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Officials to review no skates, boards policy

By KEVIN CULWELL
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Outlaw boarders and bladers on campus could soon have reason to rejoice.

University officials and students have formed a public safety action committee to examine better ways of increasing safety on campus, with the main objective the incorporation of in-line skaters and skateboarders into ASU policy, said J.D. Wallace, honors college senator for the Associated Students of ASU.

It is currently illegal to in-line skate or skateboard on campus.

"This is a very big issue on our campus," said Art Carter, dean of Student Life and committee member. "We need to look into every avenue to best ensure student safety."

Carter and Wallace are the main proponents of the committee.

"We're trying to see how to accommodate (the skaters and skateboarders) because they really aren't as big a safety concern as bikers," Wallace said. "It isn't fair that (skaters) aren't allowed on campus."

There is a large number of in-line skaters at ASU, and they should be allowed on campus, said Activities Vice President Keith Menard.

"The ASU police generally doesn't cite Rollerbladers anyways," he said. "It would be in the best interest of everyone to allow them in officially."

ASU police Lt. Bennett Rowe said there are infinitely more citations issued to bicycle riders than in-line skaters. However, skaters are usually difficult to apprehend.

He said citations do not differentiate between bicycles and in-line skates, so there are no statistics available on the number of citations issued.

"It's very hard to get people to comply with the regulations," Rowe said. "It's also tough to get people off their skates when we do catch them. It seems people take it lightly."

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Lori Cain/State Press

Mechanical engineering majors Aquillono Ballesteros (left), a junior, and Damion Dunlap, a sophomore, stand near Hayden Lawn Tuesday. These students will be two of the many who may benefit from efforts to accommodate students whose mode of transportation on campus has wheels.

MCC rejects 4-year community college proposal

By VIVI STENBERG
 STATE PRESS

While community colleges around ASU await further actions on a state Senate bill that would allow them to offer certain upper division courses and bachelor degrees, a Maricopa Community Colleges official said they do not want to be universities.

MCC spokeswoman Louise Gacioch wrote in a statement that "we don't want to be 4-year colleges."

"The Maricopa Community Colleges are only interested in selected, applied baccalaureate programs such as law enforce-

ment, fire science, mortuary science and allied health professions," she wrote.

In a joint statement, college officials expressed concern that their institutions will lose flexibility and responsiveness to the communities they serve if they become small versions of state universities.

Howard Greenlee, spokesman for Paradise Valley Community Colleges, said that through the existing "2+2 model," the college is already offering particular degrees. The model describes the current system, in which students can take two years at a community college and two years

at a university.

"In my estimation, the community colleges' mission is to offer classes for the first two years," Greenlee said.

Greenlee added that he understood the significance of the bill for rural areas in the state, but said, "our plate is full."

The bill, drafted by state Sen. Carol Springer, R-PreScott, aimed to expand the partnership between Northern Arizona University and Yavapai Community College.

Originally, the bill would have removed regulations that limit community colleges to offer only lower division courses in the arts,

sciences, humanities and in vocational education.

However, the bill has now been amended to limit this expansion to degrees not currently offered by traditional 4-year institutions.

Linda Thor, president of Rio Salado Community College, said she is a strong supporter of the bill.

Thor said RSCC experiences heavy demand from the surrounding community to offer bachelor's degrees in its current programs.

Thor also said if the bill is passed,

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Pat Shannah/State Press

Tibetan monks draw an intricate sand painting — also known as a mandala — at the Scottsdale Civic Center Tuesday afternoon. The monks begin drawing the mandala by outlining the design and then coloring it in with tiny grains of sand. The sand creation will be on public display for free through Feb. 28.

Tibetan monks deliver message of peace, amity

By SARA BUSH
 STATE PRESS

Two Tibetan monks visiting Phoenix this week infused ASU students with their message of peace and harmony Tuesday.

The group of 11 monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery in Tibet arrived in Phoenix Sunday and will be participating in various cultural events through Friday. Their stop at ASU is part of a series of events organized to inform Arizonans of Tibetan culture, including the six-day construction of an elaborate sand mandala — a Buddhist artform — at the Scottsdale Civic Center.

"This world is changing a lot," said Tokden Rimpoche, through interpreter and fellow monk Syri Wantauk. "Our future depends on the younger generation. It is important for them to understand different

cultures."

Eileen Borris, executive director of the local nonprofit organization Peace Initiatives, which is hosting the monks' Arizona tour, gave a brief lecture on Tibetan methods of conflict resolution and cultural aspects at the Memorial Union.

Peace Initiatives is a nonprofit agency created to promote peace building and conflict resolution. Borris said Peace Initiatives has taken a special interest in Tibetan culture and the current political conflict between China and Tibet.

The Chinese government has imposed sanctions on the practice of Buddhism in Tibet, resulting in what some politicians have called "cultural genocide."

"I think it is important that ASU students are exposed to a culture that is as

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TODAY

Campus clubs and organizations may submit written entries to the State Press in the basement of the Matthews Center. Requests will not be taken over the phone or via fax.

Deadline for requests is noon the day before publication and entries will not be accepted more than three working days before publication. Only one entry per organization per day is permitted.

Entries must contain the full name of the club or organization, a description of the event, date, time and the full address of the location. All requests are subject to editing for content, space and clarity. Incomplete or illegible entries will be discarded.

The Today Section is a daily calendar of events printed as a service to the ASU community. Requests are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and are printed as space permits.

- **Hispanic Business Students Association** — Target 4.0 Academic Luncheon at 11 a.m. in the MU Turquoise room.
- **Peace Corps** — "International opportunities with the Peace Corps" from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the MU Chryocolla room and 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the MU Lapaz room.
- **Kundalini Yoga Club** — Meeting at 7 p.m. in the MU Gold room 203.
- **Rainbow Alliance** — Game night at 7:30 p.m. in the MU Navajo room 219.
- **MUAB Special Events Committee** — Meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the MU conference room 1A, third floor.
- **Women's Lesbian & Bisexual Discussion Group** — Meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Women's Student Center, MU basement.
- **Career Services** — Resume writing workshop at 5 p.m. in the MU room 221.
- **Native American Business Organization** — General meeting at 5 p.m. in the American Indian Institute.
- **Eckankar** — Discussion: Learning from Challenges at noon in the MU Graham room 216.
- **MEChA** — General meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the El Zocalo (Hayden Mall).
- **Learning Resource Center** — Free fundamental writing skills workshop at 5 p.m. in the Student Services Building, third floor.
- **Cycling Devils** — Meeting at 8:30 p.m. north of the Life Science Tower.
- **American Indian Council** — General meeting at 6 p.m. in the SORC conference room, third floor.
- **AWARE** — "Surfing the net from home" by Rita McCandless at 1:30 p.m. in the Computer Commons room 133.
- **FACES in Medicine** — Topic: Physician Assistants in Medicine by Rick Davis, PA-C Director of Kirksville, PA. Meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the ASU Language & Literature Building (LLB 237).
- **Counselor Training Center** — Free counseling available for full-time students and staff at Payne Hall, room 402. For more information or an appointment, call 965-5067.

Skaters

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When police do catch up to skaters and skateboarders, fines can range from \$18 to \$125, Rowe said.

An \$18 fine involves violators being caught on a simple speeding charge, whereas the \$125 fine encompasses reckless endangerment.

"If we feel that the offenders endanger other people's safety, we can cite them for endangerment," Rowe said. "Every now and then we get a bonehead who thinks he has the ability to ride at reckless speeds."

Students who are apprehended have the fine

added to their tuition balance and grades will be withheld from non-payers.

Rowe said although he would support any policy ASU's administration devises, the fact remains that the campus layout isn't designed for skating or skateboarding.

"This place really isn't accommodating for Rollerblading. There are a lot of narrow roads and sharp turns," he said. "But my job is to enforce whatever policy they bring to me, so it really doesn't matter to me one way or another."

Community colleges

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RSCC would not be interested in presenting new degrees similar to those ASU is already offering.

"It would be in our interest to offer degrees in applied programs," Thor said.

The Arizona Board of Regents has, on several occasions, criticized the bill. The regents have expressed concern the bill would result in a massive demand for funding from the state's community colleges.

Thor did not share a similar concern.

"The model we have proposed will not need extra funding," she said. Thor added that RSCC

would use existing funds and infrastructure to expand the school's offerings.

Herman Walker, dean of students at Scottsdale Community College, said the idea of transforming community colleges into 4-year institutions was "excellent."

Walker said if the bill is passed, community colleges can be available for at-risk students who otherwise are not eligible for university degrees.

The bill has won tentative approval in the Senate, and must get approved in the House and by the governor before becoming law.

Monks

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endangered as the Tibetan culture but has offered so much to the Western world," Borris said.

The recently founded ASU chapter of Students for a Free Tibet, one of 80 college chapters around the country, has helped facilitate the monks' Arizona tour. Cortland Coleman, a senior political science major who founded the group, said getting to see the monks was exciting and inspiring for him.

"It really puts a face on all of the stories and all of the news that has come out of Tibet," Coleman said. "I am very confident that student action can

help change things in Tibet."

Chris Green, a member of Students for a Free Tibet, agreed that seeing the monks has helped motivate him to be active in helping raise student consciousness about Tibet.

