Trivia canceled, Oz presumed dead

By Veronica Corningstone

For the first time in nearly thirty years, the Oz-man will not come.

Jim "The Oz" Oliva has been missing for nearly three weeks, and is now presumed dead, according to a statement released earlier this week. Oliva, also known as a bit of a local celebrity, has been widely popular amongst trivia-goers since he started writing trivia questions in 1979.

Due to the Oz's absence, this year's trivia contest, always billed as the "Largest Trivia Contest in the World," has been called off.

"Jim Oliva has been such a pivotal aspect of the trivia contest for so long," said one campus official. "We haven't been able to figure out how to run things without him around." Oliva's question-writing partner, Jim Eckendorf, suffers from a shock-induced catatonia, and could not be reached for comment.

Senators walk out of meeting, escaped orangutans take place, pass resolutions

By Brick Tamland

A group of Senators staged the second walk-out of the semester at last week's senate meeting before a record crowd of nine students in attendance.

The six disgruntled elected Student Government Association (SGA) officials were said to be upset with the fact that the janitorial service did not provide 12 boxes of Kleenex in the meeting room 24 hours prior to the meeting. Those that walked out were Roberto Davida, Andre Faucett, Arturo O'Mella, Dan Forskin, Rachel Sandbo and Dan Mailbrat. Forskin was fairly out of meeting, escaping the room, members of the volleyball team unveiled a collection of Kleenex boxes they had hidden at the back of the room.

"It was like New Year's eve all over again," one student said. "The minute they left the room, members of the volleyball team began tossing boxes around the room and throwing confetti in the air. "I have a feeling this was payback for the volleyball team," he said. "They're the ones who really started this whole thing."

The first Senate walk-out happened due to the fact an official SGA document had not been posted 24 hours prior to the meeting. Because there weren't enough Senators present for a quorum, the vote was nullified.

"When they walked in, they had the seats previously vacated by the senators that left the room," one student said. "We've got people coming all the way in from Plover." Nearly 13,000 contestants were expected to descend upon the city of Stevens Point for this year's Trivia 37: "The Odd Contest." Volunteers who would have otherwise manned the phone room during the 54-hour contest are now in the process of contacting would-be players from all five continents.

Sources indicate that the Oz was abducted under the instruction of a secret warrant issued by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Though no official statement has been made to see Trivia, pg. 3.
WISPIRG demands men in dorms shave armpits to improve air quality

By Jenna Jameson
Pointless Porn Star

Indoor pollutants are a hot topic in the news today, and they have many sources. A new, quite insidious source has been discovered right on college campuses around the nation.

"I had no clue I was living in a deathtrap," said Frank Grimes, a UW-SP student.

The pollution seems to come from the campus dorms, specifically the men's floors.

At the demand of WISPIRG, Dick Bartosh, the Environmental Health and Safety Officer for UW-SP ran an air quality test in the third floor of Neale Hall. "Good God, this is off the charts!" he said, as one unidentified male student in a "Git-R-Dun" t-shirt walked by. "Everyone out--now!"

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International program to now send students to Upper Peninsula

By Brian Fantana
Pointers Reporter in the Field
The Octagon Channel 4.com

The international programs at UW-SP will be taking on a completely different face for those students wanting to travel this fall.

Last week the International Programs Decision Committee voted to change the structuring of the program in such a way that they will no longer be sending students overseas to study abroad. This decision arose because “gold member” programs at UW-SP will be taking travel this fall.

The choice was easy according to the new president of the now Intra-National Program, Jack Daniels, who starred in the blockbuster, “Escanaba In Da Moonlight,” a legendary film straight out of the U.P. of Michigan.

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Letters & Opinion

**Pointer Poll hopelessly biased**

We found the poll of last week's paper titled "What is your take on Girls Gone Wild" appalling. This was obviously not an objective poll and did not represent the opinions of normal men without girlfriends.

I think there could have been at least one supporter of the "Girls Gone Wild" series.

There are plenty of people who love GGW. It is the purest form of entertainment known to Man. Girls Gone Wild isn't just about fun-loving girls who like to explore. It is a wonderful series that explores to nature of hot chicks all over the world.

Really, these videos are instructional. How is a guy supposed to get a chick to take her shirt off without the a little copy of Joe Francis sitting on his shoulder? It's impossible! Believe me, I've tried. All it gets you is an oversized handbag in the face and a "Damn on you, young man!"

Really, Joe Francis does a service to women as well. He helps young men get back at their inattentive fathers, and break into the entertainment business. Some may even appear in low-budget porn movies, and put a little more joy into some 14-year-old boy.

So you see, The Pointer hurts women too, with their biased reporting. I don't have problems with people being against them, however for next and for future polls I would hope that you show both sides of an issue so that it does not come off biased.

**Student comments Pointer for Journalistic Integrity**

I am writing to thank you for your professionalism and integrity. I am an avid reader of other campus newspapers, and it refreshing to see a student-run publication that does not indulge in blatant Norrisism and Islam-bashing. These are two areas in the popular media of which I wholeheartedly disapprove. For those who are unaware of what I am talking about, there is a disturbing trend in the current media which has latched onto a juvenile infatuation with the late Chuck Norris and his ilk.

People may ask, what do you mean, the "late" Norris? This is understandable, of course, considering the elite media has covered up the recent assassination of Mr. Norris and the subsequent mass cloning of his Übermensch genetic code. Furthermore, as devout Presbyterian and neo-Mohammedan, it is reassuring to know that the Pointer staff supports the recent widespread Islamist reactions to the infuriating and unforgivable Danish-bashed publication of slanderous and heretical cartoons that feature the (forbidden, under Shariah law) image of the Great Prophet. Too few media sources are sympathetic to the plight of God's chosen people (no, not the Israelis, and not Muslims, the Presbyterians). Yes, that's right, we Presbyterians fully support the Islamist Jihad, the reverence of Muhammad, and the swift canonization of our patron saint, Chuck Norris.

"Viva la revolution! Viva Chef!"

Brian Ahmed Anderson
UW-SP Student

**Campus would be awesome if not for all the damn students**

The happiest day of my life was when I received tenure at this university. Stevens Point is a wonderful town, the university staff and faculty here are a joy to work with. Now is it only someone could get rid of the students.

At best, I would call them a nuisance, a bad-researcher, yet I am supposed to teach these stupid kids, half of which don't want to be in my classes? They are so lazy! "Is there extra credit?" or "The exam is multiple choice?" or questions I get EVERY DAY.

They come to my office, sneaking about needing extensions, or not understanding the concepts. Yeah? Well, my wife left me for the Toppers delivery guy, so why don't you talk to me when you have a real problem.

Don't get me wrong, I know that the students are necessary for the school, so that's why I am devoting my time to create more distance-learning opportunities and internet classrooms. Like Desire2Learn. Some day, maybe in the distant future, I may be able to go the whole year without actually talking to students. Maybe even in my lifetime, but even if it is my gift to future faculty, I will be able to rest peacefully knowing that professors can live their lives freely, without distracting intrusions from students.

