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# MISSING

## UW-SP student vanishes

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"She was really outgoing; very nice person, very beautiful girl," said Katie Kloth, referring to her friend Christine Walters, 23, who was officially reported missing Nov. 17, 2008.

Many share these characteristics as they describe their friend, Walters, who attended the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point up until right before the beginning of the fall semester. She was studying botany and ethnobotany when she was attending school but she had many other interests outside of campus that led her to the West Coast.

It all started back in July when she went to Portland, Ore. to visit with friends for a few weeks.

"She was always looking for adventure, and I think she always just wanted to keep traveling because she wanted to be a yoga instructor, and she didn't know where she'd fit in," said Kloth. "She thought out West would be better for her free-spirit-mentality and we all thought that would be good for her too."

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## Student prepared to take on Fox Theater project

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Two months ago, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point student, Drew Jackson embarked on a journey to re-open the downtown Stevens Point Fox Theater.

Located a few blocks from Jackson's home on Main Street, the theater has sat idle since it closed in 1985.

Prior to closing, the theater has had quite a remarkable past. Houdini performed in 1897 with a multitude of others to follow, helping to gain

the theater its credentials to become a historical landmark in 1982.

The last few years produced a retro-style marquee that tantalizingly flickers back at passersby.

Jackson has developed a proposal broad enough to spark the attention of current theater owners in hopes that they will re-open the doors.

"It will boost the economy," Jackson said. "It will bring more diversity to downtown."

Jackson hopes to see the building become a second-run single screen theater.

He also recommended a tutoring center he calls "Scholars for Change," where, during the day, UW-SP students can volunteer to educate

students from the alternative school making the theater much more to the community than just another theater.

"We want to make a Fox Theater Scholarship," he said.

Jackson said the scholarship could go to volunteers and students from UW-SP or the alternative school which will give back to the community.

He has also spoken to UW-SP film students, members of the local band Green Tea and many others about possible performances at the theater once re-opened.

The idea for an improvisation or acting school was proposed to Jackson by a fellow UW-SP student.

He has gained over 20 signatures from downtown businesses in support

of the idea of the project.

He has also made contacts with all of the necessary business components to renovate the 24-year-old building.

"Aside from the support, I have every aspect taken care of," Jackson said.

He has contacted numerous companies to see to the bathrooms, bats, booking agents, chair installations and more.

Previous theater owner Jeanette Sanders passed away two years ago leaving ownership to her children and Ada Sanders.

Jackson hopes to meet with the owners to reconcile an agreement

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## News

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Toni Osiecki, another friend, thinks that her going out West had a lot to do with a recent feeling of freedom from a recent breakup.

"She had just gone through a move after she and her boyfriend broke up and felt like a big weight had been lifted off her shoulders," said Osiecki. "She felt like she had a fresh start. She was going out to Oregon to visit a mutual friend and it was just a chance for her to get back to her authentic self and do something independent without having anyone to bounce ideas off. I feel like this gave her that empowering energy, to get her back to herself."

Despite her round-trip ticket, she chose not to return to UW-SP, choosing to stay on the West Coast, in Humboldt County, Calif., to be specific. This area is known for its natural beauty, featuring redwood trees and stunning coasts. The private investigator believes this may be one of the reasons she remained behind, as the area embraced many of the same beliefs as her.

"I think some of her interests were from Stevens Point. That is what got her interested in some of the things that led her to love Humboldt County," said Chris Cook, private investigator. "People are interested in the similar type of character, philosophical beliefs and spirituality as her, and so that is what I think led her here."

Some of her closest friends questioned her sudden change of plans to stay though, wondering whether she was really making the right decisions.

"We found out she just decided to stay," said Kloth. "We didn't know who she was living with, we didn't know where she was working, and we didn't know if that was a good set-up."

Other friends felt that maybe Walters was still finding herself in a much different world.

"I think two or three weeks wasn't enough, she was probably loving it, loving the weather and the scenery," said Osiecki. "She lived in Wisconsin all of her life and it was something she was doing solo. I can just see her living day-to-day and being happy with whatever that day brings."

Investigators find the events that unfolded around Walter's disappearance which came later to be the most puzzling.

"In 25 years, I've investigated hundreds of cases and I've never seen any case with similar circumstances and that is why it is very complex," said Cook.

An incident that occurred on Nov. 12, leaves many wondering whether something disturbing may have been going on. A call from a rural citizen of Humboldt County said that they found Walters on their doorstep. She showed up without any clothing

and seemed to be traumatized. The citizens contacted the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department who attempted to help Walters. Despite questioning, they were unable to attain any information as to what might have happened to her. After contacting her mother, she seemed to recover and was ready to return home.

"We didn't think there was any evidence of drug use or mental illness," said Cook. "She was just really frightened."

Two days later, she was trying to return home but was never heard from again. Her belongings were found at a spiritual center in Arcata, Calif. The owner of the center claimed this was a common occurrence while Walters was around.

Hope still remains that Walters will be found and many avenues are being sought to find her, from psychics to search dogs.

"We're actively looking and working with the sheriff's department and every day we still hope that we can find out what happened to her since she disappeared," said Cook.

A fund has been established at the Bank of Deerfield to help with funding the private investigator looking for Walters. Students are already looking to do something to bring awareness to the situation and bring in funds to help find her.

"We're looking to do some awareness events outside of school and raise money to keep the private investigation open because after a certain date, they typically stop



Photo courtesy of Toni Osiecki

Christine Walters enjoys nature while out on a boat with her friends. She was reported missing Nov. 17.

looking or that money the family has allocated themselves for the private investigator will run out," said Kloth. "They're stressed out enough that they probably are having a hell of a time figuring out where they're going to get that money to keep that open."

Kloth and Osiecki are organizing a fundraiser in the coming weeks with help and donations from Adventure 212. Look for future details in "The Pointer."

Donations: Deerfield Bank c/o Christine Walters Fund, 15 S. Main St., Deerfield WI, 53531.

If you have information: Any tips about Walters can be given to Humboldt County Sheriff's Department investigator Dan Paris at (707) 445-7251 or Private Investigator Chris Cook at (707) 616-4507.