"It is important for people to be cognizant of what is going on in Tibet or it will continue," said Green, a junior political science and religious studies major. "When people can see a tangible part of the Tibetan culture, it helps them see what is really going on there."

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Du Pont found guilty of Schultz shooting

BY MARIA PANARITIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEDIA, Pa. — Multimillionaire John E. du Pont was found guilty of murder Tuesday, but jurors spared him a possible life sentence, deciding that mental illness played a role in his fatal shooting of Olympic wrestler Dave Schultz.

The jurors decided that du Pont committed third-degree murder, or murder without premeditated intent, but was also mentally ill.

The conviction means du Pont will likely spend time in a mental hospital, and then begin serving a prison sentence of up to 20 to 40 years, if and when he is deemed cured. However, because du Pont has no prior record, he could be freed on parole after as little as five years in custody.

Judge Patricia Jenkins will hold a hearing to determine if du Pont should spend time in a mental hospital. The sentence also carries a \$50,000 fine.

Du Pont also was convicted of one count of assault for pointing his gun at his security consultant but acquitted of a second for pointing it at David Schultz's wife.

Du Pont, appearing in court with long, greasy, gray hair and a scraggly beard, stared dispassionately ahead when the verdict was read.

Schultz's father, Phillip, said the jury apparently compromised, "but I think he's going to be spending his life in prison, one way or another, metaphorically or in truth. He's going to jail forever."

Both sides agreed that the chemical fortune heir was mentally ill when he shot Schultz, 36, on Jan. 26, 1996, outside the wrestler's home on du Pont's estate, Foxcatcher Farm.

But prosecutors said his illness stopped

short of legal insanity and said du Pont killed Schultz because he was jealous of the respect the 1984 Olympics gold medalist commanded in the wrestling world.

Defense lawyers said Du Pont, 58, was a paranoid schizophrenic who fancied himself as the Dalai Lama, the Christ Child and other grandiose figures. They said he could not tell right from wrong when he shot Schultz three times in his driveway, the third time in the back while Schultz's wife watched.

Jurors had the choice of acquitting him by reason of insanity, finding him guilty but mentally ill, or finding him guilty of first-degree murder, third-degree murder or voluntary manslaughter.

Jurors apparently rejected the insanity defense early in their deliberations, based on the questions they asked the judge. Several times, they asked for explanations about the differences between the possible guilty verdicts.

The third-degree verdict means the jury believes du Pont acted with malice but not premeditation.

Prosecutors, in arguing for a first-degree murder conviction, noted that he grabbed a .44-caliber Magnum — not his usual .38-caliber handgun — before setting off on a car ride around his estate.

Four defense psychiatrists testified that du Pont's mind was racked by paranoid schizophrenia, distorting his perception of reality and making him believe Schultz was an agent of an international conspiracy to kill him.

The trial was delayed several months after psychiatrists for both sides concluded mental illness would prevent him from cooperating with attorneys. Since September, he has undergone treatment at Norristown State Hospital.



Chris Gardner/Associated Press

Millionaire John du Pont rides in the back of a sheriff's deputy's car as he arrives at the Delaware County Courthouse in Media, Pa., Tuesday.

Army withheld information on Iraqi chemical weapons

BY SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Senior Army officers fighting the Gulf War suspected in February 1991 that an Iraqi weapons depot contained chemical weapons but failed to alert U.S. troops who blew up the site less than two weeks later, the Pentagon acknowledged Tuesday.

The information is contained in a still-classified document, according to the Pentagon's senior investigator into Gulf War matters, Bernard Rostker. He has asked the CIA to declassify the memo, but the request has been denied because it would disclose "sources and methods" on how the information was obtained, Rostker told reporters at a Pentagon briefing.

Rostker called the briefing to release his report into the March 1991 destruction of the Iraqi storage site at Kamisiyah by members of the 37th Engineering

Battalion. Last June, the Pentagon announced that it had only recently learned that U.S. troops may have been exposed to chemical weapons during the destruction of the site.

However, the new report makes clear that information existed even before the war was concluded on Feb. 28, 1991, that the Army suspected chemical weapons were at Kamisiyah.

On Capitol Hill, senators who have been critical of the Pentagon's handling of unexplained illnesses among Gulf War veterans said the new report adds weight to suspicions of a government cover-up.

Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., said "we now know positively" that the CIA informed the Army on Feb. 23, 1991, that there were chemical weapons at Kamisiyah and "totally failed to publicly come forward until late last year." The CIA, he said, "is every bit as implicated"

as the Defense Department.

"It is my judgment a cover-up of major proportions, and will lead to very serious consequential actions," Rockefeller said.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee, said: "It's extremely disconcerting to find out this morning that the Department of Defense knew about this on Feb. 23, 1991, and had never told us that, which puts the destruction in March of '91 in a very different light."

Rostker said he does not believe any cover-up occurred, saying only that his report highlights "missed opportunities" to pass on information or to investigate what actually happened in the years after the war.

"There's no question that there were leads that were not followed," he said, although "people (were) trying to do their job as best they could."

Israeli soldiers fire on Palestinians in West Bank

BY SAMAR ASSAD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HIZME, West Bank — Israeli soldiers in civilian clothing opened fire in a West Bank village Tuesday, killing one Palestinian and wounding three. Troops used tear gas to quell later clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians.

The army said the shooting occurred during a confrontation between soldiers and villagers in Hizme, just north of Jerusalem, an area that is under joint Israeli and Palestinian control.

It heightened fears of a new wave of violence in the West Bank, which is already tense because of Israel's plan to build a new Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem. Palestinians, who hope to establish a capital in east Jerusalem, warn the construction could derail the peace process.

Witnesses said the shooters were dressed in civilian clothes and Israel TV said they

were from an elite undercover unit.

Ali Salah a-Din, who was hospitalized with a wound in his leg, said he thought the three young men who entered his village armed with handguns and speaking Hebrew were Jewish settlers.

They walked up to his house, grabbed his nephew and "hit him with the butts of their guns," he said. When confronted by family members, the men opened fire, he said. Soldiers posted at a nearby checkpoint refused to help and an army jeep entered the village and left with the gunmen, he said.

Yossi Shoval, spokesman for Jerusalem's Hadassah hospital, identified the dead man as Mohammed Abdel Aziz Abu Hallawi, 56. He said Hallawi was wounded in the knee and was dead on arrival.

An army statement said the Israeli troops had been attacked by Palestinian residents and fired.



Eyal Warshavsky/Associated Press

Israeli soldiers patrol the West Bank village of Hizme after Israeli soldiers opened fire in the village killing one Palestinian and wounding three Tuesday. The army said the shooting occurred during a confrontation between soldiers and villagers.

STATE PRESS Editorial

Brady Act keeping guns from ex-felons, sort of

LIVING in Arizona means a lot of things to a lot of different people. To some, it means great winter weather and lush, challenging golf courses. To others, it means snarled traffic, choking smog and cookie-cutter housing developments. But to some, residing in this desert takes on a strange and frightening meaning — the freedom to buy guns.

For some reason, whether it be the Old West mentality of takin' care of yer own or just a bunch of domineering kooks out to exploit their machismo, Arizonans continue to buy the darned things. However, local gun buyers, specifically the ones of the criminal persuasion, may be doing so at a less frantic pace than they used to.

According to a Justice Department estimation released Tuesday, about 186,000 illegal gun sales were blocked over the past 28 months, mainly because the would-be buyers had been convicted of or indicted in a felony crime. Hence, the Brady Act is working ... well, to some extent, anyway.

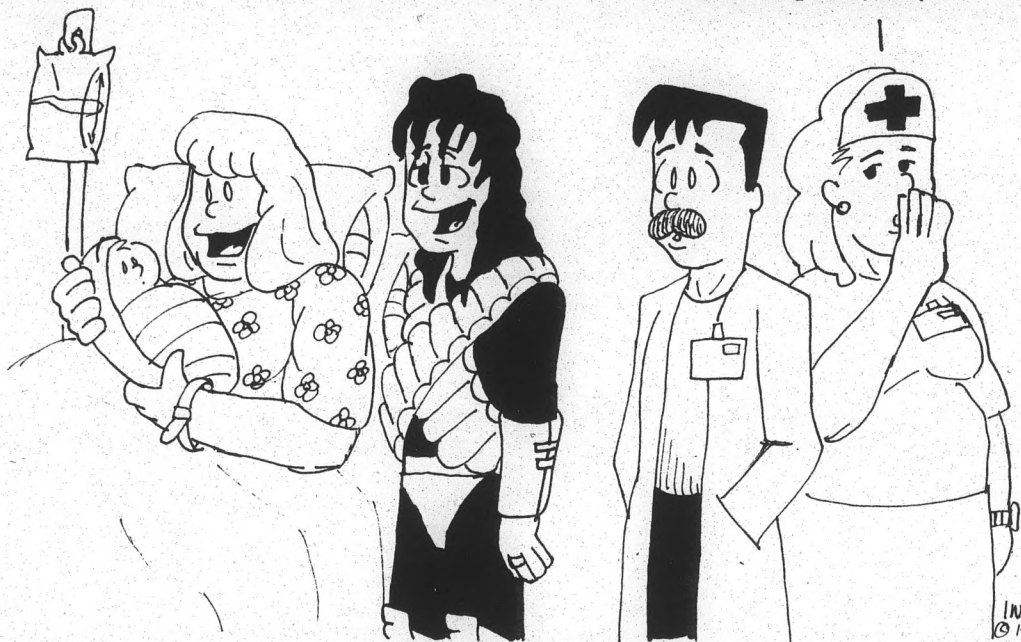
The problem is that there continue to be too many violent goons getting their hands on these types of weapons. For instance, several days ago, Abu Kamal rode the elevator up to the 86th-floor observation deck of the Empire State Building in New York and pumped a number of bullets into seven people before turning the gun on himself. As far as we know, Kamal had no prior criminal history that would raise the suspicion of the clerk behind the counter at the Florida gun shop where he purchased the gun.

