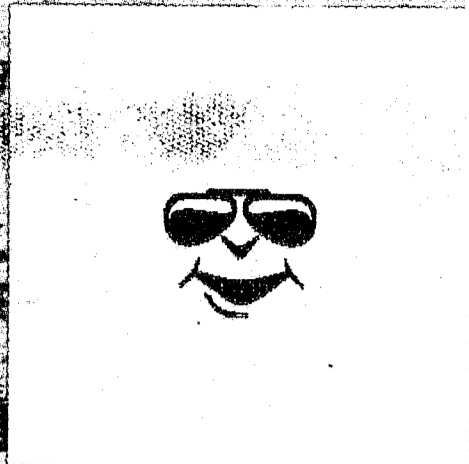


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## Agreement reached on gas line, oil tax

By John S. Sonin  
The Whalesong

Though it may not be completed for another 10-15 years, Alaska is looking forward to a future economic jolt on par with its oil delivery project in the 1970s. The state's three major oil companies, BP PLC, ExxonMobil and ConocoPhillips, agreed in principle Feb. 21, to the \$25 billion construction cost of a natural gas pipeline to the Lower 48.

Oil company representatives Tony Howard of BP, Morris Foster of Exxon and Jim Mulva of ConocoPhillips verbally confirmed commitment of their corporations to the marketing of natural gas from Alaska's North Slope.

There is one caveat, however, Murkowski Press Secretary, Becky Hultberg has said this agreement is contingent on legal analysis of the proposed Petroleum Production Tax (PPT) now winding its way

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From left to right: Tony Hayward (Group Managing Director and CEO of E&P for BP), Frank H. Murkowski (Governor of Alaska), Morris Foster (President of ExxonMobil Production Co.), Jim Mulva (Chairman of the Board and CEO of ConocoPhillips) and Jim Clark (Chief of Staff to Governor Murkowski) shake hands in agreement regarding the gas line.

## Opinions on Planned Parenthood's arrival are varied

By Stefan Ricci  
The Whalesong

UAS students voiced their opinions recently on local public radio station KTOO concerning Planned Parenthood of Alaska's slated opening of a Juneau clinic. Their comments framed the issues of women's reproductive health services and abortion for debate among students.

The proposed facility, which could open within the next year, will bring abortion services, along with a broad spectrum of women's health care services, to the city and region. The goal of Planned

Parenthood, says the agency's Alaska Chapter Public Affairs Manager Annie Smith, is to offer "comprehensive reproductive health care." For unplanned pregnancies she indicated this will include counseling and information on all available options—from family planning and adoption, to termination of a pregnancy.

Opinions on abortion among students fell across the continuum. UAS student Kirsten Longmeier says "I truly believe that abortion is wrong," and bases the belief on the idea that from conception an embryo is a life. She does, nonetheless, support the proposed

Planned Parenthood Clinic coming to Juneau.

Longmeier reconciles these seemingly opposing positions with the fact that women will continue to want and to get abortions. Given this, she feels that women having access to the right facilities is important. Longmeier said, additionally, that the host of services provided by Planned Parenthood—access to birth control, testing for STDs, emergency contraception, and options, including counseling—creates "a situation where the good outweighs the bad."

The same is not true for UAS student Craig Doug-

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# An inspiring look out the window

By Rich Moniak  
The Whalesong

It's been slow and boring at work the past few days. There is a pile of trivial tasks unchecked on my "to do" list. But with the sun shining on the world outside the window, those lack the ingredients for even a small taste of inspiration. The highlight of my day is eating lunch while I look at Mount Juneau. It seems to be asking me more questions than my job has today.

The view isn't all that wild. Even in Alaska there are common-looking neighborhoods with homes, streets, and the comings and goings of the local populace. Between my window on the 9th floor and the southern peak on the Mount Juneau arm, the homes cluster tightly together, in the way of older neighborhoods born before the advent of the automobile that redefined community development.

On the flat below the steep mountain slopes most of the homes are probably more than 50 years old, but many appear newer from remodeling work executed to improve quality of living for their owners. Although I expect at least a few were spurred by a dire need to replace a leaking roof in a town that measures annual rainfall in terms of feet.

The colors range along the entire spectrum, from

dull browns to soft yellows, grays that match the normal cloud cover to sky blue acting as a wish the clouds would blow away, and a few red roofs that scream for attention. There is a church, a tall A-frame building that seems to be all roof, and it offers an anchor of a supportive image to the neighborhood.

As the land begins to rise onto the lower mountain flanks, an old apartment building is looked down upon by a newer-looking condominium. Above these, some braver houses cling to the steeper slopes and hide behind the first rows of tall evergreens, grandchildren of the ancient trees that once rested peacefully here as a true rain forest.

Then the mountain rises steeply, cloaked in stately spruce on a slope so steep from my vantage point that it appears the trees are being held upright by leaning against the mountain. Or maybe the limbs of the trees are pulling the mountain from out of the earth.