Until then, I struggle along. I play games, like putting post-its on the door of my lab and my office, telling students I'm at either one place or the other. But I am actually hiding in the supply closet with a bottle of Jim Beam. Or sometimes I advise students, and repeatedly call them the wrong name, like LaShonda, when their name is really Jenny.

Mainly, I look forward to my retirement. I'll find a nice little place in Daytona beach, and sit out on the veranda with my pellet gun, waiting for unsuspecting Spring Breakers to accidentally step on my property. Now that's the real American Dream.

Dick Franzen
UW-SP Professor

**Cheese Fries are student's drug of choice**

Not cheesealake, cheeseburgers, cheese sticks, cream cheese, nacho cheese, macaroni and cheese, cheese dogs, cheese balls, spicy mac and cheese, cheese spread, cheese slices, EZ cheese, Philly cheese steak, cheesy hash brown, grilled cheese, mozzarella or bacon cheese mushroom soup. None of these delectable foods can compete to the tasty glory of cheese fries. Keep your best weed, and coke, all I need is cheese fries. I have a two part diet: cheese fries, and everything else. How can you go wrong?

Hot, salty, and crunchy, and soggy (the older fries in the batch are always soggy), how does that not turn you on? I eat cheese fries at least twice a week. The methods for making cheese are infinite. There are so many types of fries, and ways to cook them, and there are just as many types of cheeses. I should warn you though, I wouldn't recommend bleu or havarti cheeses.

Other than that, I love all cheese in the rainbow. Cheddar cheese is of course the classic cheese, but there are others out there too. Parmesan is great, but you have to buy it solid in order for it to melt. Mozzarella or a soft pepper jack is a great way to spice up the night. French fries are just as important. I own my own mini deep fryer that I bought at Wal-Mart, that's the only way to go. I carve my own potatoes, and you get the best control over the form of your fry that way.

If you must go out and buy your fries, the best you can do is to make sure you must stay away from McDonald's. The small fries are too small for grabbing enough cheese, to make a satisfactory image of cheese and fry in your mouth. You can try to grab four or five of the fries, but eventually it just gets too annoying to keep it up. It's been a long time since I've eaten fries at a restaurant, but the last time I checked I checked the fries at Wendy's were big enough, and "ok" on the salt level. Marvin's does a good job at presenting the quintessential cheese fries.

Cheese fries are perfect because they are an amalgamation of two essential food groups: cheese and potatoes. Cheesy hash browns fail to do it right because you have to eat them with a fork, and that's just not as fun. Cheese fries allow you to successfully eat a hot food with your hands. I'd tell you more but the timer went off. Goodbye and good eating.

Brian White
UW-SP Student
Keep your shirt on TIGGER, and don't profane Trivia with your brazen nudity. Trivia is a holy time. If you've never heard the story of first Trivia, gather round. I'll tell you how it all began.

About two thousand years ago, give or take. God sent his only begotten son to earth. Dude's name was Jesus. And he had a nice bit of walk-nudity. Trivia is a holy time. If you've begun.

Admittedly, these were pretty small-time tricks for the Son of God, but you have to realize that this was back when they had digital cable, and people were really, REALLY bored.

Tweaking.

Still, it wasn't that big a deal. Dude was the Son of God after all, and he tended to bounce back fairly quickly. The last straw was when he told everyone that Judas was still a virgin, and that his mom used to dress him up like a girl. Judas had a hissy fit, paid ticket to the suckingist ride at the cemetery-land theme park.

Fact is, the disciples used to kill him in front of the door.

Now all this time God had been looking for someone to give him it was, "full of two-dimensional characters and severely lacking in the Aristotelian unities."

But when God takes a break from his writing to make some EasyMac and have a Guinness, he looks down and sees his only begotten son trying to move this big damn rock all by himself and not getting anywhere. God sighs, sends Gabriel to take care of it, and goes back to worrying about and whether or not he should just cut out the whole book of Chobie despite the fact that the part about sea-monkeys was really funny.

Now Gabriel never really liked the big guy's kid very much. Gabriel was a vetrin, real macho type, flaming sword and all that. He couldn't help but think that the long hair, robe, and sandals made Jesus look like a dirty hippie.

So he says to Jesus, "I tell you what, I'll roll aside this stone if you can tell me the name of the name of the pig on Green Acres."

Jesus thought to himself, "I think it's Clarence. Or is it Festus? Damn. I knew this.

"I'll give you a white to think about it." Gabriel says, and then plays a couple songs on the harp.

"Cletus" Jesus shouted right at the end of the second song.

"Sorry, it's Arnold." Gabriel said.

"Fuck!"

"Don't worry, I'll give you another chance. Which country won the silver medal for lugue in 1986?"

This kept going for hours and hours. Gabriel asking questions after question after question that Jesus wouldn't know the answer to. Just to piss him off.

Around hour 28 Jesus got a lucky break when Gabriel asked, "What were the names of the three men that Nebuchadnezzar threw into the fiery furnace?"

Jesus knew the answer was Ashbrack, Meshak and Abendigo. But of course everyone knows that, so the question ended up being a phone-burner. And because Jesus hadn't thought to set up his speed-dial ahead of time, he didn't manage to get through in time.

When Gabriel declared "phones down in the back" the Jesus became terribly wrath. And the lord did say, "Pie the loaves and fishes, for I am totally knackered. Let there be Jolt cola, and little Debbie snack cakes, and taco dip, and Penguin Caffinated Peppermints. And as all of these things were made manifest according to his will.

Then, in the 54th hour, Gabriel asked, "Who co-starred with Brad Pitt in the 2002 blockbuster Spy Game?"

The lord spake, "Robert Redford," and his answer was good.

Pat "Barbas" Rothfuss
With help from the Mission Coffee House
Christ, you know it ain't easy. You know how hard it can be...

Pat,

"How hard it can be...

Most of it has began.

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Bret Michaels, Poison front man
"Every rose has its thorn."

Toby McGuire, Spiderman
"Who cares, I'm too hot for words. Oops, did I say hot? I meant creepy."

Estelle Getty, Golden Girl Sophia
"Blanch is a whore."

Angela Lansbury, Wonder Woman
"For me, Halloween is every day of the year."

Samuel L. Jackson, Bad-Ass motha f*cka!
"It's the one that says 'bad-ass motha f*cka!'"

David Bowie, Goblin King
"I'm afraid of Americans... who waste their time with all this 'stop and smell the roses' bullshit."

Embark on a mission to uncover the most likely programs to have funds cut in order to afford this Labyrinthine Rose Garden Initiative:

This weekend there's going to be some Hardcore at the Mission Coffee House. Hardcore rock, that is. On Friday at 8 p.m. there's Daves with Amora Savant, 5 Bullet Roulette, The Guilt Engine, and Morality Crisis. Saturday you've got Middleworld with Auto-Pilot, Petting Zebs, and The Other Side of Victory. A good time will be had by all.