Therein lies the problem. Guns can be bought at shows, garage sales, auctions, from newspaper advertisements, back alleys and a host of other venues that do not require background checks. We have to ask what the point is to have a program that checks the backgrounds of people when they are buying a gun at a store — where relatively few weapons are sold — and not at an auction. Are the logistics of implementing nation-wide, all-inclusive background checks a nightmare? Yep, but the alternative is to stand idly by as people continue to die in senseless acts of violence and even accidental shootings.

The hysteria that erupts around this town every time the words "gun control" enter into a conversation is laughable. Gun advocates will argue that they have a constitutional right to buy guns in order to protect themselves from the loads of crime penetrating the Valley's borders — which they do. But how often do headlines declare: "Homeowner shoots intruder, saves family"? Not very.

The Brady Act, per the Justice Department, is effective in keeping guns out of the hands of convicted felons. It is not effective, however, in keeping guns out of the hands of random citizens who may unload their little pistol into some kid at a stop light. More needs to be done; it's merely a question of how to do it.

DOCTOR, WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE— WE NEED BOTH GENDER AND RACE ON IT.



Ticket agents give capitalism bad name

The principles of the free market dictate that society should not regulate specific elements of commerce without a compelling reason to do so. I agree. Fortunately, the equally important principles of free expression permit me to rant about the bad apples of American commerce until I am blue in the face.

One of the most immoral, disgusting participants in America's great free enterprise system is the ticket scalping industry. Legions of unscrupulous leeches are licensed to hoard and then scalp tickets to concerts and sporting events, under the guise of "agency." Though we've all seen the agencies in strip malls, few people are familiar with how they acquire so many seemingly scarce tickets — so let me illustrate.

Three weeks ago, tickets went on sale through Dillard's for a concert in March. Camping out for concert tickets, of course, is a time-honored ritual in America. Year after year loyal, dedicated fans of popular bands stand in line for hours, sometimes days, often in freezing weather. The system was inherently just: the most loyal fans ended up with the best seats.

But on this Saturday morning, I arrived at Zia Records before sunrise to find 15 homeless people standing in line, with two greasy-haired, leather-jacket-clad men in front of them. I ran over to Gammage and found only five people in line: three leather-clad men and two homeless children. The agencies pay homeless people to stand in line for tickets.

At either venue, I would have been the first person in line who could name a song from the band. If the scalpers infiltrated all Dillard's outlets to the extent they did in Tempe, in my estimation they ended up with approximately half of the available tickets. The show sold out immediately, leaving many true fans without tickets.

Some will say, "quit your whining; it's just capital-

ism." Lest you think this is a petty gripe piece, you should know that I ended up with good seats. Nevertheless, as an advocate of good capitalism, I feel the need to discuss why this is its antithesis.

First, the very notion of "agency" is misleading. Agency implies convenience to the customer: I use a travel agent to avoid having to call a dozen airlines to find the lowest fare. I sign up with an employment agency every summer to avoid the cumbersome task of calling hundreds of offices in search of temporary work. On the other hand, ticket "agencies" provide absolutely no service to the customer. In fact, they are less convenient than Dillard's outlets since there are fewer of them. They merely hoard the tickets to create an artificial scarcity, then sell them for outrageous profit.

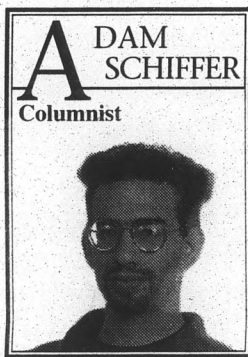
For fans who are denied tickets on account of scalpers, their only recourse is to buy tickets from those very scalpers. For popular shows, tickets can easily run in the hundreds of dollars as opposed to a \$20-40 face value. Hundreds of dollars is a month's salary or more for a high school student working part-time. In other words, scalpers price concerts far out of the range of all but the wealthiest fans.

Music fans, especially in youth-oriented genres such as modern rock and hip-hop, span the socio-economic spectrum. Music is often a vital part of a lower-income youth's existence, an escape from the harsh realities of urban life. A vast majority of teenagers, however, are simply out of luck if concert tickets run in the hundreds of dollars.

The concert industry has taken steps to remove the leeches. Many outlets now assign places in line by lottery. This solution, while potentially lessening the effect of crafty scalpers, takes away the element of loyalty and dedication.

Though the agencies are too numerous to be classified as a monopoly, surely the crafters of anti-trust legislation had just this sort of pathetic, exploitative pseudo-capitalism in mind. Even if we can't outlaw them, we can take advantage of everyone's favorite non-governmental solution to bad capitalism: the boycott.

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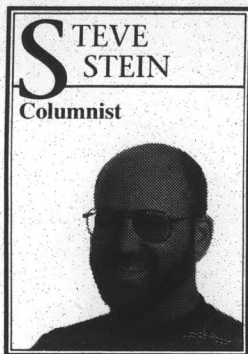
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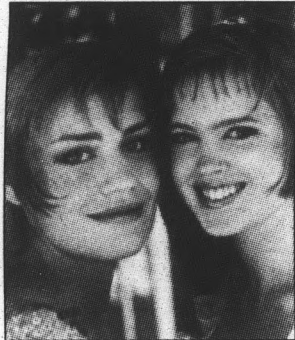
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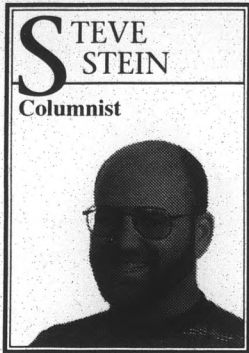
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ASU police reported the following incidents Tuesday:

- A male student reported that someone removed his bicycle from the bike racks on the north side of the Architecture Building, where it was locked up.
- A male student reported that someone removed a backpack from the Architecture Building.
- A female student reported that someone removed her bicycle from the bike racks at Life Science C-wing, where it was locked up.
- A student reported that someone removed his bicycle from the bike racks on the northeast side of the Language and Literature Building, where it was locked up.
- A female was contacted at the Computing Commons, where she had become ill. She was picked up by her daughter.
- A male student reported that someone removed his bicycle from the bike racks at the Engineering Center, G-wing.

- A female reported that her vehicle was removed without permission from Area 59.
- A male reported that his vehicle was removed without permission from Area 59.
- A male not affiliated with the University was arrested, cited and released at 600 E. Sixth St. for criminal speed.
- A male student reported that someone removed his bicycle from the east side of Engineering Building, G-wing, where it was locked up.

Tempe police reported the following incidents Tuesday:

- A 38-year-old woman was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct at 414 S. Terry Lane for allegedly pointing a gun at a man and threatening to kill him if he returned to her residence.
- A 23-year-old man and a 22-year-old man were arrested at 3730 S. Mill Ave. on charges of illegal possession of marijuana. Police said the men were contacted because they

were allegedly smoking pot in an apartment at that location. When officers went to the door, they saw a baggy of marijuana on the coffee table and later noticed other drugs and paraphernalia in plain view. A search warrant was obtained and several bags of pot as well as other drug related items were seized.

- A 23-year-old female and a 38-year-old male were arrested on charges of theft/shoplifting after they allegedly took snacks and candy from Smitty's, 3232 S. Mill Ave. Police said the woman, who had no cash on her at the time of her arrest, concealed a Hershey's candy bar, Nutty bars and Ritz crackers inside her blue flannel jacket. The man, who had \$1.61 on him at the time of his arrest, allegedly took six king-size candy bars, colby cheese and a Hormel ham.

Police reports compiled by State Press reporter Melody McDonald.



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Symington's attorneys request federal judge dismiss two counts

By PATRICK GRAHAM ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gov. Fife Symington's attorneys Tuesday asked a federal judge to dismiss two counts against the former real estate developer.

The challenged counts — part of a 23-count federal indictment — accuse the governor of hiding the condition of his financial health from a bank and committing perjury during a 1995 bankruptcy hearing.

U.S. District Judge Roger G. Strand took the matter under advisement. Strand has rejected previous defense motions to dismiss other counts.

Symington has pleaded innocent to the indictment, which charges him with giving false information to lenders about his financial condition, exaggerating his financial health when seeking new loans and understating it when trying to renegotiate outstanding loans for better deals. He is also accused of attempted extortion against one of his lenders.

His trial is set to begin May 13.