It's not a solid forest. Between the ridges that the trees rise up from are notches that funnel runoff down the mountain. They leave a gap that exposes short stripes and small patches of snow. On the farthest ridge, the trees stand in a row, creating a silhouette of their crowns that looks like a family of Christmas trees.

Higher up, the forest thin, then disappears. The shining snow covers all but the most stubborn rock outcrops. Finally, at the top everything lies under the mountain's brilliant white-winter-dress, in honor of the harshest and longest season that grips the higher elevations. The peak stands for itself, the top, the highest point visible from my desk, and it proudly meets the blue sky. It represents a powerful image, a place inviting a visit in the summer, and only admiring gazes the rest of the year.

Does the mountain know I am watching it? It too absorbs the cool comfort of the blue sky, but when it looks down, what does it imagine? What has it witnessed over the years? Has it admired all the improvements that society laid at its feet? Does it find the homes add color to its kingdom? Is it amused

by the plaid pattern of the paved streets? Does it hear the tightly strung power lines hum in the wind? Does it recognize the community's effort to build its own version of a monument to the sky, the 10 story office building I work in?

*"To imagine the mountain thinks this way insults my respect for its beauty."*

But if that is what the mountain focuses on, then it sees the building, not me. It, like progress, would seem interested in the bigger picture, the accomplishments and marching forth of a culture that is younger than an infant next to the looming giant's life on earth. To imagine the mountain thinks this way insults my respect for its beauty. The developed world doesn't offer it such a gaze. It competes with it for primacy. So I choose to believe that in the wisdom of its age, Mount Juneau sees life for what it really is, not the boasting of the collective ego we want it to see.

I wonder how many Marys the mountain has seen born here? How many Carls took their first step in its view? How many Carols did it follow as they pedaled bicycles freely at its feet? How many Josephs hit a little league home run that bounced on its dirt after clearing the fence? How many Susans swam in the water of the creek it feeds with snowmelt all year? Did it see the Alans and Gails sneak their first kiss together? How many men and women made love under a full moon while it guarded the town?

Did it respect the hard work of the carpenters who built the walls and roofs that still stand? Does it thank the many gardeners for tending the flowerbeds? Does it understand the artists who take time to paint it as a backdrop for the surrounding scenes? Did it sigh with pleasure from the aromas of all the family barbecues?

Did it feel sad when families moved away or couples split up? How deep is its compassion for those whose injuries or illness lead them to the hospital on her other flank? How many funeral services did it weep at? How many of the dead does it respectfully act as a gravestone for?

The mountain is living, a piece of the earth that sustains life. It takes pride in being a beautiful mountain. I like to think it is sensitive to every moment that we feel either the joy or the pain that comes with being alive. I prefer that it see me as a man with an imagination, not an employee beside an office window preparing a memo or writing a report. It might, if I treat it with the same courtesy.

# Campus Calendar

*"The flood of prints has turned reading into a process of gulping rather than savoring." -Warren Chappell*



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- Needing long-term in-home childcare for two children, ages 5, 3 and one on the way (October).  
Tuesdays/Thursdays 10-5 p.m.  
9/hr, childcare background/interest preferred, some paid leave.  
Contact Seanna 790-2312
- March 10: 4:30 - 6 p.m., Swing Dancing, REC Center Dance Room
  - March 10: 5:30 - 8 p.m., Volleyball Open Gym, REC Center
  - March 13-18: Spring Break for students (campus open) UAS
  - March 13: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Intramural Co-ed Volleyball, REC Center
  - March 15: 5 p.m., Graduation cap and gown

- orders due at bookstore
- March 15: 5 p.m., Graduation announcement orders due at bookstore
- March 16: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Intramural Co-ed Basketball, REC Center
- March 17: 5:30 - 8 p.m., Volleyball Open Gym, REC Center
- March 20: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Intramural Co-ed Volleyball, REC Center
- March 24: 9 p.m., Spring Fling, Baranof
- March 30-April 1: 7:30 p.m., Bed Sheets premieres at the Egan Lecture Hall during the UAS Pac Rim Forum.
- April 5: 3 p.m., Ice cream social, Mourant Cafe
- April 8: 9 p.m., Soiree on the Serengeti
- April 14: Last day to Withdrawal

## UAS rolls out new digital music service

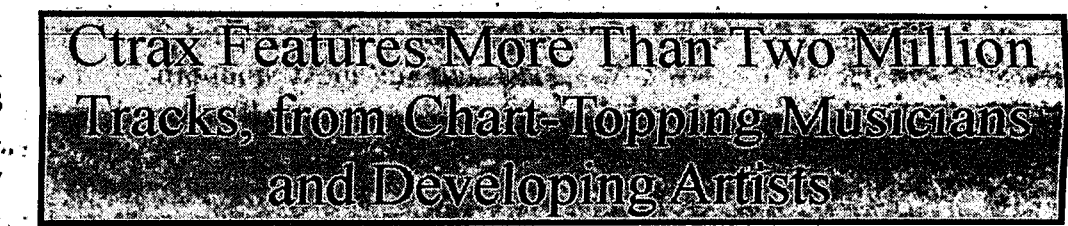
### Ctrax to be available at no cost to student housing residents

Public service announcement  
The Whalesong

(Juneau February 27), 2006 - UAS announced today that Ctrax, a comprehensive digital music service, is now available to students. Featuring an expansive catalog of two million legally downloadable songs from both major label artists and independents, Ctrax is free to student housing residents.