Chances to get advice from Pat are running out as the semester winds down. If you have a college survival question send it to prof@uwsp.edu.
Who needs Cancun when you can hunt for UFOs?

Tristram Shandy
POINTLIFE REPORTER

I was stuck in Stevens Point, yet again, for Spring Break this year. Of course, I felt that it was my destiny to rot away in my craky apartment watching MTV reality shows while all of my friends were spending their hard-earned student loan money on fruity drinks with umbrellas in faraway lands where the high temperature exceeded our whopping 40 degrees. After I had thrown myself a pity party for not getting out of town for break, I decided that I would make my own adventure in this town.

I set out on Wednesday morning with wide eyes and high hopes.

Hmm, where should I drive first, I wondered. Wandering downtown to check out the action, I meandered into Book World to see if anything inspired me. I perused the magazine section to see if anything would catch my eye. As I was standing near the wooden racks flipping through some travel magazines while silently spitting my friends, a slightly unkempt man in an olive army-style jacket kept awkwardly clearing his throat and glancing over at me. Whenever I would glance over at him his eyes immediately darted away and began scanning the racks of magazines; at this point I noticed that he was standing in front of the “Adult Only” section and I decided I should make my way into another section and relieve him of his discomfort. As I walked away, I quickly glanced back just in time to see him grab a copy of “Fifty and Foxy.” I chuckled to myself as I wound my way back into the public library. Instead of hitting up the catalog to check out the book section on aliens, I decided to go straight to the experts. I climbed the stairs to the second floor and wound my way back into the Periodicals section. There I found several people seated near the windows either gazing out or slumped over a newspaper. I stopped in my tracks and stood silent for a moment. Finally I said, “Have any of you seen a UFO in Stevens Point before?”

The majority of them raised their heads and nodded up their heads. I decided that I needed to go with the most reliable source so I made my way over to the gentleman who had unflinchingly responded, “Gerald, I think you’re on the right direction.”

I introduced myself and explained my situation. He introduced himself as Gerald and told me that I smelled like cinnamon rolls. After these formalities had taken place I asked him, “So, Gerald where have you seen all of these UFOs?”

He glanced around and leaned over to me, “You know where the old Vetter Manufacturing Plant is?” he asked. I replied that I did.

“Well, if you go out past Vetter, and cross the railroad tracks, go down the road a ways, and cut across a field, there is where you find UFOs.”

“By the water tower?”

“Yeah, that’s it. But you gotta go at night. That’s when the UFOs come out.”

I confessed to him that I was a bit scared to go out there by myself at night, being a young helpless female and all. I didn’t want any weirdos to sneak up on me at night by an old mill in a field. So, Gerald graciously offered to accompany me as long as he could have half of my PB & J and we could take turns sitting in the lawn chair. I jumped at the chance to have an expert guide take me out into UFO country, so we made arrangements to meet up later and head out there. I picked him up at 9 p.m. and we drove out to the open field by the old mill. We parked my car on the side of the road and toted the lawn chair and alien scouting kit through the field. After we had walked for a few minutes Gerald and I set up our station. We were in perfect position he said. The anticipation was so great that I almost didn’t finish my first crossword puzzle. But after I finished, Gerald suggested that I shut off the flashlight because it might interfere with the radar in the UFO. He went on to explain that the area near the water tower was perfect for UFO sightings.

The flashing light on top seems to draw them to this spot,” he said as he nodded his head emphatically.

After we had told each other our life stories and played three games of I-Spy, which is very difficult in the dark, I was beginning to think that perhaps no UFOs would be seen tonight. I checked my watch-11:37 p.m.

“Hey Gerald,” I said, “I think that maybe we should call it a... FLASH!” At that moment a pumpkin-orange disc illuminated the sky.

“Oh my gosh, what was that?”

“Ha ha. There it is!”

Gerald yelled.

I fumbled around in my bag, frantically searching for my digital camera. Turn on! Work! I silently willed.

Finally, it was on and I began wildly snapping away, as the disc levitated in the sky. I watched as Gerald suddenly yelled, “No, see UFOs, pg. 1”
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no, not the flash, stop it!” But it was too late, I had already done it. At that moment the night sky was filled with an intense wave of yellow light. I shut my eyes and screamed, holding my forearm to my brow to shield myself from the rays. When I opened my eyes the sky was dark again. I sat panting on the field surrounded by din and disbelieving. When I came to my senses I was still stammered out, “Holy crap, Gerald? Can you believe that? I saw it, I saw a UFO.” Silence was the only response to my comment. “Gerald, Gerald?” I frantically looked around but Gerald was nowhere to be seen. In a panic I slung my bag over my shoulder and sprinted through the field to my car. I sped home, running every red light, and ran up the stairs into my apartment. Once inside I bolted to my room, closed the door, and huddled on my bed. I grabbed my bag and opened it, digging out my camera. I switched it on and hit “review.” There it was, right there on the screen plain as day: a UFO. I barely slept that night or any of those following nights, still unable to look at my roommates returned home. As soon as they came in the door I spooked out the story of my encounter and showed them the images I had captured. They of course were reluctant to believe me and my story was met with comments such as “I never really pegged you as the type to do things like that, but I guess Point is pretty boring over break.” I did care what they thought. They weren’t there, and no one was except for Gerald and me. All of you can have your Florida and your Hawaii Spring Breaks, but my Point Spring Break cannot be matched. So, if by some chance Gerald ever gets returned and you see him sitting in the library on the second floor in the Periodical Section ask him if he was abducted last night. The story of Point life continues... April 4, 2006

Comatose Pointer faces manslaughter charge

Janson Kornfeld

Pointlifer Reporter

U-WSP senior and former Pointer features editor Aaron Hull, who sustained massive head trauma and third degree burns Monday afternoon after crashing a Stevens Point Police Department squad car into the Plover River near Iverson Park, was charged with negligent homicide and damage to personal property.

Rose Ludwyczak, 15, was in the car at the time of the crash. She narrowly escaped the wreckage before it burst into flames. Eyewitnesses said she stood in the middle of the river, bare-breasted and crying to curious bystanders that she had been violated, before the river’s undertow pulled her beneath the surface, drowning her.

Hermine Ludwyczak, the deceased’s mother, responded with outrage at the news of her daughter’s death. “How could they allow this to happen?” Ludwyczak asked at a Wednesday news conference held on the steps of the Portage County Courthouse. The conference attracted major news media, such as WACO Wausau 9, WWSP90FM and The Portage County Gazette. Hull, who was transferred to St. Michael’s Hospital in Milwaukee Public Infirmary Tuesday, slipped into a coma shortly after his arrival and has remained unresponsive and in critical condition.