The governor's attorneys attacked the count that said Symington in 1990 knowingly made false statements to Valley National Bank of Arizona in an effort to turn a \$600,000 personal line of credit into a short-term loan.

Symington had promised but failed to tell the bank about "material adverse changes to his financial condition."

Defense attorney Terence Lynam argued that Symington's failure to disclose the changes was an "omission" or a "breach of promise" — actions that are not criminal.

"In everyday life we don't disclose everything," Lynam said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney David Schindler said the bank needed that omitted information, which Symington had promised to provide, to make an informed decision whether to give the loan.

"In hiding his dealings with Valley National Bank, Mr. Symington made false statements and omitted material facts," Schindler said.

The other challenged count accuses Symington of lying during an October 1995 hearing in his Chapter 7 bankruptcy case.

During that hearing, Symington was asked a series of questions by attorneys representing creditors about his 1989 personal financial statement. The federal government says Symington lied about the extent of his financial health and the value of his equity in the Van Buren Industrial Center.

Another Symington attorney, Luis Mejia, said the governor cannot be accused of perjury because the questions were ambiguous. "He is subject to perjury for questions and answers that are imprecise," Mejia said.

Prosecutors said Symington understood the questions.

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Mayors assemble to address Valley issues

BY JENNIFER NETHERBY
STATE PRESS

Valley mayors met Tuesday morning in Tempe to discuss regional problems and how their respective cities are handling them.

Mayors of Tempe, Scottsdale, Mesa and Phoenix spoke about the future of mass transit alternatives, desert growth and the level of water available for Valley cities.

Mesa mayor Wayne Brown said cutting pollution and providing mass transit alternatives to driving are the most important issues facing the cities.

"The freeway system is a catch-22 situation," Brown said. "More freeways bring more drivers and more pollution."

Scottsdale mayor Sam Campana said other Valley

cities will be following Tempe's lead of passing a tax to fund transit.

Phoenix mayor Skip Rimsza said Phoenix will vote on a ballot proposal on transit in September.

"It's a painful process," Rimsza said.

The four mayors answered audience questions during the four hour forum. Tempe mayor Neil Giuliano moderated the first half of the forum.

All four agreed that the water supply is in good shape.

"Residential areas take less water than farmland," Brown said.

Campana and Brown said one of the biggest issues for their cities is growth.

"Growth is good if it's controlled," Brown said.

Tribe seeks help with mountains of tires

COOLIDGE (AP) — The Gila River Indian Community is looking to the state or Maricopa County for helping in removing 26 small mountains of tires.

So far both the state and the county say it's not really their problem.

County Supervisors Mary Rose Wilcox and Fulton Brock, whose districts include parts of the reservation, met with Gila River Gov. Mary Thomas and Lt. Gov. Cecil Antone on Monday and gave themselves a one-week deadline to agree on a solution to present to the Legislature.

The piles of 2 million shredded tires have stood on a portion of the community's Blackwater Industrial Park just off Highway 87 north of Coolidge since the remnants were abandoned by a recycling company two years ago. Each pile is 155 feet long, 55 feet wide and 35 feet high.

Repro Waste Recovery of Arizona, Inc., a California-based company, rented five acres from the tribe to store tires under a recycling contract with the county. Though the county paid Repco \$1 million in state and other funds, the promised recycling plant never was built and the company went bankrupt.

Now, since the county recently recovered \$330,000 from Repco's bonding company, the tribe says it should get some of the money to help pay for removing the tires.

"The issue here is who is financially responsible," said

Candice Bell, program manager of solid waste for tribe's Department of Environmental Quality. "The county received the state funds to recycle the tires, so we believe they have a responsibility in the financial burden to have them removed."

David Smith, Maricopa County administrator, largely disagreed.

"We have zero legal responsibility, but some moral obligation in this matter," Smith said. "The Blackwater Industrial Park had an independent contract that had no relationship with the county contract. The reservation took a business risk and they are responsible for it. But it is in the public interest for us to help solve the problems because it's an environmental one."

If the tires caught fire, they would create a toxic cloud of thick, black smoke that would linger over the area for at least three months, Bell said. She estimated it would cost between \$1.5 million and \$2 million to remove them to a landfill and possibly more to recycle them.

The tribe has asked the Legislature to amend a bill that would extend the state's recycling tax from its Dec. 31 expiration date until 2002. The amendment would set aside a percentage of the revenue for cleaning up old tires such as the ones around Coolidge.

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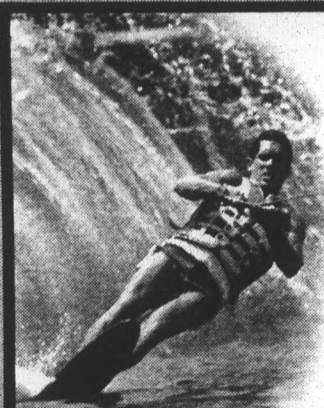
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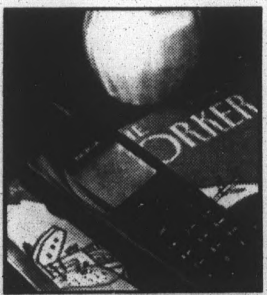
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Background checks helped stop 186,000 illegal gun sales

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Police background checks since 1994 have blocked more than 186,000 illegal over-the-counter gun sales — 72 percent by would-be buyers who were convicted or indicted for a felony, the Justice Department estimated Tuesday.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics estimated that 6,600 applications to buy handguns or long guns are rejected each month not only in the 32 states covered by the federal Brady Act but also in those states having their own similar laws authorizing background checks of gun-buyers.

The figures cover the 28 months from Feb. 28, 1994, when the Brady Act took effect, through last June.

By far the largest reason for blocking gun sales was the discovery that the buyer had been convicted or indicted for a felony, which occurred in 72 percent of the cases.

Fugitives accounted for 6 percent of the rejections; those barred by some state law provision, 4 percent; those under

court restraining orders, 2 percent; mental patients, 1 percent. Some 15 percent were rejected for other reasons, including that they were drug addicts, juveniles, illegal aliens or violators of local ordinances.

The overall rate of applicants rejected was 2.6 percent in a sampling of handgun applications during the first six months of 1996. Out of 1.3 million handgun applications during that period, 34,000 were rejected.

"Today's Justice Department study provides dramatic new evidence of the importance of the Brady law's background checks in stopping criminals from obtaining a firearm," said Sarah Brady, chair of Handgun Control Inc. The law was named after her husband, James Brady, the former White House press secretary who was seriously wounded by a gunman who also shot President Ronald Reagan.

"The numbers released today probably understate the real impact and importance of background checks," she said. "It's not just the criminals who walk into a gun store and are stopped from purchasing a gun; it's all those criminals who

are deterred from even walking into a gun store in the first place."


The Brady Act requires that gun dealers wait five days before selling a handgun and ask local police to do a background check on the buyer during that time. Another federal law prohibits the sale of any firearm to anyone convicted or indicted for a felony, fugitives, illegal drug users, illegal aliens, mental patients, dishonorably discharged soldiers, and those convicted of domestic violence or under court restraining order for stalking or harassing an intimate partner.

The report noted that not all states check for mental disability, restraining orders or drug abuse. As of last June, 14 states reported presale investigations included checking outstanding restraining orders; 11 states looked into mental health records.

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Empire State Building tightens security after shooting

By BETH J. HARPAZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A handwritten note carried by a Palestinian gunman to the Empire State Building suggests he decided more than a year ago that his "bitter enemies" must be "annihilated and exterminated."

The note found on the body of Ali Hassan Abu Kamal was released Tuesday, two days after he killed one sightseer and wounded six others before fatally shooting himself on the 86th floor observation deck of the landmark skyscraper.

The scene of the bloodbath reopened to droves of tourists Tuesday who had to go through newly installed metal detectors. "We live in New York. You can't stay afraid," said teacher Hannah Schneewind who waited with her second-grade class to take in the city panorama on a clear, crisp day.

The gunman's rambling diatribe was laden with political references and titled "Charter of Honour." The note said those listed were "my bitter enemies and they must be annihilated and exterminated."

It blamed Zionists — backed by Americans, Britons and

Frenchmen — for "turning our people, the Palestinians, homeless."

"My restless aspiration is to murder as many of them as possible, and I have decided to strike at their own den in New York, and at the very Empire State Building in particular," said the note, which was signed by the 69-year-old Abu Kamal, who worked as an English teacher in Gaza City.

He listed Jan. 1, 1996, as the note's "original date of meditation."

Police said they still believe Abu Kamal was a deranged killer who acted alone. Abu Kamal's family said he was distraught over somehow losing \$300,000, but police questioned whether there ever was any money.

"There is no information that this alleged scam exists," Police Commissioner Howard Safir said. "There are no bank accounts that we're aware of, nothing in his personal effects, no safe deposit boxes."

Abu Kamal, who arrived in the United States on Christmas Eve, paid only with cash while dividing time between New York and Florida. However, "We would in no way characterize it as high-rolling," Safir said.

The document also lists as enemies "a gang of rogues who attacked me" — an apparent reference to a severe beating by vigilante militants in his homeland in Gaza — as well as an Egyptian police officer and a group of students he claimed beat his son. No mention was made of financial troubles.

