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The Current takes GRCC back in time



Photo By Johan Flink

The Fountain as it looks today Circa 1998.

By Casey Littlejohn

The remnants of the old fountain sitting in the heart of the Green River campus at the Kennelly Commons is abandoned and deteriorating.

There has been a sad decline in the condition of the fountain since it was created circa 1965 when Green River became a college. Back then, six nozzles shot water a few feet into the air. The area was naturally an epicenter of student activity.

Tom Trindle has provided maintenance of the campus for 20 years, and knows all about the fountain. Trindle said beginning in 1976 until the summer of 1978, the fountain was intermittently shut down. There was a big energy crisis going on, and it was being vandalized by students.

"They had decided to do away with it," Trindle said.

But then in the summer of '78, the college was holding an event that showed off the Green

River campus. Officials wanted something attractive done with the fountain.

"They wanted to spruce it up," Trindle said. "So, we took welding plates, and put them up and down three pipes that came up out of the water, making it trickle down the plates."

The trickle down fountain remained until 1994-95. The maintenance office decided to abandon it for a couple of reasons. One, they received many complaints from students about the fountain's appearance. Two, freezing water had cracked the tile, causing the tub to leak.

"It needs some heavy repairs," Trindle said. "Meanwhile, the commons area around it is falling apart."

So for the past three years, the fountain has just been wearing away. Sometimes you can find pop cans and cigarette butts floating around - along with mud, leaves, and mosquito larvae.

Dean of Students Bruce

Compton said, "The area needs funding, but it is difficult when we also need funding for equipment and instruction at the same time."

Actually, there are funds set aside for the renovation of the fountain according to Tom Weisweaver.

"We have a Performing Arts building renovation coming up," he said. "We want to incorporate the upgrading of the Kennelly Commons into the P.A."

Continued On...

Thoughts about the old fountain at the Kennelly Commons

compiled by Casey Littlejohn

"It's a tragedy." - Robert Brehm, GRCC Faculty Advisor

"It's a real eyesore right now." - Dan Morris, GRCC Student President

"I tell people to meet me by the pond scum in the middle of the courtyard." - Kellie Hernandez, student

"You could at least put a fountain there. Replace the tile too." - Kathleen Fugere, student

"It's pretty pathetic. I went here when the fountain was working and I loved it." - Rene Macklin, educator

"I think it should be a fountain again." - Annie Bergeron, student

"They need to repair it, or they should fill it up with cement, and make it like an art gallery." - Omar Foster, student

"Why is it even here?" - Ben Smith, student

Don't Be Fooled by Winter Sun

(NAPS)—Consider this: the strength of UV rays at Vail's summit in January were 50 percent stronger than those on a New York beach in June (SKI, November 1997). Although we are continually bombarded with information about harmful UV rays, we often mistakenly correlate that danger with hot temperatures and clear blue skies.

Don't let those cold winter days lull you into a false sense of security, however. In fact, winter sun can be more damaging to the eye because shiny surfaces such as snow and wet concrete can reflect additional sunlight, up to 85 per-

cent more, causing twice or, even, three times the normal amount of UV exposure. (Ozone Action, September 1998).

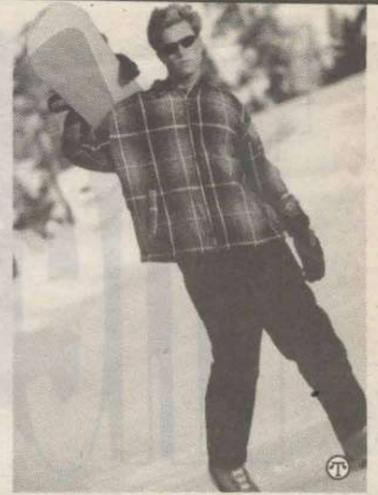
According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, adults and children should be wearing sunglasses year-round to protect their eyes from harmful UV light and to prevent serious eye injury.

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ly eliminating irritating reflections on the back-side of the lens. Shatter-resistant polycarbonate is the best lens material for an active lifestyle. The Swiss Army Sunglass Collection offers all these great performance features—classic unisex frames that effortlessly combine function and style, with retail prices ranging from \$60 to \$90.

So whether you plan on heading to the tropics, dashing down the slopes or running store to store this holiday season, make sure you wear a pair of sunglasses. If you find yourself without a proper pair, add your name to the gift list and make this essential purchase for yourself.

For store locations nearest you, call 800-442-2706.



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Referendum 49 passed and left to democratic legislature.

By Collin Noia

Washington voters said yes on Referendum 49, which authorizes \$1.9 billion worth of bond sales, and raises \$600 million for road maintenance and highway improvement.

Mostly republicans backed Referendum 49, and now that the GOP has lost control of the legislature, it is up to the party that opposed Referendum 49 to spend the money.

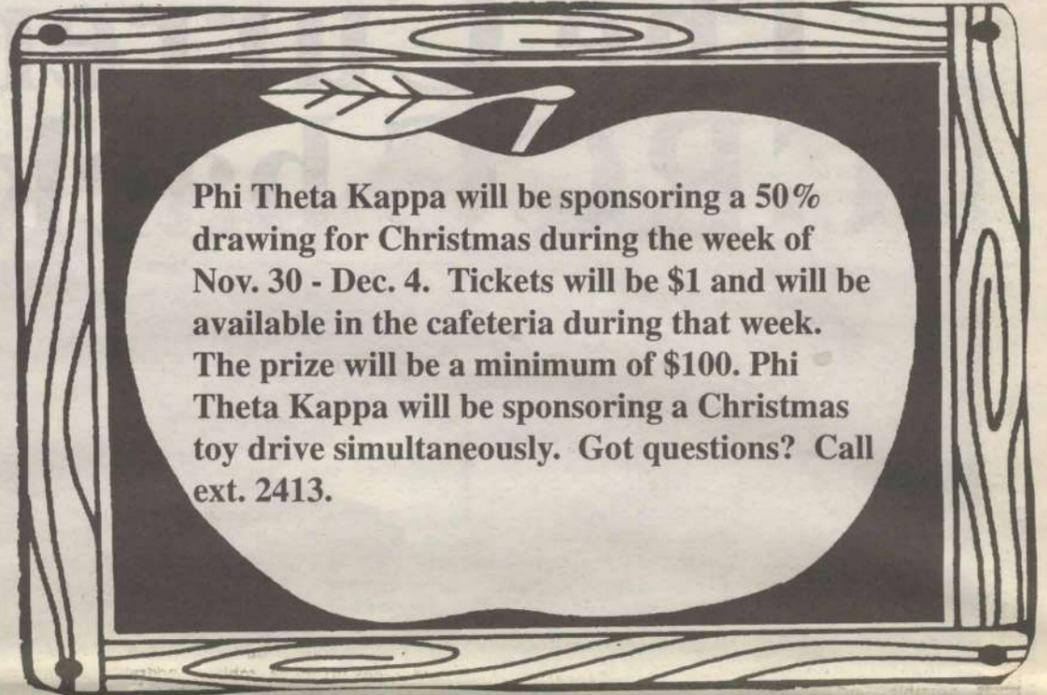
Referendum 49 did not say what specific projects the allotted funds would be spent on, so all the decisions as to how the funds are spent are up to the legislature. According to the Seattle times some of the potential ways the money would be spent are: carpool lanes along Interstate 5 between Tukwila and Fife, a six lane interchange in Vancouver, and traffic flow improvements between I-5

and the highway 16 corridor in Tacoma.

"Referendum 49 is credit card spending at its worst," Governor Gary Locke said in the Washington State Voters Pamphlet. "It doesn't solve our transportation crisis, doesn't list the road projects it might finance, and takes money that should go to schools."

According to the Seattle Times, recommendations must be made to Governor Locke, and he must give a list of projects to Legislature. The Legislature will modify the list, approve it and then the projects may be started.

Washington State Voters Pamphlet - page 13
Seattle Times - November 4, 1998 - page B3 - "\$2.4 billion in spending for roads approved" - Jim Lynch



Phi Theta Kappa will be sponsoring a 50% drawing for Christmas during the week of Nov. 30 - Dec. 4. Tickets will be \$1 and will be available in the cafeteria during that week. The prize will be a minimum of \$100. Phi Theta Kappa will be sponsoring a Christmas toy drive simultaneously. Got questions? Call ext. 2413.

It's 'New School' Government at GRCC

By Casey Littlejohn

Student President Dan Morris is leading a makeover of Green River Community college's student government.

"I want to make a difference on campus," Morris said. A 20 year-old graduate of Puyallup High School, Morris' first goal for the new government is simply to fill all of the positions and to get things running smoothly.

There are 27 positions in the government, including three in the executive branch, where Morris serves. Last year he was in the senate, which has 15 seats, only four of which are incumbents this year. Nine students comprise the judicial board. Bill Fountain, the chief justice, is the lone returning judge.

The senate deals primarily with money and policy, while the judicial branch handles student constitutional matters. Morris'

tenure committee sits in the middle of all this.

"We have to be able to hear different sides and be able to make the right decisions," Morris said.

Meetings are open to all students. The senate meets Wednesday and Thursday from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m., and the judicial branch on Mondays 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Morris is planning to major in architecture at WAZZU, and possibly run for office there, but he loves the school here at Green River.

"You're sitting by a 15 year-old on one side of you and a 60 year-old on the other side," Morris said. "Where else can you get that?"

For more information on Student Government and perhaps how you can get involved check out Student Programs, second floor of the Lindbloom Student Center.

Free Poetry Contest!

The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$48,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the North American Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Auburn area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of our 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is December 31, 1998. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Howard Ely, Contest Director. "Poets from the Auburn area have successfully competed in past competitions." Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style, to: The National Library of Poetry, Suite 1946, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117 - 6282 or go to www.poetry.com. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name

and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by December 31, 1998. A new contest opens January 1, 1999.

The National Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.



Merry
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Current

Historic legislation finally brings campus crime statistics to light

Once, colleges and universities claimed that because of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), disclosing student crime information could result in the loss of federal funds. Now, schools can lose the same federal funding if they refuse to release this information.

On Oct. 7, President Bill Clinton signed the Higher Education Act of 1998, which calls for clear guidelines on campus police log reporting, expands the crime categories to be reported, and calls for the U.S. Department of Education to compile and distribute annual campus crime statistics. In addition, the new law also addresses certification of drug and alcohol prevention programs, student freedom of expression, and disclosure of athletic financial statistics.

"Congress has made some dramatic strides in ensuring that college and university students will have greater access to information they need about their schools," said Student Press Law Center Executive Director Mark Goodman in an Oct. 7 press release. SPLC also urges student journalists to begin demanding access to campus police and security logs as soon as possible. The SPLC, along with the Society of Professional Journalists, helped in writing the legislation.

Security on Campus (SOC), a nonprofit organization that helps victims, parents of victims and others promote campus safety through legislation, also worked to get the bill passed. SOC was founded by Connie and Howard Clery, who lost their daughter to campus crime. "We've exploded onto the scene and revealed campus crime for what it is—horrible," said Connie Clery, SOC secretary. "(College and university administrators) fought us every step of the way because they don't want the public to know there is campus crime."

"The falsification of the truth has to stop," Clery said. "That's

why we had to go with this latest federal law. Colleges and universities had learned how to circumvent (earlier legislation)." In 1992, she notes, the Campus Security Act was intended to clarify the distinction between campus crime records and other education records protected by FERPA, but campus administrators largely ignored the ruling.

SOC has been fighting for safer campuses and more reporting of campus crime since its establishment in 1987. Since then, the organization has been behind three federal laws and 23 state laws that

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Here are some of the most important provisions of the Higher Education Act signed into law on Oct. 7. For a detailed analysis of the legislation and advice on exercising your new rights under the law, visit the Student Press Law Center's Web page at www.splc.org/newsflashes/090798hea.html



A look at the new law

Police and security logs

- All colleges and universities must create and maintain a log, which is open to the public, of incidents reported to campus police/security departments. Reports must be made available within two business days.

- The only allowable grounds for refusal to provide this information are to protect a victim or to preserve an ongoing investigation.

Disciplinary records

- Schools can no longer cite FERPA for refusal to disclose outcomes of campus disciplinary proceedings in instances of a student being accused of a violent crime or a non-forcible sex offense.

- The institution can notify the parents or guardians of under-21 students if they are found in violation of the school's drug and alcohol policy.

Crime statistics

- The law adds manslaughter and arson to the crime statistics already mandated to be reported in the 1990 Campus Security Act (the others are murder, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft).

Other important provisions

- Reporting of athletic department financial data, reporting foreign gifts of more than \$250,000 to universities, \$25,000 fine for each instance of noncompliance, affirmation of student free expression rights, limits on campus alcohol advertising.

