 or 882-Chamberlain, RN a local support group leader at 833-3645 or 882-

The brain on top is a normal human brain. The bottom photo shows the brain of a patient with Alzheimer's Disease. Surface area is decreased and the divide between the two halves of the brain is deeper and wider.
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Federal government releases updated dietary guidelines

Karen Cloud

Now that the holidays have come and gone, many students are beginning to work on their New Year's resolutions including eating a healthier diet. In order to educate Americans about proper nutrition, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala announced the 1995 Dietary Guidelines for Americans on Jan. 2.

The new guidelines updated those first released in 1980 by presenting nutritional information in a more positive way said Marilyn Swanson, UI Extension specialist in nutrition and food safety.

"Educators know it's best to be positive when you present people with information. Instead of warning them to completely avoid certain foods, you show people how they can improve their health by enjoying nutritious food," said Swanson.

Do the new guidelines involve sweeping off ice cream and Big Mac completely? No.

The guidelines suggest eating a variety of fruits and vegetables, and限制包括避免含脂肪、胆固醇、盐和糖的的食物. Other recommendations stress the importance of daily exercise, maintaining an ideal body weight, and drinking only in moderation.

An estimated 300,000 people die each year as the result of diseases involving poor diet or inadequate nutrition. In 1995, they account for 247 deaths, according to the United Nations. One billion people are underfed, and 700 million suffer from malnutrition.

"For most Americans who do not suffer from serious disease, the recommendation is to eat a balanced diet that is the least expensive thing we can afford to ourselves to promote health and long life," Secretary Shalala said in a press release.

The 1995 Dietary Guidelines for Americans try to balance the human body's need for over 40 different nutrients with their health and lifestyle. For college students, Swanson recommends regular exercise, making wise food choices, and limiting alcohol consumption.

Greek Adviser gears up for new semester

Jennifer Eng

While students were enjoying their break, some dedicated university employees were preparing for the spring semester. Chris Wuthrich, Greek Adviser here at the University of Idaho was one of those individuals.

Wuthrich has been employed by UI for the past four years as the Assistant Greek Adviser and since last fall as the Greek Adviser. Along with his position, Wuthrich has also worked as the coordinator for alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs.

As well as being an employee of the university, Wuthrich is also a graduate of UI and is currently working on his master degree in education. As an undergraduate, Wuthrich was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and served as the fraternity's rush chairman, vice president, president, and worked with the scholarship program.

"I enjoyed my fraternity and university experience so much that I continued on this line of work. It is really rewarding," said Wuthrich. Wuthrich has been married to his wife Jill, also a UI alumna as well as Alpha Gamma Delta alumna, for the past two and a half years.

As Wuthrich approaches the end of his academic career at UI, he plans to stay in Moscow for a while.

Wuthrich said, "I've really enjoyed the Moscow community and the University of Idaho. I plan to work within the Greek Adviser role.

Wuthrich said the position in student affairs changes often but those changes are necessary to produce new and different ideas. Eventually Wuthrich would like to teach at the college level. Wuthrich considers his position as Greek Adviser a teaching job as well as a role modeling position.

Right now the Greek Adviser teaches a Greek Leadership course which meets on Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 for an hour. The class is worth two credits and is proofed.

Wuthrich's course focuses on four areas of Greek living. The first area is the concept of community in the Greek System, in chapter houses, at UI and what the common goal of each community is.

The second area the class addresses is ethics and issues as they pertain to Greek leaders. The class teaches Greek leaders how to deal with ethical issues and issues like sexual assault and diversity in the chapter.

Wuthrich said the third area the class addresses is examining the own fraternity or sorority experience in regards to the concepts around a chapter's ritual. This class examines how each chapter works within their ritual every day on a general level, which allows all students to personalize these concepts in their own chapter's ritual.

The final area the class deals with is Greeks as leaders on a personal level. This area allows a person to recognize their own personal leadership style and take that about and women's issues.

This area also teaches leaders to know that everybody has different interpretations of situations and life," said Wuthrich.

Aside from the class Wuthrich is teaching, the Greek Adviser is planning a busy semester.

"In the fall, chapters are focused internally...In the spring, the focus turns externally," said Wuthrich.

During the spring semester Wuthrich hopes to address two areas of concern. The first area pertains to getting the men's formal rush in the fall up by 30 or 40 men. Wuthrich and Interfraternity Council are planning a retreat and an upcoming weekend to address this problem.

The Greek community has a number of activities planned including weddings from Idaho. Later this season, the Order of Omega Leadership Workshop on February 10, retreats and one Vandal Friday planned for April 26.

Wuthrich said as Greek Adviser, "I'm committed to assisting the chapters and alumni — working towards the good of the houses.

"I'm not an agent to change students, but for students," said Wuthrich. Wuthrich invites Greek chapters and alumni to call him to help them fulfill goals and better the Greek community in general.

Wuthrich said, "We need our chapters to be strong before the system is.

Tobacco

The new guidelines introduces a new rate for smoking public areas.

Quitters receive from each other, and it is very beneficial in the quitting process. Schwantes also described "The basic stages in quitting the habit." She talked of these stages in three:

1. Three days, three weeks, and three months is the beginning to quitting permanently," said Schwantes. If a user can resist for three days he or she can go three weeks and three months can turn into three months and as forth.

2. The quit tobacco program has proven very effective for even the heaviest of users. Schwantes describes one man who used tobacco for 65 years and was able to quit through this program. This man has gone through many other programs, but the group sessions are the only one proving effective. Nine out of 10 members of the previous class managed to quit.

The Committee welcomes anyone interested in the class to come sit through the first session free of charge to try it out. The 12 sessions will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Student Health Services conference room. They have a maximum of 22 people per class. Cost is $20. To enroll call Mac Schwantes, coordinator, at 885-6693.
Many troubled teens need help in Nampa

Nampa, Idaho—A young Middleton woman is dead. Her 17-year-old brother is in jail. And area adults and teens alike are reeling.

The Christmas Eve shooting death of June Harvey has left those who knew her wondering why a promising life ended so— and so brutally.

Those who didn't know the 21-year-old or her struggles may simply shake their heads in dismay. After all, the teen charged with killing her own sleeping sister seems an exceptionally raw reminder juvenile crime is on the rise.

In light of the trends and the tragedies, most local residents simply want to know how to stop it all. How can we as individuals and communities avoid such needless destruction?

"That's a good question," Alan Kelchner, director of the Family Wellness Center, said. "The best thing we can do is in some way break down the barriers to get close to the kids—as strange as they may seem, you're looking for a someone to understand them."

With offices in Nampa, Boise and Emmett, his nonprofit organization offers counseling services to struggling families of all income levels and backgrounds.

B. Edgar Johnson, who runs Nampa's Substance Abuse-Free Environment, or SAFE, program, thinks another way to help troubled teens is to teach their parents new skills.

Through a 16-week course for parents beginning next month, he and other community leaders hope to promote parental training as a vital part of controlling Nampa's children.

"We want to better equip parents who are frustrated with the contemporary child—and help them raise better ones," he said.

But getting personally involved in a teen's problematic life can be a daunting prospect for those outside the family.

That's why Steve Emerson, administrator for the Department of Corrections' Center West, suggests a specific course of action for the friends of young people in need of help.

First, consult the student's school counseling staff. Then, turn to the school's resource officers.

"That's what they're there and trained for," he said. Instead of waiting until a troubled child commits a violent crime, concerned adults or peers may report lesser crimes, such as suspected drug use, to school officials.

"That's your first line of defense." Such involvement will probably usher the troubled teen into a healthy disciplinary process, complete with counseling.