The note shows Abu Kamal was a "man who had many, many enemies in his mind," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

The shooting didn't deter tourists Tuesday. Several hundred sightseers waited up to 40 minutes to buy tickets, go through the airport-style metal detectors and take the elevator up to the 86th floor.

Kim Broen, a 21-year-old Danish traveler, said he didn't like the long wait to go through the metal detectors, "but if this is the only way to stop this from happening, it's OK."

Judy and Larry Wilkinson of Valdosta, Ga., said they had arrived at the building Sunday 20 minutes after the shooting. Mrs. Wilkinson said she was determined to return Tuesday.

"I was a little apprehensive, but I really feel like it was an isolated incident. And it is a marvelous view," she said.

FBI finds hunted U-Haul truck contained baking powder

By LINDA LEAVELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — The FBI dropped a nationwide terrorist-threat advisory after a U-Haul truck suspected of carrying the makings of a huge bomb turned out to be loaded with baking powder.

The advisory was posted after witnesses said two men had loaded the truck with 30 gallons of diesel fuel and blue containers of what appeared to be thousands of pounds of fertilizer. Together, they could make a bomb similar to the one that killed 168 people at the Oklahoma City federal building.

The blue containers turned out to be carrying "baking powder for use as an antiseptic in scrubbing floors and tiles," a federal law enforcement official in Washington said Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

The FBI advisory had noted that Friday is the fourth anniversary of the raid on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco in which six cult members and four agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were killed.

The advisory was canceled Monday

night after the truck and its two occupants were located in Atlanta.

"The FBI and ATF now believe ... that there is no substance to the fears that two men driving a U-Haul truck were accumulating materials to build a bomb," the FBI said Tuesday.

The two men live in the area of Haltom City, outside Fort Worth, said Les Martz, ATF agent in charge of the Dallas division.

The witness had told police the men loaded the diesel into containers in the back of the truck at a Texaco station in Haltom City on Saturday.

Agents found the two men by canvassing U-Haul rental outlets and places throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area where fertilizer is sold. The men "were surprised and they were cooperative," FBI spokeswoman Marjorie Poche said.

The FBI said, "Recent tragedies resulting from criminal terrorist acts have required a heightened awareness and vigilance."

Associated Press Writer Michael Sniffen contributed to this story from Washington.

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Mom held on \$150,000 bond in daughter's overdose death

TUCSON (AP) — The mother of a 12-year-old girl who died last month of a drug overdose was ordered held under \$150,000 bond Tuesday after being charged with child abuse.

An anonymous tip led police to arrest Ella L. Townsend on Monday night. An autopsy showed a mixture of cocaine and heroin killed her daughter, Teanna Neeley, and police charged Townsend with child abuse for failing to get medical help for the girl.

Teanna Neeley had told a probation officer three weeks before her death that her mother was supplying her with drugs, according to records released by Child Protective Services.

The girl died Jan. 20 at her mother's home, a few weeks after she tested positive for cocaine. Family members

reported at the time having found her lifeless with blood trickling from her nose.

The CPS file also told of failed intervention and treatment attempts for Teanna, who ran away from foster parents to return to her mother.

Townsend was being held in the Pima County jail on a charge of child abuse alleging she failed to obtain medical aid for the girl, which would be a felony.

Conviction on that charge could draw a sentence of five to 20 years in prison.

Detective Lt. Richard Middleton said Townsend eventually could face a first-degree murder charge under the state's felony murder law that allows the charge in death

cases that arise from child abuse.

Detectives can show that the Teanna's mother knew the girl was having medical problems from cocaine and heroin use but "she did absolutely nothing to aid Teanna because she was high on heroin herself," Middleton said.

He said a man whom he identified only as a relative of Townsend left a message saying Townsend was planning to leave town. Middleton said Townsend gave detectives a statement after she was arrested but he declined to elaborate.

On Dec. 30, Teanna told a juvenile probation officer that her mother was giving her drugs. Townsend has denied allowing drug use in her home, saying she rid herself of a 20-year heroin habit five years ago.

Photographer accused of secretly taping women in dressing room

By MICHELLE EMERY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DOVER, N.H. — A photographer who took bridal portraits and portfolios for aspiring models is accused of secretly videotaping his subjects in a basement dressing room where a sign warned:

"Attention Models!!! Please! No undergarments. Why? Because pantyhose, panties and bras cause unsightly lines and bulges which are unacceptable for glamorous or model shows."

By Tuesday, about 20 women contacted police with fears they might have been victims of 71-year-old Lawrence Ring, who is accused of making the tapes for two decades and distributing some of the pictures over the Internet.

"They realize now they may have been taped," said Sgt. Anthony Colarusso. "They're very upset because they don't feel they did anything wrong — and they didn't."

Police accused the photographer of going much further than voyeurism

with some of his subjects — including having sex on camera with a 15-year-old girl whose call to police last week led to Ring's arrest.

Police Chief William Fenniman said Ring paid women \$15 an hour for modeling, \$30 an hour for body painting and \$150 an hour for acting in pornographic movies.

After searching Ring's house for about 12 hours on Saturday, police charged him with sexual assault and said more charges are expected.

Some 400 hours of videotape and thousands of photo negatives were seized, some going back so far that officers recognized some of their own high school classmates. One woman called from Italy about pictures taken years ago.

Police sought to allay women's fears that nude photos of them might become public. "We can assure victims we have very tight security," Colarusso said. "Our main concern is the victims."

Woman wins custody of sperm almost 6 years after lover's death

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman has won custody of her lover's frozen sperm nearly six years after he killed himself, ending a bitter legal struggle with the man's grown children.

Deborah Hecht wants to use the sperm to have Bill Kane's child.

The California Supreme Court refused last month to hear an appeal and on Monday her lawyer carried Kane's legacy from a sperm bank to a laboratory affiliated with Hecht's fertility specialist.

Kane, an author and businessman, committed suicide in 1991 at age 48 after changing his will to include Hecht and making deposits at the sperm bank.

After his death, Kane's children — Everett, 25, and Katie, 23 — became incensed when they learned Hecht had known about their father's suicide plans. They accused her of manipulating him to leave her his estate and unsuccessfully sued her for wrongful death.

The sperm became an issue only after Hecht agreed to give the children 80 percent of Kane's estate.

Under that 80-20 property split, a judge ruled that Hecht should get at least three of the 15 vials of sperm frozen at the sperm bank.

Two of the vials failed to make Hecht pregnant through artificial insemination, and she fought to obtain the entire sample.

An appellate court supported her claim: "Seldom has this court reviewed a probate case where the decedent evidenced his or her intent so clearly."

And last month the Supreme Court declined to review the decision.

No reason was given for the court's decision. The high court decertified the case, meaning it can't be used as legal precedent in other cases.

"It doesn't mean the court agrees or disagrees with the result," said court spokeswoman Lynn Holton. "There are many reasons for decertification."

Kane's children are disappointed, but are still suing Hecht for intentional infliction of emotional distress.

"The judicial process in this case has been strange and frustrating, and Katie and Everett are glad it's over," said Sandra Irwin, their mother and attorney.

Hecht, who is not married, hopes to have her eggs fertilized with Kane's sperm in the laboratory and implanted on her birthday, March 6.

"Nice birthday present, huh?" she said.

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Woman, husband fight off intruder

DALLAS (AP) — A woman, aided by her husband and 10-year-old son, fought off a rapist and killed him with his own handgun, police said.

The 27-year-old woman told police that her family was getting ready for work and school around 6 a.m. Monday when the man broke through their front door and fired two shots.

With the couple's three children hiding in a bedroom, the man robbed them of some cash and raped the mother, police said. The father then jumped the attacker as his 10-year-old son picked up the assailant's gun and fired one shot into the ceiling, apparently trying to scare him away, police said.

The woman grabbed the gun and shot the attacker in the chest, police were told.

The assailant, identified as Kedrian Myers, 18, died shortly after arrival at Baylor University Medical Center, police said.

AT&T unveils wireless service

By DAVID E. KALISH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — AT&T on Tuesday detailed plans to tie its wireless phone network directly to millions of home phone lines, offering consumers a unique way to make local calls and speed access to the Internet.

Customers would still use their home phones. But instead of traveling across a copper-wire network, calls would be routed to a pizza-size box mounted on the side of a home. This radio transceiver box would transmit voice and data to a base station and then route it across AT&T's wireless system of switches and transmission lines to other phones.

While still in the test stage, the new technology could turn AT&T's vast wireless network into a potent weapon in its battle with the regional Bell companies for local phone customers.

AT&T said it will begin testing the service in Chicago this year, first with its employees and then with consumers. Based on the results, the company will determine how and when to roll it out in other markets.

Unlike mobile phone callers, people using the new ser-

vice can't travel outside the home to make calls. But down the road, AT&T plans to sell another service that will enable people to use their cellular phones like a home cordless model, paying local rates when calling inside the home instead of pricier mobile-phone fees.

For consumers, the new service ultimately could lower local phone rates as entrenched carriers vie with AT&T for local customers, said Dawn Honeyman, an Oklahoma-based consultant with TeleChoice Inc.