Army Recruiting Increases College Fund

U.S. Army Recruiting Command officials have announced that as of November 12, 1998, maximum benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill plus the Army College Fund have been increased from \$40,000 to \$50,000 for persons who qualify for this program. The Army College Fund is available to applicants who qualify for selected Army skills.

In a related move, the Army Recruiting Command also announced revisions to its enlistment bonus program. Effective immediately, qualified applicants are eligible for a \$3,000 sign-up bonus, if they

report to training between now and May 31, 1999. In the past, Army bonus incentives were targeted to specific critical specialties. These targeted bonus programs will remain in effect, offering up to \$12,000.

In some cases, applicants may be able to combine this new \$3,000 sign-up bonus with an existing

enlistment bonus that targets a specific specialty. However, the total bonus amount cannot exceed \$6,000 for a three-year enlistment or \$12,000 for four or more years.

During the last recruiting year, more than 11,000 young men and women who entered the Army qualified for and selected the Army College Fund. These young soldiers will earn a potential of over 375 million dollars in money for college or vocational training.

Both these programs recognize the Army's commitment to attract the best and the brightest from America's youth population. Any young person or parent who would like to know more about these enlistment incentives should contact their local Army recruiter for more details.

Sunnyside Country Christmas Parade and Festivities

The Sunnyside community cordially invites you to attend the 10th annual Sunnyside Country Christmas Lighted Farm Implement Parade. This outstanding holiday season special event has become the premiere Northwest Christmas Parade.

The Sunnyside Country Christmas Lighted Farm Implement Parade features some of the most spectacular lighted parade entries imaginable. They include beautifully lighted farm implements, combines, harrowbeds, swathers, grape pickers and all forms of tractors. Other entry categories include antique cars, animal drawn entries and Christmas floats.

The Sunnyside Christmas Parade was established ten years ago as a special event designed to

capture the spirit of rural Christmas past and the Yakima Valley's outstanding agricultural heritage. Without a doubt, the Christmas Parade and other holiday season festivities represent a memorable experience that the entire family can enjoy.

PARADE TIME AND INFORMATION The Parade begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. in downtown Sunnyside. Starting from Warehouse Avenue, the parade proceeds south on 6th Street, east on Edison Avenue, and crosses the Yakima Valley Highway, where it ends at the Mid Valley Mall. Parade spectators are encouraged to get into town early on Saturday for the best view of the Parade.

PRE-PARADE FESTIVITIES IN DOWNTOWN SUNNYSIDE

The pre-Parade festivities featured in Downtown Sunnyside start at 3:30 p.m. Join turn-of-the-century costumed carolers singing your favorite Christmas songs; enjoy a spectacular tree lighting ceremony. The 30' "Spirit of Sunnyside" Christmas tree will be lighted in a grand celebration at 5:30 p.m. at the intersection of 6th and Edison in the heart of Downtown Sunnyside. Naturally, lots of good food and Christmas cheer will be available in the Downtown area, including the Sunnyside Kiwanis pancake feed at United Methodist Church, 9th and Edison.

SEASONS GREETING CHRISTMAS PROGRAM / MID VALLEY MALL The Seasons Greeting

Christmas Program takes place at the Mid Valley Mall. The program features many post-parade activities including the Christmas Parade awards ceremony, lots of outstanding family entertainment, holiday refreshments and good cheer. The Mall will host the Merry Makings Craft Fair, a holiday bazaar par excellence. You will have the opportunity to buy a Parade sweatshirt to commemorate your visit to Sunnyside.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Please contact the Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce at (800) 457-8089 for more information. We look forward to seeing you in Sunnyside on Saturday, December 5.

disability and survivors insurance protection that Social Security provides for young workers and their families:

—One out of every three Social Security beneficiaries is not a retiree but a disabled worker, or a member of a disabled worker's family, or a survivor of a worker who has died.

—Social Security provides survivors insurance for a young, average worker with a family that is equivalent to a personal life insurance policy worth about \$300,000. Average

benefits for a widowed mother or father with two young children are currently about \$1,500 per month.

—For a disabled worker with a spouse and two young children, the average Social Security disability payment is now about \$1,200 per month. The value of the Social Security protection, including financial protection after reaching retirement age, for a young average earner with a family is equal to a long-term disability policy worth about \$200,000.

—Benefits are based on progressive formulas that take into account the fewer work years and lower earnings of

Horoscopes

Disclaimer: The Currents' psychic Cassandra has been having problems with her crystal ball. She says all this rain, wind and stormy weather has fogged the ball up. So instead of giving you unclear predictions and foggy answers she sought the help of her apprentice who's psychic ability it seems is not deterred by the stormy weather we have had lately in the Northwest. In fact it seems the weather is her field of expertise. Please, this psychic information is only meant for entertainment purposes only. So please don't take this seriously and like go jump off a cliff or something. The Current and it's staff are not liable or responsible for any of this apprentices (who wishes to remain anonymous) psychic predictions. In the meantime Cassandra has taken off to go Christmas shopping. She wishes you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Good luck with your finals and see you next Winter quarter.

Aries Inferno

You've been out running around a lot lately, like one of those crazed squirrels on campus. Try to conserve some of your fiery energy this week in order to keep from getting overly stressed. Hopefully you've taken notes cause now's the time to get them out to cram for finals.

Leo Wildfire

Now is the time to clean up the mess your friends have left behind. Too many parties may be leaving either your house or your mind in a mess. How are your classes going? Better make sure your on top of things because finals are near.

Sagittarius Ablaze

Phew! Your hot, the fire's burning somewhere in your life. Any long term plans you have made may get canceled. Be prepared to be let down in some way or another. But don't let it stop you from having a good time in the meanwhile.

Cancer Tsunami

With finals down the road and around the corner . . . lookout! Don't worry though you fell behind but your catching up fast. Keep your goals in perspective and enjoy working with others, even those you hate the most!

Scorpio Tidal Wave

The big wave is coming but your out to prove you've got confidence in you even if it's the last thing you ever do. You might want to check on your finances. Try saving your money or what little you have. Perhaps you should try investing it wisely.

Pisces Hailstorm

Like Cassandra said the storm has made her crystal ball foggy so her visions are unclear. Don't let the rain unsettle you, stick to your guns. Go to class and study for your upcoming finals. You might feel like exercising or eating healthier this week. It would do your body good to get some of that clean Northwestern fresh air into your system.

Libra Cyclone

Plan your schedule ahead of time so that you aren't stressed and overwhelmed at the last moment. Go out of your way to spend time with someone special . . . Oooh! Don't forget though you must prioritize.

Aquarius Tornado

Like a cloud of dust you touch down but only for a second. Look-out for gravity though it can make you hit rock bottom, hard too! This week is a good time for socializing with family and friends. But don't let the partying get too out of hand. Watch out for flying cows and what not . . . etc. Duck!

Gemini Whirlwind

Whats with saying one thing to one person and turning around and saying something else to another. Don't follow this path get back on the yellow brick road, before you get caught and pay the consequences of your actions. What goes around comes around. Stop talking trash!

Virgo Earthquake

Most of the time your of quiet nature, perhaps even come off shy and timid, but boy when your angry. Just like an earthquake your rattle and shake till they all fall down. Your enemies best beware of your aftershocks!

Taurus Volcano

Like a raging bull all full of anger and fury someone close to you could be in a bad mood right now. Don't push them for reasons you'd only be provoking the situation.. It could only make the situation worse and this is one occasion you don't want to see erupt

Capricorn Sandstorm

Don't become overconfident when making decisions at school, work or even at home. Your intuition may not be as truthful to you as usual, or you know you could just admit your wrong! On the brighter side of things, there's someone special looking for you.



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younger workers. This means that, even though a worker may not have a full lifetime's earnings, the worker and his or her family still have significant insurance protection in case of death or disability.

---Social Security cash benefits, including disability and survivors' benefits, are indexed to inflation; unlike many private insurance policies, benefits increase as the cost of living increases.

---Once a disabled worker is entitled to cash benefits for 24 months, he or she is entitled to Medicare health insurance coverage.

Although the next major exam or job interview will most likely continue to be the major concern of younger Americans, they should not forget that, unfortunately, premature death or disability could be a reality for some. Although reform is needed to ensure the long-term solvency of Social Security, Social Security is indeed providing valuable disability and survivors insurance protection today for younger workers and their families.



Say What?

Here's a few words from some staff members of "The Current."

Ben Levenhagen:

"Levenhagen 3:16"

Casey Littlejohn:

"You were born original. Don't die a copy"

Gary Washington:

REFLECTION:

Individuality, it seems comes with time, like the aging of wine.

Green River is one of those places where you can explore yourself and cultivate your interests.

Beneath these trees I have wondered in awe at the diversity of our student body from race to state of mind. A reservoir of information that can be applied into the "real" world. This is valuable and not to be taken for granted...

Seasons Greetings and Good Luck to those continuing their education.

Sarah Heller

love like you've never been hurt
live like today's your last
dance like there's no one watching...



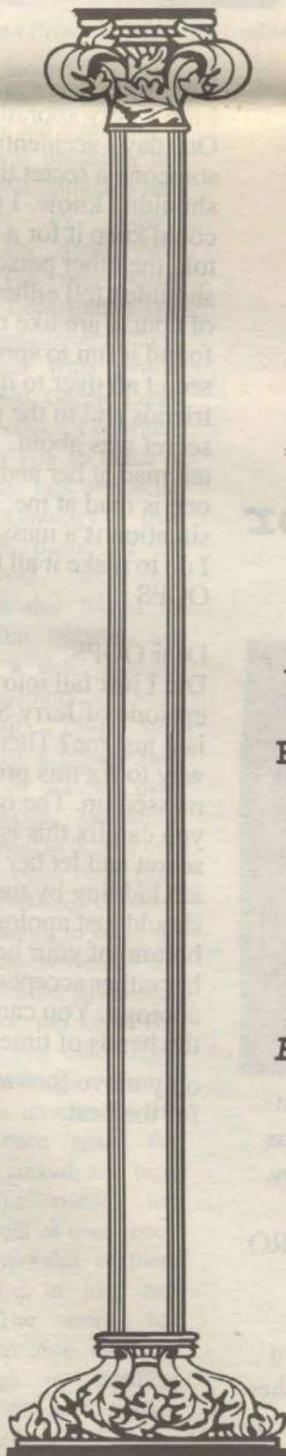
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Hey Meg!

Advice Column-Hey Meg! Disclaimer- Having trouble figuring out some problems? Hey Meg can help. All you have to do is send questions via e-mail to

Current_grcc@hotmail.com.

For those of you without computers, you can write questions down and drop them in the Current mailbox in the Student Programs office, or drop them in the Hey Meg box in our classroom, LC 218. Please do not give us your name, we want you to be anonymous.

Hey Meg! Is not professional advice and should be used at your own risk, sorry we are not responsible for the results. All questions will be answered by e-mail, when possible, not all will be in the Current.

Hey Meg!

I have a huge problem and it isn't very normal. I like to involve other people in my relationships. No not like cheating. It is all mutual but once we all get involved, sexually or not, my original relationship is wasted and irreparable. I know that what I do ruins my relationships but I like it too much to give it up just yet. I am looking for someone with the same, I guess you could call it a fetish, as mine. What can I do to keep my relationships longer and more fulfilling? Twisted

Dear Twisted,

It has been a long known rule not to involve others in one relationship. It ruins them, there is basically no way for you to fix any of the mistrust you feel or the way the other person may feel used or rejected as an individual.

What you need to do is stop this behavior for a while and involve yourself in you, don't date. When you feel you are ready to date, you have figured out why you feel the need to involve others, then only date one person. Really try hard to involve yourself with only them and if you feel the need to involve someone else, you might as well just break up with the first person then. It will happen soon anyway if you do involve the other person. Find yourself before you find another and keep trying to break your habit.

Hey Meg!

A close friend of mine does a lot of drugs, I mean a lot. He has been drug tested many times for jobs and by the time they get the results back he has given up on the job already. I once read one of the results and there was so many drugs in his system they thought he would die. I don't want to watch him destroy himself anymore but I know that he doesn't have that many friends and he might actually need some kind of support, from anyone. Please help me. Caring

Dear Caring,

There is nothing you can do about your friends problem, they have to figure it out for themselves. If he wants to spend the rest of his life being a drug addict then there is nothing you can do but wait it out. The things you can do are to tell him you care and that you don't want to see him destroy the rest of his life. He may or may not accept your opinion but you can't force anyone to get help with their addiction. Try to cope with the emotions of it and keep a good faith about you. If you don't like his opinion on what you say then don't be his friend anymore, it takes hitting rock bottom for some people to build their way back up again. Good luck.

Hey Meg!

I have a really wierd problem, my boyfriend has fetishes. He can't be turned on unless I am wearing shoes and they have to be good shoes too. He also likes it when I beg for him. I think all of this is really wierd and I don't like wearing shoes during sex. What can I do to make him stop? I like the way our relationship is going otherwise and want it to continue the way it is. Help me please.