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with the help of Sarah Robinson, the executive director of the Association of Downtown Businesses.

"It's unfortunate to have that quality of a building sitting vacant downtown," Robinson said. She added that they need to speak to the property owners before making any further decisions.

Adam Malooly holds a business and marketing degree and is helping with the financial aspects of the project.

"I think it's very viable," Malooly said. He also acknowledged that it will be a long process.

Jackson is receiving technical support from Kory Schneiderman who used to be a manager and part-time projectionist for a budget theater in Madison.

He has been researching costs of projectors, sound equipment, screens and other requirements if the theater becomes operational.

"I think people

in our area should be respectful and appreciative to the family no matter what the outcome is," Schneiderman said. "Mistakes that may have been made in the past - for changes to the downtown - will hopefully be remedied and bring our downtown to a new life."

For more information on the Fox Theater Project, visit <http://isolated-design.com/foxtheaterproject/> or send e-mail inquiries to [foxtheaterproject@isolated-design.com](mailto:foxtheaterproject@isolated-design.com).



Photo courtesy of Historic American Buildings Survey

The Fox Theater was once an entertainment hub in downtown Stevens Point. The facility housed productions, films and more during its lifetime. It stands abandoned, while the marquee lights up every night. Now, Drew Jackson is working to get the Fox Theater back to a functioning theater.

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## Vandalism strikes student organization

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is known for its College of Natural Resources, for its open-minded view on the world, Schmeekle, active students, the Thailand Project and for many other things.

Vandalism is not normally one of those things.

Sometime between Wed. Jan 21 at 3 p.m. and Thurs. Jan. 22 at 10 a.m., the Women's Resource Center in the basement of the Dreyfus University Center was vandalized by unknown perpetrators.

Someone wrote the words "get back in the kitchen" and also drew a penis on the WRC sign on the office door.

"I was surprised that someone would find it funny to do that sort of thing to an organization that works for gender equality," said Jennifer Boyd, WRC volunteer coordinator. "We even share the office with the Gender Equality Advocates organization."

The Student Involvement and Employment Office was contacted and the graffiti was removed.

The act of vandalism did very little to affect their daily routine within the WRC, providing services, information and programs for all students.

"The vandalism was immature but it certainly isn't going to faze us or keep us from working to make this campus more safe for all students and better educated about gender equality," said Boyd.

The WRC and SIEO still remain unsure of who did this act but little will be done to investigate.

Boyd believes that the person or persons vandalizing their office may not have known what the purpose of the WRC is.

"If I could say something to whoever did this, I would just like to explain to them what the WRC does," said Boyd. "We work to raise awareness about issues like sexual assault, breast cancer and other health issues, and provide a safe space for anyone who needs it. We provide information and resources to anyone who asks for it. We also put on events like the Flying Film and Tea and Poetry night. Also, this year's production of Vagina Monologues is getting underway already."

## Lice plagues UW-SP students during trip abroad

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A few cases of head lice that were brought in by students returning from a mission trip were spread to other students at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point.

"I wouldn't call it an outbreak or anything like that," said Joe Totman, director of Residential Living.

According to Totman, a number of students who had just returned from a mission trip to Panama were the initial hosts of the pestilence. After a student discovered they were infested with lice, they contacted University Health Services. Health Services proceeded to treat the student and notify the other students from the mission trip along with people that were close to them. This included roommates, boyfriends and girlfriends.

Since the majority of the students affected by the lice were in Burroughs Hall, extra cleaning was ordered in the residence hall. Extra vacuuming and lice cleaning spray was applied in all public areas of the hall.

Since the initial discovery and treatment of the lice, no more cases have been reported to Health Services.

"Overall, I think there were probably around 14 total cases," Totman said.

UW-SP Health Services located

in Delzell Hall offers solutions for students if they do discover they have head lice.

"A few people with concerns went to Health Services," Totman said.

"We run a comprehensive outpatient clinic for UW-SP students," said Bill Hettler, director of University Health Services, "Diagnosing and treating illness including lice is what we do."

Hettler also recommends following the Center for Disease Control's tip to prevent contracting lice from others.

The CDC states, "Avoid head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact during play and other activities at home, school and elsewhere (sports activities, playground, slumber parties, camp)."

Lice are spread most commonly by direct head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact and much less frequently by sharing clothing or belongings onto which lice or nits may have crawled or fallen.

Do not share clothing such as hats, scarves, coats, sports uniforms, hair ribbons or barrettes.

Do not share infested combs, brushes or towels.

Do not lie on beds, couches, pillows, rugs, carpets or stuffed animals that have recently been in contact with an infested person.

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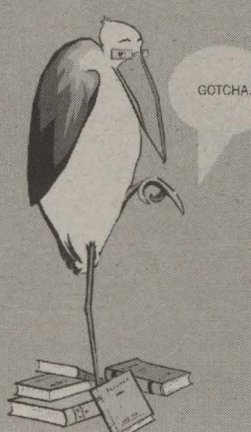
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Burroughs Residence Hall was practically on lock-down as numerous students were affected by lice.



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Junior Ashley VanEtten likes to read "The Pointer" between classes.



## Winter options available for the cooped-up student

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Any native Wisconsinite is familiar with the long winter that inhabits our great state, which ranges anywhere from October to March. In the dark and dreary months of January and February, students begin to start feeling the numbing effects of cabin fever. The Oxford English dictionary lists cabin fever as "irritability, listlessness and similar symptoms resulting from long confinement or isolation indoors during the winter."

Students may be especially prone to this illness being stuck inside their residence halls or houses, working on homework for hours on end. Many students get into the habit of just going to class, and maybe Debot, but mostly keeping to themselves in the residence halls.

"I'd rather just sit inside, play video games and watch videos on the Internet rather than go outside

for any reason," said University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point sophomore Joe Bergstrud.

However, Wisconsin offers plenty of winter recreation for those refusing to stay inside, from skiing and snowboarding to snowmobiling, ice fishing or mushing a dog team. State parks and other public lands are quieter without the summer crowds, and the views are unblocked and spectacular. Winter is also the ideal season to explore museums, indoor water parks, breweries, wineries and go to movies.