According to Kelchner, that's not the only good reason to turn in teens who are breaking the law.

"People need to be accountable for their actions," he said. "If kids do something wrong, they need to feel the consequences of their choices. That's where they begin to gain respect for things."

Kelchner said our society too often blames its victims, who become the victimizers of other victims. Many troubled teens have been neglected, abused and wounded.

Their chances of becoming healthy, productive citizens increase dramatically, though, if they receive help while they're still young and not yet hardened beyond the point of no return.

Fortunately, Emerson said kids on the brink can be easy to spot. Those likely to get into trouble, act out or become destructive probably hang out with other kids like them.

But there's no reason to panic, he said.

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Two convicted, one cleared in flag-slaving murder

Associated Press
SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Two black teen-agers were sentenced to life in prison for shooting a white man who was flying a Confederate flag during his inaugural parade.

Freddie Morrow and Damon Darden, both 16, were found guilty of murder and immediately given sentences for the 1995 slaying of 17-year-old Michael Whisenton.

A third black teen-ager, Marcus Merriweather, 17, was convicted of being a minor accomplice.

"They deserved to die," said Westerman's widow, Hannah, 21.

"I think we've got to go out and save their fathers," Westerman's mother, JoAnn Wernette, said through her tears.

Morrow's mother said the judge's ruling was as good as a death sentence for her son. "He's better off dead if he has to spend the rest of his life in prison," Cynthia Batie said.

Judge Robert Wedeneyer, presiding after the defendants waived their right to a jury trial, convicted Morrow and Darden of murder, civil rights violations and kidnapping.

Prosecutors said the three teen-agers were angered by the Confederate flag Morrow was flying from Westerman's pickup when it stopped at a gas station.

According to testimony, the youths rounded up two other teenagers and followed Westerman into a gas station.

"Everybody in the car with me was talking about how to blow the car up," Morrow testified Thursday. "I said there was nothing wrong with it. He was calling me a n****r."

Morrow said his group had planned to stop the pickup and fight the men. But as the vehicles drew even, his friend cried, "Shoot! Shoot! Shoot!" and fired into Westerman's pickup.

Mrs. Westerman testified she switched places with her mortally wounded husband and guided their four-wheel-drive pickup through ditches and into a parking lot.

She said three black men approached the truck, and she raced back out on the highway and drove to Chatsworth, a few miles south of Springfield. Because the defendants were standing there with guns, she said, she ran over a car with a weapon," prosecutor John Carney said.

Lawyers for Darden and Merriweather argued they should not be held responsible for Whisenton's death because the incident was not part of the flag-burning plot.

"It was just a beating and a murder," said a lawyer, Carlton Lewis, said during closing arguments.

A fourth occupant of Darden's car, Tony Andrews, had faced the same charges as the others but pleaded guilty and testified in return for two years' probation.

Students give mixed responses to Gingrich's visit

Associated Press
CASPER, Wyo. — House Speaker Newt Gingrich is getting a mixed reception report card from Casper-area students who attended the fund raising rally for Rep. Barbara Cubin Wednesday.

Some who attended the event said they felt embarrassed because they had to attend a fund-raiser for a Congresswoman.

But others said their support was purely voluntary and they agreed the chance to see and speak with Gingrich.

"I didn't realize the role the kids had was basically to be cheerleaders and to help lift up the crowd," said Shelley Stewart, an administrative assistant at St. Anthony's, a private Catholic school.

The school's 28 of its students attended the rally, which was considered a school field trip to let the junior-high students see a political event.

But after the students arrived, they were kept behind a curtain for an hour and a half and brought out just for photo opps and to make reservations. Also some students said they were told to volunteer or organize them to hold posters and Gingrich signs and cheer, Stewart said.

But other students like Dean Morgan Junior ninth grader, Whitney Wilkins said he was fascinated by the event.

She said Gingrich spoke with the students and treated us with respect. He spoke about many things, such as the media.

Dean Morgan spoke with the students and said he was impressed with Gingrich's presence and his knowledge.

And the Dean Morgan students also met with Gingrich for about 15 minutes and presented him with a copy of their book, "Reflections of War II.

Gingrich later praised the book in a speech in the state of Washington calling it a good example of independent student work.

But 23 of the 28 students of St. Anthony's felt compelled by their experience to write a letter to Casper-Tribune.

"I am disheartened to show ourselves when it was politically advantageous," they wrote in a letter to the editor. "We could have been at the rally instead of the event that was going on.

The students added they "refused to support a campaign where students were exploited without their consent for political reasons."
Grizzly recovery depends on reducing public fears of bears

"So it's very difficult when you've got a creature like the grizzly bear to draw a line around what may be an adequate volume of habitat for a certain number of bears and say, 'That's it.'"

Noh said in Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks, outdoorers must keep their food in stainless-steel containers so grizzlies can't detect it. They are advised against sleeping in the same clothes they cooked in, and nearby towns have installed electric fences to keep grizzlies out of their landfill.

"But Nadeau, who spent five years researching grizzlies in Glacier National Park, said grizzly fear is unreasonable. He has had 30 close encounters with grizzlies. "I've stepped between females and their cubs. It's incredible what the bears have let me do," he said.

"The fear of grizzlies is blown out of proportion because of a (bear-caused) death is front-page news, while a bear incident isn't."

Hank Fischer of Defenders of Wildlife said people should not base their opinions of grizzlies on what happens in Glacier Park.

"You have a high concentration of bears and a high concentration of people unused to the back country in Montana's northern Bitterroot Wilderness, where people are experienced, there are rarely conflicts."

Nine people were killed by grizzlies in Glacier National Park from 1913 through 1993. During the same period, 200 people died there from falls, drownings, heart attacks and other mishaps. In the Bob Marshall Wilderness, one bear-caused death and fewer than five maulings occurred in 20 years.

Perhaps the most curious aspect of grizzly recovery in Idaho is the support it gets from both environmentalists and the timber industry. Blackouts include the National Wildlife Federation, Intermountain Forest Industry Association, Resource Coalition on Timber, Supply and Defenders of Wildlife. Fischer believes getting the public on board early will help fashion a program most parties can accept.

"Our basic premise is if you take ordinary people and arm them with information about grizzlies, they'll make good decisions," he said. "One of the tests we learned from the Yellowstone wolf issue is, you succeeded getting them to return, but it was expensive and the polarization was high."

Idaho Fish and Game is already taking steps to foster acceptance of grizzly recovery, biologist Chuck Harris said. Signs are posted throughout the Panhandle alerting hunters about grizzlies. Depending on the population of the bear in the Selkirk Mountains near the Canadian border.

Lawmakers split whether statehouse needs guards

"We're not going to spend a lot of money on metal detectors. We're not going to have 24-hour around-the-clock security, but we are going to heighten security (around the Capitol) during the busy times of the day when people are in the legislature," Twigg said.

Statehouse officials say past threats, and a cautious environment, make additional security measures necessary.

"By virtue of us being a small area within the state, we're very aware of the public interest in the statehouse," a spokesperson said.

As to a story in the Seattle Times, "It's true that the legislature has a police officer, although the House and Senate do not."

The capped dome of the statehouse is made of granite, and it is coated with a protective layer of aluminum. The structure is 70 feet high and 120 feet in diameter. A statue of a grizzly bear is perched on the dome, and the bear is turned around to face the Capitol. The statue was designed by sculptor Walter Farley, and it is said to be the largest grizzly bear statue in the world.