Grossed out!

Dear Grossed out,

To tell you the truth, you probably won't be able to get him to stop. He has a problem that not even many doctors can figure out. I recently read a portion of a book on fetishes and in most cases men (or woman) will not make their fetish known to their partner. They just try to involve it in some way without making it obvious. So in some ways you can be happy that he is willing to share this with you.

In all the other ways it is just weird, for you. You should probably just let this guy go. But hey you might begin to enjoy these things. Instead of the same ole' headache excuse you get to say sorry I am not wearing any shoes. That was supposed to be funny by the way. Goodluck in what ever decision you choose.

I plead the Fifth!

By Sarah Heller

I personally feel that everyone should go to the airport. Not to catch a plane, but to hang out. It's full of shops and restaurants. If you are adventurous, there are thousands of things to discover. For instance, how many of you know about the second level in the airport?

There is an art gallery, a meditation room, and two giant conference rooms. Plus there are beds if you are tired. I go to the airport all the time and I'm still discovering new things. There are unmarked elevators all over the airport that take you to weird government offices. Oooh, talking about the twilight zone or what?

Not to mention there's the joy of people watching. You'd be surprised at all the different types of people who rush in and out of the airport all day long. The fun however, seems to die down at around 8 p.m.

The Rocket rates the Sea-Tac Airport with two thumbs up so get up and run to the hot airport fun.

Hey Meg,

I am a very sporadic person. One day I accidentally told someone a secret they shouldn't know. I thought I could keep it for a long time. I told the other person that they shouldn't tell either but they of course are like me and found it fun to spread the secret all over to most of my friends and to the person the secret was about. So now I am mad at her and the other one is mad at me. This whole situation is a mess. What can I do to make it all better? OOPS

Dear OOPS,

Did I just fall into another episode of Jerry Springer, or is it just me? There is no easy way to fix this problem, you messed up. The only real way you can fix this is to tell her a secret and let her spread it, I am kidding by the way. You should just apologize from the bottom of your heart and let her either accept or repel your apology. You can't turn back the hands of time, you can only move forward and hope for the best.

A Holiday Performance for the Pacific Northwest

The world famous Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra will ring in the holidays during a Pacific Northwest concert at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 6 at the Tacoma Dome. The orchestra is led by conductor Keith Lockhart, now in his fourth season with the Pops.

This special performance is part of the Fidelity Investments 1998 Holiday Pops Tour. All proceeds from the concert will benefit the Broadway Center for the Performing Arts and the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra.

The program will feature a number of holiday favorites past and present. Traditional numbers include "A Visit from St. Nicholas" and "Sleigh Ride," as well as a new arrangement of "Joy to the World." A Christmas Sing-Along, always popular in Boston and on other tour stops, will feature special guest baritone Jubilant Sykes. He'll join the orchestra for "Fantasia on Christmas Carols" and two traditional spiritual, "City called Heaven" and "Ride on King Jesus."

The Tacoma Symphony Chorus

under the direction of Dr. Paul Schultz, will also perform at the event, and KIRO talk show host Dave Ross will narrate "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

The 1998 Pops Tour is sponsored by Fidelity Investments. Local sponsors include Keybank, the presenting sponsor, as well as the Boeing Company, The News Tribune, KIRO radio and KIRO TV.

To reserve tickets for the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, call Ticketmaster at 206-292-ARTS or 253-272-TIXS.

By Scott Spivey

"Go my son. Tell your sister you were right about me." Those were words were spoken by Sebastian Shaw portraying the redeemed Anakin Skywalker in 1983's *Return of The Jedi*. Which a lot of young people around then thought would be the last *Star Wars* film, but there was a new hope from an announcement by a little film maker named George Lucas.

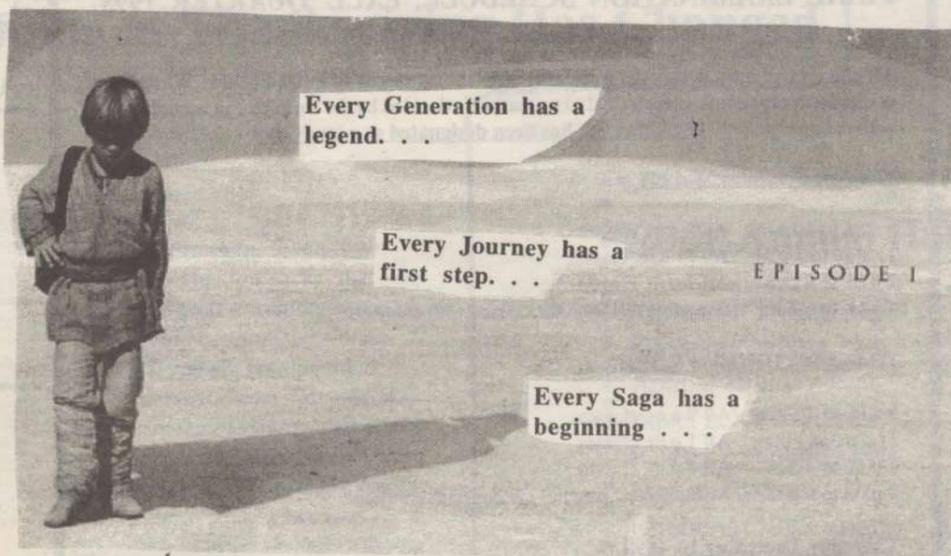
Soon after *Return of The Jedi* had gone from theaters and was long into the video store shelves. George Lucas, director, and creator of the whole *Star Wars* saga had announced in 1985 that three new chapters were on their way. At first, the public was interested in seeing three new films.



Darth Vader and Princess Leia in Episode IV

But around 1987, the toy market had an immediate fall through and marketing a new film was becoming not likely. Interest (although hard to believe by today's standards for fans) was dropping. The only thing going for Lucasfilm LTD, was the *Indiana Jones* trilogy. The new *Star Wars* project was abandoned. George Lucas said that he couldn't convince 20th Century Fox to make it because of the lack of special effects technology that impress the pants off of people. And so, the phenomenon that helped to save the film industry and showed us a new universe was only a memory.

Until, 1991 *Star Wars* was just a fantasy that could only be watched over and over again. Lucasfilm LTD had agreed to license out to a small comic book firm called Dark Horse Comics. They had planned to continue where the last movie had left off with the further adventures of Han, Luke, and Leia. The book series was called *Dark Empire*. Although George himself was unaware of the potential, once again the universe he created, had been revived. The comics had nearly sold out at every book store and the value of them nearly tripled in just two months. The story had sparked fans once more. It was enough to continue license to a very noted science fiction author, Timothy Zahn. Who in turn, wrote the *Heir To The Empire*. A three book series that continued those adventures of our



Anakin Skywalker, the future Darth Vader in the official theatrical poster.

favorite characters, that took place five years after the events in *Return of The Jedi*. George was finally convinced.

In 1993, the entertainment industry was shocked to find out that George Lucas had decided to make a brand new *Star Wars* trilogy for the big screen. And furthermore, the first three films would be re-released in 1997.

Pre-Production of the first of three of the new films began in 1995. Lucas had believed that the special effects technology and quality had began to meet his expectations for the new films.

While pre-production had begun on the new film. George Lucas decided to go back and get the original negatives of the original films and clean them up for re-release. It was found out that the original *Star Wars* had badly deteriorated over the years. So a new print was made for quality and sound. As well as scenes that couldn't be added to the original release and new digitally enhanced scenes to show what to expect in the new films. The re-release was very successful. George had thought the films would



From Star Wars Episode IV; A New Hope. Special Edition. 1997

make a maximum of \$10 million dollars total for all three. Which was the cost of restoration. But it had made well over \$140 million dollars domestically and \$190 million worldwide. It was the first time that a re-released film had made that much money. Now 20th Century Fox and Lucasfilm knew they had a winner for the new films.

A New Hope, A New Generation

Special effects production began in 1996. As well as casting for the new film. Many candidates were thought of. One of the first candidates to be chosen was Jake Lloyd of *Jingle All The Way*. He has been chosen to play young Anakin Skywalker. Liam Neeson at the time was also cast, but his character was not yet known. Among the returning members are only Obi-Wan Kenobi, R2-D2, C-3PO and of course the 900 year old Yoda. The movies would be prequels rather than sequels. That means they would take place before the movies that have already occurred So why would you do that? Well, it tells the whole story rather than jumping into it. And those who are not that familiar to the STAR WARS universe will be able to see the beginning.

The Original Story

Not many people know that *Star Wars* was a huge project in the 70's. It was one thing to come up with new ways to improve special effects but its another to do a nine chapter story.

One thing that has baffled many moviegoers since 1977 is that why does it say "Episode IV" at the beginning. Wouldn't it be "Episode I" Or "chapter one"? Well actually no. In 1975, George Lucas was beginning his brainstorm for the movies, perhaps even earlier. When he wrote the original story of *Star Wars* it was actually entitled *The Adventures of The Star Killer*.

STAR WARS EPISODE I THE PHANTOM MENACE

The official title from the trailer.

There much different names for the familiar characters, like Biggs Starkiller. Who was actually Anakin Skywalker.

While George originally planned Universal Studios to do the films since he worked for them before on *American Graffiti*. The problem was that the story was too big and no one was interested in a science fiction film anymore. But finally, Mr. Lucas decided to do the films but break them down. He felt that it would be better to do the fourth chapter since it is the one that set the mood for the entire series of chapters. It started out with characters that had a backround but didn't need to be revealed yet. The Emperor was only mentioned, there were certain ties with the first three chapters (such as the mentioning of the Clone



Wars). So it was a good device to get people thinking.

He decided to do episodes 4-6 first. Then go back and do the first three. After many years, it is now a reality. The only thing that may not happen, just to disprove some rumors is that episode 7-9 may never happen. Maybe we will see the original story published after the new trilogy is released.

Finally what fans have been waiting for. The preview of the new *Star Wars* film, *The Phantom Menace*. *Star Wars: Episode I: The Phantom Menace*, takes place approximately 30 years before the original *Star Wars*. It is the story of young Anakin Skywalker before he became Darth Vader. It is discovered by Qui-Jon (Liam Neeson) that he has remarkable ability to use the Force. The mysterious power that binds the universe. Added to the story is the powerfully evil Sith Lords, who attempt to destroy what was then the Old Republic. They begin by instigating a fight between the cold-blooded Mandalorians and the race known as the Nabooians. The planet Naboo. After, Qui-Jon acquires Anakin through a series of adventures on Tatooine. He takes him to Coruscant, the jewel of Old Republic. It is found out by

From Front

renovation."

Weisweaver said that the design phase of the project will begin in July 1999, with construction to begin the following year. The extensive remodel should transform the center of the GRCC campus. It is a large scale project, so completion is slated for 2002 or 2003.

If you are disturbed by the present condition of the fountain, want to see it renovated before 2003, or have any ideas for fountain refurbishment, you can give us and the administration your input - it does make a difference. Drop off your written comments or ideas in The Current newsroom upstairs next to KGRG, or E-mail us at: GRCC_current@hotmail.com. Tom Weisweaver's extension is 3332.

promote safety for students and the protection of student-victim rights. "This is a living memory to her and thousands of other campus crime victims," Clery said. "(This is) so we know our daughter's life was not taken in vain. It's not easy, but it's satisfying." Because the college and universities are powerful institutions who have already paid lobbyists, working for the law was not easy, according to Clery. "It was a labor of love," she said. "At

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE, FALL QUARTER 1998

All classes will meet during the week of final examinations as scheduled below. Whether or not an instructor administers a final examination is decided by the instructor in accordance with division policy. **December 7th has been designated as a study day.**

Tuesday, December 8, 1998.

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. All 8 a.m. classes
 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All 11 a.m. classes
 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All 3 p.m. classes
 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Available test time for classes with conflicts*

Wednesday, December 9, 1998.

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. All 9 a.m. classes
 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All 1 p.m. classes
 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All 4 p.m. classes
 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Available test time for classes with conflicts*

Thursday, December 10, 1998.

7 a.m. to 9 a.m. All 7 a.m. classes
 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. All 10 a.m. classes
 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All noon classes
 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All 2 p.m. classes
 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday classes that do not fit regular schedule time. Available test time for classes with conflicts*

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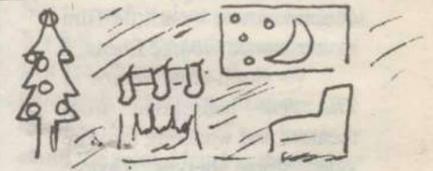
All instructors shall turn in grades to the Registrar by 5 p.m., December 11, unless a class is scheduled on December 10, or later. In those cases, grades are to be submitted within 24 hours after the last class session.

times you want to give up but you realize students lives are in jeopardy—not only physically, but also mentally." The group's future plans involve acting as a watchdog to make sure colleges and universities obey the new

law. In addition, the organization plans to get information out to high school juniors and seniors. "From our work we know that the most dangerous time is the fall semester," Clery said. "Most victims are freshmen. What we didn't know, Harold and I, and what we didn't know, cost her her life."