Ctrax's vast collection of music includes 100,000 artists and 23 different genres, including hip hop, folk, and country. Students who sign up for a monthly subscription can easily download and play as many music files as they want via a 'tethered download' at absolutely no cost. The service also allows students to access their downloaded Ctrax music from up to three different computers. Furthermore, Ctrax users have the option of permanently downloading individual tracks for an additional \$.89 or whole albums for \$9.99.

Ctrax is a service of Cdigix, the leading legal digital media service provider to the college marketplace. Since the music is coming from a legitimate source, there is no concern about viruses, adware or spyware being downloaded along with the music. @village, the company's outlet for campus media



distribution and social interaction, is also available to students. UAS Student Housing was pitched the concept of installing a digital media service by UAS IT Director, Michael Ciri. Always cutting edge and always an advocate for the students, Mike Ciri's vision was embraced by the housing administration and we signed on.

The entire campus will benefit because of his leadership. Cdigix had the best program for university students, the most selection and reasonable pricing. UAS is pleased to have this partnership with Cdigix.

"We're thrilled to begin this service to students. It's easy, cost effective and supports a free and legal method for student access to music." Said Tish Griffin Satre, Housing Director

Brett Goldberg, founder and executive vice president of Cdigix, commented: "UAS is at the forefront of an important movement to equip students with broad-based, high-quality, legal digital media. We are honored

to have been awarded the opportunity to provide the campus with Cdigix's comprehensive services." The Ctrax content, available to the students at (campus-specific URL or [www.cdigix.com](http://www.cdigix.com)), is distributed over a local area network (LAN), yielding a fast and secure way for students to access legal, downloadable content that doesn't slow the down the university's Internet connection.

**About Cdigix**  
Seattle-based Cdigix is the leading provider of secure, legal digital entertainment and educational media to directly serve the college market. The high-quality content offered by Cdigix is available through partnerships with premier entertainment and media companies, and is distributed via the universities' internal IP infrastructures. Cdigix currently has relationships with dozens of college campuses, reaching approximately half a million students. More information can be found at [www.cdigix.com](http://www.cdigix.com).

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# Opinion

"If a nation's literature declines, the nation atrophies and decays." — Ezra Pound

## The realities of limited government

By Stuart Thompson  
Whalesong Contributor

Both liberals and conservatives insist how their ideological prejudices support American limited government. Let them all consider the following observations -- none unique to me conceptually and most are self-evident.

1) Limited government is possible in proportion to the amount of organized civic participation by citizens. Attempting limited government without such citizen activity produces anarchy. Such anarchy stimulates regulation and supervision typical of kings and dictators.

2) Demand for expanded government increases in proportion to the amount of unchecked human irra-

tionality rampant in society. Unjust harm from natural human irrationality increases in proportion to citizens neglecting the religion, philosophy, self-education, and communication exchanges that check it. Consequently, Founding Father James Madison observed: "Justice is the end of government. It is the end of civil society."

3) Permitting growth of economic dependence on government -- by means of subsidies, grants, entitlements, and work contracts -- risks enslaving the rich and the poor alike. Consider this analogy. One commonly tames or trains animals by forming dependency on the master for survival essentials. Empowered by such dependency, a master comes to command the ani-

mal's willing obedience through A) calculated awards for compliance; and B) calculated punishments for non-compliance. So it can be with citizens -- using government's legislative process. This process clearly contains the capabilities of appropriations control and threats of fines and imprisonment. Thus, overly powerful government, using government funding, can become an addictive necessity for even mediocre civilization.

4) How can we encourage rational and realistic independence from overly powerful government -- the essence of civic freedom? It requires leadership at cultivating, organizing, and using widespread citizen participation in

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## Foreign oil dependency is an old story

By Rich Moniak  
The Whalesong

Five years into his presidency, George W. Bush chose the high profile opportunity of his State of the Union speech to finally declare the obvious: America needs to reduce our dependency on foreign oil. Why is it so easy to turn those words into classical insincere political emptiness? Is it him, or is it me?

I have been around long enough to remember the first energy crisis. It was the fall of 1975. Gas prices had skyrocketed to 65 cents per gallon. Long lines were common. The future of oil driving across the American landscape

seemed dim.

I vividly remember being in one particular line. Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson of Washington was doing some early courting of New England voters, using a gas station for a stage. I happened to pull up as a few cameramen followed him toward the pumps. Getting all the photo ops he could, he first cleaned my windows and asked for my opinion about the gas shortage. I offered the meager words "the prices are too high". On the news that night I saw the windshield of my car get wiped clean by a presidential candidate, and was grateful the reporters recognized I had nothing to say after

I said so little.