The latest charges are in addition to the Appleton native’s growing litany of alleged felonies and misdemeanors.

The 24-year-old astrology major was arrested last Friday on charges of reckless endangerment and assault with a sports vehicle following a March 16 Pointer article in which Hull admitted to his friends that “ufo’s” were his car to solicit sexual favors and to more than double the speed limit.

Stevens Point Police Captain John Ritter said Hull was being led from his cell block to an interrogation room when he overtook two armed officers and hijacked a vacant squad car. Hull had already been on the road for nearly 10 minutes before police realized he had escaped the building, allowing him enough time to apparently lure the unsuspecting Ludwyczak into the car by posing as an officer, police conterguy.

“This is an outrage and just one more example of the incompetence of the Stevens Point Police Department,” said Mark Weisenberg, “I didn’t need that thought. What happened was a minor incident involving speeding and questionable moral conduct has quickly devolved into a tragedy involving one death – possibly two – and a hefty bill to the taxpayers of Stevens Point.”

Weisenberg has called for a full investigation.
**Comics**

**By: Lo Shin**

**Resident's Evil**

You do know that tooth grinding has got to be the most annoying noise in the world, right?

The only thing that might be worse is knuckle cracking.

You also know you're sadistic, right?

**Neverland**

**By: Roger Van**

**MUSE**

**By: E.H. Ferguson**

YES!! TUNA!!! TUNA!!

TUNA!! WHAT... WAIT...

**Count James**

**By: Mike Cypull**

Dude, that's gross. How can you drink that stuff?

I don't know what you're talking about; you're the one who eats Charwell's two times a day.

**Here We Are**

**By: Jen Miller**

RUN! INSANE ANIME ARTIST!

**Ohohoho! I'll get you all!**

**Dude, that Chick stole my sub! After her!**

**Magic Mist**

**By: Joy**

I tricked my vegetarian roommates into eating a Slim Jim and gave the other rotten oranges.

**Head for the hills!!! André plotting with magic Mike!!!**

**Teach me, master!**

**Venus di Psycho**

**By: Jason Loeffler**

**Word Search: APRIL FOOL**

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Johnny Longlegs
NORTHWOODS REPORTER

Last weekend Bobby "Brown" Beard and I went hiking in Portage County's Low Land Mountain's State Park. We were on our monthly visit to our wooden voyageur gnome friend Napoleon. Napoleon lives alone in the middle of the park with his pet deer Rustp and the creatures of the forest. He is able to conceal himself because of his miniature size and his sneaky ways.

"I don't think we should have brought all this again," Bobby said referring to the case of Pigs Eye beer he was carrying. "Ahh, Napoleon will appreciate a couple," I replied. "He doesn't know his limits with human sized beer. Bobby contested. "We'll stash most of them by the trail and pick them up when we leave his place," I said.

We walked up to Napoleon's miniature log cabin with six beer in our pockets. "NAPOLeON," I yelled towards the front of his house. "Hey guys," he yelled back to us as he came bouncing out of his front door. Napoleon gets very excited when we come and visit him since he rarely interacts with other humans. He tells us adventurous woodsmen stories as well as gives us advice about living a more fulfilling life and we bring him beer and tell him stories about college.

We crawled through the front door of his cabin and took our seats on the floor next to his miniature bed and dinner table. Napoleon sat across the room in his rocking chair. He reached into his pockets, grabbed some tobacco and started packing his smoke pipe. I watched him admiringly by the fire. "Sorry about falling asleep on you fellows last time you were here," Napoleon told us. "I don't remember you leaving at all, and I just woke up in my bed the next morning."

"Oh, no problem," we told him with straight faces.

After a couple of Napoleon's woodsmen adventure tales and a few of our weekend bar recaps, we divvied out the first round of Pigs Eyes. We cheered each other voyageur-style with a French voyageur anthem and then Bobby and I took a delicious voyageur buddy, so we mouth from the pierced hole. Bobby looked at me relieved that we hid the other beers.

"How about another one?" he joyously asked Bobby. Bobby handed him his second beer and right away Napoleon cracked it open and challenged us; "Bet I can beat you guys in a chugging race!" "One, two, three, go," he yelled in excitement and began slamming his beer. Bobby and I watched Napoleon's Adam's Apple protrude in and out of his neck skin as he swallowed the pig slob in seconds. "Lightweights, BELCH," he mocked to us. Napoleon looked at Bobby and said, "I bet ya got a few more of those puppies in yer pockets eh?"

"Yeah I do," Bobby thoughtfully replied, "but it wouldn't be fair for you to get more than us."

"Come on," Napoleon pleaded, "ya guys know as well as I do you'll be puking fer sure after yer first beer!"

"Sorry Napoleon, but we both want another beer," I told him.

"CCHH," Napoleon snarled, "I'm goin to leak my lizzard, ya fellers want me ta pick ya up some pacifiers or something?" As soon as Napoleon left, Bobby and I decided to chug our beers. "Man, two beers and he's already starting to act like Mr. Hyde," I told Bobby. "Let's wait around for a little bit until he soberes up. We'll be able to help him if he needs it and this may get interesting," Bobby replied to me.

"YA FUCKERS," Napoleon screamed from outside. I looked out the cabin window and saw Napoleon walking towards the front porch holding the box of 18 beers we had left earlier. When he stumbled through his doorway he said, "ya guys thank yer pretty smart eh?"

"Thought ya could, HICCUP, naw what so funny to ya huh?" Napoleon began pouring beer onto Bobby's collar and grabbed a beer to pour into Bobby's mouth. Napoleon began pouring beer onto his head and saying, "drinkup smirks, naw what so funny to ya huh?" Bobby scoffed away from Napoleon's grasp, sending the drunken miniature wooden voyageur spiraling like a falling maple seed onto his dinner table. Disheveled and other items crashed loudly with the thumping Napoleon onto his hard wood floor.

Bobby and I first sat in absolute silence as Napoleon lay motionless in a drunken stupor upon his cabin floor. Then we burst out in laughter. "Next time, we bring Sharps," Bobby heckled to me. Once we were done laughing we lifted the knocked out miniature woodsmen voyageur up off the ground and put him into his bed. After that we cleaned up his house, grabbed the rest of our beer and the empty cans and left our belligerent miniature woodsmen voyageur to his slumber.

Bobby "Brown" Beard and I drink Pigs Eyes in Napoleon's log cabin.

OUTDOOR EDVENTURES TIP OF THE WEEK

Josh Spice
MANAGER/Trip LEADER and OUTDOOR EDVENTURES & RENTALS

- Remember, they're the NORTHern lights, so that means you chiefly have to look north to see them.

- NalgeneS hold water, but pockets don't, so put water in a Nalgene before putting it in your pack's pocket.

- Don't ever drink water around a beaver mound. Beavers consider the water surrounding their laungals sacred.

- Sleeping bags are the bread of grizzly sandwiches. We are the butter.