"I think it's a good thing," Gayle Wilke, a spokesperson for the legislature, said. "That's the great thing about Idaho: Government is as accessible here as it is anywhere in the world.
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Drankers may have to pay more

The Idaho Legislature is considering a bill that could increase the cost of beer, wine and liquor throughout the state. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Bob Black, R-Parsley, would impose a percentage tax on the retail sale of alcoholic beverages to raise revenue for the state. The tax would be retroactive to January 1, 1991, and would apply to all alcoholic beverages sold in Idaho. The tax rate would be 7.5% on beer, 12% on wine, and 21% on liquor. The revenue generated by the tax would be used to fund general government expenses, including education, public safety, and transportation. The bill is opposed by the Idaho Retail Wine and Spirit Dealers Association, which argues that the tax would hurt small businesses and harm the state's economy. The bill is supported by the Idaho Beer and Wine Distributors Association, which believes that the tax is necessary to fund education and other state programs.
Conservation groups object to Batt administration recovery plan

President Clinton may have been in Bosnia, but he hasn't seen Bosnia.

When he flew into this U.S. base near Tuzla on Saturday, he saw none of the destruction wrought by war, although he has suffered through years of gaining poverty. Clinton also didn't meet the Bosnian people. While Clinton's speech to 600 U.S. soldiers was broadcast on television worldwide, Bosnians were not permitted any-where near the U.S. base. A cordon of police blocked movement in and out of Tuzla city, some 30 kilometers (12 miles) from the base.

It was a simple question of security, said Bosnian police, about a dozen of whom were stationed up and down the main street through town.

Another 160 or so were stationed along the potholed country road north to Tuzla, and perhaps 50 more down the road in the other direction.

Even on the coldest days, when nothing much is going on, a steady stream of Bosnians find their way outside this U.S. base, some 30 kilometers (12 miles) outside Tuzla. Men, young and old, looking for jobs. Wide-eyed kids gawking at tanks as if they were over-sized toys.

But on Saturday, the only Bosnians in sight were a few women walking on an early-morn-ing bus to market and a few neighborhood strangers passing by quickly.

A little before dawn, Hatida Dedic was among a half-dozen women waiting in the mud across the street from a main base entrance. That Clinton was coming seemed only faint, but they had more pressing things on their minds.

"I'm hoping the bus will be able to come. I'm going to market in Tuzla, with cream and cheese to sell," she said. "I'm just trying to save some money. All of this is quite good, but in my family of five no one has a job. This is our only means of support."

Though perhaps a little disappointed, residents were sagacious. After four years of war, police orders and prohibitions are a matter of routine.

"Very often I am in front of the gate," said Muhamed Dedić, who lives near the base. "I would like to see the president, but it seems I won't be one of the lucky ones."

**VIOLENCE**

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A Special Report on Crime

Clinton does not see Bosnian destruction as he visits soldiers

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Meet the new Argonaut staff

Mashes of script please grant me but one wish: let me pro-
duce columns worth reading.

The semester begins and The Argonaut welcomes you all. Find those who did not know, it is now the Spring 1996 semester.

With thoughts of lechery and freedom merely dim shadows of a New Year’s party past, we begin again. Our collective minds are filled with thoughts of parking permits, book pur-
chases, work study and syllabi.

I am Dennis Sasse your new opinion editor for the Argonaut. But that is not what I want to say. What I want to say is that we have some new blood up here in The Argonaut in the form of new writers and editors.

Jeremy Chase is the new entertainment editor. Jeremy will be in charge of the Diversions section, Campus Life page and the Outdoors section.

We have eliminated the outdoor editor position to streamline our organization.

The Argonaut faces the same budget challenges as any other organization and the change will help to create a better paper.

Chase has some new ideas, underbilled enthusiasm and a lust for life. If you need information, questions or suggestions call or write him. The Palouse really isn’t as boring as it seems and Chase will work his butt off to make sure you know what is happening.

Lanigan is our new copy editor and you will surely see fewer mistakes now. Lisa has a good eye and, unlike the last copy editor, is an actual Journalism major. Lanigan also has what it takes to keep the rest of us here from doing anything close to a call, write or call The Argonaut.

I, as mentioned earlier, am the new opinion editor. I have some ideas for the Opinion section, but need you too. Since technically all of you, with the exception of the law school students, are paying my salary I should listen to and thank you. Thank you.

I know what I want to see in the Opinion section this year, but I don’t know what you want to see. If you have a letter, column, idea or just want to tell me what you think, feel free to e-mail, write or call The Argonaut.

We are the students’ voice and are working to bring you a quality product and need your input. If you know of some-
thing that we might not, let us know. Or if you are a member of an organization that needs to get information out send us a press release.

Happy new year and good luck in 1996!

—Dennis Sasse

The adventures of Fred and Bob: how I spent my winter break

Corinne Flowers

is drinking Mickey's Big Mouth malt liquor. I taste. Bitch—liquid Fris. I’m drinking water. I drink a lot of water. I lost my taste for ale-

Joe. I left it in a bar somewhere in Moscow probably the Cap—and just sort of forgot it. When I came

back to find it, it was gone. Picked up by some jockie who discovered the soothing taste of Southern Comfort, no doubt.

I figure a big kid now I should move on to bigger, harder drugs, but journalists are supposed to be alcoholics.

A goose no longer has a reason to exist, but I think my financial aid would be depleted rather quickly.

I figure I should stay away from heroin (evil white powder drugs, Fred calls them), that’s for mus-

cle. I don’t really know what would happen if someone didn’t play rock music trend tried. Bad things, I’m sure.

The pilot, Fred, finally recalls his days of mescaline and mescaline I think. I sleep enough as it is, pot would turn me manic. As for the mescaline, well I already laugh loud at the most inappropriate moment.

Any sort of speed would probably be a bit too much for my dignity so any offer on manic phials would not be accepted.

But in the end, it is just a moment that really makes me rare and wonderful company.

Maybe journalists are alcoholics for a good reason. Yeah, I’ll just keep my flask in my bottom drawer.

We started this trip in a very small red car. When I got there it was bigger because the car is a convertible.

The vehicle is unregistered, uninsured and there are several open containers. The green gummy bears, which I don’t like, are stored to the front windshield. The pas-

senger side door handle just fell off. We don’t really know where we’re going.

Although I’m officially "naviga-
tor" my pilot insists that no good road trip involves maps. I have dis-
covered that the navigator’s job is to open the bottles and keep the music flowing.

I’m the school of belief that maintains road trips shouldn’t be pleasant. You should be relatively uncomfortable, but you should also be in serious need of a shower, eating crappy food, and grating on the nerves of your fellow travelers.

We’re headed to Hixville, Mont. We’re in search of a dive where we can pick up an old friend in a good old fashioned bar,“(7902) of Oregon, 30 miles west of Moscow, Idaho.

The idea was to just hang out at the local bars, drink beer and smoke cigarettes while the others were at the bars.

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We ended the night at the local bars, drinking beer and smoking cigarettes while the others were at the bars.

I’m the school of belief that maintains road trips shouldn’t begin in rural Idaho, on the border with Montana.

Dread, I don’t ask and they don’t tell. It’s a good policy.

On this particular trip my name is Fred and I’m about as responsible and moral as the male bonding phenomenon, so Fred and I have decided I’m not a woman, I’m a man, and my name is Bob.

Day 3, 6:05 P.M. PST, the town formerly known as Wild Home Plains, Clancy-Ass Saloon &

I wake up to see the back of a man’s head. I suspect he is a woman I’d be offended. Since I’m not, I guess:

The wall is lined with Oregon beer signs, each with a pitcher in a window.