AT&T executives said they will wait for test market results before setting prices, but that they won't charge customers for the service's electronic box. The company said it was too early to comment on a report Monday that it could charge as little as \$10 a month for the local phone service.

AT&T executives said the wireless system would provide speedier data transmission than traditional copper wires, which were built to carry voices, not data. It will provide two phone lines to each home and the capability for high-speed access to the Internet at speeds up to 10 times faster than most computer modems.

ODDS & ENDS

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Kimberly Goodman believes that everyone is born with a gift. Hers just happens to be particularly eye-popping — literally.

Goodman can spring the orbs right out of her head.

She discovered the bizarre talent about five years ago when her eye came out of its socket while she was taking off a Halloween mask.

"I was with two girlfriends and they just stood there, frozen, with their mouths open," she recalled. "I pushed it back in, and they never said a word to me — just walked away, still with their mouths open."

Now she's learned to do it on command, without using her hands. "I sort of squint, pull my eyelid back and out it comes," Goodman explained.

David Letterman was so impressed with the ocular stunt that he featured her on Monday night's *Late Show with David Letterman Video Special 3*.

"You will talk about this until the day you die," he told the audience.

To Letterman's cue, "Did you hear that Michael Jackson

had a baby?" the young woman from Chicago did what she does best.

The eyes popped out — way out.

LIVERMORE, Calif. — How many firefighters does it take to change a lightbulb?

At Livermore's Fire Station 1, the question is moot.

For nearly a century, firefighters there have been keepers of what is believed to be the longest-burning bulb on the planet. Donated to the department by a local businessman, it has been shining since 1901.

The naked bulb, which hangs from the ceiling, is celebrated in Ripley's Believe-It-or-Not and has attracted tourists from as far away as Japan and Australia to this city just east of Oakland.

Through earthquakes, fires and riots, the bulb has burned faintly with only short interruptions for the occasional power outage and a 23-minute respite in 1976 when the station moved locations. The bulb was brought along to the new building.

"We gave it (an emergency) code 3," firefighter Jim

McCraw remembers. "We had all the trucks out with sirens and lights flashing. It was like the O.J. Simpson chase, we moved it so slowly down the street."

LOS ANGELES — Ed Harrison's an egghead and proud of it.

The 82-year-old owns a Westwood skyscraper, presides over an oil company, manages real estate and collects eggs — about 1 million of them.

Don't bother to ask which comes first.

"People think I'm a little drunk, and I guess I am," said Harrison, who sees himself as the last of the great oologists. His friends call him "The Egg Man."

Harrison has collected more than 1 million eggs, representing more than 3,600 species, since taking up the hobby as a boy.

Nowadays his collection occupies an anonymous warehouse in Camarillo as part of the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology. The specimens come in all varieties: oval, pointy and round; speckled, white and brown; fresh and ancient. Some go beyond grade AAA.

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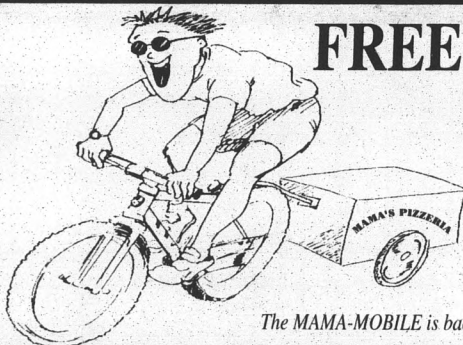
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Above, Callie Cozier peeks from beneath her umbrella while crossing the ASU bridge that extends across University Drive.

Right, Jim and Lois Lehman, academic professional chemist and support system analyst at the College of Liberal Arts, use computer boxes to ward off rain during Tuesday's deviation from the normal trend of sunshine and clear skies.

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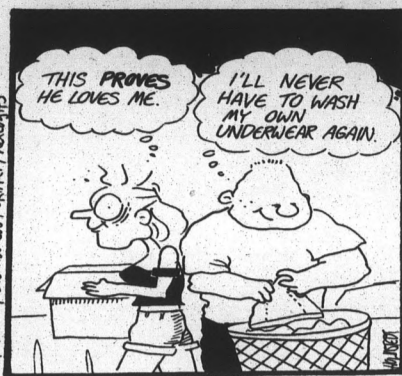
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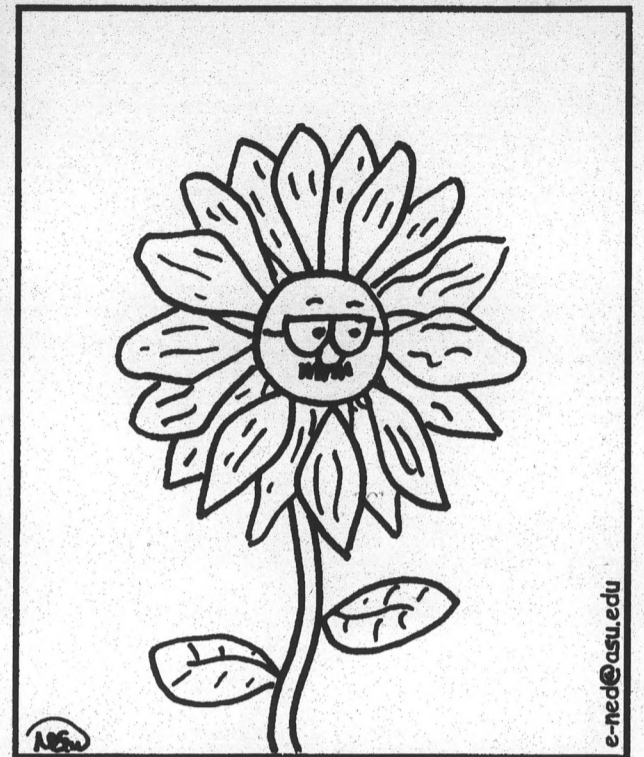
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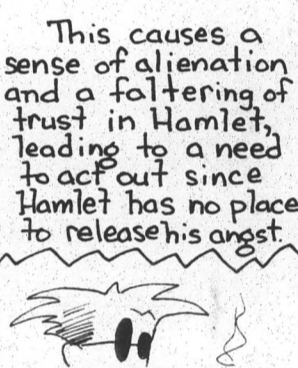
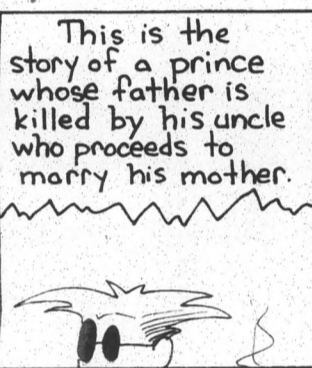
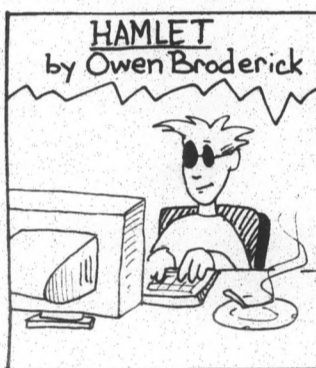
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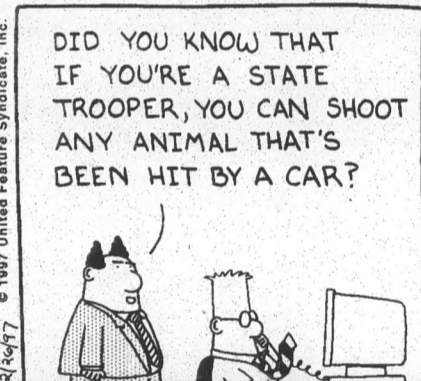
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Frieder praises senior trio before final home games

BY ED ODEVEN
STATE PRESS

Although the Sun Devils had their best shooting game of the Pac-10 season versus Oregon Saturday, Bill Frieder's club suffered yet another defeat.

It was ASU's 11th defeat in the past 12 games.

Frieder hopes ASU (10-16, 2-12 and last in the Pac-10) will put together a winning streak in the team's final homestand this season.

"We just got to have them all put it together so we can get a couple victories this week," Frieder said at his weekly press conference. "That's what our goal is, to get two victories this week. It would be sure nice if they could get rewarded and get a victory here soon"

Senior trio

Sun Devil forwards Quincy Brewer, Rodger Farrington and Lamar Richardson will play in their final two home games this weekend.

As the trio's college careers come to an end, Frieder spoke about the departing Sun Devils.

Frieder on Brewer: "I've been through everything with Quincy. Injuries, frustrations, good years, bad years. But Quincy will always be special, because he was an integral part of that Sweet Sixteen team and he's the last of that bunch. I really feel for Quincy and I hope he goes out with a bang and has a great last four games here."

Frieder on Farrington: "He has been up and down in statistics from game to game. But he's been very consistent on his leadership, his coachability, his mannerisms (and) his work efforts. You can count on Rodger Farrington. He's really done a great job in a very tough season. He's really did a real nice job keeping this team together. He's been a great representative of this program on and off the court."

Frieder on Richardson: "I think the one thing you have to give Lamar credit for is a year ago everybody joked and made fun of Lamar. But this year Lamar did give us some quality minutes off the bench. He improved his inside game. He's become a decent scorer inside and he's been able to give us three or four minutes of spot play here or there."