- Rotate your shoes, they wear more evenly.

- Sleeping with your food makes it easier to grab a midnight snack.

- Cinder blocks make great camp chairs when on backpacking trips.

- Trekking poles are a great mechanism for fighting off bears.

- Water tastes better when you drink it straight from the stream.

Northern Lights
University officials reported last night that, in partnership with Halliburton, they will drain Lake Joanis and drill to extract the small oil deposit underneath the lake. Found last week by inebriated skinny-dipping undergraduates who went for a midnight swim and emerged covered in what looked like precious black gold, school officials were quick to act.

The students immediately contacted one of the world’s most efficient oil extraction companies, Halliburton, to research the possible discovery. After some research, Halliburton confirmed that what the skinny-dippers found themselves covered with was indeed oil.

"This partnership will provide the necessary capital to extend the educational opportunities here at the University of Stevens Point, which is already of the highest Division III caliber," said a university spokesman. "We will not only be the exclusive provider of oil to the Stevens Point community, but we can give free gas to all UW-SP students." Despite this promise, students are tense about what may occur.

"We have a beautiful ecological playground and to ruin it for some free gas would be immoral and disastrous," said UW-SP tree hugger "Bella." However, when she saw that gas was $2.89 a gallon she said, "Well you can’t save ‘em all. God knows I’ve tried, and I have to drive three hours to get home too, so it can’t be all bad. Can it?" Her rhetorical question has yet to be answered as school officials and student government representatives debate the question.

Students believe the collaboration is a plot to make Stevens Point a Division II school, whereas university officials tell the students to, "get over it because this thing’s happening. You can’t beat a billion dollar multinational corporation that has already conquered half the globe."

Halliburton could not be reached for comment.
Animals around the world speak up about gay discrimination

Eva Lasvegas
BLOOMER FOR NEWS AVENGER

As I observe a female ape wrapping her legs around another female, rubbing her clitoris against her partner's, while her partner is_attacking, the researcher beside me explains, "It's a form of greeting behavior or reconciliation, not a food exchange behavior." But I know better. It is sex, hot lesbian sex. In another instance, six bighorn rams cluster. They rub, nuzzle, and mount each other. This time a biologist tells me, "Aggressive sexual behavior, a way of establishing dominance."

Homosexuality (which for the purposes of this essay, can be defined as pair bonding and sex occurring between two or more members of the same sex of the same species) is not exclusively a western European cultural pattern as some Christian and Muslim fundamentalists, among other leading schools of thought, in the world have long maintained. In fact, homosexuality is not unique to human-animals. Any homosexual behavior you can think of and many more are commonly found in the animal kingdom. There are even bisexual, transgender and transvestite animals.

Animals have experimented with the same forms of sexual pleasure that humans have, as well as a few tactics human-animals could never know; namely, dolphins, many of whom rave about certain blow hole experiences during foreplay. As for the question of toy use, an entire category of toys exist. Dolphins and porcupines masturbate with found objects and primate males collect and use objects into suitable sex toys. "I can bite pieces of the woody lilac plant to just the right size," said an anonymous female orangutan. If animals had the skills to create a vibrating apparatus I bet we'd hear an extra hum and buzz blended into the peaceful forest at night.

Animals are increasingly standing up for themselves these days and rallying for animal gay rights. I have spent the last three years interviewing the theory that certain animals are deprived of betting ratio and therefore are forced to resort to same sex partners for sexual gratification. "Absolute B.S.," exclaimed lesbian sea lion Jessie, author of "Gay by the Bay" who lives on the coast of San Francisco, a hot spot for homosexual sea lions. "There are plenty of male fish here, I'm a frickin' fish here, I'm a flaming homosexual, cause I say so!"

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Whirling disease spirals its way into Stevens Point

Hernest Mingway
MICHIGAN STATE TRIBULATION

Move over humans. In a surprising evolutionary move, fish are rising towards the top of the food chain. Recent health scares over the human effects of mad cow and avian flu have turned many people into more frequent fish-eaters. The fish are now striking back. Little Bradley Makuski and his younger brother Richard are among the first humans ever to have been infected with an ichthyologic parasite, commonly known as Whirling Disease.

"They were just trying to unhook a big trout when it lashed out and crashed into the wall like a little rocket," said an infected student. "They were provoked. That's why they had it coming." Whirling disease, also known as myxobolus cerebrials to fish gurus, causes fish, usually trout and salmon, to swim in an abnormal behavior. It is not uncommon to find such a fish resting between periods of swimming upside down at the bottom of a river, or swimming around in a circle, feverishly attempting to catch it's own tail fin.

The human implications are just as frightening. Some students have been seen breaking out into a feverish dart, colliding with glass doors, brick walls and even other students. Local residents of Wisconsin have gotten it on with some fish, usually trout and salmon, and are occasionally forced to resort to same sex partners for sexual gratification. "Absolute B.S.," exclaimed lesbian sea lion Jessie, author of "Gay by the Bay" who lives on the coast of San Francisco, a hot spot for homosexual sea lions. "There are plenty of male fish here, I'm a frickin' fish here, I'm a flaming homosexual, cause I say so!"

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Three deer enjoy a menage a trois in Schmeckie.  
*Photo by a homo deer tinder*
STD on the Spot
Gonorrhea

Career highlights:

- In 2000, infected 358,995 people in the United States.
- Among most curable of sexually transmitted diseases.
- Can spread to eyes if they are rubbed by contaminated hands.

Major – Paper Science.
Hometown – YourKrotsh, Indiana.

Do you have any nicknames? – The Clip, Cittastrophe, The Dirty South.

What are your plans after graduation? – I will enjoy extensive traveling.

What has helped you become such an accomplished disease? – A lot of alcohol. Girls Gone Wild and Spring Break.

What is your favorite sports memory? – Playing batch with Michael Vick.

What's your most embarrassing moment? – The time I was on "Chappelle's Show." He totally dogged me, especially after all the time we spent together.

What CD is in your stereo right now? – "I'm Burning For You" Blue Oyster Cult.

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? – "Fire Down Below" with Steven Seagal.

What will you remember most about your playing days? – All the lives I have touched thus far. And I promise you, you haven't seen the last of me.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? – "Full House," Scientology and Sex Panther cologne.

PORN STARS CALL ADAM MORRISON;
REQUEST HAIR, MUSTACHE BACK

Dirk Digger
SPORTS REPORTER

A group of male adult film stars telephoned Gonzaga basketball standout Adam Morrison on Monday, request­ing his facial hair and shaggy mop-top haircut back.

Fresh off a season worthy of National Player of the Year honors, Morrison led the Gonzaga Bulldogs to the Sweet 16 in this year's NCAA tour­nament. After the Bulldogs' defeat at the hands of UCLA, a collection of porn stars from the 1970s called Morrison at his home in Spokane, Wash., in an attempt to reclaim their fashionable good looks.