In Central Wisconsin, there is not a limit to the area attractions to help keep students active including Granite Peak at Rib Mountain State Park, Nordic Mountain and Standing Rocks, a Portage County park. Standing Rocks is just 15 minutes from Stevens Point, and offers downhill skiing and miles of cross-country ski trails, as well as rentals. All it takes is a little travel time and these winter activities can be had.

## Carpooling: Still en vogue on campus?

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When students travel on the weekends they remember to pack the necessities: duffel bags, backpacks and dirty laundry. But do students squeeze peers in the back seat amongst the soiled socks to share a ride? Or do they decide to get in the car without company and leave at their own leisure?

It seems that while some students fill their cars with people, others just

"People give free rides to strangers in order to save on gas and to help the environment."

-Lang

fill up with gas and head home solo.

When sophomore Heather Klein gets on the road, the only other voice in her car is coming from the radio. However, it is not because she isn't willing to carry some extra cargo; it is simply because she doesn't know anyone else headed her way.

Perhaps Klein, as well as many other drivers, could fill the empty seats with fellow students by utilizing the available on campus and online ride boards that many which students already benefit.

Currently, a manual ride share board is located in lower Debot, taking requests in paper form from students in need of rides or those in need of passengers.

This manual posting board has been the lone way for students to learn about car rides from one end of the state to the other.

However, the Student Government Association has passed legislation to create and maintain an online ride share board. This online site is not functioning at present, but a popular online ride board for Stevens Point students does currently exist, on Facebook.

Student Alexander Lang founded the Facebook ride share group in hopes of compiling information about rides to various distant locations for small amounts of money; yet this was not his only inspiration. Originally from California, Lang was inspired from the ride sharing many people from his hometown utilize daily.

"People give free rides to strangers in order to save on gas and to help the environment," said Lang, who has recently purchased a car and often gives rides to Madison and Milwaukee.

The Facebook ride share group currently has 873 members and is still growing. To utilize it, put up a wall post when you are driving somewhere another student might want to go or if you need a ride and are willing to pitch in for gas. Put the dates of departure and return as well as the specific location.

To check out the group, type "University of WI Stevens Point Ride Share Group" in the Facebook search bar to save on gas, get a ride or to just meet some new company.

"I see it [carpooling] as an opportunity to share past experiences and laughs while being crammed together," said senior Philip Hoffman, who has experienced many tight travels through student organizations.

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Hello Mighty Guru,

I was just wondering, do you think that Soulcaliber 2 would be a good birthday present for my two brothers? They are ages 12 and 14. It looks like a fun game and I have been researching it online. It got a 9.2 rating on Imagine Games Network, but I am concerned about mostly the female warriors and their.... (cough) lack of clothing. I didn't see any blood when I watched the online video review of the game.

Please give me a glimpse of your great wisdom.

Thanks,

Confused

Dear Confused,

I think Soulcaliber 2 is an awesome gift for birthdays, or any other day for that matter. However there are some judgment calls that need to be made. First, the age of your brothers probably won't be a problem since there is so much sex and scantily-clad women on TV nowadays. You are correct in surmising that the game is fun and if your brothers are Soulcaliber fans

then Soulcal 2 will be an excellent choice for them. The rating system is OK, but the best judge of whether or not a game is good is by playing it. All-in-all, the game will work fine for your brothers.

Second, the approval of parents or guardians is a must. If your parents, and I use the term loosely, are of the mindset that fighting games are evil and they want none of that in their house, then I guess that the video game wouldn't make an excellent gift. However, what parents don't know won't hurt them, unless they are whisked away to an alternate dimension; then I wouldn't think of things in their favor.

Lastly, and this is the major one, Soulcaliber 2 is just a video game and should be shown as one. Besides, Soulcaliber 3 and 4 are out and they would be better gifts. Money being the issue as it usually is, I believe that Soulcal 2 is a wise choice and that your brothers will, if they like it, be able to scrounge up enough money to get Soulcal 3 and 4 and the video systems that they are playable on. So, to bring it all to a close, I would definitely purchase the game; one for you and one for your brothers.

The Mighty Geek Guru

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## Recycling goes high-tech

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is known for its many sustainably focused initiatives and one student is taking the lead on investigating how UW-SP students can better dispose of electronic waste. Amanda Dent, a senior majoring in waste management, received a \$6,000 UW-System Student Research Grant to assess the amount of e-waste (electronic waste) being dumped into regional landfills by students, faculty and staff.

"I wanted to create a program that would inform the community and students about the hazards of e-waste," said Dent. "Our goal is to get this e-waste to recyclers, rather than in our overburdened and overfilled landfills."

During the fall semester, Dent spearheaded an on-campus collection of e-waste, which includes cell phones, televisions, DVD and VHS players, computers and microwaves. Approximately 13,110 pounds of e-waste was collected along with two, five gallon buckets of batteries and a box full of cell phones and cell phone chargers. The e-waste was then



Photo courtesy of Doug Moore

Amanda Dent collected 16,000 pounds of e-waste to promote awareness of over-filled landfills.

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## Is winter loosening student's waistbands?

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As holiday sweets surround the winter season and cold months keep students inside, it can be hard to stay fit. However, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point offers many healthy food and exercise options that allow students to say "no" to the treats and "hello" to exercise.

Health science major Sam Jonen said, "Explore your options."

Taking advantage of the exercise programs available and carefully choosing nutritious food is a must.

"Don't just assume that pizza is the only thing to eat that tastes good," said Jonen. Another recommendation is to keep the food pyramid in mind for a healthy diet.

Co-president of the Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics Amber Vlietstra couldn't agree more. Vlietstra advises eating a balanced diet to boost the immune system, which is important in the winter months to fight colds. She also suggests eating a combination of foods such as whole grain breads, colorful fruits, leafy green vegetables, low-fat dairy products and lean meats.