The next day a friend, Mousie, goes to the television. The new hours for the dumb

Drool.

The bartender tells me. It seems there’s a new sheriff in town and he’s gonna make sure we all sit the straight and narrow. If you want to sit at the bar in Montana yes.

Spring offers new opportunities

Andrew White

S
pring semester 1996 officially began today and it’s good
to be back. Students who chose to attend UI are fortunate
to be in a great position. Their
good fortune only obtain-
seems to be over. It’s not where a student obtains their
degree, but the quality of work performed at the institution that matters.
The most important degree one obtains is their last. The bottom 25% of students who graduate with a degree from Idaho get jobs. Idaho has great engineering, agricul-
ture and business programs that will help students to

career. In one thing, making UI unique is its close knit
alumni. UI is a school where students pick up sticks and move to Moscow to learn. Whether you

live in the residence halls, Greek

\textit{system or off campus, you are a part of a residence sys-
mect. Moscow is a close-knit, com-

munity which provides students with a safe environment. One advan-
tage to living on the Palouse is the low crime rate. Students who use common sense almost never have a

problem with crime. The opportunities to get

involvement in extra-curricular activities are endless. Employees today are looking for more than just a degree. Nobody wants to hire a social inconvenience. Students can

attend graduations, university boarded, religious clubs and organizations are just a few examples of how students can

become involved at UI. When compared to other schools, students sometimes forget how much freedom is provided. UI has no restrictions on where stu-

dents must live, five hours in which the opinionsex can be or not be in a

room, etc. College is a time to make the transition to living on your own. Are rules restricting those freedoms teaching students how to be a goldeed selves once in the real world? Some other universi-
tes require students to live on campus. Are they requiring students to be good of the student or any residence

campus so they can collect the room and increase revenues? Cost. When compared to other universities the cost of attending UI is unusually less. The less you

come when graduation comes around the better off you are. It’s tough enough coming from college and trying to find a place to

live, pay bills, etc. and have a job. Housing costs and what exactly you will be making in your first year of employment. Students gamble that attending a more expensive school will not them a higher paying job. Many different success factors into why employees hire who they do. Just because you’ve obtained a degree is no guarantee for finan-
cial success. There is a lot of money in college, in fact, the institution from where the degree

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Blame everyone but 'Tom and Jerry' for budget battle

Brian Davidson

To the editor:

NATURE OF COURSE. She has little interest in politics.

Color me mystified, but with Newt Gingrich, Bill Clinton and the sussted doo-dahs, loo-abouts and bull denizens they work with in Washington really want to save the country money with another gov-

cernment shutdown, couldn't they give up their own paycheck(s) (i.e. Wall Street investment portfolio, Mercedes-Benzes, pictures with, Newt, etc.) instead of asking all those various federal employees to give up theirs (i.e. groc-
cries, mortgages, vacations with the kiddies to Newf’l World, etc.)？I've always been taught that if the food is scarce, the horse goes

without while the guests eat.

But then that whole idea goes in the same file of political film-flam-

mery as the rest of us, since we all tend to scream for reform and bud-

g get cuts unless it’s our head on the chopping block. People over 55

will protect Social Security and

Medicare through knife fights if neces-

sary. Your typical parent with school-age children will not waste

money to go to education. Your Daddy Warbucks type will push

for those coveted capital gains tax cuts. And your typical student will

whine about cuts in loans and grants for college, unless they stand

UI, where the main Focus appears to be where the next six-

pack is coming from.

What we all need to realize in ranting and raving over what pro-

gram or what budget gets cut is that with the abundance of differ-

ence of opinion on the subject, consensus will arrive the day after Mondona

joins a remedy. Rather than taking several big whacks out of several

programs, why not take many small bits from many programs? Sure,

the children of the world will love, but that good ol’ American Apple Pie

will be more evenly divided.

What leaves the worst taste in my mouth over the whole budgetary

mess is that neither side really seems to care whether or not this

budget is balanced or not. Their lips say they care, but their hearts show

they don’t.

Now, Bob and Bill are playing a kindergartner game of ping-pong,

using unpaid federal workers as the ball. Both sides are fools to fall into

theations that don’t solve problems, but rather make the other side look like

fools, spend a-pennies or orph-

ating demons. When they run out of half-cooked ideas, they resort to

come-calling like little half-pint

twerts fighting over some play-

ground swing. We pay these people upwards of $100,000 a year to act

like this, because frankly we’re like these two.

Cavet Emporium has truly replaced in God We Trust.

Here’s why we have reason for con-

cence.

First, the USA “won” the Cold

War not because we had the most

bombs or bubbles around the globe, but because we simply had the ability
to stop the Soviet Union.

Their economy collapsed and their country broke up. Inflations and crime

gone through the roof and their people in government and populace regained a sense of

ehics, their future does not look all that bright.

Second, I feel the United States, on its present course, has only 10 to

20 years before we find ourselves in the same quagmire, and the
dowfall will be our fault. The American public, since we’re the

ones who elect (or neglect) those stubbornmnesses we whine about in Washington. Or Bruise. Or whatever.

Ethical politicians are few and far between. Apathy in the voting pub-

ic is on the rise. The moral fabric the country was founded on has been

trained for a tattered rag of political correctness and double-

toe. Blame the fede-

fringes only towards blame, rarely

towards solutions. Cooperation, not blaming, is the seed of solu-

tion.
SLAB OF CLAY
It’s 4 a.m. Gumby’s on TV. It reminds you of a simpler time. Saturday cartoons with your big brother. You suddenly miss him. So you call. He says, “You’re my pony pal Pokey.” There ain’t a dry eye in the house.

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government shutdown has ended, at least temporarily. But, in a perfect symbolic twist, thousands of govern-
ment employees in Washington couldn't make it to work (Jan. 8) because of a paralyzing snow
storm. Congress and the president are still far apart on the budget. Stuck in the middle, trapped by the bliz-
zard of threats from Republicans and Democrats, are the American people—including the hapless fed-
eral employees. President Clinton has moved a bill toward the Republicans, submitting a new balanced-budget plan based on Congress's own financial projec-
tions. The Republicans, in turn, were preparing to scale back their Medicare and Medicaid savings plans, moving a bill closer to Clinton's proposal. But it looks like there's no real chance yet in the icy impasse between the two sides, especially on the Republican side. House Republicans waited much too long to agree to call the federal employees back to the job, and only voted to fund the workers after it was clear that the shor-
test furloughs was bucking Congress and the Senate would no longer go along with the House's hard-line stance. ... No matter what disruptions the president and Congress have over the budget, they must resolve their dif-
ferences without resorting to any more government shutdowns. Jan. 8—The Charleston (W.Va.) Gazette on campaign reforms. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., thinks campaign reforms today are underfinanced, not over-
financed. The answer to campaign reform accord-
ing to Newt is not to further limit donations by fat-cat contributors but to open the cash floodgates. Is he crazy? Touched or not, Gingrich is cer-
tainly out of touch with the public mood. People are tired of a Congress that appears to be for sale to the highest bidder, an impression only strengthened by Republicans who let their egos be act, and in many cases their legislation be written by lobbyists representing their most generous contributors. Poll after poll shows public dis-
gust for another shutdown of a Congress that
awash in special-interest money. The people want a reform of the "soft money" system that lets big donors, like Philip Morris, give hundreds of thousands of dollars to the political parties. To Gingrich, the call to limit con-
tributions "is simply a nonsensical socialist analysis based on hatred of the free enterprise system." Does Gingrich really believe that Congress is improved by being part of the "free enterprise" system? Should members of Congress really be put on the open market, to be sold to the highest bidder? We don't think so. Jan. 5—The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle on Whitewater: A confrontation between President Clinton and Congress was averted over the holidays when the White House capitulated and released copies of notes taken by administration attorney William Kennedy III at a 1993 meeting with Clinton's Whitewater attorneys and White House lawyers. The Big Media spin con-
cerning the contents exactly echoed that of the White House. CBS correspondent Eric Engberg's report was typical: "Republican predictions that the notes would show that a plot was being hatched to protect Mr. Clinton by obstructing federal investigations proved unfounded. Republicans seized on a reference to a voucher with regard to Whitewater files located at Hillary Clinton's law firm." Here are the exact quotes that Big Media attention centered on: "Voucher Rose law files, WKW (Whitewater Development Corp.) does—subpoena. Documents—never go out. Quietly." The word "Quietly" was doubly underlined—yet most news accounts either didn't mention it or ignored it!
Misunderstood animal studied at WSU