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The Meaning of Thanksgiving Has Changed

editorial by Casey Littlejohn

The people of Earth are coming upon a new millennium, and most everything seems to have changed since the pilgrims and Indians sat down to celebrate the first thanksgiving so long ago.

We tend to celebrate this holiday with the pilgrims in mind - the fact that they survived that harsh winter that paved the road for the birth of America, putting us where we are today. In schools children make turkeys out of construction paper, and learn about the Mayflower - the traditional values of Thanksgiving.

As our societies and cultures blend into a new world community, I think that Thanksgiving can be celebrated by all people, and its focus should be on the individual level. It's about giving thanks for your life, not necessarily for the lives of those in the past. So you see, the essence of Thanksgiving is not exclusively American, but rather universal.

It is giving thanks for the miracle that you even exist in this amazing universe. The elements that make you came together on this little planet, where the conditions allow life to flourish. It is giving thanks for being in the

situation you're in. Even if you think that situation sucks, that you have been dealt a crummy hand, things could certainly be worse. After all, you are reading this. Give thanks for that. Give thanks for the intangible things that you were born with. Your smile. Your beautiful eyes. Your mind. And the ability to whistle because I just can't do it. I'd bet you take that for granted. Be grateful for the things that make you.

If things were a little bit different, you might be a rock, or even a piece of dog shit. You might even be some dust floating around in space. No matter where you sit in the echelon of society you can be thankful. Someone can give thanks for the warm bed that waits for them at night, while a homeless man can be grateful for a dry pair of socks. So no matter how desperate you are or how tough you've got it, you've got something to be thankful for. And if you're not - if things aren't fair or you're just mad at the world - then you are just hurting yourself and disrespecting everything you got. Mankind has been through hellish hardships to put you where you are today. One love. Think about it.

20th Annual Holiday Boutique

"It's One Stop Shopping" at the 20th Annual Holiday Boutique, held at Green River Community college on Saturday, December 5, 1998 from 10am to 3pm in the Lindbloom Student Center.

There will be over 75 exciting booths of handcrafted items to choose from for your shopping pleasure. free

entertainment, Santa pictures, and a special Santa's workshop will interest the kids, while you get all of your holiday shopping done.

For more information contact Sarah Scheuffele in the Student Programs Office at 833-9111 (local); 924-0180 (Tacoma); and 206-464-6133 (Seattle/Eastside) all at extension 2400.

"I had a lot of questions"

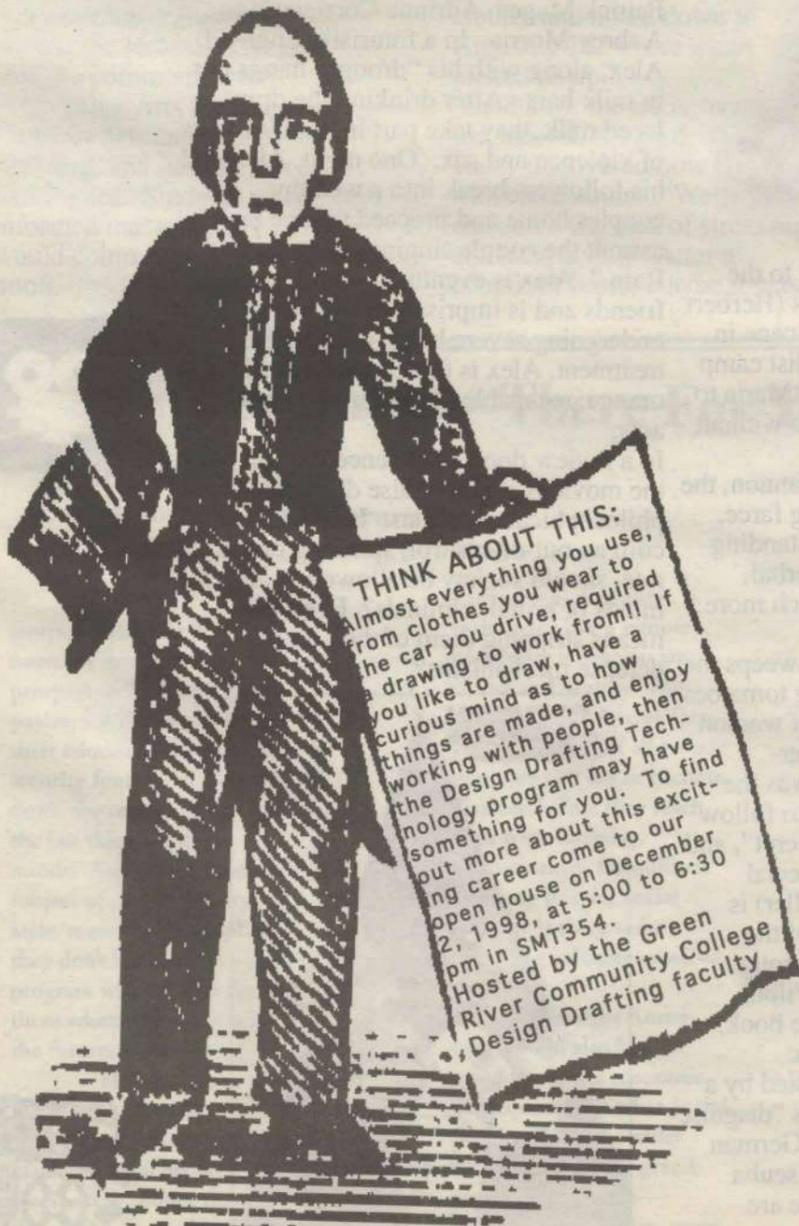


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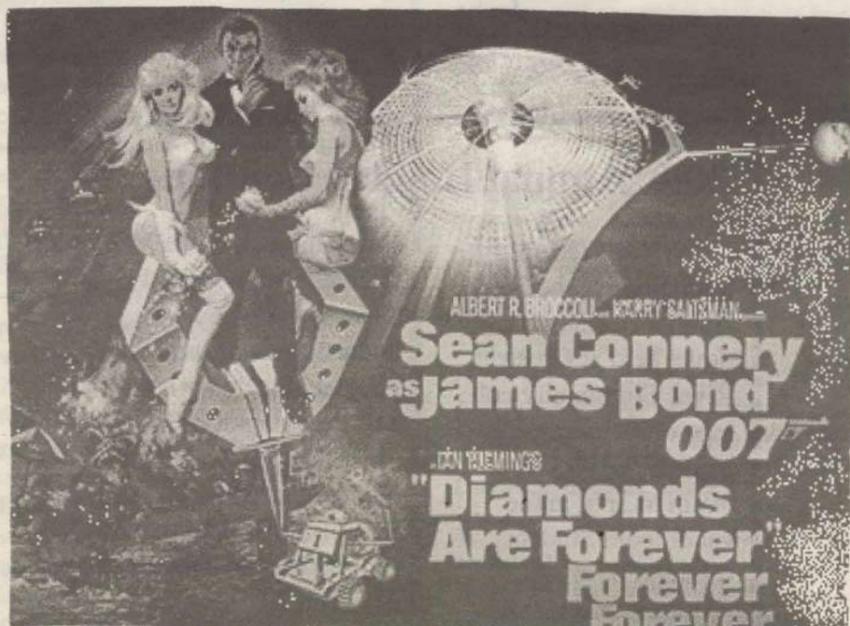
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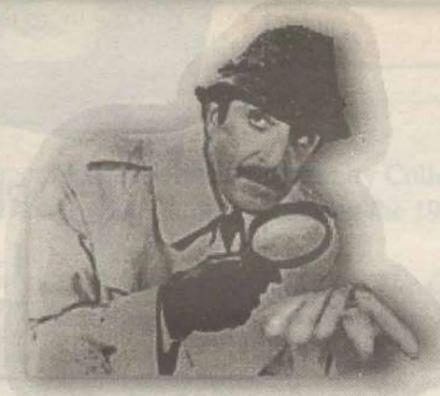
Top left 1971 James Bond At right tomatoes attack at center Jacques Clouseau, and at bottom right clockwork orange

By Sarah Heller

Diamonds are a girls best friend, or are they? Sean Connery made his second to last portrayal of the stealth James Bond, 007 in *Diamonds are forever* in 1971. The British government became suspicious when a large shipment of uncut diamonds began disappearing during transit and then failing to reappear on the international market. British agent, James Bond is at first reluctant when assigned to investigate this mishap which he believed to be a case of simple smuggling. When a lead points to the involvement of 007's arch enemy, Blofeld (Charles Gray), Bond becomes very desperate to uncover his plans. Connery portrays the sexy and intelligent Bond with all the accustomed charm. He is accompanied by Jill St. John, as Tiffany Case and Lana Wood as Plenty O'Toole. The interesting name of Wood's character is only one of a dozen names with blunt sexual innuendo. Gadgets and gizmos galore are the expected job of the inventor, Q, played by Desmond Llewelyn, who to this day in *"Golden Eye"* and *"Tomorrow Never Dies"* still adds a few laughs with his cunning wit and sarcastic comments.

second Apes movie, set considerably earlier in time than the first one, the logic of it all seems a bit dubious!"

The famous French detective, inspector Jacques Clouseau (Peter Sellers) first appeared on the silver screen in 1964 in the comedy *"A Shot in the Dark."* In this film, he investigates the murder of a Spanish chauffeur in the chateau of respected millionaire Benjamin Ballon (George Sanders. The evidence continually suggests that the maid, Maria (Elke Sommer), committed the crime. Clouseau always does the opposite of

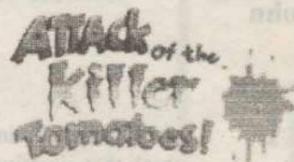


"The Battle for the Planet of the Apes" was the first of it's series in 1973. In the far-away future, radiated humans, living in the wreckage of civilization, launch a military attack on Ape City. Roddy McDowall as ape leader Caesar seeks information about his parents who he never really knew. A review done by Science Fiction.com says that "Roddy McDowall, despite his elaborate makeup, gives a strong portrayal as Caesar, the head of the apes. The solid professionalism of his performance is one of the few things that makes this picture marginally watchable." They also said "Director Thompson, working from a screenplay by John William Corrington and Joyce Hooper Corrington, attempts to work up audience interest in a battle between nuclear war human survivors, from the ruins of New York, and the intelligent chimp, orangutan, and the gorilla inhabitants of Ape City. However, since we know from the other movies that the apes will remain dominant, there is little potential for suspense or audience involvement here." Yet another quote from this review states "Battle for the Planet of the Apes attempts to wrap everything up on a hopeful note, with humans and apes living in harmony. However, since Charlton Heston blew up the world in the

what is expected of him, much to the dislike of his superior, Dreyfus (Herbert Lom). The most well known scene in this flick is the murder in a nudist camp which causes the inspector and Maria to attempt an escape through Paris without any clothes.

In a review done by Damian Cannon, the film is called a "highly amusing farce, awashed with moments of outstanding comedy, covering slapstick, verbal, visual, physical humor and much more."

The nation is in chaos! Panic sweeps the countryside as giant man-eating tomatoes have embarked on a rampage of wanton destruction! "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes", released in 1978, was the first of it's comic kind. Some to follow include "Naked Gun", "Top Secret", and "Major League". Bumbling Special Agent Mason Dixon (David Miller) is assigned to solve the problem of the government experiment gone wrong. Dixon is accompanied by Lt. Wilbur Finletter (Steve Peace), a by the book, parachute- dragging nerd of epic incompetence. The pair is assisted by a trio of lesser lights: an atrocious "disguise expert", a steroid-gulping East German Olympian, and an out-of-water scuba diver. Together the fearless five are humanities only hope.



tomatoes with a particularly odious teen ballad, *Puberty Love*, shrinking the veggies to shriveled up wads of goo, the couple falls madly in love. Isn't it romantic? In the foreground, after the defeat of the tomatoes, a carrot pops out of a small patch and say "All right, you guys, they're gone now."

"Damn it, Janet, I love you!" This familiar phrase takes it's popularity from the hit movie *"Rocky Horror Picture Show"*. The *Rocky Horror Picture Show* is the longest running movie in history, The movie opens with Brad Majors (Barry Bostwick) and fiancé Janet Weiss (Susan Sarandon) on their way to visit their old high school teacher. After experiencing car trouble and becoming stranded they seek refuge in an old castle. Unbeknownst to them, the castle is the headquarters of Dr. Frank-N-Furter (Tim Curry), a transvestite from the planet Transsexual in the galaxy of Transylvania. The Dr. is in the midst of creating the prefect man, Rocky Horror (Peter Hinwood). In addition to this pair there is a hunch-back henchman named Riff Raff (Richard O'Brien), his incestuous sister Magenta (Patricia Quinn), and assisted by a tap-dancing groupie-in-residence, Columbia (Little Nell). Meatloaf also makes an appearance as a biker named Eddie.