Frieder praised the trio for setting a good example for the underclassmen.

"Those three kids have never been an

ounce of trouble in any regard," he said. "They've really been a pleasure. They've done a nice job for us."

Batiste's troubles

Although Michael Batiste is averaging 12.6 points and 7.1 rebounds in his 18 games as a Sun Devil, Frieder explained why the sophomore forward's output has tailed off recently.

"His leg gives out," Frieder said. "As time goes on he isn't as productive. When you got a kid playing on a leg that's 70 percent, you can't put all the blame on him."

Frieder has altered Batiste's playing time, which he thinks is a good solution.

"What I try to do with him now is play him five, six minutes and rest him three or four," he said. "I think maybe we are getting a little more out of him that way."

Unfortunately, Batiste has had a recurring problem.

"He still was not near as effective against Oregon in the second half as he was in the first problem," Frieder said. "That's been a trend as I went back and just checked him from Day One. And he falls down four or five times a game. It's usually as the game wears on and it's usually in the second half. That just goes back to the leg."

However, Frieder pointed out that Batiste has improved.

"We feel good about him," he said. "We feel he's getting more aggressive. He's learning more about the game. He's playing harder ..."

Batiste should be in better shape next season after undergoing summer rehabilitation to strengthen his (left) leg, Frieder said.

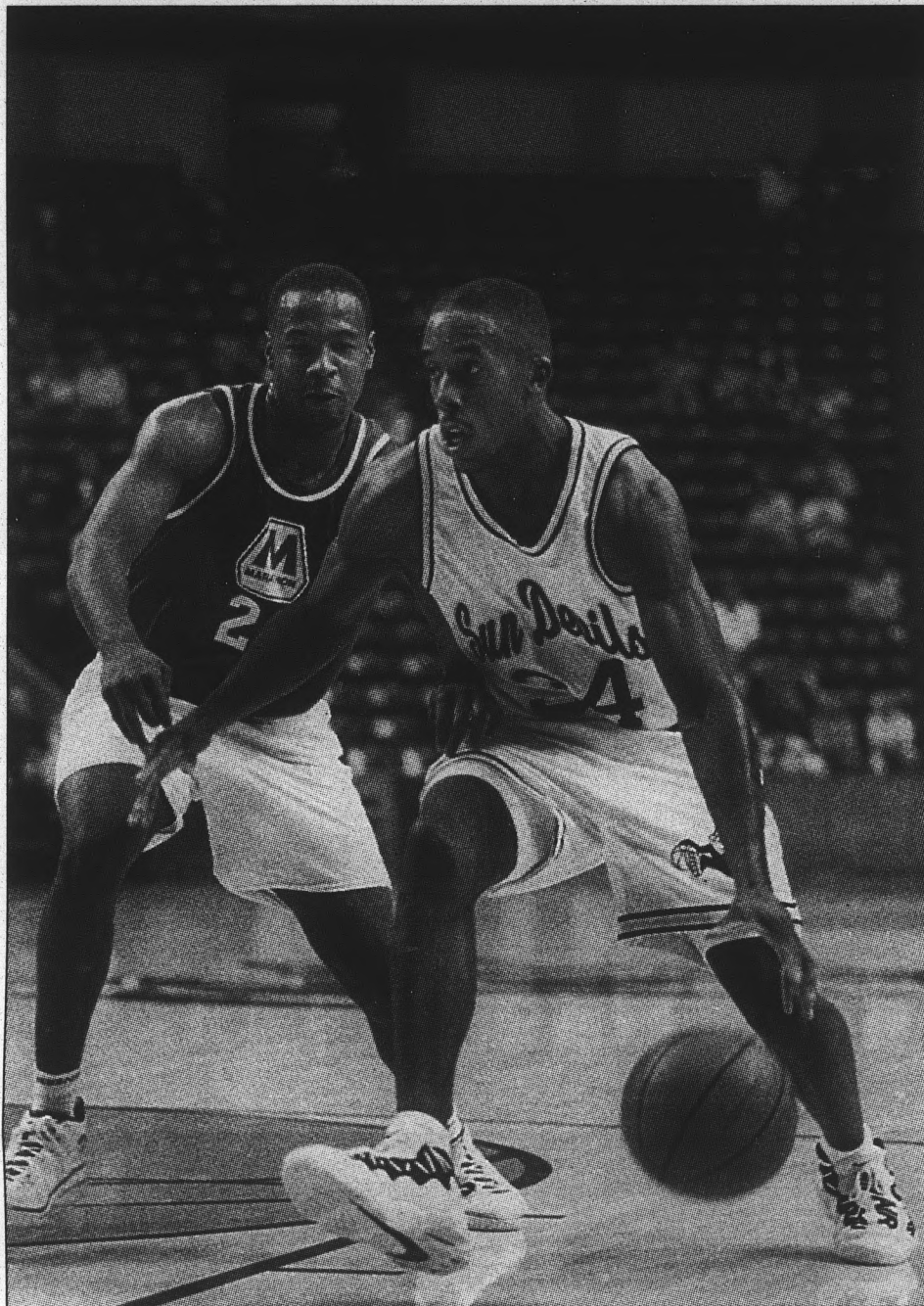
"With rehabilitation in the off-season, I think he's going to be all right next year," he said. "He just needs to get on a daily program where he's being tested and working every day."

House record

Sun Devil freshman guard Eddie House shattered ex-ASU guard Byron Scott's freshman record of 51 steals in a season on Saturday at Oregon. House has 52 steals this season.

House, who is averaging 12.7 points per game this season, has averaged 16.6 points in the last five games.

"I think Eddie's played a little more consistently (lately)," Frieder said.



ASU fifth-year senior Quincy Brewer drives to the basket in a Nov. 18 game against Marathon Oil. After sitting out 16 games he will play the final two home games of his career at the University Activity Center this week.

Jim Poulin/State Press

Women's golf team posts second-place finish at Classic

BY MATT PAULSON
STATE PRESS

The ASU women's golf team finished second at the Bruin Classic, which was held in Temecula, Calif., with a three-round total of 942, and Sun Devil sophomore Jody Niemann tallied a 18-over par 234 to tie for third individually.

The Sun Devils shot a 314 in 50-mph wind Tuesday to go with their rounds of 315 and 313 from Monday. ASU finished behind Tulsa, which stroked rounds of 312, 315 and 307 for a total of 934.

Niemann (76-78-80) recorded her second top-10 finish of

the year. Five Sun Devils have finished in the top 10 at five tournaments this season.

Junior Kellee Booth said having such consistency and depth on the team is reminiscent of the Sun Devils' 1995 team which won the National Championship.

"It's wonderful to be on a team that always has one or two players who finish at the top," Booth said, "and three, four or five who shot well also. It reminds me of my freshman year."

Head coach Linda Vollstedt said the windy conditions were unusual for the team.

"It was a tough day today in the wind, but we did finish

second," she said. "I was proud of the team. They really hung in there. We don't usually play in such bad conditions"

Three other Sun Devils, Booth and sophomores Keri Cornelius and Tui Selvaratnam, all finished in the top 20.

Booth (80-76-83) and Cornelius (84-79-76) both finished at 239 and tied for 13th. Selvaratnam tied for 18th and shot rounds of 80, 80 and 81 for a final score of 241.

Junior Jean-Marie Busuttill (79-88-77—244) was 27th, and freshman Michaela Friberg (81-79-86—246), who was competing as an individual, tied for 34th.

ASU will next compete in the San Jose State Invitational which will be held on March 7-9 in Monterey, Calif.

Student-athletes honored at Maroon and Gold luncheon

BY JOSH DEFAMIO
STATE PRESS

Skeptics who believe the term 'student-athlete' to be an oxymoron now have 206 things to think about.

That is the number of ASU's student athletes, 45 percent of the 454 student athletes at the University, that were honored Tuesday at the sixth annual Maroon and Gold Scholar Athlete Luncheon.

It marked the first time ASU had ever honored as many as 200 student athletes at one luncheon. The 206 honorees also represented a 13 percent increase over the previous luncheon.

"It should be noted that every college is represented," ASU Athletic Director Kevin White said. "And every team is represented. That is something to be proud of."

White spoke first, then handed the floor to Joe Caldwell. Caldwell, who played basketball for the Sun Devils in the 1960's and recently reentered the University to complete his degree, was one of the athletes honored.

University President Lattie Coor handed out several team and individual honors. The women's tennis team achieved the highest team GPA, while the women's swimming and diving teams earned the highest GPA among "large" teams (20 or more members).

Eight athletes, Ed Carter (tennis), Mary Duerbeck (track and field), Mark



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Ernster (baseball), Alyson Miller (swimming), Anna Moll (tennis), Jared Schrieber (track and field), Stephen Trejo (football), and Lisa Vinciyanovic (gymnastics), were awarded for earning 4.0 GPA's in either the fall or spring semester of the past year.

Following Coor's presentation, two of ASU's most prominent athletes rose to speak a few words about the off-the-field responsibilities carried by every student-athlete.

Senior Alyssa Johnson, who has played both basketball and softball dur-



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ing her stint at ASU, read from a poem entitled "To Any Athlete".

"(It shows) how important it is to set a good example not only on the field," she said. "But on it as well."