Jerri Lake

Wolves are probably one of the most misunderstood animals of our time. To help us understand this large wild dog, Washington State University is allowing to house and study a pack of ten wolves until early spring. Their new compound is being constructed as part of the Grizzly Discovery Center in Yellowstone, Mont. The pack includes nine related animals born into captivity last spring and a 18-month old female. Aztec, the older female, has assumed the alpha or lead female position of the pack. One of the traits that has assumed the alpha male position under Aztec.

Before attaining breeding age, the males will undergo vasectomies to prevent any future reproduction within the pack. The coloring of the wolves varies from two black ones to eight with varying degrees of gray. The gray ones have a variety of facial markings that individualizes them. Aztec is the only one that has been named so far.

Together, the wolves have established a den. Because this is a very secret place in the wild, the den is off limits to the public. Although this pack was born in captivity, it has been raised as if they were all wild. Researchers claim this will allow them to study wolves as a wild element. The only training the wolves have had is to respond to an audio signal calling them back to the den to eat.

It is hoped that if the natural instincts of a true wild wolf will be able to be studied by observing captive born animals. These wolves, unlike truly wild ones, will have a chance to play with their trusted keepers. This pack has always been kept and fed on a schedule consistent with wild.

Wolves have been present in many different ways in books, movies and stories. Presentations range from an animal of vengeance, horror and killer of livestock to a kind animal that cares for one another, its family and friends, and only preys on the week.

The wolf has all of these traits depending upon the situation. How you perceive the wolf depends on how you were raised and your conditioning toward this animal. It can also depend upon what side of the wolf reintroduction program you are on. Wolves in their natural environment are one of the most skilled precision hunters known to man. Because a dog has a short endurance for running compared to the game they hunt, the wolfpack works as a team. When they decide which animal they wish to kill, the pack spreads out like a track relay team.

The first set changes toward their prey, speaking it and head- ing toward the rest of the pack. The pack will run the prey like a relay baton, passing it from one set of wolves to another, until the animal is too tired to continue. When it turns to make a stand, the wolves move in to disable it. While some of the pack keep the animal distracted, another wolf will move in from behind to hamstring or damage one of the animal's legs. When the prey turns to fight off the rear wolf, the others go for the throat. This method of hunting is only one example of the teamwork used by a wolf pack.

In the wild, wolves have very few natural enemies. Their main concern is hunting and fighting off the natural elements to maintain survival and build character, as an animal and a pack.

Even though these animals at WSU are wolves, they have not been subjected to the elements of surviving in the wild. In the compound at WSU, the wolves romp and play like a bunch of older puppies without a care in the world. While observing them, a person can watch them run, sali, play, fight over a bone, dig in the dirt or do other things a litter of most domestic dogs do.

WSU has many kinds of wild animals assigned to them for care and research under their veterinary programs. Some of the animals include Bighorn sheep, Black and Grizzly bears. Because the bears are in hibernation this time of year, these wolves are being kept in the bear compound. The compound is two high chain link fences with the inside one electrified. When you visit the wolves, please observe them from the side of the fence area. People are also asked to not whistle, call out or make direct eye contact with the wolves. This can upset them and make them stop acting naturally. The wolves are there for us to observe, not interact with.

Researchers also ask visitors to stay in quiet as possible so they will not disturb the sleeping bears.

The wolves are located on airport road about a mile past the airport terminal if you are coming from the Moscow/Pullman Highway. How you feel toward the wolf and the stigma you grow up with is a subject you have to deal with in your heart. Even though this pack is captive born, the experience of watching and hearing them is worth the trip to the WSU compound.
Enrichment program offers spring break travel ideas

Molly Hamann

If you're looking for an adventure this spring break, Idaho's Northwest Travelers has three unique vacation ideas that might suit your interests. All three trips are offered by the Idaho Community Enrichment Program.

For an archaeologist and historical experience, travel to Belize. You will be guided by archaeologists through the ruins of Maya culture and explore the ancient sites of Belize, Tikal, and Guatemala. Marvel at rare species you will come across in the diverse ecosystems, and snorkel in the waters of the world's second largest barrier reef. This trip costs $2,955 with all-inclusive airfare from Spokane. The trip is from March 15 to the 22nd.

If kayaking is your cup of tea, then try the Sea of Cortez. This six-day package includes paddling the sparkling blue waters with snorkeling of abundant life. There are also opportunities to observe sea turtles and whale sharks. The trip is guided by a professional kayaker, and no previous kayaking experience is necessary. Other activities include snorkeling, fishing, and a trip to a local village. This trip is $1,100 from March 16 to 24. It includes all meals and accommodations. You will also have a chance to experience the local culture and history.

Lastly, for those interested in mountain biking and camping, there is a package to the Unitas Canyons for $328 which includes parking at March 15 and returns on March 23. The route is familiar for its Indian petroglyphs, and the area includes some of the world's longest natural arches. This trip is perfect for those interested in all trips and optional college credit is offered. For more information call the Enrichment Program at 885-6486.

Toll-free lion harvest data

Mountain lion or lynx hunters in Idaho can get news about the most recent seasons closures by calling 1-800-323-4334. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will continue updating the information daily through February. In some games of nonresident units, the lion hunting season is closed when a predetermined number of lions are harvested. Hunters are required to report the harvest of any mountain lion within five days, and the reports provide data which allows Fish and Game to carefully monitor the harvest. Closure of "female quota" units protects the overall population of mountain lions on an area-by-area basis.

ASUI Outdoor Program spring preview

Tricia Francis

The ASUI Outdoor Program has a full load of different activities this semester. Skiing, rock-climbing and kayaking are just a few of the activities offered by the program. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced athlete, there are more advanced trips such as the Mt. Logan 1994 11,014 ft. Climbing Expedition. The ASUI Outdoor Program can help you with instructional classes, equipment rentals and guided trips. Winter sport trips include day ski trips to local resorts such as Silver Mountain and Schweitzer Mountain. Other offerings are beginning classes in cross country skiing. If you enjoy a quiet getaway, you can try snowshoeing or backcountry skiing to explore the mountains. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced skier, there is something for you.

Agency of Fish and Game administers the...
Cross country skiing: An adventure

Jeremy Chase
Entertainment Editor

Even though it has been an uncharacteristic "no-snow" winter here in the Gem State, it hasn't placed too big a damper on many traditional outdoor activities. With average or less than desirable conditions, winter enthusiasts have still been able to do everything from downhill or cross-country ski, go snowmobiling, or other activities.

For me, not being an avid outdoorsman in the wintertime, the last few weeks from school saw more of my time indoors with family and friends instead of enjoying the chilly outdoors.