Aerobic exercise is another thing

Vlietstra and Jonen agree on for winter weight control. Vlietstra attests that physical activity can relieve stress, improve sleep and enhance overall health. She suggests at least 30 minutes of exercise per day, three days a week, through different programs offered at the university.

A popular place on campus to get this recommended dose of activity is the Cardio Center. Providing equipment and numerous workout programs, the Cardio Center helps students, alumni, faculty and staff, Mid State Technical College students and retired faculty and staff improve their fitness.

Workouts for the body and mind are also available through the Holistic Health program at the Cardio Center. Classes include yoga, pilates, reiki, dance, nia and taste of energy. These classes may be paid for with cash, check, PointCash or student billing.

For those who need an extra boost, the Cardio Center also provides personal training. The nationally certified staff can start a workout plan or update current routines to assist in reaching specific health and fitness goals.

The UW-SP Group Fitness program offers classes that are available each week in the Allen

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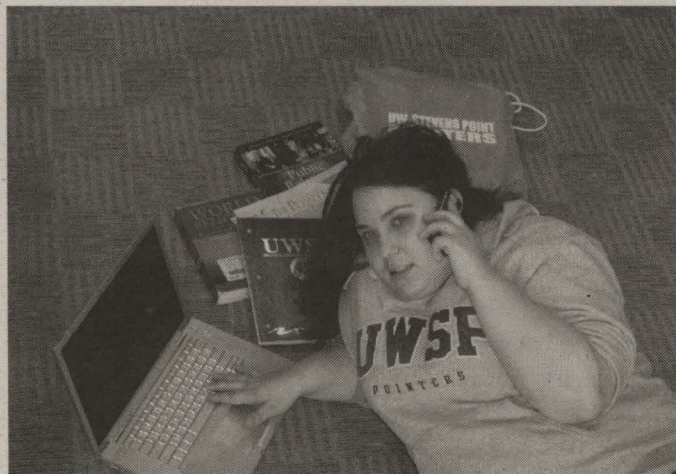
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# Science & Outdoors

## UW-SP fishing derby: new friends and prizes abound

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will be holding a fishing derby this Saturday from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Lake Joanis in Schmeekle Reserve.

It's a "contest to see who can catch the biggest fish," said Eric Rajala, the travel and leisure coordinator for Centertainment. The derby will be an opportunity for UW-SP students and the Stevens Point community to enjoy the outdoor sport of ice fishing and have a chance at winning some extra cash.

"I think it's a great way to get people outside and bring people together with a common interest," UW-SP sophomore Benjamin Brown said.

First prize for biggest legal fish will be \$100. There are three places of cash winnings and raffle prizes also.

"I am just looking forward to getting out, fishing and having a great time with friends," said Tom Tompkins, president of UW-SP Society

of American Foresters. "Winning a prize would just be an extra bonus."

The Stevens Point Brewery and Centertainment are sponsoring the event and have included items such as ice fishing gear and winter gear for raffle prizes.

UW-SP has held fishing tournaments in the past, but according to records, there hasn't been one in five years, Rajala said.

"Hopefully this will be a yearly thing," he said.

The tournament will also be a good opportunity for students and members of the community to meet a variety of people.

"We're always looking to hit different demographics," Rajala said.

The cost of the event is free for students and \$15 for non-students. All participants must have a valid Wisconsin fishing license and all fish must be regulation size in order to be kept. For more information and to sign up for the event, go to the UW-SP Ticket and Information Desk or contact Eric Rajala at [eraja639@uwsp.edu](mailto:eraja639@uwsp.edu).

## Outdoor Ed Ventures and RENTALS

### How to get the funk out of your Nalgene

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SCIENCE & OUTDOORS REPORTER

You know what I'm talking about. What is that smell? Whether you left an alcoholic beverage in it from last Friday, water from last year, or the smell has just appeared out of nowhere, everyone has experienced this. Which brings me to the key question on everyone's mind:

How do you get funk out of your Nalgene?

If the odor has come from the lingering smell of some other beverage stored in your Nalgene that won't come out, I would suggest cleaning out the inside with a small cloth and stick and then soaking it in warm water overnight with either lemon or baking soda. Afterwards, wash it out with soap and water.

If the odor has come from water that has sat in your Nalgene for an extended amount of time or if you consistently refill your bottle without washing it and it has started to smell, you might have bacteria starting to grow in your bottle! To combat this I would suggest wiping out the inside with a small cloth and a stick and then soaking it in warm water with vinegar, which has germicidal properties. Some people use a small amount of bleach (1 tablespoon per 1-2 cup of water) but this should only be used as a last resort. After either suggestion, wash your Nalgene with soap and water.

As with any plastic product, it is not recommended to boil or microwave your Nalgene because of the possible release of toxins from the plastic.

## TOP SHOTS



Brock Schreiber harvested this buck with nine scorable points on Nov. 29 in Bowler, WI. The buck had a 19 in. inside spread, along with 12 in. and 11.5 in. G2's.

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recycled by 5R Processors, who takes care of all of UW-SP's recyclables. 5R is the only recycling company in the area that meets the green standards for e-waste recycling. According to UW-SP Facilities Services, student e-waste makes up approximately 26 percent of the city of Stevens Point's e-waste.

"Computers and computer monitors were by far the most prevalent e-waste collected on campus," said Dent.

E-waste can contain such impurities as lead, mercury, lithium, bromine, cadmium and other heavy metals. The UW-Extension reported that Wisconsin residents dumped a minimum of one million computers into our state's landfills from 2002-2005.

Dent plans on continuing her efforts once students begin to leave the residence halls at the end of spring semester. She will hold a second collection of e-waste at the 13 residence halls and the greater campus. This recycling drive will also

be opened for the community to bring in their own electronics for recycling.

The final phase of Dent's project will be to report her findings, which should be completed mid-summer, with a proposed management plan to continue this effort into the future. Aga Razvi, her advisor, will receive the findings, as will the entire campus and it's leadership.

"Part of my goal," said Dent, "is to educate campus students and personnel on how to properly dispose of electronic components."

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Center, Berg Gym, and the Health Enhancement Center swimming pool. This allows for a workout with friends, similar to UW-SP intramurals, which also offers a competitive way to exercise.