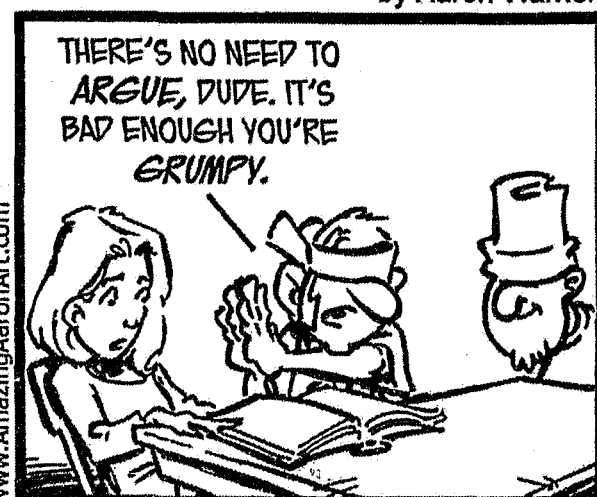
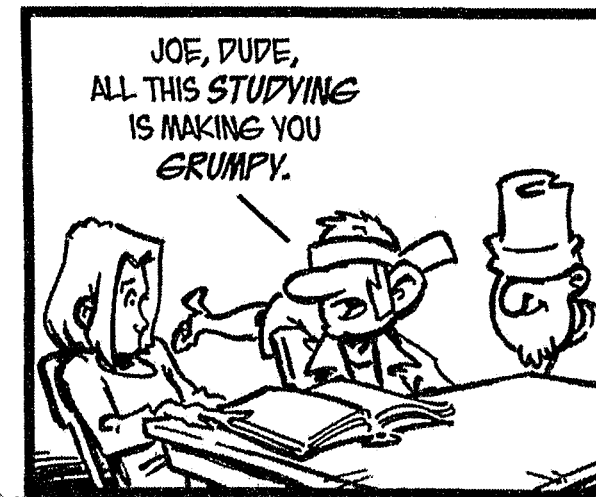
After that I convinced myself that I needed to pay attention. In 1980, following the second crisis, I bought a Datsun sedan that got 40 miles per gallon on the highway. I would do my part, I told myself. I especially needed to in order to justify my long road trips into the western Washington mountainside on those weekends when I wasn't concerned with energy conservation.

Five years later, with a family of four, we bought the first 4-door mini SUV, a fire-truck red Jeep Cherokee. I was living in Ketchikan by then, so