However, I do pride myself on having an open mind. So, when asked to participate in a day of cross-country skiing in the Idaho City area (approximately an hour and a half away from Boise), I jumped at the chance.

It was about five seconds after jumping at the chance that I realized I didn't know how to cross-country ski. Up until that time, the only things I had associated with cross-country skiing were Silic Track commercials, or people using a Nordic Track on the Kibbe Dome slopes. Nevertheless, I was going to take a step into a brave new world.

My adventure began early on a Saturday morning. After waking up, I was faced with my first cross-country skiing challenge: What I should wear. Being a downhill skier for most of my life, I didn't know if the apparel needed for cross-country skiing would be the same or not. I decided to improvise. To replace my goofy grey ski pants, I put on an old pair of blue jeans (with thermal underwear beneath, of course), and a couple pairs of warm socks.

Happy with the waist band above region, I moved upward. I quickly put on a long sleeved thermal top, a T-shirt, and topped both of those off with a sweatshirt and my Columbia winter coat. It felt good—and warm. Little did I know how warm I would end up being.

You see, it didn't occur to me that cross-country skiing was a true aerobic exercise with little time to rest. I was still in the downhill skiing frame of mind: take a run, rest on the chairlift, take another run, rest on chairlift, ad infinitum. I guess I should have paid more attention to those Nordic Track commercials...

Anyway, I rented some skis, met with the two most accomplished skiers I was asked by, and the race was on. On the trail I found most of my queries about how to properly ski were met in this fashion: "Oh, it's not that bad. Don't worry about it."

By the time we reached our destination, I was shaken, but not stirred. In fact, I was determined not only to try cross-country skiing, but to conquer the trail. How hard could it be?

But, like the Emperor in "Return of the Jedi," overconfidence was my weakness. I hit the trail behind my two friends and attempted to keep up with them. This was no easy task, since I found myself testing the snow below me instead of victory. After about 30 minutes of work, my body began to heat up—no thanks to the previously mentioned thermal top, T-shirt, sweatshirt and heavy coat I was wearing. I needed a rest, unlike my two companions who were quickly becoming small dots on the wooded horizon.

Sensing my despair, my companions decided to stop for a few minutes. However, by the time I reached them, they were ready to leave again. Not to be rude, I forced myself to ask my much needed rest to fol- low them. It was a vicious cycle that would continue for the next hour and a half.

When all was said and done, the four mile skiing excursion ended up being an adventure in sweating. Much to the delight of my companions. I vowed that I would try again someday, but requested that I need to find the "bunny hill" area for beginning cross-country skiers. I wholeheartedly advocate cross-country skiing to anyone who wants a great, aerobic workout. My advice to beginners, like myself, is to make sure you select an area that is not beyond your skills, and so bring a friend or friends along with you. Now back to watching those Nordic Track commercials...

Silver Mountain Snow Report

Here is the latest snow report for Silver Mountain, as of Monday, Jan. 15: At least 3 inch- es of new snow has fallen over the last 24 hours. Snow depth at mid mountains is at 54 inches, and 59 inches are at the summit. Surface conditions on the moun- tains is mostly heavily packed powder. Most runs have also been machine groomed.

Gondola hours of operation for Silver Mountain are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last ride up at 4 p.m. There are seven lifts scheduled to operate. Overall, there are 45 trails open, with 24 trails groomed.

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Broncos prevail in overtime thriller

Mark Vanderwall

Vandals and Broncos have long hounded the earth, with scheduled altercations taking place on a confined playing surface, the winning team holding the bragging rights until the next altercation.

Although Boise State nipped the Idaho with a free throw in an overtime thriller, there were two teams of winners that left the court after Idaho's 90-89 win in an NCAA Sky women's basketball game.

After taking it to Idaho State point after point, the Vandal came out if it were going to be a repeat performance of the night before, jumping out to a 5-0 lead right from the start. After BSU tied the score at 5-5, the Vandal pushed the lead to 8-5, before Alycia Sumlin countered with a three-pointer of her own to even the score at 77-77 and send the game into overtime.

In overtime, Idaho's team shot 69 percent from the field and only faltered with one of its 3-point attempts to end the game, and then that was at the end of the game to hit the final shot at 89-89 in favor of the Broncos.

Although Boise State cut the lead to 77-74, Kelli Johnson protected her free throw to get the Vandal up 85-84. Kelli Johnson contributed to her team's 84-62 lead and took a 41-36 lead into the half.

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Bengals, Broncos hand UI road losses

Dan Eckles
Sports Editor

Good things came in threes for the Boise State Broncos Saturday night. The BSU crew nailed 57 percent of its three-point attempts, propelling the Broncos to a 76-72 overtime victory at home over the Idaho Vandals in an NCAA Big Sky Conference men’s basketball matchup.

Boise State, however, struggled 13-23 from the free throw line proving costly for the Vandals.

BSU guard Gerry Washington was a loaded gun for the Broncos in crunchtime. Washington’s three-pointer with 42 seconds left in the first half proved to be the deadly bullet for Idaho. The bucket broke a 71-71 tie and the Vandals trailed the rest of the way.

Shawn Dirden kept the Vandals alive, connecting on 1-of-2 free throws with 36 seconds left, but Idaho didn’t score again. After Dirden’s trip to the line Idaho was forced to foul. UI point-guard Reggie Rose stopped the clock by fouling Washington with 27 seconds left, but the freshman rose to the occasion and knocked down both free throw attempts for the final four-point margin.

The Vandals looked to have the upper hand late in regulation, but Washington again was a savior for Boise State. Idaho led 62-61 after a pair of free throws by Rose, but on the Broncos ensuing possession Washington let a three-pointer go from the corner. The ball caught iron, bounced off the top of the backboard and down through the hoop, giving BSU its 62-62 edge. “It was just a hard game to lose,” Idaho coach Joe Cravens said. “You have to wonder if you’re paying the preacher enough when it falls in off the backboard... Stuff happens.”

Idaho didn’t let Washington’s heroics take the wind out of its sails. With 3.7 ticks left on the clock the Vandals inbounded the ball to Rose, who drove baseline and found Jason Jackson open for a game-tying layup at the buzzer.

Boise State’s Scott Tharp started the scoring in overtime by drilling a three-pointer forty seconds into the extra session. Idaho never led in overtime. Both clubs traded buckets over the next three minutes, before UI forward Harry Harrison hounded a pair of free throws to tie the game at 71-71.

Nate Gardner gave the Vandals (7-7) their largest lead at 58-54 with 2:42 left in regulation, but the Broncos (6-8) reeled off the next five points to ease the advantage. Neither team led by more than eight in the tight-knit affair between the two rivals. The lead changed hands nine times in the second half.

Play in the first half was far from spectacular as both teams struggled to find a rhythm. BSU junior forward J.D. Holmen scored in a try to put the Broncos ahead 25-17 with five minutes left in the first half, but Idaho answered with an 8-0 run, capped off by a breakaway dunk by James Jones. Dirden made good on two free throws at the 1:27 mark of half one to give the visiting Vandals a 29-27 lead at the intermission.

A noisy BSU pavilion didn’t seem to hamper Idaho’s shooting. The Vandals also 60 percent from the field, including 13-18 in the second half, despite 9,287 raucous Bronco fans. Boise State finished 27-55 (49 percent) from the floor.

“It’s fun to be cheered for, but it’s almost as much fun being cheered against. It just gets you pumped up,” Idaho forward Jason Jackson said.

The Vandals were better than the Broncos from the free throw line as well, making 15-24 attempts compared to Boise State 9-15 effort. The difference was from behind the arc, where Idaho made 5-14 trey attempts.