So when the snow piles high, don't let it be a reason to pile up the sweets and sit inside.



## Sports

## Women's basketball team campaigns for cause

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's basketball team has been making a major effort in the attempt to raise funds and awareness for one of every woman's most ardent enemies: cancer.

In a year-long fundraising endeavor, the Pointers and their



**Wilson**

coaches have been hosting raffles at every home game, silently auctioning off various items and asking for donations from their fans.

From the start, the project was Graduate Assistant Coach Kole Vivian's baby. Going into the UW-Stout game on Wednesday night it had garnered around \$2,200. With a successful night of fundraising, the team has come dangerously close to their goal of \$2,500 for the St. Joseph's Hat and Wig program. That means Assistant Coach Megan Wilson may be losing her lustrous brunette locks.

"It's pretty bold, she's just a great person with a great heart; she wanted to raise a little extra money too and she's done a great job with it," Vivian said.

Wilson will shave her head after the Saturday, Feb. 7 conference match-up against UW-Superior if the goal is indeed realized. She said she is a little nervous about the full head shave she may receive, but never hesitated to volunteer her hair-do in the name of awareness and support.

"As it gets closer, it gets more real but I don't have any regrets," Wilson said. "I'm glad I put it out there;

I'm glad I could see this team and this community come together to raise money for such a great cause."

Wilson lost her grandmother to cancer and has an aunt currently battling the disease. She said that the fundraising really hits home and that she never thought twice about her decision to sacrifice for the cause.

The team will host the Women's Basketball Coaches Association "Pink Zone" night once again this season on Wednesday, Feb. 18, against UW-La Crosse. The Pointers will play in pastel pink uniforms that night in order to raise awareness for breast cancer.

"The team loves [the fundraising]; their families are coming out and supporting a lot," Vivian said. "I just want to tell people to come out on the 18th for our 'Pink Zone' night, wear pink and we'll try to get a win."

There will be multiple goodies given away that night such as Domino's coupons, haircuts and movie rentals. Supporters are asked to wear pink to the game.

By raising their efforts this year, the team is able to offer a lot more support to the Wig and Hat program



**Vivian**

and Coach Shirley Egner remarked that it is a great thing to do for the community.

"It's for a great cause and we're working towards a goal and trying to bring some awareness to a very nasty disease," Pointer Head Coach Shirley Egner said.



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## Women's hockey: Marvin makes her mark

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Stevens Point Women's hockey has been known for its winning seasons in the past couple of years, which is exactly why freshman forward Erin Marvin made it her selection.

"I came here mostly for the hockey, and my major," says Marvin, from Mounds View High School of Arden Hills, Minn.

Marvin has made a large impact as a freshman, adding extra firepower to the experienced offense. She joins top point-leaders Nicole Grossman and Dana Carothers in the top three spots in almost every individual statistics category.

Marvin was named women's division player of the week by the NCHA office on Dec. 10, after scoring four goals that week. Marvin capped a two-goal, third period comeback against UW-Superior on Saturday. She then completed her hat trick in

the final minutes of the second period with a shorthanded goal against Finlandia to secure the player of the week honors.

The Pointers are currently ranked ninth, at 10-3-5 overall, and 8-3-3 in the NCHA. However, they enter the week coming off a tough home loss to UW-River Falls (2-3), in which they relinquished their solitary hold of the league's number one spot. They are now in a tie with UW-River Falls as they host two consecutive games against UW-Superior this weekend, a team that they tied 2-2 on Dec. 6.

The following weekend brings two more consecutive games against Lake Forest, the last of the Pointers' conference schedule.

So the race is on to win the NCHA championship, with just four games left for the Pointers in the NCHA. What does the freshman have to say about the rest of the season?

"Our goal is nationals, and I think that we can do it. There's been a lot of talk that college



**Marvin**

hockey in the west has nothing and we want to prove them wrong," says Marvin.

The Pointers take on UW-Superior this weekend at the Ice Hawks arena on Saturday, Feb. 6, at 7:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 7, which is also Senior Day.



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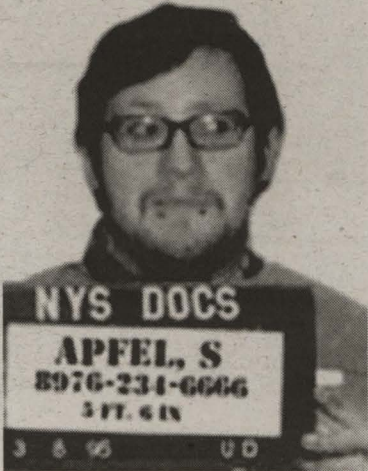
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## Sports

# Chewy nuggets of Super Bowl review

Steve Apfel  
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Who! I think I have finally recovered from watching Super Bowl XLIII. I'd like to join the legions of writers who have cited the game as one of the best ever. I was on the edge of my seat right up until the end when the Steelers pulled it out just like I told you they would. I knew they wouldn't let me down.

Too much attention has been

given to questionable officiating throughout the game. Seriously, it's the Super Bowl! I was really annoyed by the number of penalties called on both teams. I think next year a cap on penalties would be a nice improvement. After the number has been reached, just kick players out. Make things a little more interesting.

I thought the halftime show was just fantastic and was glad that Bruce Springsteen geared his set a bit more towards his own fans than just a massive American public. Again, I have a suggestion for a bit more fun next year. How about instead of limiting the big name act to a hyped-up halftime performance of a whopping 12 minutes, why not hire a house band for the game? Convert one of those silly luxury box sections into a live stage and let the guests play throughout the entire game, but only on the field during halftime. I'd also like to suggest Van Halen as next year's band. Just a thought.

It's been a wild and wacky season, dear readers, but I am confident that the Lombardi Trophy went home with the right team. Who!

## Track and field gains speed

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The Stevens Point men's track team continued their strong start to the 2009 season on Saturday with a first place finish at the Tadd Metzger Invite at Carthage College. The team placed first of 17 teams scoring 239.5 team points on their way to their second first place finish of the season.