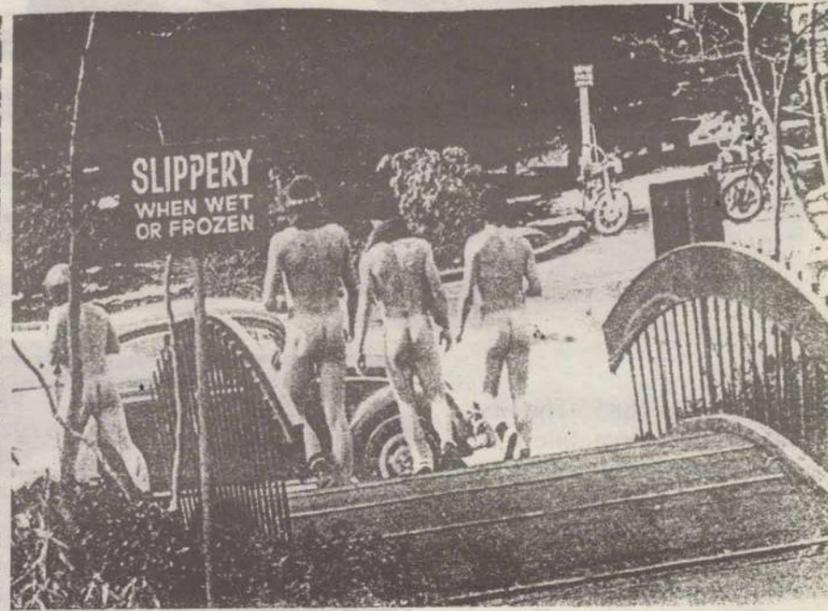
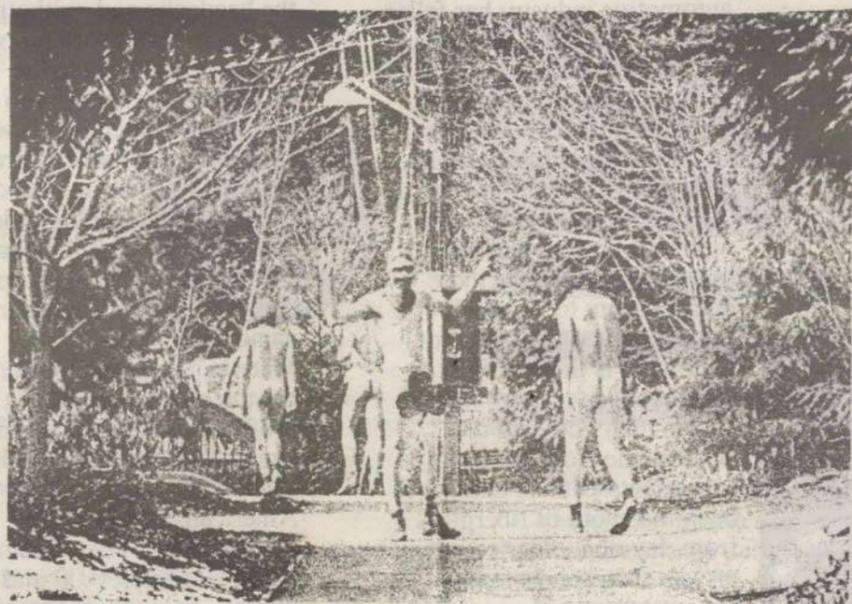


In 1971, the film *"Clockwork Orange"* debuted starring Malcom McDowell, Patrick Magee, Adrinne Corri, and Aubrey Morris. In a futuristic England, Alex, along with his "droogs" hangs out in milk bars. After drinking the drug-laced milk; they take part in mindless acts of violence and sex. One night, Alex and his followers break into a wealthy couples home and proceed to rape and assault the couple singing "Singing in the Rain." Alex is eventually set up by his friends and is imprisoned. After undergoing severe behavior modification treatment, Alex is turned into a clockwork orange, incapable of committing violent acts.

In a review done by Science Fiction.com, the movie is said to "raise difficult philosophical questions. In an effort to curb an out-of-control, spiraling crime rate, should society be allowed to alter the minds of brutal criminals? Even if it means stripping them of their natural defense mechanisms?"



Streakers? At Green River?



Streakers strut their stuff over the river and through the woods late last week as they joined in one of the latest college fads.

—Staff photos by T.J. Shroyer

It was a snowy March day in 1974 Green River. The ground was covered with mushy snow, the trees were sprinkled with white, and three men wearing only ski masks and hiking boots went streaking throughout the campus. Only a typical day at Green River. Around noon, maps marked with designated lines of path were 'mysteriously' passed through the school. They started in front of the Administration Building, around the Holman Library, past the commons, the Performing Arts Building, the Creative Arts and Trades Building, and into the lower parking lot. Students were informed that a streaking run would commence around noon.

Then, to a crowd of six to ten people, our college's first streakers (anonymously named 'Tom', 'Richard', and 'Harry') were off! One of the guilty, Tom, said, "I really don't know why I did it. I guess because it hadn't happened here yet. It's the best thing to happen on college campuses since orgies. It wasn't cold at all, our adrenalin was running. After we ran to the lower parking lot, we went into the woods where we had left our clothes and hiked down to Highway 18, where a car picked us up." "I did it for the excitement," the second, Richard, said. Harry uncovered how this idea came about. "We discussed the idea of streaking at a local tavern. After a couple of beers, maybe it was

three or four beers, we decided the time and place. We wanted Green River to be equal to the other institutions of higher learning." The day after the streaking event, two other sets of 'wannabes' decided to do the same. One set ran from the lower parking lot to the upper lot where a car was supposedly waiting. Unfortunately for them, the need to scramble for ride home was apparent. They waited for their ticket home in the upper parking lot, standing in front of passengers in line for the Metro. The second set decided to run in the Lindbloom Student Center. How's that for lunchroom theater?

It's comforting to know that the swingin' spirit of the seventies has long-since left our campus.

What's he high on now?

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Social Security---There For You Now

By Kenneth S. Apfel
Commissioner of Social Security

For students worried about the next round of final exams or the prospect of landing a good paying job after completing their education, retirement security four or five decades down the road is probably the last thing on their minds. And, should the subject of Social Security arise, most young people say they don't believe the program will be there for them when they need it in the future.

However, the sad truth is that for many younger Americans, the need for Social Security could occur sooner than they think... well before they reach retirement age.

Early death, disability... each seems like a remote possibility when you are young and healthy. But consider this sobering fact: Fully one-third of all twenty year olds will die or become disabled before they reach their 65th birthday. Consequently, for millions of young people, Social Security is there today providing valuable protection.

Younger Americans should also bear in mind the larger economic consequences of what Social Security means to older Americans of their grandparents generation—without the program, more than half would be living

below the poverty line. A significant accomplishment, yes, but what significance does this have for students on America's campuses? Well, without Social Security, many middle-aged parents of today's college students would feel an obligation to help provide for their own aging parents, and there would be fewer family resources to use for their children's educational expenses.

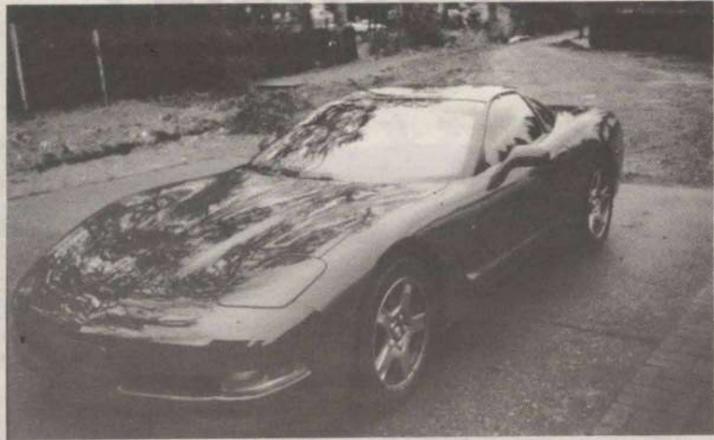
It is true that Social Security is facing long-term financing challenges in the next century based on demographic trends, particularly the fact that people are living longer,

healthier lives. Of course, this longer life span is good news for all of us. But, we must recognize that changing demographics will put a strain on America's retirement program.

The President has called for a year-long national dialogue on Social Security. Following a White House Conference on Social Security in December 1998, the President will seek bipartisan discussions with Congress early next year to

Luxury V.S. MONOPOLY

Photo By Jon Schmidt



1998 Corvette

It all began in 1885. The first gas powered automobile was introduced into the market. Amazingly, the engine did not make it to the front of the car until 1894, nine years later. Automobile's technology has excelled ever science. From the first closed cab introduced in the 1900's, to simple things such as windshield wipers, and seat belts. But has the automobile excelled into a monopoly? During the 1970's you could purchase a new car with zero miles for an estimated \$6,000.00! Now you will be lucky to pay any less than \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00. The scary thing is the prices are still going up! Now correct me if I am wrong but an automobile is a mandatory necessity for way over half of the American population. So please tell me why these prices have excelled way past the average working man or woman's reach? The price of the automobiles are not the only thing that has excelled beyond the average persons reach. The progress of the advanced technology in automobiles has brought a new money maker to the table, and it is defiantly not in favor of the owner. Shop and repair fees have skyrocketed in the past 15 to 20 years. With the addition of

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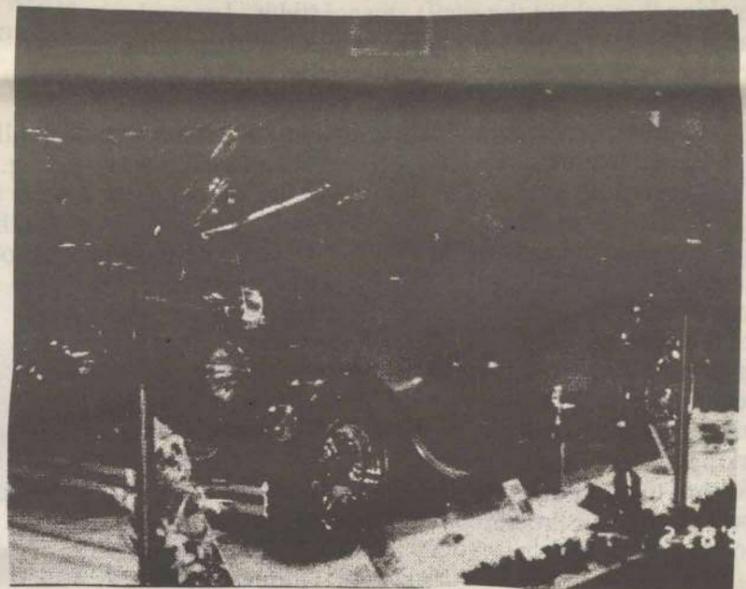
1937 Chevy W/327 engine

fuel injection and computer operated/controlled systems, the need for your average Mechanic has gone out the door. Now Computer Technicians run the show. As far as do-it-yourself projects in the comfort of your own garage, forget it! If you do not have the special tools and, a diagnostic computer especially for your year, make, and model car, you will probably end up doing more harm than good. For those that can get past this first obstacle, the next step is finding the part you need. The dealerships decide on which parts they want to be sold in the store and which

ones they want you to buy directly from them (Dealer-only parts). So you can only imagine how much more you will have to spend than in a regular part store. This is where I at least feel the automotive industry has fallen into a monopoly. If you can not fix your nice newer car, the only other place is either the dealer or a private shop that specializes in that make, model, and year. Besides owning an older model car with a carburetor and little computer assistance, there doesn't seem to be much of a variety as far as options for the owner is there? To compare older cars to newer cars is really cut and dry. Besides the Corvette and a few selected others that have been made out of fiberglass from day one, older cars have proven themselves to be superior in many ways, such as safety with the full frame instead of this new unibody frame (pieces of a frame), true horsepower and torque with out the assistance of the computer, and most important there all-around simplicity in there engine/suspension designs. These things, unlike newer cars also offer many reasonable options for the owner. The owner now can go to there local auto parts

store or the junk yard and purchase there needed part for only a mer fraction of what it would cost for a newer car. Now here is the best part. The owner can even put the part on themselves with half the headache and, without having to take over half of the engine apart to get to the problem! For those who really hate to get dirty, the shop is now a more affordable place to go. Foreign cars seem to run fairly high old or new as far as repairs because the parts are priced, shipped and taxed from the country it came from. The Manufacturers and Dealers are not the only ones making a profit ether. As we all know, Uncle Sam has to have his share where ever there is Americans in need! Yes, that is right, tabs. There are tabs as high as \$1,000.00 and higher! All to be able to drive your nice new car on the road. Older cars, on the other hand don't exceed an estimated \$70.00 to \$100.00. I honestly smell a rat! It appears that the automotive industry, in order to satisfy the demands of the rich, destroyed the best era of cars ever made. The past is where the true muscle cars live.