"We wanted our look back," said Rusty Trombone, star of eight adult films made between 1975 and 1982. "It is clear that Morrison is jealous of our manhood and wanted to claim some dignity by looking like us."

Trombone pointed out that Morrison cried follow­ing the loss to UCLA, proving his theory that Morrison lacks machismo.

"The proof is in the pud­ding," said Trombone.

Morrison spent most of the 2005-06 basketball season perfecting his now-famous appearance. It was reported that he had difficulties decid­ing between the '70s porn look and the 1980s Flock of Seagulls swooshing hairstyle. "It was a tough call," Morrison said. "Both have a certain sex appeal."

However, it is obvious to the adult film stars - whose members call themselves Protecting Our Remarkably good-looking Nature (P.O.R.K.N.) - why Morrison chose the look he did.

"Look at us," said the leg­endary Ron Jeremy. "We are the most beautiful creatures on the face of the earth."

Aside from his decision to either remain at Gonzaga or go pro next season, Morrison must begin the long road to coming up with another look.

"I have several ideas to work with," Morrison said. "I was thinking of going with the Afro or the Jeri Curl. I have a tough decision ahead of me, that's for sure."

If it was up to Trombone, Morrison's look would never change.

"I guess it is an honor to be grouped like that. After all, we are role models," he said.

The porn stars may also be seeking their facial expression back from Gonzaga star Adam Morrison.

NFL players told to answer one question: Deal or No Deal?

Bob Barker
SPORTS REPORTER

The NFL and the NFL Players' Association signed a new agreement with NBC this week, allowing contracts in the NFL to be decided with athletes participating in a round of the game show "Deal or No Deal."

Outgoing NFL com­missioner Paul Tagliabue announced the decision on Tuesday from New York, along with the host of the NBC game show, Howie Mandel.

"The NFL has a tradition of excellence," Tagliabue said in a press conference follow­ing the announcement. "Deal or No Deal" is emerging as the best game show idea since "The Price is Right." We feel it's an outstanding fit for us."

The agreement stated that all NFL players will endure one grueling round of the game show to determine the amount of money that the individual will make per season. In one round of the show, a contest­ant selects a briefcase from a pool of 26, with each featur­ing a dollar amount from one cent to $1 million. The play­ers eliminate cases and receive deal offers from "The Banker," who lures the contestant to take a deal instead of winning a large amount that may be in the case they selected.

The game ends when the contes­tant takes a deal from "The Banker" or ends up with the amount in their case after all others are eliminated.

Many players in the NFL are miffed at the idea of play­ing the game show for their sal­ary, as most players earn well over $1 million in a season. Terrell Owens, who signed a three-year deal with Dallas last week, is one of the players who reacted negatively to the announcement.

"Man, I just signed a huge deal here in Big D and I don't want to lose any of the money I deserve," Owens said. "Besides, I know that if Brett Favre was in charge of the NFL, we would be under­eated when it comes to con­tract negotiations."

When Owens' agent Drew Rosenhaus was asked to comment he replied, "Next question."

"It doesn't bother me any," said Arizona Cardinals third-string punter Pedro Sanchez. "I only pull in the league mini­mum anyway. I love the game and I would kick for free if I had to.

Along with announcing the deal, the NFL kicked off "Deal or No Deal" contract negotiations. The first player put to the test was Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning. Leading the Colts to the AFC Championship Game in January, Manning felt con­fident going into his round of "Deal or No Deal."

"If I can beat defenses in the NFL, I can beat this," Manning said.

However, Manning proved critics right again, as he failed to win the big game in con­tracts as well. With $75,000 and $5 remaining in play, Manning turned down a deal of $465,000. When Manning's case was opened, it revealed that he held $5 in his case. Therefore, the Colts will have to pay Manning only $5 to play next season.

"It was music to our ears," Colts owner Jim Irsay said. "One of the best quarterbacks in the league will be ours for $5. Let's hope that (Colts wide­ receiver) Marvin Harrison will do just as well."

Select NFL players' appearances on the show will be broadcasted on NBC during the summer. All results will be posted on NBC's Web site and NFL.com starting April 17.

Ultimate Frisbee

WHAT:
Men's college ultimate Frisbee tournament. Sixteen college teams from around the Midwest will compete, including UW-SP's team Homegrown.

WHERE:
Student Recreational Fields on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Maria Drive.

WHEN:
Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2. Tournament will begin at 9 a.m. and end around 4 p.m. on both days.
Chuck Norris granted eligibility in every single sport offered at UW-SP

Cordell Walker  
TEXAS RANGER

In a stunning announcement made yesterday at the Health Enhancement Center, UW-SP Athletic Director Frank O'Brien introduced the newest member of the Pointer athletic family.

Chuck Norris, martial arts legend and the greatest actor of all time, will be joining every single sports team at UW-SP starting immediately. Upon hearing the announcement, the NCAA selected Norris as a first-team All-American selection in every sport that UW-SP offers.

"He's the best," O'Brien said. "He is fierce and intense in everything he does. These qualities embody Pointer athletics."

Within minutes of the announcement, Norris joined athletes from all the women's teams at UW-SP and proceeded to impregnate each one, forcing all women athletes to quit. The coaches of the women's squads are not deterred by the news, however.

"It's Chuck-freaking-Norris," said Stacey White, women's volleyball coach. "He can bump, set and spike better than I can."

Norris is slated to be the starting middle linebacker and running back for the Pointer football team, something that head coach John Miech is excited about.

"He will lay the lumber on defense and hit the holes hard on offense," Miech said. "At age 66, Norris can still kick some major tail."

The star of films such as "Delta Force" and "Invasion U.S.A.," Norris knows how to be physical.

"I will treat the other players in the WIAC just like terrorists or enemies against America," Norris said. "They will feel the wrath of Norris."

Before even stepping foot on a playing field at UW-SP, Norris broke records in athletic competition. He set the career mark for home runs in a season, points scored in a single basketball game, ran the 100-meter dash in 3.76 seconds and shot an 18 in one round of golf.

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Cubs admit truth about reasons for "success"

Billy Goat  
SPORTS REPORTER

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The Lou Brock trade is one of many over-looked problems with those apparent loveable losers from the North Side. In 2003, the Cubs had the champagne on ice and the lockers covered, but they only used a putter made from a dead Viet Cong soldier's leg. And he only used a putter made from a dead Viet Cong soldier's leg. Unbelievable.

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Shipments of cameras have increased significantly, with the number of shipments nearly 300 times each day. The Common Council has voted to install more cameras to watch the existing cameras. Livingstone explained, "The newer models of cameras out there were installed with artificial intelligence software. What that means is the cameras have the ability to adapt to their surroundings. For instance, if a camera notices more activity in a certain area, it can train itself to spend more time watching that area."