Coach Rick Witt enters his 31st year as Pointers head coach with a great showing in the first two meets of the season. This year's team is showing great potential early on, and will rely on experience and depth to keep living up to that potential.

"We have a very well-rounded team where we can score in most all events," Witt said. "This is the key to a good team. We also have very good depth in most areas."

The Pointers have shown in the first two meets they definitely know how to score points. Eleven team members placed first during the year's second meet and in many events finished with the top two spots. They even had a 1-5 finish in the 3,000m run.

Top finishers on Saturday included Keith Ingram in the 55m dash with a time of 6.42, Mike Dellemann and Keith Dismuske, finished 1-2 in the men's 55m hurdles and Tim Thornburg and Terry Witkowski who finished 1-2 in the men's one-mile run. Zach Scott-Keyser finished first in the 400m dash with a time of 51.39.

Finishing first in their events were Greg Haak (600m), Jason Lisowe (800m), Adam Duckart (1000m) and Keith Ingram (200m). In the field, Derek Stone and Jake Koss finished 1-2 in the men's high jump,

both clearing 1.98m. Mark Cufau de finished first in the men's pole vault, clearing 4.57m.

The team has trained hard to get to this point, but their focus hasn't been simply on speed. Distance runner Brian Finnel gave some insight into what the training has been like.

"Distance guys [run] probably about 80 miles a week and mid-distance about 50-60, it varies with everyone," said Finnel. "Since the season started, we have been keeping up the mileage and then incorporating workouts throughout the week."

"All of our training to date has been about getting stronger," Witt said. "We are working on endurance and then speed will follow later in the year."

Later in the year the Pointers will also deal with the switch from running indoors to getting back outside and running in the fresh air. Coach Witt said the team will make adjustments in practice focusing more on intensity and less on quantity. But the biggest adjustment will be well out of the team's control.

"The biggest adjustment is the weather," said Coach Witt. "Indoors you have a very controlled environment."

Though the team is off to a good start there is still a long season left. If they want to accomplish the team goals of winning the conference and being in the top 10 at the NCAA meet they will have to keep their eyes on the prize.

"Just keep the training high and do all the little things to keep on getting better," said Finnel.

The Pointers' next challenge comes on Friday, Feb. 6, and Saturday, Feb. 7, as they host the Pointers Invitational at the Multi-Activity Center.

## Bennetts honored Feb. 7

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In a move to document and celebrate the rich University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point basketball tradition here in Stevens Point, the floor in the Quandt Fieldhouse will be named the "Dick and Jack Bennett Court" in honor of two highly successful Pointer coaches from the past.

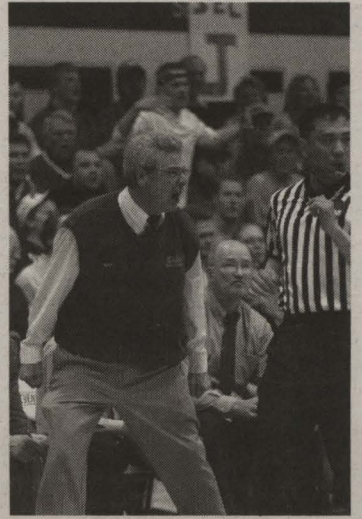
"The public fundraising for this project started fall 2008," Assistant Director of Development in Athletics Tony Romano said. "All of the funds from the campaign will be used for the floor naming, Quandt gym renovations and remodeling of Quandt lobby."

With more improvements on the way in the future, the dedication in honor of brothers Dick and Jack Bennett will take place during halftime at the men's basketball game Saturday, Feb. 7, against UW-Superior.

Dick Bennett was a coach at UW-SP for nine seasons. In that time, the Pointers compiled 173 victories. Bennett moved on to UW-Green Bay, added a highly successful run as the UW-Madison men's basketball coach and then retired.

A few years into retirement, Bennett would re-enter the college basketball realm as head coach for Washington State until he retired again in 2006.

Jack Bennett, the younger of the



Jack Bennett

two, came to UW-SP in the 1996 season and took the Pointers to five Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles and five NCAA tournaments. He earned two NCAA championships and became the top-winning coach with a 200-56 record.

"It'll be something very special, to share it with him where we both kind of cut our teeth. When I think back at the Point tradition, Dick really tried to rebuild the program, and we were very grateful for finishing the way we did," Jack Bennett remarked in the Post-Crescent. "So this will be something neat to share. I guess it just means we're getting old."

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# Arts Bash a picture of success last weekend

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Art and philanthropy fused harmoniously this Saturday, Jan. 31, in the Noel Fine Arts Center as community artists, students and faculty showcased and sold their work to the public at the sixth annual Arts Bash.

The Carlsten Art Gallery Director Karen Heft said the event's main purpose, to raise money for scholarships for students in the art and design and theatre and dance departments, is increasingly important.

"With the economic times in central Wisconsin it's becoming more and more difficult for families to send students to college," she said. "So this is a big deal for us, to raise money for college."

While half of the proceeds went to providing money for students now, the other half, according to director of development of the College of Fine Arts and Communication CJ Robinson, goes into an endowment so it will continue to generate revenue long beyond the lifespan of the event.

"10, or 20 years from now there will still be money that will provide

for scholarships from that money put away," Robinson said. "From that aspect, this is the largest student fundraising event on campus."

Robinson said this year's Arts Bash has surpassed every benchmark from previous Art Bashes.

"We're going to break the \$175,000 mark over the period of six years in terms of scholarship money," he said. "Today is our biggest crowd ever. We have our largest number of sponsors ever. We're really excited about it."

Thomas Dailing, a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point alumnus and internationally acclaimed jewelry designer, also auctioned off a \$2,500 necklace, which he made especially for the event, in a raffle. Tickets for the raffle sold at \$10 each or three for \$20.

However, featured artwork wasn't the only means of profit from the Arts Bash.

Before the main event on Saturday night, Jeff Morin, the dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication and contributing artist to the Arts Bash gallery, hosted a nine-course dinner for 20 people. The proceeds, which amounted to around \$5,000, all went to scholarships.