All-American football player Juan Roque then stepped up and echoed Johnson's sentiments as a high-profile student-athlete.

"I think it's our responsibility to be role models," Roque said during his speech. "Because some little kid is out there watching (us)."

Following the speeches, Coor returned to the podium to close out the event.

"(These luncheons) are no less important because the media and television lights aren't here," Coor said, referring to the lack of media present. "But in fact, these are more important (than the games)."

Bonds falls down stairs

BY ROB GLOSTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Barry Bonds managed to avoid the piano and the ceramic animals, but ended up with a sore hip after tripping and falling down a flight of stairs in his rented spring training home Tuesday morning.

"I just slipped down the steps. I just fell and hit the marble floor," Bonds said before heading to the hospital for an MRI on his right hip. "I hit the floor with my hip and went straight down."

The San Francisco Giants said late Tuesday afternoon that results of the MRI were inconclusive, and that doctors planned to continue studying the results in hopes of having a more definitive diagnosis by Wednesday morning.

Bonds, who skipped the Giants' practice Tuesday while a chiropractor worked on him, said X-rays taken Tuesday morning on his hip and back showed no damage.

"The chiropractor helped out a lot. I feel 100 percent better, man. I got adjusted. I

was all jammed up," he said. "I'm fine. I'm real fine."

But Bonds, who said he tumbled down 7-8 carpeted steps, still was experiencing some soreness even after the chiropractic session.

"It just seems like something's pinching a nerve in my hip every time I lean forward," he said.

Bonds said he was going downstairs in his rented Scottsdale house to get some vitamins before practice when he tripped and started tumbling. He said he was relieved that he kept himself from falling into a piano, antiques and ceramic animals at the bottom of the stairs.

"I can see the news: 'Bonds wrecks people's homes.' That's all I need now," he said with a laugh. "I was trying not to fall into the damn piano."

Manager Dusty Baker said he just hoped the MRI would show nothing serious.

"I'm concerned, but concern's not going to do any good," Baker said. "If it is serious, this is the best time for this to happen. He has a high tolerance for pain and he heals quickly."



Scott Troyanos/Associated Press
San Francisco Giants outfielder Barry Bonds takes batting practice during his first day of spring training at the club's facility in Scottsdale last Friday. Bonds ended up with a sore hip after falling down a flight of stairs in his rented spring training home Tuesday Feb. 25.

All hoops fans will give WNBA, Mercury fair chance

First things first. I am not a flag-bearing advocate of all women's sports. FOX's sizzling coverage of figure skating gets no airplay on my TV. Women's professional golf — well, golf in general — gets the same non-response. The same goes for women's body building. Don't get me wrong, they're all legitimate sports.

Women's hoop, however, is something I'll watch. And being a California native and a die-hard fan of Karch Kiraly, pro beach volleyball featuring either gender gets my attention.

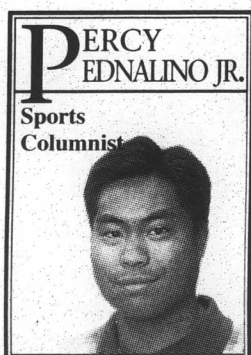
But when I saw Monday's paper and read David Ruffalo's editorial, I just had to respond.

To compare the new WNBA franchise to minor sports franchises like the Arizona Rattlers and the now-defunct Phoenix Cobras is like comparing Chicago Bulls guard Michael Jordan to Vinny Del Negro of the San Antonio Spurs, then asking NBA fans to vote on the more popular player.

The WNBA should stick around for a while, especially since it has the backing of the NBA. It also has a rich pool of untapped talent and marquee names waiting to fill its rosters. Finally, it indeed has popularity among sports fans, both female and male.

The question was asked by Ruffalo in Monday's *State Press* as to how many sports fans could name the Mercury's head coach and its newly signed players. While the names of the players (Michele Timms and Jennifer Gillom) may not be familiar to all but the ardent women's basketball fan, head coach Cheryl Miller's name is very familiar even to the casual hoop fan.

She is, after all, the older sister of NBA star Reggie



Miller, a guard with the Indiana Pacers. Cheryl Miller also served as a color commentator for TNT Sports. In addition, she is the only three-time winner of the Naismith Award, college basketball's equivalent to football's Heisman Trophy and led the U.S. to a gold medal in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. To say that Cheryl Miller is an unrecognizable name for knowledgeable sports fans is absurd.

It goes without saying that sports fans in Phoenix love their Suns. And they know their NBA players. Therefore, it's safe to say that Phoenix sports fans know who Reggie Miller is and know who Cheryl Miller is.

Should I continue? How about the claim in Monday's paper that women's mud wrestling and the *Playboy* Olympics would rank in the top five for men's favorite female-dominated sports? Get serious.

You had to have been living in a cave not to have seen the dramatic vault Olympian Kerri Strug completed in the Atlanta Olympics last summer. Strug's one-footed landing put an exclamation on the gold medal for the U.S. women's team gymnastics competition.

Locally, gymnastics is hot right now because of our own Sun Devil team. ASU is ranked No. 5 in the nation. And with gymnasts such as Carrie Courtney and Meagan Wright pacing the team, it isn't hard to see why gymnastics is hot.

And if you were in that cave, you probably didn't bother to watch any of "Dream Team Too", the U.S. women's basketball team, as it cruised its way to a gold medal.

Half of that team is currently playing in the women's American Basketball League, the WNBA's chief rival, while the other half should make its way to the WNBA. It would be no surprise to me if both leagues merged in the near future, just as the ABA and the NBA did in 1976. The level of talent is deep in women's hoop, there just isn't a proper showcase for it.

Two words in defense of professional women's hoop

becoming successful: Tara VanDerveer.

VanDerveer, head coach of the women's basketball team at Stanford, led the U.S. team in Atlanta and already is a legend in women's hoop. She is the women's college basketball equivalent of Chicago Bulls coach Phil Jackson, minus the beard and the Zen philosophy.

I hope it never happens and ASU women's basketball coach Charli Turner Thorne may wish it would, but somewhere down the line VanDerveer may decide to leave the confines of Stanford's Maples Pavilion, may decide that a gold medal is not enough, and head for the pros. Consider the implications if North Carolina head coach Dean Smith decided to leave the Tarheels and take over the Charlotte Hornets. Now imagine if VanDerveer did the same and took over a WNBA franchise in the Bay Area.

Seriously, I would guess that legitimate sports such as basketball, professional beach volleyball and gymnastics all would rank in the top five for men's favorite female-dominated sports.

Granted, the WNBA may not get the attention that the NBA, Major League Baseball or NFL does, but to lump the Mercury in the same category as the Rattlers, the Cobras and the Arizona Sandsharks indoor soccer team is a gross injustice.

Give credit where credit is due. Although baseball should and will be successful in Phoenix, it's about time a legitimate effort was made to showcase women's hoop. Granted, the WNBA may not achieve the same success as the Coyotes have in their first season, but give it a chance.

After the success of the U.S. women's basketball team in Atlanta, the NBA is riding the popularity of women's hoop at just the right time. Heck, if an upstart league like Major League Soccer can thrive among pro sports' traditional big four of the NFL, the NBA, the NHL and Major League Baseball, then why can't women's hoops do the same?

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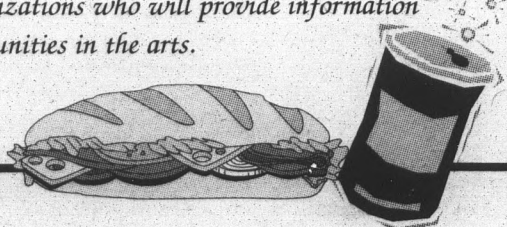
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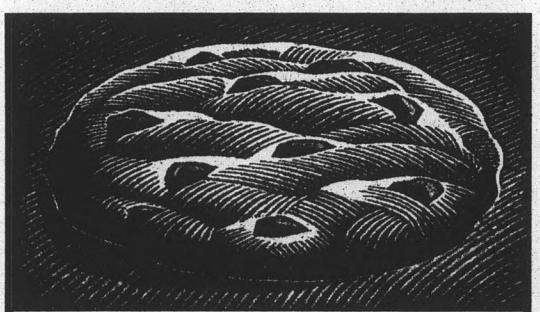
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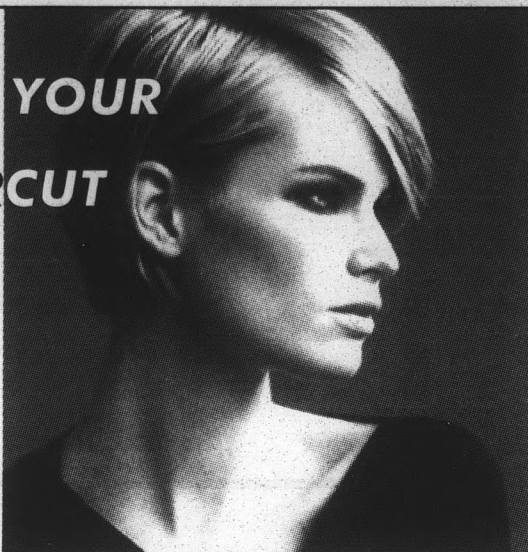
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