“I’m disappointed with the loss, but I’ve got no qualms with my guys. We played hard,” Cravens said. “Now we have to go back to work. That’s just the way it is.”

The Vandals were led by junior-college transfer Eddie Turner. The North Idaho College product finished with a game-high 19 points and made of 8-10 shots from the field. Jackson chipped in 12 points for Idaho.

Washington and Mike Holman paired Boise State’s offense as the duo scored 16 points apiece. Joe Wyant added 15 for the Broncos.

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Packers, Colts made playoffs memorable

Damon Barkdull

It was the end, Cinderella was slain. And thus, the Green Bay Packers and Indianapolis Colts promptly bowed out, proving the Las Vegas oddsmakers/Mafia to be right. But for a brief moment in National Football League history the upstart Colts and Packers had their chance.

This truly was an exciting championship playoff series in the NFL. It saw Colts quarterback Jim Harbaugh, s.k.a. Captains Comeback, lead his upstart heroes to playoff upset success over San Diego and Kansas City — both on the road.

In contrast, the Packers and several cheeseheads were led Mississippi native Brett Favre. Favre's strong arm combined with the swarming Packer defense helped lead them to a drubbing over the San Francisco 49ers in Candlestick Park (1 refusal to refer to the Bay Area's finest stadium as 3-Com Park).

Before the divisional championships, those playoffs saw Packers and Colt fans coming out of the closet. Whether this is a direct product of the turnaround for the Dallas Cowboys and the Pittsburgh Steelers has yet to be determined, but it is rather amusing to see that hankie-wielding overlaid with green and yellow and blue and white.

On Sunday the bandwagon ran into an apparent freight train. A train full of many diverse personalities. One half of the train was spryed with navy blue and silver. The conductor, Barry Switzer, a brush old college coach, who is constantly bombarded with questions about his playcalling in the professional league. And then of course, there is his crew. His crew maintains a certain arrogance around them. This arrogance of course is combined with experience, skill and a will to win. Enter three big Cowboys - Emmitt Smith, Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin.

However, given the angle and possibility of an underdog Steelers victory over the Cowboys in Super Bowl XXX, the Pittsburgh Steelers would be looking at a David and Goliath type situation, and everyone knows what David had on his side.

Byron Jarnagin

A key area the Steelers need to take from the Cowboys is time of possession, keeping the ball out of Emmitt Smith's hands. In the end this factor took its toll on the Pack, and crippled the Steelers. Turnovers can also tend to cause heartaches, and did for the Packers. The Dallas defense is notorious for converting opposing offensive mistakes into an offensive scoring opportunity. To survive, the Steelers will need to pick their play up a notch because one: Alkman wasn’t need to rely on a Hall Meaty to win the ball game, and two: the Cowboys NFC Championship win was no fluke. Yeah, sure the AFC Championship came down to the wire. Although, it was really a question of who had the most ability to recover a basketball tip-off. One might say Steelers fans had their prayers answered.

Super Bowl XXX won’t be won on a whimiscal bounce to the end zone, unless Alkman or O’Donnell decide to use the Harbaugh technique. The Steelers team needs to prepare like never before.

Will we regard this Dallas powerhouse as the team that suff ered two few losses earlier this season, and who could accidently lose the Super Bowl? True, the Cowboys bit a few speed bumps during the regular season, but that is not the team millions witnessed on Sunday.

With the defeat of Green Bay, Cowboy fans have become a boos- kins worst nightmare overnight.

Will these assumed odds and Cowboy hype keep the Steelers from leaving the terminal? Despite what many would think, Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher says this is not the Steelers team of last year. Cowher is pushing his team in a positive direction, but is it enough to have a good attitude. Should Pittsburgh be looking for a glass for this playbook? Considering who they are playing.

The other side of the train is cleanly paint- ed yellow and black. It is led by a young conductor named Bill Cowher. A man who’s chin resembles the bottom part of a half moon. His crew is comprised of a hard hitting defense and a get-the-job-done offense. This group maintains little arrogance, rather, a bit of raggedness and motivational drive. These same Steelers had a chance to go to the big show last year, but fell short of an AFC championship losing in the final sec- onds to the San Diego Charges.

Although football is a game of black or white, wins or losses, something must be said for the losers who got ran over by the predicted winners. It might have been poetic justice for the Packers to beat the Cowboys, losing to the ‘Boys five consecutive times, two in the playoffs. Unfortunately for the green and yellow, history again repeated itself.

“Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin are as fine an offensive team as I’ve ever seen assembled,” Packers coach Mike Holmgren said. “And they were on.”

Probably most deserving of a trip to the

Super Bowl is Packer defensive lineman Reggie White. The veteran’s idolocical foot- ball click is ticking and this dedicated Christian yearned for a trip to the big show. White was so upset after the game that he yelled at camera crews to stay away from him. Who can blame him?

For the Colts, it’s specifically hard to label one of the AFC teams as a winner or loser. Especially since the game came down to the last second, a Hall Mary pass thrown up by Captain Comeback. Colts wide receiver Aaron Bailey nearly gave Cinderella a chance to wave her magic, before Bailey dropped the ball in the end zone that would have given the Colts a trip to Tempe, Ariz.

Super Bowl Sunday was fast approaching, and soon the Packers and Colts valiant efforts will be long forgotten. But this is certainly a year to remember in professional football and pigskin fans around the country got a taste of true competition.

“I don’t worry about what people think of us,” Harbaugh said. “I know we had a lot of people pulling for us. I hope that we gave them something to be proud of.”

Cowboys or Steelers? Cowboys!

Country western singer Gene Autry described the Dallas Cowboys as a true football team. They won't be soon after when he sang "Back in the Saddle Again."

The Cowboys’ decisive victory raises an important question, can the Pittsburgh Steelers stop the playdown onslaught of the Cowboy’s "Watt Earl" quarterback? Dallas and company?

The likely return of Charles Haley to the Cowboy defense only complicates the task for Steelers quarterback Neil Donnell. Even without Haley, the Cowboy defense successfully stopped scrambling Brett Favre and the Pack.

Not only will the Steelers need to worry about the Cowboy defense, but how to stop the conquering running attack of Emmitt Smith as well.

With the AFC Championship in its back pocket, Pittsburgh has accomplished the defeat of the Cowboys, a San Francisco 49ers, and the Indianapolis Colts. Now Steeler, and Steeler fans, need to get ready for a different type of ball game. The Cowboys well rounded team proves to be playing at another level and has the "we're getting the job done and plan to have the last laugh" attitude.

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Will the Big West help or hurt Idaho

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et the countdowns to Big West ’96 begin. Yes, the Big West season looms on the horizon. Idaho Vandals fans prepare for an exciting and challenging new season of Idaho football against the Division I-A powers of the Big West in search of a birth in the Las Vegas Bowl, the Big West Champion’s prize. But will the move to the Big West, a conference quickly dying due to low numbers, costly travel and diminishing crowd enthusiasm, help or hurt the Vandals?

Last year, about this time, Dr. Elisabeth Zinner, then President of the University of Idaho, launched the Vandals crusade into the ranks of D-I-A athletics and the Big West. President Zinner, on recommendation from faculty, staff and students, accepted an invitation by the Big West to join the conference, along with Boise State beginning in the fall of 1996.

The move sent shock waves through the university. The Dome needed to be expanded, the issue of meeting Division I-A standards arose, the issue of tailgate parties surfaced and attendance at football games, along with student involvement in Vandal sports exploded as everyone started to “Get into The Game.”