Tickets for the event itself, which were \$50 at the door and \$45 in advance, garnered a large amount of

profit as well.

Once in the door, however, attendees enjoyed food and beverages donated by 14 local restaurants.

Morin emphasized the significant contribution these local establishments and community members had in the event.

"Without the community, there's no Arts Bash," he said. "From the restaurants that have provided food for the event, to all of the community member artists who donated work to the exhibition, and the 500 people who will probably show up and have a great time, they've all supported students through scholarships."

Of course, not all of the art enjoyed by patrons remained behind glass; students in the theater and dance department performed several original and dynamic pieces for the guests, including "Here and Now," choreographed by Kayla Schetter and "In Dependence," choreographed and performed by Thomas Bevin and Carolyn Marcotte.

Art and design students also displayed wearable art creations in a fashion show. Artists like Kandra Shechik, whose dress of interwoven plastic bags entitled "Post-Consumer Waste Princess," carried both innovative and practical style down the runway with panache.



Photo by Rod King

Amber Runte models the new fashion rave: wearable art.

But the three-and-a-half-hour art extravaganza was much more than just show. Beyond raising money for their increasingly expensive educations, students had the opportunity to gain professional exposure for their work.

"It's a really great opportunity to have your art displayed for the whole community so you can show what you've done," said Dave Chrisinger, a student artist. "It's also a really good way to meet professional artists that are here, and people that like your artwork enough to buy it."

## Innovative play "40 Days" floats to stage this weekend

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The first fully-staged production of Laura Eason's "40 Days" will debut at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in the Noel Fine Arts Center's Studio Theater on Friday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Tyler Marchant, an assistant professor in the UW-SP theater department, is directing the play. He worked with Eason while he was still living in New York and read the play before coming to Stevens Point to teach.

"It's a really new play," Marchant said. "I loved it. I met the writer and we talked about the play... I just felt like I connected with the story."

The story takes place in a small, unnamed Midwestern river town. When the river unexpectedly floods, the people of the town are left with their own devices to cope. Only seven speaking characters are present during the performance.

The characters are relatable to the audience, as they are Midwestern and, according to Marchant, give the viewer a sense of everyman.

"Our audience is going to recognize these people," Marchant said. "They're going to see them as if you're walking in downtown Stevens Point; these are people that you know."

Above all, the story is driven by the universality and fundamental

humanity of the characters.

"This is dealing with the personal stories of those people and their personal relationships," Marchant said.

In addition to the main cast, a chorus is also on stage to help guide the audience through the story.

"The chorus serve as helpers to tell the story," Marchant said. "The play is thick with metaphor. The chorus helps with that level of theatricality."

Eason's work also calls for the audience to use their imagination in order to fill in the gaps not specifically called for on stage.

"Some audience members will really get into that and have fun with that. Other audience members will have to rise to the challenge," Marchant said.

As this is the first fully-staged production of the play, Marchant and the cast met some unique challenges when developing the on-stage action.

"The only thing that's on stage is a bathtub. It's the only piece of scenery," Marchant said. "That bathtub represents the town and the flooding and everything."

Laura Eason will also be in attendance on Sunday, Feb. 8.

"In my conversations with her, I felt like when we talked about the play, we talked about the play the same way," Marchant said. "I think she'll be pleased. I hope she'll be pleased."

"40 Days" will be showing on Feb. 6-9 and 12-15.

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# Letters & Opinion



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## From graduation to work

The jury's still out on whether the job market is going to stabilize, but one thing is certain: Employers are putting the brakes on hiring; for all of us that are due to graduate this May, this is not good news.

With the number of layoffs and hiring freezes that have occurred and are continuing to occur, this means more qualified applicants are chasing fewer job openings. With this knowledge in hand, what are all of us new graduates to do?

I have consulted a couple of experts and have come up with these key suggestions.

**Cover letter:** The cover letter is your first and sometimes only opportunity to grab an employer's attention and let them know why your resume is worth reading.

"Your cover letter needs to address all of the qualifications that an employer has asked for," said Dr. Chris Sadler, UWSP's director of graduate studies, Dr. Chris Sadler. "For this reason, if your cover letter is generic or poorly written, you can pretty much blow your chances for an interview."

Always address the letter to a

specific person. If you do not know the correct spelling of their name, title, address, e-mail and phone/fax number, call the employer to get it.

Begin with the purpose of your letter, stating the specific position for which you are seeking. If you were referred to the company, indicate by whom, using the name of your mutual acquaintance.

Make the reader aware that you have done your homework and know something about the company and how it fits with your interest, objectives and strengths. Tie your qualifications to what you know about the organization and the position you are applying for. Then refer them to your resume for more details.

**Resumes:** Though a good resume may not always get you a job, a bad one will certainly keep you unemployed. So, it must be well thought-out and carefully prepared. The main purpose of your resume is to obtain an interview. What makes a good resume? It should be a summary of what you have already achieved through your education and work experience and what you can contribute to a prospective employer. It's up to you to let them know what you can bring to their company.

**Don't limit yourself to online**

**searches:** Online search engines have significant limitations. With more and more companies using prescreening software in the attempt to find the right fit for their jobs, our resumes may never reach the decision-makers. What is even worse is that most of the jobs that are available

aren't even being advertised.

**Networking, networking, networking:** OK, while I was at the Public Relations Student Society of America's national conference last October, we were asked, "if you fall will your net work." Now don't take this in the literal sense of the phrase, read between the lines.

Ideally, anyone who is looking for a job should do so through networking. Whether it is through contacts you have made during your internship(s) (you should have at least one), friends of your parents, mentors, instructors within your college and any volunteer organization you may have come in contact with, these are the key people who will have some knowledge of jobs that are not known to the general public.

If you are looking to work within a specific company, the first thing that you should do is contact that company's human resources department and ask for an informational interview, with a vice president within the area you are looking to apply. However, when you do so, treat this as a real interview and be prepared to answer and ask questions about the industry, company and position that might be open in the near future.