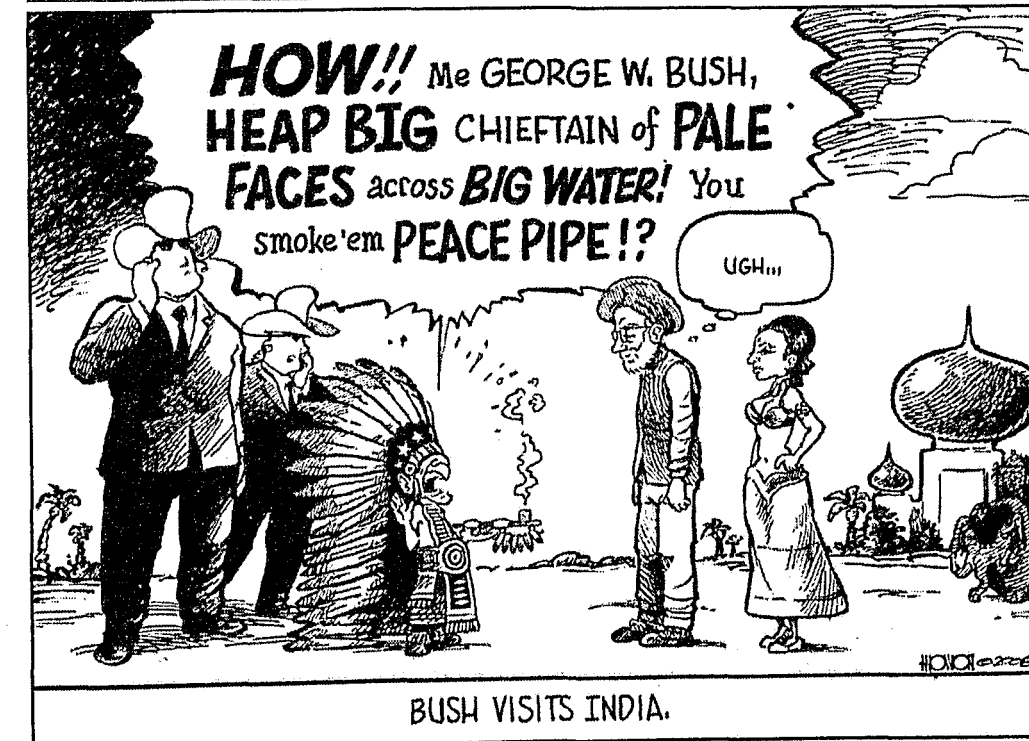
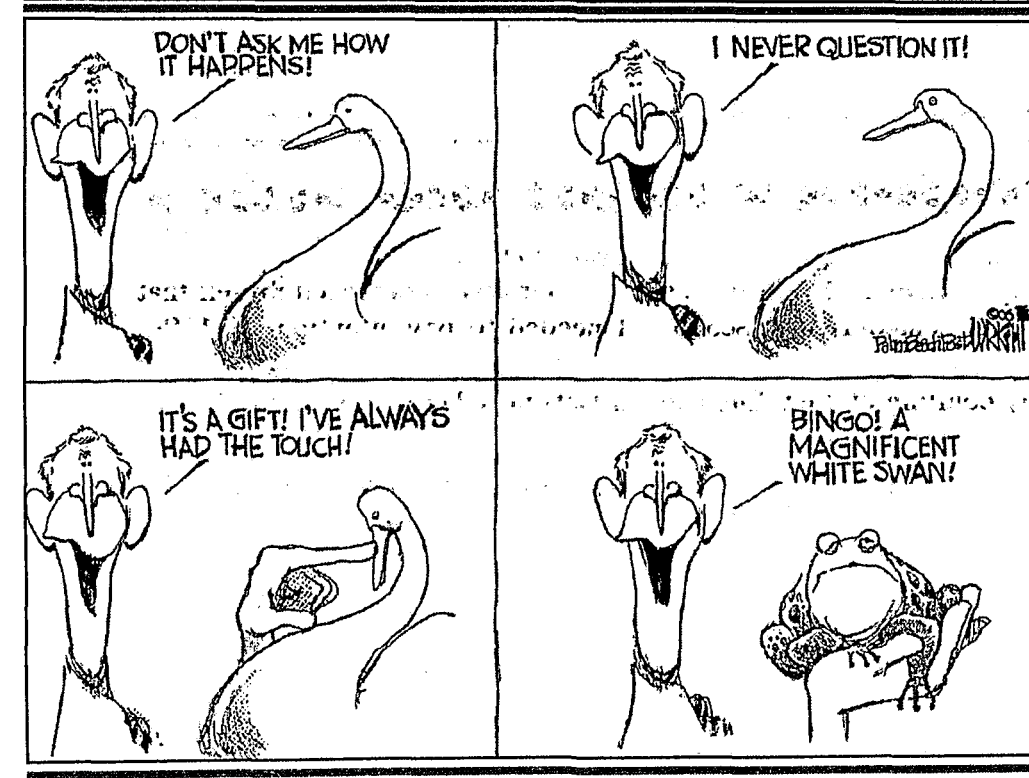
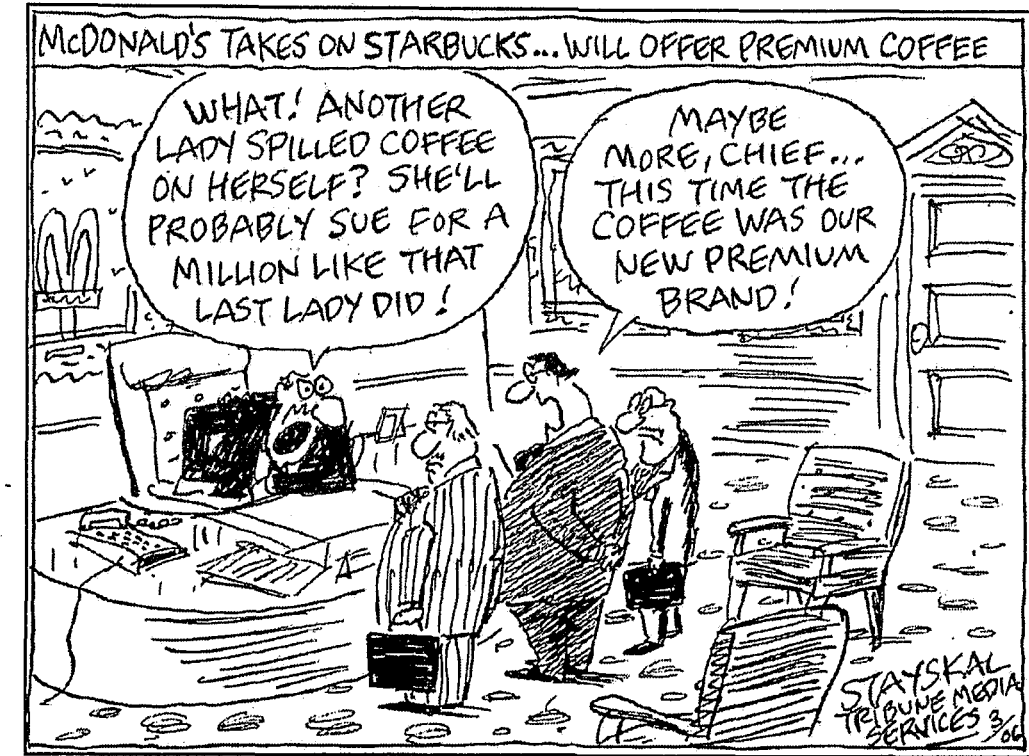
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### Two Dudes

by Aaron Warner



## Editorial cartoons



BUSH VISITS INDIA.