Photo By John Parsons



1936 Ford stands alone

Consumer Auto Feature: Time For A New Car? Why Not Explore A Few New Internal Engine Parts Instead?

(NAPS)—It's a noise no car-owning consumer wants to hear—a loud metallic thumping coming from the engine compartment. Regardless of the age of the vehicle, there's a chance that one or more internal engine components has failed.

Time to dive into another endless series of new-car payments? Not so fast.

Every engine will eventually show signs of wear. Whether it's after 60,000 hard-fought city miles or 200,000 or more highway miles, the heat and other internal forces encountered in today's engines will eventually take their toll. The key question, though, is whether that toll has rendered the engine unsalvageable. And nine times out of 10, it hasn't—

not by a long shot.

"The concept of engine repair intimidates a lot of consumers," explains Ray Swetman, engine parts marketing manager for Detroit-based Federal-Mogul Corporation. "The fact is, there's no need to automatically start shopping for a new vehicle when your engine displays signs of wear. You can probably get several more years of reliable service simply by having the engine remanufactured."

Over the years, the components inside your engine—bearings, pistons, piston rings, connecting rods, crankshaft, camshaft, valves, oil pump and timing parts—will wear out. As the engine logs more and more miles, the critical clearances between internal components will increase, reducing the engine's efficiency and, in all likelihood, power output.

Regardless of the cause of the damage, your local engine repair specialist probably can bring new life to your vehicle.

Here are just a few of the inter-

nal engine components commonly replaced during remanufacturing:

Bearings. Engine bearings, as their name suggests, are designed to absorb much of the reciprocating force within the engine.

Pistons. These super-strong aluminum parts help transfer the force of internal combustion from the top of the engine to the crankshaft.

Gaskets. The head gasket forms a critical seal between the cylinder head and block. This seal maintains compression within the cylinders and helps retain oil and coolant.

Cylinder Head. The cylinder head houses the valvetrain components. Modern heads are precision parts manufactured from aluminum. In an overheating situation, the head can crack or warp. Skilled machinists can straighten heads and, in many cases, repair cracking. They'll also replace damaged internal components such as rocker arms, valves, valve springs and the camshaft.

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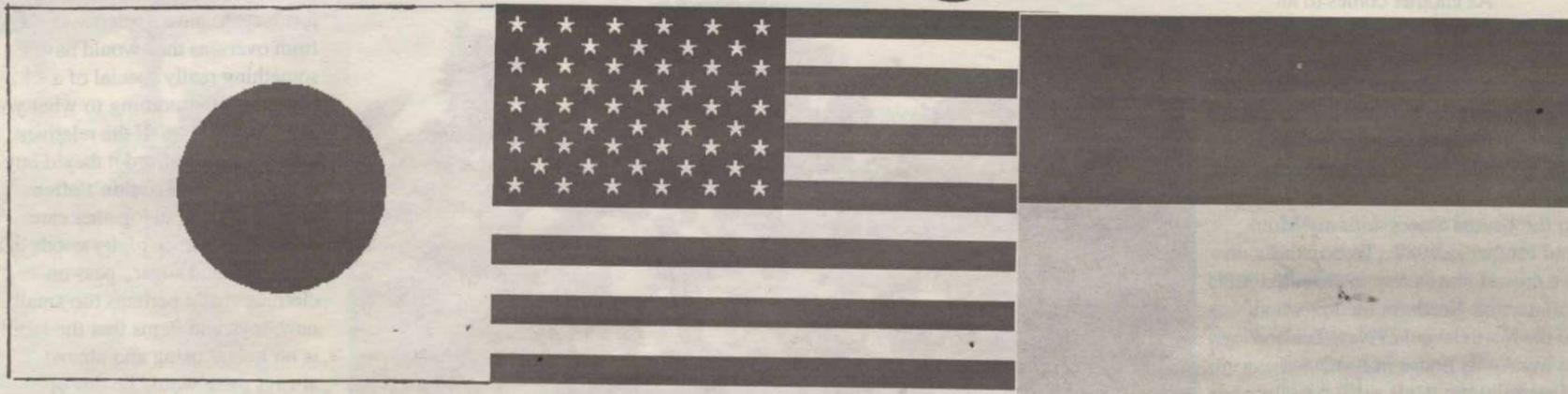
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Three perspectives One college



Mayling Chan

Mari Yuasa, a 19-year-old Japanese girl has been studying in America for one year and two months. "I was an exchange student, I graduated from high school in Oregon State".

Yuasa says that she likes studying in community college because it's much easier to take notes in class and listen to lectures. "The Mathematics class is much easier than when I took it in high school," Yuasa said "There are lots of part-time teachers here, and they are not as professional as high school teachers". "I need to do a lot of self study".

For the impression of the campus, She likes the environment here. "I like the nature, and there are lots of trees on the campus," Yuasa said

Yuasa feels that the tuition for the international students is too expensive. "It is not fair", said Yuasa. In the future Yuasa is going to earn an AA degree at GRCC, and then transfer to a 4-year university.



Christopher, a 17 years old American boy. He is a high school student taking credits in Green River Community College. "It's free tuition and I can take the double credits from college and high school, why not to try?" Christ said.

There are several reasons for choosing GRCC. First, it's close to his house in Kent. Second, he heard that GRCC is much better than other community colleges.

After coming here, he feels lots of differences between the study in high school and community college. "It's hard to meet friend here, I don't talk with my classmates so much outside the classroom," Christ said. Also, the relationship between teacher and students is not that close as high school. "The instructors don't care you so much, and all you need to do are taking note in the class and studying the book after school." Christ said.

He is taking English and Psychology this quarter, and he is also taking class in high school. Even though the classes are much harder than high school, but he had already through of that before taking classes here. "I guess I do learn more here."

For the impression of the campus, he feels that GRCC is much smaller than university. "If I graduate from high school, I hope I can get into a 4 years university instead." Christ said.

Machinskiy Yuriy, a 30 years old German student studying Business as his major. "I have been studying in GRCC here for a year. I finished a radio technician degree in Ukraine, then I studied Business afterward." Yuriy said. He hadn't finished the study of business in Ukraine before he came here to live with his relatives.

The reason why he chose to study in GRCC was the IESL program. His relatives showed him a couple of places to study. University of Washington, Highline community college, Central Seattle community college, etc. Among all the choices, he chose GRCC because he thought the IESL program is the best among all these schools.

Compared with the education system between Germany and USA, Yuiry feels that the education system provides more choices for students to study what they like. Also, the study atmosphere is more friendly and relax.

"Unlike other community colleges, the parking space of GRCC is really sufficient for student." Yuiry said. Other than that, Yuiry likes staying in the math lab. "I am the tutor here, and just like, I get used to being here."

The minorities and majorities



By Joao Paulo Salomon Pires

A definition for majority is most of the people or things in a particular group. A definition for minority is a group of people of a different race or religion than most people in a country, or someone in one of these groups. It is also a small part of a larger group of people or things.

We can make a relation with it in this college. There are 398 international students taking classes in GRCC. They are the minority when you compare with the American population in here. Some of the international students have the same opinion

about being the minority. They think that they are excluded by Americans, the majority.

Joao Paulo, from Brazil, and Mulyanto, from Indonesia, think that some of the Americans don't want to hang around with international students. They think that the majority don't have patience to with the minority. English is their second language, and it sometimes means that their English is not perfect. Some of the Americans don't want to spend time talking with someone who may not understand and may not express

him/herself. Because of it, most of the foreign students prefer to hang around with people who are not from the USA.

People can have fun being minority sometimes. It is nice to go to some where and meet someone who is not from the same place. This person can tell them many things that they have never heard before. Learning about another culture is very nice.

On the other hand, Johanna, a student from Sweden who is already back there, said that in the beginning she hang out with international students and other

Swedes. After a while she started to hang out with her host mother, and she met some American guys through the Swedes. She had a hard time being the minority on the first two months, but after that it became interesting.

When you American see international students, try to talk with them. When you international student, see Americans, don't be shy, try to have a conversation. We all were born in the same planet. Why can't we talk and learn with someone from another culture?

Second thoughts at Christmas

By Marilyn Wilson

As another comes to an end and Christmas once again creeps up upon us, I can't help but remember my cousins first Christmas in New Zealand with us.

I was born and raised in New Zealand and lived there pretty much my entire life until I moved to the United States with my Mom and brother in 1989. To be exact we moved from a tiny town called Palmerston North, in the lower half of the North Island of New Zealand to my Aunts house in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

But this story is not about my Mom, myself or my brother it's about my Mom's other sister and her family and their first Christmas in New Zealand at our house after they migrated to New Zealand from an even smaller place, not even a town or a city, but a village called Lotopa in Western Samoa.

I realize most of you, if any at all have no idea where Western Samoa is located. But that is neither here nor there, all you might want to know is that it is located in the South Pacific and is one of many small Polynesian islands near Australia and New Zealand.

In 1986 my Aunt, her husband and my two cousins, Koleti then aged 7 years old and her brother Leon then 5 years old migrated to New Zealand for a chance and opportunity at a better life.

They moved in with us because they had no place of their own at the time and shared Christmas with us that year. Up until then, young as I was, probably like we all are, I took my life pretty much for granted. At Christmas I always expected to get presents and gifts because obviously I've known no different.



I like most have you have lived a pretty much privileged life.

I never thought for one minute that somewhere around the world, perhaps even in my own country, town, neighborhood, let alone family that some children some where weren't expecting any gifts. They weren't expecting any gifts because their parents couldn't afford it. They'd be lucky to share an extravagant meal with their family and other extended members of the family. And I'm not talking turkey or ham with all the traditional trimmings that you and I would expect. They were just excited about going to midnight mass together with the family and spending time together playing outside in the dark, while the adults talked and caught up on the latest happenings and gossip within the family.

Sometimes if they were lucky and had relatives who lived overseas they might receive some

money to buy food for a fancy meal. Something out of the ordinary. If the family was fortunate to have a relative come from overseas they would have something really special of a Christmas but nothing to what you and I are used to. If the relatives overseas could afford it they'd buy gifts, but if they couldn't often enough they'd put together care packages made up of dry goods like flour, rice and sugar, pass on clothing that's perhaps too small now, toys and items that the family is no longer using and almost always there would be tins of cookies, chocolate and candy for the kids. Mostly though because it was inexpensive and only what the families could afford to send.

Well I'll tell you my cousins Koleti and Leon were really excited about this Christmas each night we'd all sit under the tree and count how many presents each of us had. My cousins were in awe of



Photo By Marilyn Wilson

A Holiday Tradition returns to the pantages!

The Broadway Center for the Performing Arts, in collaboration with the Northwest Sinfonietta and the Pacific Lutheran University Choral Union, join forces this season to present Handel's monumental work and most widely performed oratorio, *Messiah*, on Saturday, December 12 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m. at the Pantages Theater. Unlike other Handel oratorios with newly written texts, *Messiah* is taken from the Old and New Testament of the Bible and tells the story of Christ's birth, suffering and resurrection.

Perhaps the most beloved of all oratorios, *Messiah* was written in the span of just 24 days in August 1741. It was first performed in Dublin, Ireland on April 13, 1742 at a concert given for charitable purposes. The chorus and orchestra for that performance were small and Handel wrote the piece with these factors in mind: the choral writing stays within the limits of four parts and the orchestration calls for strings, two trumpets, two oboes, timpani and continuo.

It is in this spirit of the original performance that we present this concert. Over the years there have been many editions of

Messiah and many ideas given on how to perform the work. Handel himself made many changes in the work after its premier to accommodate different performing groups. No matter the version used, the *Messiah* remains the pinnacle work of oratorio form.

Music Director Christophe Chagnard leads the acclaimed Northwest

Sinfonietta and the Pacific Lutheran University Choral Union in Handel's *Messiah*. Joining these two talented groups are professional singers from around the United States and the world. Terri Richter (soprano) recently appeared as Adele in the Seattle Symphony's concert version of *Die Fledermaus* and on the Seattle Opera's mainstage as Barbarina in

Second thoughts at Christmas



our tree, the lights and all the Christmas decorations on the tree and around the house. Not that we had a real tree or anything, but most families in Samoa couldn't afford a Christmas tree even one with a lot of bright shiny lights and decorations. Most of the time they used a tree in the garden and decorated it with flower leis and crepe paper.