"We're worried that the cameras may eventually realize they have to work 24 hours a day and get fed up," Livingstone continued. "Next thing you know, they'll grow legs and begin to unionize demanding wages for their work. We just can't have that." Livingstone explained, "The little, clever, nasty animals have taken over the opera house. According to a report by John Smith, London Alderman John Smith."

"It's just ridiculous," said Steve Stevens, former Assembly Speaker, holding a press conference about the bill just days after being convicted on three felony counts for misconduct in office. "This bill is good for the people of Wisconsin, and good for the American people," said Jensen. "I want to do my patriotic duty to this state by protecting the people with whatever means I have at my disposal. With cooperation from the partisans on the other side of the aisle, we hope Wisconsin will pass this bill and become a beacon of light for the rest of the country on how to fight the war on bird flu. Consider this a pre-emptive strike." Gov. Jim Doyle, D-Wis., vowed to veto the bill. "This bill is absolutely ludicrous," he said in a phone interview. "I actually don't know what to say." Bird flu has been on the minds of people all over the country recently. With outbreaks of West Nile and SARS in recent years, people are worried that bird flu may be the next big disease. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which took over the operations of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) prior to Hurricane Katrina hitting the Gulf Coast, is now working to take the reins from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The revamped department will be called the Department of Patriotism, or DHHRSEMADCC.

"We want to make sure that this country is totally prepared for bird flu, that is why DHS is assuming control here," said Secretary of DHS Michael Chertoff in a press conference. "We have a four-and-a-half step plan that you can use in your home to be ready for bird flu, if it does make its way across Oceana. We are prepared to fight these birds until every last one of them is neutralized."
**Student invents new head-phones that muffle sound**

**Russ Walker**

The new iPods are all the rage and a day doesn't go by without someone walking down the street blaring loud music that could fill a room with sound. While it may take a law to get the whippersnappers to turn down their volume, Romwell and Jensford have found a solution for just such a problem.

Michelle Romwell, a student in computer science, has patented a new invention — Ear Mufflers — to save their ears.

"It's so cool, you know? Like, I came up with this invention one day, and I was like, 'ahhhh, Kelly Clarkson . And everybody was looking at me like I was the baddest pimp in the hizzyow. With this new invention I don't have to figure out the volume dial or worry about my ears bleeding. I can just let it roar."

As for bumping, Romwell and Jensford are collaborating on a new invention, also related to headphones. It's preliminarily being called the "Headwoofer."

"They're like regular headphones with a subwoofer added that hangs down to the base of your skull. It's totally awesome," said Romwell.

"Think of it like a massage for your medulla oblongata," said Jensford. "You don't really get enough of the low register in conventional head­phones. With this invention you get 50 watts of bass-pounding fun. And it helps you share your tunes with everyone in one-mile vicinity."

Preliminary tests indicate that side effects associated with Headwoofer-use include sporadic vomiting, occasional heartbeat skips, uncontrollable fits of sneezing, unwelcome suck-reflex activation, the feeling that bugs are crawling in your socks and uninvited blows from strangers and family members.

Despite these side effects, Romwell is confident that the Federal Trade Commission will allow the device on the market.

"The benefits heavily outweigh the drawbacks," she said.

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**Garlic butter sauce works as personal lubricant and weight loss tool, says local man**

**Herb Lord**

Toppers "ain't just for eatin' anymore," said Gerry Funderson, a 19-year-old stu­dent and self-proclaimed dip-pin' sauce aficionado who has recently become obsessed with the pizza chain's garlic butter sauce.

"It's really unfortunate that I took me so long to realize how crappy this stuff really is," said Funderson with a half-smile. "And yet, I never truly realized how wonderful it could be. It's been two weeks of pure bliss."

According to reports from several neighbors, strange sounds were heard from Funderson's apartment two weeks ago.

"Gerry is normally quiet, you know, keeps his head down, is respectful of his neighbors. But a couple weeks ago, I swear it sounded like the aftermath of the pie eating contest from that movie "Sand By Me" in there," said Gregg Patzlow who lives next to Funderson.

"P u k e city," he added.

"Yeah, that's about right," admitted Funderson.

"It was just about the worst night of my life. Some of my friends bet me that I couldn't down six of those cups of garlic butter. I just couldn't refuse the challenge, even though each cup held two ounces of the vile juice, as opposed to the one ounce I was expecting."

He accomplished the feat, which earned Funderson a whole dollar, but not without consequence. He recalled a terrible rumbling in his stomach followed by random blackouts.

"Next thing I know, I'm opening my eyes and staring at the caulk around the bottom of my toilet. And it smelled real bad in there," he said.

"Worse than normal."

According to Funderson, his friends left him for dead, not wanting to be implicated in any sort of garlic butter hazziness. All of his friends refused to comment, and are currently being questioned by Stevens Point police and university officials.

"The university takes issues like this very seriously," said university spokesperson John Klfig. "Hazing is a very serious matter. And we intend to investigate this incident with determined seriousness."

But Funderson survived relatively unscathed and awoke just in time to vote for his favorite Black Eyed Peas. "That's what when he had a revelation."

"I stepped off the scale, as I do every day, and saw that I dropped two pounds," he said. "And it hit me: garlic butter is a miracle weight-loss aid."

Later in the day, during his chemistry class, Funderson came to a second realization triggered by his horrible experience: when garlic butter sauce cools down, it gets quite gooey.

"Vaseline ain't got nothing on garlic butter sauce," shouted an excited Funderson.

"Well, I haven't really tried it with a girl," he explained, shifting quickly into a timid demeanor, "but it sure does wonders when I'm all by myself."

But how safe are Funderson's new discoveries?

Mary Weinstein, a professor of health promotion and wellness, is concerned.

"I'm not sure that Mr. Funderson is really engaging in a healthy lifestyle," she said. "Each cup probably contains upwards of 150 calories, not to mention a list of ingredients that I wouldn't feed to my dog."

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Something Chocolatey Hanging With Al?

The mystery of the S.C.H.W.A.

S. C.H. W.A., a suburban rap group from Milwaukee, played a great set that had the crowd on its feet the whole time, and while this might have been due to the lack of chairs, it could just as easily be due to their musical prowess.

The S.C.H.W.A. is made up of former West Allis, Wis., residents MC Cleva Intajections, DJ Push-a-Button and the BigPoopMan. Their debut album "Straight Outta 'Stallis" has sold over 10 copies and has been featured in publications such as "Hat Fancy" and "Sitar Afiornado."

Despite forming in 2001, the S.C.H.W.A. has only released a handful of tracks to the public. The majority of the show involved DJ P.A.B. cuing up a drum loop, and then the members of the S.C.H.W.A. freestyling over the beat.

The crowd seemed to not enjoy this as much as some of the other material, since the most common subject of these freestylings seemed to be "The Golden Girls." Some of the crowd left during the third such rap, which included the lines, "Makin' out with Bea Arthur in the back of the Benz/Hope like let me get inside them Depends."