## Bittersweet news for endangered species

By Michael Bean  
Environmental Defense  
(KRT)

This may be the most bittersweet year in America's short history of endangered species recovery.

Recently, the Interior Department jumpstarted the long overdue delisting of the bald eagle by reopening the required public comment period and offering some legal definitions to help clarify how the bird will be protected after it's delisted.

It's about time. After a remarkable recovery from fewer than 500 breeding pairs in the lower 48 states in the 1960s, the government documented more than 5,700 in the mid 1990s, prompting a proposal for delisting in 1999. Seven years later, the number, by some accounts, has surpassed 9,100 pairs, but the eagle still waits for its official declaration of victory.

Meanwhile, just a few blocks away at the Capitol, members of Congress are contemplating legislation that would cripple the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the landmark law that helped the eagle recover. Led by perennial anti-ESA crusader Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., the House narrowly passed a bill last September that completely rewrites the ESA. The Senate now stands poised to offer its own version.

And even if the Senate version is better, the law that would likely result from the House-Senate conference committee could be devastating for the more than 1,200 other endangered species that have not yet enjoyed the eagle's remarkable recovery.

Had the House bill been enacted in 1973 instead of the ESA, chances are the bald eagle wouldn't have recovered.

The process would have been so mired in bureaucratic red tape and expensive requirements that the Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) would have exhausted its limited budget just dealing with mountains of paperwork.

The first stumbling block to recovery would have been getting the eagle on the list in the first place. Before formally labeling it "endangered,"

the FWS would have had to prepare a detailed analysis of the economic and national security impact of listing the species. For a bird that occurs in 48 states and is affected by pesticide use, land development, highway construction, timber harvest and other activities, such a task would have been daunting for an understaffed, underfunded agency.

Within two years of listing, the FWS would have had to consult with myriad groups to proceed with a recovery plan: 48 states, most of the roughly 300 recognized Indian tribes, and many of the thousands of regional and local land-use agencies. Then the Service would have had to include parties "interested" in the economic and social impacts of eagle conservation on the team preparing the recovery plan. That means that real estate developers, highway builders, timber companies, pesticide users and numerous others would have been deciding the eagle's fate rather than the scientific team that was actually assembled to map out a recovery plan.

If any of the 48 governors, 48 state wildlife agencies, 1,170 counties where eagles occur, or the thousands of local governments had formally disagreed with "any part" of any regulation to conserve the eagle, the FWS would have had to respond in writing, no matter how minor the detail.

Each time FWS revised a recovery plan for the eagle (which it has twice done), it would have had to repeat the same extensive process all over again.

FWS would not have been able to utilize the ESA's authority to restrict harmful pesticides like carbofuran because the House bill yanks pesticide restriction from the ESA.

Any time any property owner asked FWS if a proposed property use would harm a bald eagle, FWS would have just 180 days to respond. If FWS failed to do so, the development could have gone forward, regardless of its impact on eagles.

And the House bill would have cost a fortune. It would have allowed timber

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# Crossword Puzzle Solutions on page 11

- Across
- 1 Little bit
  - 5 Jazz singer Car-men
  - 10 Ice melter
  - 14 Christmas song
  - 15 Large antelope
  - 16 Court entreaty
  - 17 Committee head, perhaps
  - 19 Paper tidbit
  - 20 Violent attack
  - 21 Quadrille dance
  - 23 Bro's sib
  - 24 More optimistic
  - 25 Mr. Universe contestants
  - 28 Cribbage piece
  - 29 "\_\_\_Din"
  - 32 God of love
  - 33 Piece of the ac-tion
  - 34 Go
  - 35 Turn informer
  - 36 One archangel
  - 38 Bill at the bar
  - 39 E-flat
  - 41 Flow out
  - 42 Actress Rowlands
  - 43 Note from the boss
  - 44 Singer Tillis
  - 45 Pal
  - 46 Greet like a lion
  - 48 Family men
  - 49 Honors formally
  - 51 Frankfurter's cousin
  - 55 Teheran land
  - 56 Junkyard collection
  - 58 Easter season
  - 59 Restaurant unit
  - 60 Enameled metalware
  - 61 Men-to-be
  - 62 Twice as cunning

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  - 2 Circus-goers' cries
  - 3 Brewed drinks
  - 4 Assumed names
  - 5 Whimpers
  - 6 Congeal
  - 7 Ewe's mate
  - 8 Computer type
  - 9 Ferber and Best
  - 10 Enliven
  - 11 Took turns
  - 12 Provocative look
  - 13 Scottish berets
  - 18 Downfall
  - 22 Patrick or Bruce
  - 24 Backpedal
  - 25 Buffalo bunches
  - 26 Re-create blank tape
  - 27 Country of origin
  - 28 Alehouse
  - 30 Stately
  - 31 Cornered
  - 33 Upper limit
  - 34 Gal at the ball
  - 36 Extensive
  - 37 Original PC maker
  - 40 Quantities
  - 42 Seam inserts
  - 44 Mathematician Blaise
  - 45 Creator of Oz
  - 47 Takes five
  - 48 Writing sheet
  - 49 Pie-cooling ledge
  - 50 Surface measure
  - 51 Store lure
  - 52 On the summit of
  - 53 Fancy party
  - 54 First sch.
  - 57 Baseball player's stat.