At this time last year the future of Vandal sports looked dim as students, faculty and staff cherished the prospects of a revived sports program and increased growth in the Big West. The Big West offered big name teams playing in Long Beach, Arizona, San Diego, Las Vegas, Texas, California, Arizona, and Texas. The Big West offered bowl games, national exposure, increased recruiting, alumni support for the university, prestige and growing academic necessities, all reasons for the move to the Big West.

Today, in 1996, only eight and a half months from the opening of the Vandals’ first season in the Big West, the dream of moving up into the Division I-A ranks looks to be on hold. The Big West, the Vandals’ savior from a mediocre Big Sky without Boise State, has taken a turn for the worse. While true basketball and volleyball teams may enjoy the new level of competition offered by competing against numerous California programs, the gridiron crew may find themselves playing the same Big Sky opponents as always, or worse, no name schools from the state of Louisiana. (Oh God, Not McNese State)

The Big West looks like the Big West as several teams have moved, folded or been asked to leave the conference. Pacific, one of the conference’s stronger programs, folded up its football program this year. Adding the rising costs of travel in the Big West to compete in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana as the main problem, saying the football program would have to fire two defensive assistants.

Manently, 48, will become sales manager for the frozen food division when he leaves in March. He said he will market frozen hash browns, tamales and fries for wholesale and retail.

He has spent 16 of the past 21 years as the sports director in Boise, working from late in 1982 to late 1988 in that job for KTVB in Sacramento, Calif.

He also has done play-by-play announcing of Boise State football and basketball games for KTVB.

The answer to that question may just cost too much to run. The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, a basketball powerhouse and respected football program moves to the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) in the fall of 1996. It’s not the first team to join the WAC, which looks to build its league up to 18 or 20 teams, split into two divisions. Fresno State went to the WAC a few years ago and Nevada, Utah State and New Mexico State also look to be candidates to move on if the WAC continues its expansion.

Meanwhile, the Big West asked the Eastern half of the conference to leave this year, ridding the conference of the Louisiana schools and cutting the cost of travel. The reduction of the eastern schools now leaves the conference at seven teams and searching for new members. Division I-AA football champion Montana along with Northern Arizona and Weber State, all Big Sky teams, look to be very possible future additions to the Big West.

Also, ridding itself to injury, the vaunted Las Vegas Bowl, the Big West prize that featured the University of Nevada this year, boasted a dismal 11,000 in attendance. The University of Arkansas this year boasted a dismal 11,000 in attendance. The conference was down in numbers of players to the problem of who will watch the teams play.

With all these new problems facing the conference as Idaho prepares to step up and become a well-structured division I-A 1-school, the Vandals’ problem, will the Big West help or hurt Idaho.

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Hockey salaries increasing

Associated Press

Six years ago, only two NHL players earned more than $1 million a season.

Today, a league could put on the ice seven teams exclusively of millionaires, according to the salary survey compiled by the NHL Players’ Association.

The millionaires club has 147 members this year compared to 106 a year ago and just six in 1989-90.

Wayne Gretzky tops the 1995-96 salary list, earning $6,545,963 in a six-year, $225 million deal with the Los Angeles Kings.

The NHL's salary cap saving could be an unrestricted free agent's dream.

Thanks to a free-agent offer photo by Chicago and then traded by Winnipeg, Keith Tkachuk saw his salary triple to $6 million. He's in second spot, tied with Matt Moulson of the New York Rangers.

Forty-three-year-old Mario Lemieux is 15th at $4,749,424, but he'll report back earning a whopping $11,521 million in 1996-97, based on a salary $5 million, along with a $1,500,000 marketing bonus-plus player perks.

NIC pitcher battles cancer

Co-captain Brett Gangi, 19th(July), went through surgery to repair a tear in his rotator cuff.

The surgery was done by the J.1.S.9's medical advisor, Dr. John Hogan, in mid-June.

Gangi said his mother, Vicki Nelson, on Thursday.

Nelson has undergone three operations and began chemotherapy treatments last week.

"At mid-term he had one B and four A's," NIC baseball coach Jack Chisholm said.

"He was an inch away from straight A's."

"Sometimes the good get bad things and the bad get good things. It just doesn't make any sense."

Hockey style

Vancouver's Pavel Bure, out for the season with a knee injury, is fifth at $4.5 million.

Rounding out the top 10 are Buffalo's Pat LaFontaine ($3.9 million), Eric Lindros of the Philadelphia Flyers ($4,182,000), Detroit's Sergei Fedorov ($4,162,333), Colorado's Patrick Roy ($4,019,200), and Brent Hull of the St. Louis Blues ($3.75 million).

Roy's figure is in Canadian funds. The others are in U.S. currency.

The survey doesn't take into account of a 1987 agreement between Canadian and U.S. dollars. Roy, for example, was paid in Canadian dollars while playing with the Montreal Canadiens. Now, after being traded to Colorado, he receives the American equivalent.

Florida is proof positive a team doesn't have to spend to stay on top. The Panthers, first overall in the NHL standings as of Monday, may have only two players—goalie John Vanbiesbrouck ($2,185,000) and rookie defenceman

Man Ed Jovanovski ($1.5 million)—earning more than $1 million.

Last year, NHL averages were down after owners locked the players out. The season resumed after owners gave mechanisms to control player costs.

But consider this:

Lue Rohrwasser signed a six-year, $19.9 million deal with the New York Rangers.

New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur, the NHL's lowest-paid player at $125,000, signed a three-year, $5.3 million contract after leading the Devils to the Stanley Cup title.

The situation has changed for rookies, however.

This year, the only three rookies earning a seven-figure salary are Jovanovski, Washington's Brendan Witt ($1.5 million) and Todd Bertuzzi of the New York Islanders ($1 million). They weren't subject to the $900,000 rookie salary cap because they weren't drafted last June.

Vanouver's Jim S tumult, is the league's longest-experienced player at $125,000. Viktor Karyakin (Kievets) of Dallas was also at this figure before retiring earlier this month to play in Europe.

The average salary, $573,000 last season, is expected to increase to nearly $800,000 for 1995-96.

Final piece of Oiler dynasty traded

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) Edmonton Oilers goaltender Bill Ranford, one of the last vestiges of the team's Stanley Cup era of the 1980s, was traded Thursday in a stunning move by general manager Glen Sather.

He was sent to the Boston Bruins in exchange for journeyman defenceman Sean Brown, right-

winger Marius Carzowski and one of the Bruins' two first-round picks in the 1996 entry draft.

Ranford has signed goaltender Curtis Joseph to a three-year deal for $65,000, $22.5 million and $2.5 million in each year respectively.

The Oilers obtained Joseph last summer from the St. Louis Blues. Joseph recently agreed to a contract after playing most of the season with Las Vegas.

Sather has shown his hand: again his willingness to trade stars and

in recent weeks had privately made no secret over his unhappiness with Ranford's performance this season. After carrying the load for the past three seasons, Ranford has been just average on some nights, which has proven fatal for the Oilers.

Ranford led the Oilers to their last Cup win in 1989-90 when he had an outstanding playoff run. His performance that year: 16-6-9, one shutout and a 2.53 goal against average, won him the Conn Smythe Trophy as the playoffs most valuable player.

But he now joins a long list of former Oiler greats who've been traded away since the late 1980s. Defenseman Paul Coffey began the parade in 1985 and he was quickly followed by Wayne Gretzky's move to Los Angeles in 1988. Marc Messier was the next big name to go. After a con-

tract holdout in September 1991 Messier was shipped off to the New York Rangers.

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