During the informational interview and any other interview that you land leave modesty at home. If you can establish yourself as an up-and-coming expert in your field you will make yourself more desirable to a prospective employer. This does not mean that you should stretch the truth. The idea is for you to set yourself apart from the rest of the field and gain credibility.

Remember you are up against a number of qualified graduates and professionals. Do yourself a favor and do the job search well.

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## Letters to the Editor

Not too many things grind my gears, but after reading the "Best of" feature of "The Pointer" last week, I was angrier than Peter Griffin being teased by Lindsey Lohan. I feel that several entries should be replaced with some local joints that deserve everyone's attention.


Let's start with the biggest offender: Topper's for best pizza. Surely, yet jest, UWSP. Call me out on it if I'm wrong, but I'm fairly certain that Topper's isn't well-known in the drunken community for its pizza so much as it's known for its Topper Stix. I present to you a name that you should be familiar with: Polito's. They're in the downtown area next to Bruiser's. They have a wide variety of pizzas, they're open past bar close, and should not be overlooked.

Let's move on to another offender: Starbucks for best coffee. I admit I like Starbucks on occasion. But best coffee? Why not give that distinction to The Afterdark? I've never tasted richer black coffee. Instead, they're acknowledged with the "honor" of best music venue.

Taco Bell gets the distinction of "Best food after midnight." Although I have a hard time fighting the urge to disagree with this one, I propose to you another local joint that is excellent before and after midnight: Marvin's. They've been around for several years and are well-known for their garlic cheeseburgers. If you haven't tried their food, they're worth your consideration.

While I understand that this "Best of" was largely decided by my fellow students, I urge them all to give our local businesses a second chance. Our local businesses are what make Point stand out from everywhere else.

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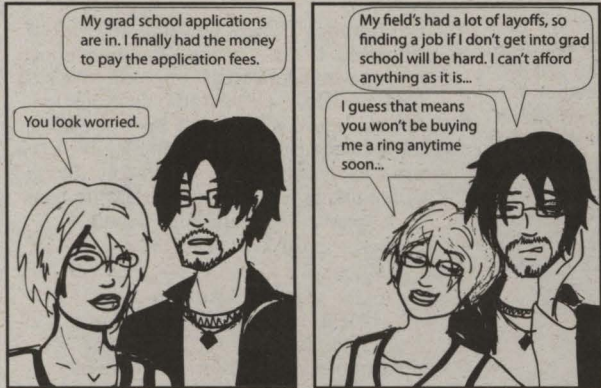
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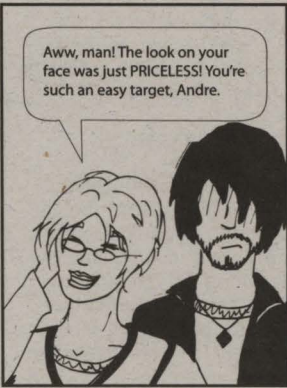
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High Five: In the key of love

Steve Apfel  
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Let's hear it for The Best of Point! I've heard all of you asking why my words were absent from last week, and I am pleased to tell you that I dedicated my precious column inches to the greater good of informing all of you about the fabulous opportunities available in this fine community. I apologize to those of you who missed me, but it was for the greater good.

Valentine's Day is right around the corner, friends, and I'm sure many of you have romantic plans for the big day. However, one poor soul e-mailed me earlier this week saying he was at his wits' end trying to figure out how to impress his sweetheart. Well, my lovelorn friend, you've come to the right place. I have the perfect way to woo your special friend. I can sum it up in two words: vocal harmony.

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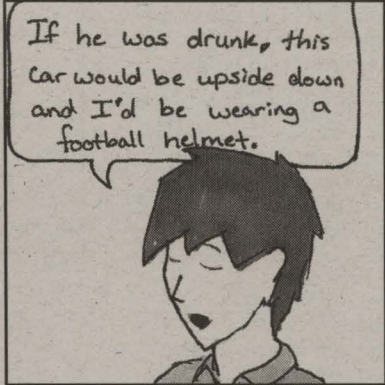
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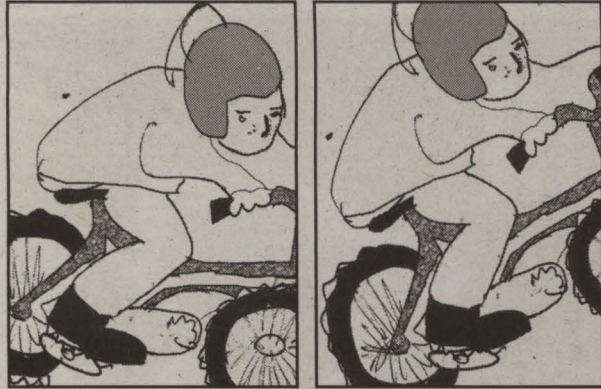
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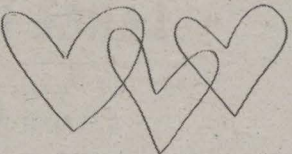
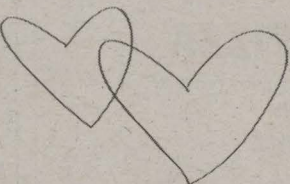
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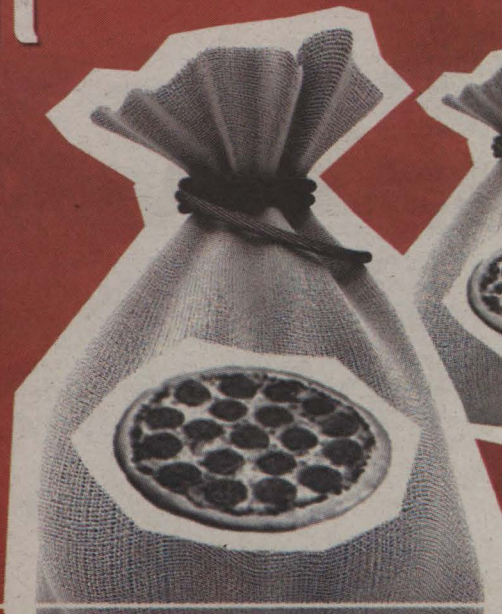
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