## Spring break blues quiz

By Sandra Galeana  
The Whalesong

- Who suggested a Spring Break be created?
  - a) Socrates
  - b) St. Patrick
  - c) Ceaser
- In what year did Spring Break turn out to be a pipe-dream?
  - a) 1137
  - b) 1237
  - c) 1337
- The Middle Ages had
  - a) Partying worse than now days
  - b) Christians learning the true meaning of spring break
  - c) armed bands of monks and papal legates to stop young people from partying
- Where did the phrase "Show us your tits!" come from?
  - a) Dancing women
  - b) Dancing men
  - c) Dancing men and women
- When did Spring break official come back to America?
  - a) 1950's
  - b) 1960's
  - c) 1970's
- Where do most spring breakers get their money to party?
  - a) From their parents
  - b) From their friends
  - c) From their job(s)
- What is the basic meaning of spring break now days?
  - a) A break from school!
  - b) Party central!
  - c) To be inappropriate
- What is the most popular thing to do during spring break?
  - a) Drink
  - b) Study
  - c) Watch a ton of movies

# "The High Cost of Low Price": A civil indictment against Wal-Mart

By Rich Moniak  
The Whalesong



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Wal-Mart, our friend or our enemy. Recently "The High Cost of Low Price" has opened the eyes of the public, allowing them to see that Wal-Mart is a dangerous company to have around.

Shopping at Wal-Mart might seem like a bargain to American shoppers, but there is a seamy underside to the company's corporate practices that has negative effects on U.S. taxpayers, small business owners and Third World workers.

That was the indictment against the company contained in the documentary film "The High Cost of Low Price," a 90-minute film produced by Brave New Films. That's probably not a household name. But the Sierra Club is, and their Southeast Alaska chapter offered the showing of this documentary to a small audience at the UAS Rec Center on February 22.

The obvious aim of the producers is to stir anger at the largest retailing corporation in the world. The evidence they present is supposed to expose the viewer to the other side of Wal-Mart's marketing philosophies, which ride the airwaves all over America and into the homes via television. Parts of a few actual commercials are shown. However, the primary suspect put on trial for the voluntary jury of American shoppers is CEO Lee Scott.

Scott opens the film in a scene where he speaks to a huge, cheering crowd of Wal-Mart associates at an annual meeting. Accepting the applause in a feigned manner of modesty, he declares that year after year Wal-Mart reports record sales and earnings. He isn't allowed to tell us how. Instead, the case against him begins to be told by a host of hostile witnesses.

From the classic small-town business owner who watched his family heritage disappear into a vacant building, to one-time hopeful company employees turned sour, each story expresses the personal economic suffering at the hands of the alleged predatory capitalist.

But if the broader statistics revealed in support of the individual accounts are true, the high price reaches past those tragedies. Claims of legal action against Wal-Mart include state governments seeking to recover the cost of subsidizing healthcare for the

company's uninsured workers.

Two former employees even accuse local managers of encouraging them to seek public assistance through programs such as food stamps and housing subsidies. Could it be that part of every dollar saved shopping at Wal-Mart is lost to the local tax collector? Are the costs of numerous legal settlements and government-imposed fines passed on in Wal-Mart's low prices?

Then there is the merchandise manufactured in the "sweat shops" of Third World nations. The scenes from China accompanied by translated testimony tug at everyone's basic compassionate instinct. After listening to Scott claim that the Chinese government holds Wal-Mart to a high standard of employment, the film turns to video footage of deplorable working conditions where we are told that the average daily wages are less than \$3 per day.

There is more testimony that sparks rage against the giant retailer. Disregard for environmental laws, denial of overtime pay, and racial and gender discrimination are among the litany of charges levied in the film. Each one follows a scene of CEO Scott boasting about Wal-Mart's commitment to community values.

The film closes with a running list of citizen groups and local governments who successfully fought to prevent Wal-Mart from opening stores in their towns. Against the backdrop of names

rolling down the screen, Scott asks, "When you have a group of people, a small group of people, who don't want you in the community, does that mean you're not gonna go there?" The film rests its case with this portrayal of arrogance from a man earning \$27 million a year.

So what's the verdict? There is none, because the defense hasn't spoken. What kind of counter campaign might Wal-Mart produce in an attempt to restore its public image? Will it draw the same audience? Or has Brave New Films prejudiced the jury sufficiently to render a decision by the majority that will begin a long term erosion of Wal-Mart's profits?