As always, my Mom had a way of spoiling Christmas. After midnight mass, my Mom would throw a party, which always ended in the early hours of Christmas morning with her handing out everyone's gifts to be opened. So when you woke up Christmas morning there was nothing to look forward to because everything was already opened, plus us kids always had to be quiet because all the adults were asleep, well at least trying too. I always thought it was my Mom's way of not having to wake up too early Christmas

morning, because if we didn't already eat the main meal during the party after mass no adult stirred until late afternoon - evening and only for dessert.

My cousins were so happy with all their new gifts of toys and clothing. They'd never had so many gifts like this before. When my Aunt finally woke up she called my cousins into her room. There she reminded them about our other cousins and relatives who were still in Samoa, probably without gifts. Where they would be if they had not migrated to New Zealand; still be in the same situation. So after talking to my cousins and reminding them what Christmas was really about the birth of Christ and being together with family, she made them go and pick two gifts out of everything they had received to keep. The rest of their gifts were packed in a box and sent to our relatives in Samoa so that they too might have a Christmas.

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Thinking about Christmas then and now, and ones I spent alone when I lived by myself in Idaho for three years helped me remember. Because at first I was upset because I was alone, then I was upset because I didn't receive any gifts, then when I moved back with my parents to Washington and I spent my first two Christmases alone because they went overseas to Samoa, I was upset too. But I've got to thinking this year Christmas isn't about gifts and presents,

although yeah they're nice to receive. It's the fact that you have a family to be with and share memories with. Not only that it's about giving and bringing joy to others and that your alive and in good health. There may be more that we would like, but honestly, what more could we ask for.

To all of you out there Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Good Health and Best wishes to you all.



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Mace Windu, Head of the Jedi Council, (Samuel L. Jackson) that Anakin may be the key to resolving the conflict with Nabooians. It is determined that he is dangerous, and must be taught the ways of the Force. Enter, Obi-Wan Kenobi, (Ewan MacGregor) and Yoda. He is then trained and help in the fight with Jedi Knights against the evil Sith Lords. Or so we think it is them. Little does anyone know that a certain Senator is plotting against the Old Republic and the Jedi Knights. Who later proclaims himself Emperor.

Early Promises

I saw the trailer last week on both my PC and ET. But you must see it in the theater. I tell you now, make plans to see the new film next year when it comes out. It is a movie you must see in the theater. It is the only way to see it. The movie is 95% digital. In the special editions of the original trilogy, we saw some fully computer generated sets that were added in. Those will be used in the new film. We will see a computer generated Yoda in some scenes. He is still going to be a puppet but there will be walking scenes that require digital effects. The movie has about 4500 FX shots, the most in cinema history. The casting is good, at first I thought Liam

Neeson couldn't possibly pass as a Jedi master, but after you see the trailer he is pretty convincing. The movie will be well done and well accepted. It will not be wide released however. Only sound systems and screens will have it. The only local theater with the right requirements is East Valley 13. So be prepared for long lines.

Beyond the Menace...

So what's next? Episode Two is expected to be released around summer of 2001. Pre-production is scheduled for October of 1999. Lucasfilm is waiting on the reaction of Episode I. And Episode Three which will take us to the exact origin of Luka and Leia, as well as Darth Vader, will be out in 2003. Long time to wait but well worth it. And once again special effects technology will be developed for those films. Sony is developing a special digital camera just for the 2 and 3. It will be an amazing millennium as well as a new beginning to a familiar story. I'm looking forward to it. I already have the first of many toys for the trilogy. So for the first time in 16 years will be taken to that galaxy far, far, away and so long ago.

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Retirement Benefits sought for Part - Time Community College Faculty members

A claim for Damages was submitted against the State of Washington on behalf of Eva Mader, Dana Rush, and all similarly situated individuals. The claim alleges that a class of part-time community college instructors, those who work between 50% to 80% of a full-time work load or full-time equivalency ("FTE"), were unlawfully denied retirement benefits and provided erroneous information by the State regarding their rights to retirement benefits. Both Ms. Mader and Mr. Rush are long-term community college faculty members who both continuously worked for many years at 66% or more FTE and were denied retirement benefits. The claim alleges that Ms. Mader's and Mr. Rush's

FTE level rendered them eligible for State retirement benefits, but the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges erroneously interpreted the relevant State law as requiring "part-time" instructors to work 80% or more FTE to be eligible for retirement benefits.

"A claim for Damages is the first step in the process of getting relief for our clients," says Stephen K. Strong, attorney for the plaintiffs, from the Seattle law firm of Bendich, Stobaugh & Strong, P.C. "The State has sixty days to respond to this claim for damages. If we do not hear from the State in that time, we will be forced to file a lawsuit. Statutes and regulations mandate that our clients be included in the retirement

system, but they were never even told they were eligible."

Eva Mader teaches German language courses and has worked as a part-time community college instructor for the State of Washington for 20 years. She has consistently taught two courses each quarter. (A full load is considered three courses.) "I am involved in this claim because I am 61 years old. I have given twenty-one years of my life to educating our young people. What the State is doing to me and my other part-time colleagues is not fair."

Dana and Eva are both involved in the Part-Time Faculty Association in Washington State. "This is the first legal action of its kind in the country," according to Keith Hoeller

and Terry Boyden, co-founders of the Association. "We think that this is what is needed to get the State to live up to its responsibility to its employees."

This claim is for a class. It is not clear how many part-time faculty members are affected, but it appears to include several hundred at a minimum. Continued investigation and discovery will be necessary to determine the number of affected faculty and the amount of money needed to make the class whole.

The law firm of Bendich, Stobaugh & Strong, P.C., bringing this claim recently settled a class action against King County for \$24 million and is pursuing a class action against Microsoft on behalf of "temporary" workers.

seek responsible reforms for Social Security so the program can continue to meet all its financial obligations for current and future generations of workers.

We must dispel this notion that Social Security will not be there in the future. It will be there. The only question is what shape the program will take

for the next millennium. But what will happen in the future is only part of the story. As explained earlier, for many younger people, the future could be now if premature death or unexpected disability occurs.

Social Security can provide a buffer of economic security against such eventualities for young workers and their families. Shorter work histories, high medical expenses, lack of employer provided insurance coverage, low salaries, even poor planning—these and other reasons mean that many young workers and their families have little insurance or "extra" resources to help out if their earnings stop abruptly. Social Security can be a critical lifeline.

Here are some little known, but very important, facts about the

chase the insurance and whether you buy an individual or group plan. In general, you can save money on premiums if you buy as part of a group, or if you buy it at a younger age. A typical individual policy, without an inflation option, can cost less than \$450 a year for a 50-year-old.⁴

Where do you get it?

You can purchase long-term care insurance on a group basis through your employer or individually through an insurance agent. For example, the State of Washington has made it available to 300,000 state employees, retirees, their spouses and parents.

How can I find out more?

If your employer offers long-term care insurance, get the materials and go ask questions. If you do not have a group plan available, seek out agents, web sites or seminars on long-term care. Other sources include:

The Consumer's Guide to Long-Term Care Health Care Insurance, a free publication of the Health Insurance Association of America (555-13th St., N.W., Washington D.C. 20004; 202-223-5533); *A Shopper's Guide to Long-Term Care Insurance*, a free publication of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (120 W. 12th St., Suite 1100, Kansas City, MO 64105-1925; 816-842-3600).

If you are considering long-term care insurance:

- Only buy from a financially strong, highly-rated company
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Low-cost health care coverage is now available

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- * Doctor and hospital care, including preventive care
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Where can I get more information?

Those interested in receiving more information about Basic Health or Basic Health Plus can call our 24-hour, toll-free line at 1-800-826-2444 and press option 1 to request an application. The program is also encouraging people who might know a friend or relative who would benefit from Basic Health to call and request this information. Additional information about Basic Health's benefits, costs, and the health plans available for 1999 can also be found on the Health Care Authority's Web site at <http://www.wa.gov/hca>.

FAMILY FINANCES

Long-Term Care Insurance: A Benefit To Consider

(NAPS)—Major social changes in general and in the family unit make it increasingly more difficult to help care for an elderly relative. Family units are smaller, family members are dispersed over a wider geographic area and increasing numbers of women work outside the home.

How to pay for care needed by people who can no longer care for themselves has become a serious financial burden. For one thing, while the national average annual cost for care in a nursing home is \$41,000,¹ it is about \$60,000² in the state of Washington.

Although paying for the cost of care in a nursing home for yourself, a spouse or a parent may seem unlikely, it is projected that nearly half of those age 65 and older will enter a nursing home at some point in

their lives and 72 percent will use home health care.³ Protecting yourself and your assets with insurance may be an option that makes sense for you.

Following are some commonly asked questions relating to long-term care insurance:

What is long-term care insurance and what does it cover?

Long-term care insurance helps pay for services for people with a prolonged physical illness, disability or cognitive impairment. Many people do not realize that it covers care provided at home, in assisted living facilities and adult day care centers as well as in nursing homes.

What policy options exist?

Usually you have choices of how much you would like to receive in benefits on a daily and total policy basis; whether you want built-in inflation options;



When it comes to caring for an elderly relative, you may want to look at long-term care insurance.

and how long the waiting period is before the benefits start paying, among other options.

What does it cost?

Policy costs vary tremendously depending on the options you choose, the age at which you pur-

¹ American Health Care Association, *Fifteen Key Questions about Long-Term Care*: <http://www.ahca.org/secure/top15.htm>

² Harris Rothenberg International, July 1998

³ Lewin-VHI, Inc. as reported in [Health Insurance Association of America: *Long Term Care: Knowing the Risks, Paying the Price*, 1997, p.12]

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Foreign Films Now Playing at GRCC

By Casey Littlejohn

A cultural experience awaits you at the Foreign Film series, which features a different foreign film every other Friday night at 7 p.m. in SS8.

The gatherings are sponsored by Green River's Multicultural services, and it is more than just watching movies. It encourages anything artistic.

Katherine Campbell, Green River librarian and one of the series' founders said, "We support all forms of art, so we encourage people to bring and share their poetry. People can bring their musical instruments. It's a really great atmosphere."

You also can have a taste of distant cultures, as the group provides food that correlates with the nationality of that night's film.

The idea of the film series came when Campbell, and fellow members Avis Adams, Vic Aquino, and Christie Buehler discussed starting a poetry reading group. After discovering each other's fondness for foreign films, their focus turned to creating a place

where people could share this passion.

At the first session last fall, only two people showed up. In contrast, this fall's opening meeting drew 50 film lovers.

"It's really taken off," Campbell said.

The group meets for fun and company, not for any credits or educational value. But if you go, you just might learn something. It is also open to all members of the world.

"All types of people come out: Elderly people, skateboarders, lawyer types, and even children," Campbell said.

Campbell said that foreign films sparked her interest after she went to the foreign film Festival in Seattle a couple of years ago.

"I just loved it," she said.

"Some of the other cultures have more open ideas in their films. Things are seen in a different light."

The Foreign Film Series meets every other Friday at 7 p.m. in SS-8. Admission and snacks are free. Contact Rene Popke at ext. 2404 for more information.

Star Wars saga continues this Spring

By Casey Littlejohn

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away the Star Wars phenomena was born.

Now creator George Lucas seeks to captivate a new generation of Star Wars fans with the 1999 release of Episode I: The Phantom Menace. On Friday, November 20, trailers for the new movie appeared in theatres throughout the U.S. and Canada, featuring over two minutes of finished footage. The film's release date has been set for May 21, 1999.

The previous three films, Star Wars, Empire Strikes Back, and Return of the Jedi, comprise episodes IV, V, and VI - thus The Phantom Menace actually takes place two movies before 1977's Star Wars. The film features

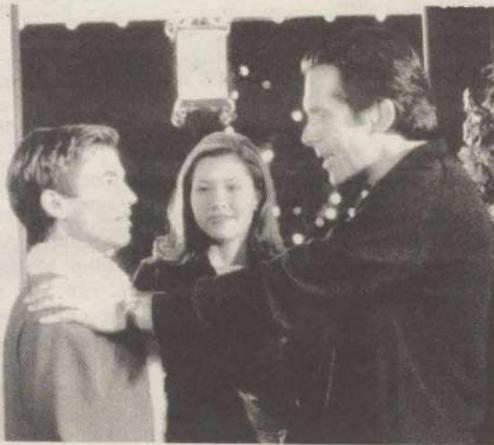
Anakin Skywalker as a boy, the same character that becomes the dreaded Darth Vader by episode IV.

The Phantom Menace will star Liam Neeson as a Jedi-knight, Ewan McGregor as the fabled Obi-Wan Kenobi, and Frank Oz as mystical Yoda. Samuel L. Jackson plays the head of the Jedi Council. Natalie Portman plays an important young queen, and Anakin Skywalker is played by Jake Lloyd.