Closing the show was perhaps the S.C.H.W.A.'s best-known song, "Gone A' Clubbin'." The original recording featured the voice of The Enforcer, a rival rapper from East Silla, who recorded with the S.C.H.W.A. in an attempt to squeal the violent feud raging on the streets. Sadly, however, the feud continues to this day, and may be a reason why the S.C.H.W.A. has not been more prolific in their songwriting.

Overall the S.C.H.W.A. put on a good concert, if not the most memorable. After the show, while sipping some Perrier, the members of the S.C.H.W.A. put their music in perspective. "We do this for the children," said P.A.B., "we do this to inspire."

BigPoopMan added, "Yeah, to inspire and so we can buy more RC."

MC Cleva Intajections had the last word, "Yeah, and some Popeyes!"

An excerpt from the new book by the Author of "Breakback Mountain"

from Watermelon pg. 100

...with his hand still inside him. I'm not sure about these new-fangled tractors, but I sure do like the way you wear your wedding ring."

Zeke smiled and continued his plugging, humming the theme to "Transformers" under his breath. "Oh, yes sir, this is sure the life."

They kept at it for hours, the sounds of the back-country playing in the background and the buzz of the cicadas were like music to their weary ears.

Much later, the two watermelon farmers sat sipping ginger ale smoothies on the deck of their farmhouse. Jack slapped a fly away from his leg and said, "You know, I'm not sure how I'm going to tell my grandma about us."

Zeke just patted Jack's hairy cheek and said, "I'll all work out. Say, let's go to the old fistin' hole."

"You mean the fishin' hole, don't ya?"

In response, Zeke just smiled and opened up his...
A musical detective mystery from the moors

“V for Vendetta”

Ivonna T. Ubergel
ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

“V for Vendetta,” based on the successful series of detective novels by Sue Grafton, is quite the adrenline rush. Hugo Weaving (perhaps best remembered for his role as Elrond in Lord of the Rings) stars as V, and Natalie Portman co-stars as V’s ex-Navy SEAL love interest, taking a cue from the Michael Jackson-directed Krazy King Kong trilogy) stars as Varmen Vandiego. (They are the couple taking a brisk stroll near the beginning of the film).

On the whole, this movie is sure to go down in the history books as one of the greatest detective stories ever written. Unlike the steaming pile of muckrash that was “Bewitched,” (which presents the most convincing evidence to date that Nicole Kidman is a man) I never wanted “V for Vendetta” to end.

After the credits rolled I simply sat in my seat and wept, for surely there could be no greater sights to be seen in the whole of Xenu’s realm.

A farewell to Earl (we hardly knew ye)

Hubert Cumberdale
ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

Today the world was saddened by the news of the passing of the Wisconsin cartoonist Earl Xavier Tittlogue. He was 89.

Born and raised in the unincorporated community of Whitelaw, Earl had a disdainful childhood, growing up devoid of all morality, and several cartoon tomes. He sketched his first drawings on his arms with a paper clip. Later, he got a scholarship through the Federal Bureau of Incest’s annual fund, and attended art school.

For several years Tittlogue worked and toiled and finally came up with his classic characters Creepy Clown and Dead Toast. These characters would later go on to appear in several 1970s animated movies, and were also featured in an off-Broadway musical revue that critics declared was “ahead of its time.”

Tittlogue got his big break in 1946, when he sold his first cartoon to Time magazine. The cartoon, which is reprinted here, garnered major media attention and was the catalyst that launched his professional career. After that, the public couldn’t get enough of Earl Tittlogue. His work was revered, and soon his comics were picked up by every major newspaper in the country. His comics can still be seen in over 250.

For the next two decades, the comics came fast and frequent, as the Tittlogue empire spawned a myriad of spinoffs, including action figures, lunch boxes and the board game based on his fiftieth graphic novel that in turn was based on the writings of Copernicus.

During the 80s, however, his popularity waned, especially after the Berlin wall fell, since his jokes about East Berliners were no longer as topical.

In the 90s Tittlogue mania swept the nation when his anthology, “Some Pictures and Junk,” was published through Time Life books. This popularity continued up until his last comic, which was published shortly before his death, and is reprinted below.

The Catholic Church has lauded Tittlogue for his unwavering commitment to family values and overall morality, and several cardinals have called for the Vatican to begin the process of installing Tittlogue as a saint. “Earl Tittlogue is an inspiration to us all,” commented Juanita Putarr, a mother of 18 and the founder of the “Saint Tittlogue for President” movement. While this movement has suffered a setback since Tittlogue’s demise, the support has remained strong.

Tittlogue is survived by his sons Harold and Richard, and his daughter Earl.

Creepy Clown and Dead Toast

First published February 29, 1946

Hey Toast, let’s order pizza!

I don’t like Pizza.

F@##! you!

No, you’ll just throw it up anyway, you Bulimic Betty.

Major Ricks

Reprinted from The Pointer, March 30, 2006
said. "Plus, I'm making friends with everyone on the Toppers staff."  
And only the Toppers brand will do. "I tried the Papa John's garlic dip/  ping sauce, but it wasn't quite viscous enough," said Funderson.  
What started out as a one-day-at-home has now evolved into two.  
"It's loud over there," said Patzlow, shaking his head.  
Funderson doesn't care what people think about his choices. He just hopes that the habit doesn't get out of control.  
"I may have to get a second job soon," said Funderson.

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As for the remaining half-step, Chertoff said that it's in the works, about a quarter of the way finished, and he'll let the public know about it soon. He stated that an ongoing investigation involving step 4 makes it impossible for him to discuss it with the media at the moment.  
In the meantime, President Bush is spearheading a special commission to study the potential problem. After that, another study is planned.

"I want the American people to know that these bird terrorists, these Osama Bin Ladens of the aviational world, won't deter us from our resolve to stay the course and win. It's hard work," said Bush through his PR agent.  
Back home, most people aren't quite as worked-up over the bird flu.

Dr. Jill Hemmer of University Health Services is positive that state officials will be prepared in the event of a pandemic.  
"The 1918 flu was handled well," said Hemmer. "Therefore, this one will be handled well."  
Mickey Slenberg, a forest recreation major, isn't worried either.  
"I'm a vegetarian and I don't have sex with animals," he said, "so I don't have worry about any chickens giving me their disease."  
Slenberg misses the point however, that if the bird flu becomes a pandemic it means that humans will easily be able to pass the disease on to other humans. And that is the point that Morenti and his friends are worried about. Morenti said he is willing to do whatever it takes, including giving up his civil liberties, to stop the bird flu.  
"All these First Amendment freaks out there need to shut up. If saving lives means killing peoples' pet birds, then so be it." Morenti said. "And we should restrict travel to Europe and Asia so that weird people with bird flu don't accidentally bring chickens back home with them. And let's-not forget secret weapon weapon. It is important to make sure that people aren't conversing with foreign poultry terrorists.  
"Everybody needs to sacrifice in times like these," he said.

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