George Lucas is not surprisingly the writer, director, and executive producer of the new episode, which hopes to retain its visual qualities and mystique that has made the Star Wars universe so identifiable, while showcasing new-age special effects expected in a groundbreaking film.

Soon enough we will see if The Phantom Menace can do in '99, what Star Wars did in '77.

I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



Walt Disney Pictures presents "I'll Be Home For Christmas," a comedy which stars Jonathan Taylor Thomas, known for his role as one of the Taylor brothers in Tim Allen's "Home Improvement," as Jake Wilkinson, a self-absorbed college student. Just days before Christmas Wilkinson (Taylor Thomas) awakens to find himself stranded in the middle of the California desert - wearing a Santa suit and a white beard glued to his face.

The butt of a pay-back by the football team who thinks he double-crossed them by not providing the correct answers to a final exam, Jake has to find a way to get to New York by 6:00 p.m. on

with his girlfriend Allie (Jessica Biel, known for her role on "Seventh Heaven") who is on the road with the school stud Eddie (Adam La Vorgna)--or risk forfeiting the vintage Porsche his father (Gary Cole) promised if his son comes home for the holidays.

As Jake desperately hitchhikes his way east, everyone he meets unwittingly sets into motion a comedy of errors as they look to Santa for help and advice, in Walt Disney Pictures' comedy, "I'll Be Home For Christmas." If your into comedies and I know most of you are this would be a good movie to check out the Christmas. For times and listings check your local

Bond James Bond

By Jackie Prichard

Feeling grumpy over the holidays? Well then go to your local video rental store and pick up a James Bond movie. With all of the non-stop action and unforgettable stunts, and English spy style, how could anyone resist Bond?

007's sense of humor and seduction will bring a smile to any grumpy person's face. So grab a bowl of popcorn, a big comfy blanket, your honey and plop

yourself down in front of Bond James Bond.

The suspense will kill you, the expensive cars will thrill you and Bond's seductive moves on the many women he encounters will make you melt into the arms of your someone special. So this Christmas don't let the bad weather bring you down or turn you into Scrooge. Not when there's Bond James Bond available for your pleasure and enjoyment. Have fun and don't forget the martini's are shaken, but not stirred.....



Self-Sealing Tires Offer Peace Of Mind

(NAPS)—Today more than ever, consumers are looking for hassle-free driving. From car phones to keyless entries, they want convenience and peace of mind while on the road. According to a recent survey, flat tires are one of the biggest worries for drivers, second only to accidents.

"We hear from hundreds of drivers every day who have flat tires," said Dave Van Sickle, director of automotive and consumer information for AAA. "It's awful to be stranded on the side of the road and changing a flat tire is the last thing you want to do."

Thanks to a new self-sealing tire that can permanently seal most tread punctures, flats may soon be a thing of the past.

The self sealing technology is a patented rubber compound that lines the interior of the tire's tread and is designed to immediately and permanently seal 90 percent of tread punctures up to 3/16" in diameter. As a result, motorists may be able to avoid the danger and inconvenience of having to pull over and change a flat tire on a busy highway or deserted road.

Here's how it works:

As a nail—or any object 3/16" or less in diameter—punctures the tire tread, it is coated with a special sealant. This unique material automatically seals most tread punctures, preventing air from escaping. While the nail is in the tire, the sealant seals around the object, preventing slow leaks. When the nail is removed, the nail automatically pulls the sealant

into the hole in the tread. The sealant fills the hole, creating a permanent seal.

This technology is now available on the Tiger Paw NailGuard from Uniroyal Tire. Costing about \$10 more per tire, it is an affordable way to stay on the road.

"We understand that drivers want more convenience and peace of mind while on the nation's highways," said Joe Herget, brand manager for Uniroyal Tire. "In fact, we are so confident drivers will embrace our flat-resistant tire, we are backing it with 80,000-mile treadwear and unprecedented tire replacement limited warranties. While no tire is impervious to flats, if a Uniroyal NailGuard tire should fail to seal a tread puncture, we'll replace it free."



Tire, seal thyself—New self-sealing tire can help prevent flats.

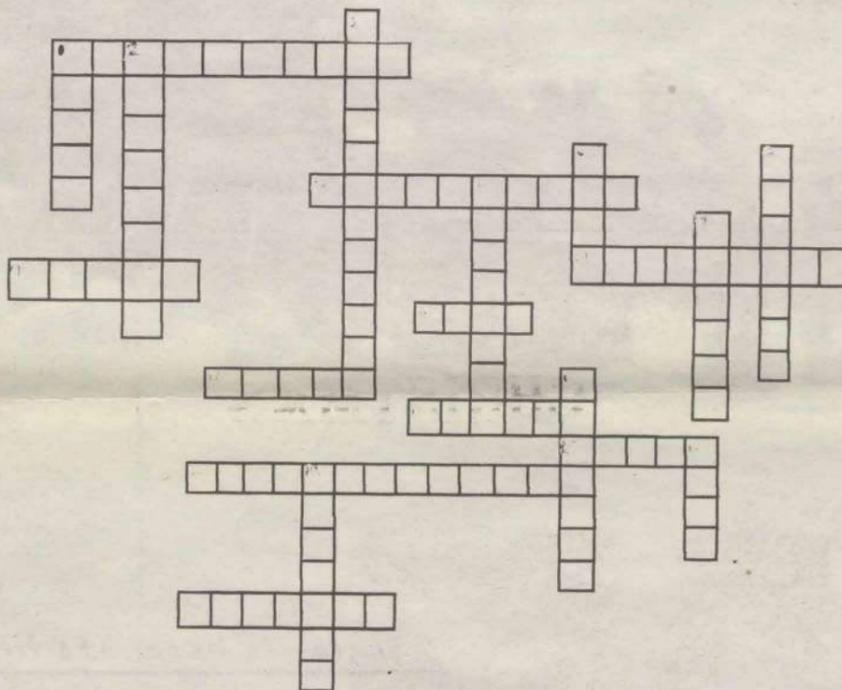
Uniroyal NailGuard tires are available in full complement of self-sealing replacement tires, including 22 of the most popular minivan, light truck and passenger car tire sizes.

For more information, call 1-877-UNIROYAL or visit the Uniroyal website at www.uniroyal.com.



The Current Crossword Puzzle

By: Jou Schmidt

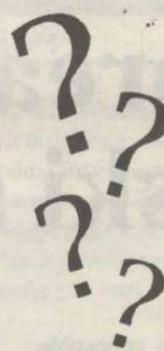


ACROSS

1. _____ Online College Courses @ GRCC.
4. The Current is distributed every _____.
9. The _____ Tree Book Store.
10. The Currents' new Astrologist is: _____ Kastings.
11. GRCC radio Station.
12. New teacher this fall: _____ Perdue.
14. The _____ Library.
15. The _____ Grille; Cafeteria.
17. _____ Science; McVay.
19. _____ Start Program; Earning High School/College credits at the same time.

DOWN

1. Current _____ Problems: History 033.
2. _____ Best Coffee.
3. Ricky Mastro's new production on Nov. 10th.
5. Prominent (living) tree-dwelling rodent on campus.
6. To _____ or Not to Park @ GRCC.
7. My dogs name: Sir-Robin the _____.
8. Limbloom _____ Center.
13. _____ as a Second Language: ESL.
16. Astro. 101 Instructor: Dana _____.
18. _____ Papritz; Phy. Geography Instructor.



It's the Law

by Mike Hiestand, Staff Attorney
Student Press Law Center

As part of their crackdown on underage drinking, police have set up an I.D. checkpoint outside some popular campus bars. Not appreciating this intrusion on their Saturday night fun, some students protest. Police respond. Tempers flare. And suddenly a riot erupts.

A reporter covering the I.D. checkpoints for the student newspaper is nearby and grabs her camera. The scene is chaotic. Police are shouting and wielding clubs. Students are screaming back, throwing objects, running for cover. Smoke starts to fill the air. The reporter is busy snapping photos when someone grabs her arm. It's a police officer.

What happens next often turns as much on the reporter's words and actions as on the officer's. Consequently, having prior knowledge of one's rights — and the limits on those rights — is essential.

Here are a few thoughts and suggestions:

When confronted, immediately identify yourself as a member of the press. Toward that end, find out now if law enforcement agencies in your area issue press passes or credentials. If so, obtain one. If not, it can still be helpful to create an "unofficial" press pass/I.D. card that clearly identifies you as a journalist. Now is also the time to find out if your local police have issued any sort of media guidelines, addressing the release of information to the media at crime scenes and issuing credentials. They often bargain compromise between police and press and can be a helpful reminder to overzealous officers.

Remain calm and professional. At a "hot" scene, the adrenaline can run high. Resist being swept away by it. When confronted by police, explain your intentions and ask for their cooperation.

Persuade, don't argue. Your job is to report the news — not win a shouting match. Let them know that you have a job to do, but that you want to cooperate. Challenging their authority or spouting off about the "First Amendment" will rarely improve your bargaining position. Keep the high ground.

Obey all lawful police commands. The U.S. Supreme Court has suggested that in most cases members of the press have no more — or less — right to gain access to newsworthy events than the general public. Police have the authority to limit access when they believe

such restrictions are needed for public safety or to prevent interference with an investigation. Reporters who ignore police orders regarding access risk arrest and prosecution.

Context police mis-interpret. While courts tend to give law enforcement officials considerable leeway when it comes to controlling a "hot" crime or accident scene, there are limits. At least one court has said, the justification "Because I said so," is generally insufficient to support a police officer's order to a reporter to leave. Police also cannot, under any circumstances, zero in on members of the news media, subjecting them to greater restrictions than others. For example, picking a photographer out of a crowd of bystanders and ordering only her to leave would be unjustified. Unfortunately, refusing to obey even an apparent illegal order can be risky. When feasible, the better course is to comply with the order, but to challenge the conduct through formal administrative or judicial channels as soon as possible.

Do not voluntarily surrender your notes or equipment to police. Police do not have a right to confiscate a reporter's camera, film or notes without a subpoena. (And even then, a state shield law or qualified privilege may offer protection.) They never have a right to destroy such material. Nevertheless, if a reporter is ordered by the police at the scene to turn over his equipment, it is usually best to comply. However, make it clear to the officer that you believe he is violating the law and that you would not be relinquishing the material absent his order to do so. Contact an attorney as soon as possible.

Preserve a record. If it's clear that a confrontation is inevitable, do what you can to document the scene. Jot down the names of any witnesses. If you're using a tape or video recorder, keep it running. Since it's likely that your version of the events will differ significantly from that of the police, such hard evidence will prove invaluable.

If you are arrested, keep quiet. You have the right to remain silent — exercise it. Ask only to contact your news organization or attorney.

The holiday season is here



Winter is here, its time to ski, snowboard whatever

Winter break brings a new ski season

By Akio Segawa

With the up coming winter vacation there is Christmas, the New Year, and the one and only 1998-99-ski season. Many of the old ski resorts have completed million dollar projects to get skiers and snowboarders up the mountain

as quickly as possible. The Summit at Snoqualmie has made \$6.5 million dollars in changes to better suit the needs of the skiers as well as the snowboarders. The remodels include two new high-speed chair lift quads, and two magic carpets which carry beginning skiers up the slopes.

Crystal Mountain also joined in the remodel game with their second six-passenger chair lift. They have also added two new grooming machines as well as renovating the lodges. Stevens Pass has also jumped on the bandwagon by replacing two lifts with a high-speed quad. The area also offers a new tubing area.

Crystal mountain is open from 9 to 4 Mon. -Fri and 8:30a -4 on the weekends with tickets never over \$35. Snoqualmie pass is open from 9a - 10p Mon.-sat 9a -4p on Sunday. Stevens pass is open from 9a-10p daily with tickets ranging from \$5 to \$30. These are not the only resorts in the NW there many others all with their own unique personalities, to find out more call the snow phone at 206-236-1600.

the *Marriage of Figaro*. Hanne Ladefoged (Alto) recently settled in Seattle from Copenhagen. Her more recent performances of *Messiah* were with Seattle Choral Company and Orchestra Seattle. David R. Maier (tenor) resides in Portland, Oregon where was last seen in

Mozart's *La Finta Giardiniera* for Chamber Opera Oregon. And lastly, Barry Johnson (baritone) returns to the Northwest Sinfonietta following his company debut last season in Beethoven's *mass in C major*.

Audiences and singers alike want to experience the *Messiah*

again and again. Hearing this piece never fails to stir deep emotions of joy, as the music of *Messiah* embodies a beautiful portrait of the entire life of Christ and the true meaning of Christmas. Join us in making this a holiday to remember!

Tickets for this event may be purchased through Ticketmaster, by phone or in person at the Broadway Center Ticket Office. Prices are \$18: \$24. For more information call (253) 591-5894.