Yet there is also another charge alluded to in the film's title. While we were shown the evidence to support the indictment of the high community costs, who is driving the low-cost side of the equation?

The underlying theme is not only to civilly criminalize Wal-Mart's practices, but to ask ourselves what it is that we seek in the savings gained from our bottom line obsession with the lowest price.

Will Wal-Mart's defense be that they were fulfilling an unwritten cultural contract to help us save money? If the jury is called back, maybe it's because the case is potentially much more complex than the insensitive greed of the richest family in the world.

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# HCS is in your hands as well as a fork so dig in

By The End Records  
Whalesong contributor

The two behind Head Control System, the newly formed heavy groove/rock act exploring cinematic visuals, heavy riffs and melody, are no beginners within the world of music. Daniel Cardoso (ex-Sirius / Re:aktor) and Kristoffer Garm Rygg (Ulver / ex-Arcturus / Borknagar) exudes a powerful concoction of ideas, energy and uniqueness that can only come from experience.

"When I first approached Garm about working together I had Sin-DROMe in mind, a project where I was doing everything by myself

and developing my own ideas and concepts," says Cardoso about the origins of HCS. "We had put out an EP with another singer and there was even a band lineup, but I accidentally started doing everything on my own and there was no real need of a full lineup. So when G. came in, we started developing the existing concept, which in the end turned into an altogether new concept."

He adds, "I kind of felt bad that G. was putting so much effort into the band, but I never really had the chance to choose a name that he'd be totally comfortable with. So we

See HCS Pg. 12



The heavy groove/rock/metal act — comprised of Daniel Cardoso and Kristoffer Garm Rygg — will serve up their infectious debut for The End Records titled *Murder Nature* on April 4th, 2006 and no doubt it'll shake some foundations.

Linda Layfield, former Peace Corps staff member, will present:  
**Madagascar: The Powerpoint - Not the Movie**  
at the Nickelodeon Theater at 5:30pm on March 28, 2006.  
For more information: See [www.jwac.org](http://www.jwac.org)

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## From Gas Line Pg. 1

through the Alaska Legislature. The PPT will change the existing oil taxation system based on a percentage of the gross value of production to one based on a percentage of net profits for oil companies. The current production tax rate is determined by the Economic Limit Factor (ELF) which Murkowski feels is insufficient and has become archaic for Alaska.

The Kuparuk oil field, second largest in the nation after Prudhoe Bay, will no longer need to pay this tax next year, and under current law, Prudhoe will pay zero in 12-14 years.

With the ELF law, Murkowski maintains that Alaska is not getting its fair share of revenue when compared to what the producers are paying in similar circumstances around the world. In addition, the current tax provides few incentives for further exploration, development and investment.

The new PPT is based on net profits (revenue less expenditures) for each tax year calculated by deducting capital and operating costs from the gross value of production. Further, the new legislation will allow oil companies a 20 percent tax credit on those capital expenses which can be rolled over or traded, if the producers have suffered a loss in that period.

Once attorneys have agreed on the language of this new law, Hultberg said the governor will insist the gasline project and its proceeds meet six essential principles.

1) A fair share of revenues from the project that can support education,

healthy and safe communities with protection for our most vulnerable citizens; seniors and children.

2) Citizen access to the gas because new energy is critical to the Railbelt and Southcentral while it must be kept affordable to promote a growing and healthy economy.

3) Future exploration and development from new producers must have access because new oil industry entrants are essential to the state's future.

4) The gasline itself must be expandable to accommodate these new producers.

5) Alaska should own a share of the gasline.

6) The Alaska labor force must gain from the over 6,500 gasline jobs, directly and indirectly, to be created.

The proposed route, according to Chuck Logsdon, petroleum economist and spokesman for the pipeline project in Murkowski's office, "would travel the 3,600 miles to Chicago through Canada by paralleling the Dalton Highway to Tok and then skirt the Alaska Highway to Dawson Creek, British Columbia before connecting with the North American gasline grid in Alberta Canada."

Although there are major legal hurdles to be jumped not the least of which will be the requisite appeasement of Environmental Impact Statements and reconciliation with Canadian law, the 52-inch diameter engineering marvel will be, according to Hultberg, "the largest construction project in North American history."

# What will overworking get you in the future?

By Sandra Galeana  
The Whalesong

Spring break is over, and you know what that means. It's time to go back to those all-night study groups, it's time to remember your obligations and suck up to the teacher for forgetting the obligations in the first place. It is time to get back into the same routine. The spring break blues has hit UAS.

I can only imagine the pain some students have to go through, realizing that their life revolves around college classes and whether they pass or fail. The reason I can only imagine is because I have discovered a remedy for such a predicament.

No, I'm not talking about shoving a mess load of pills down your throat and possibly having an overdose by the end of the semester and your excuse being, "It was the only way." I am talking about finding that balance in your life.

I watch students rush from one class to another, from meetings to study groups and I often ask myself, "who are they trying to impress?"

If stress is a leading cause for many of the health problems that people have today, what is the point of stressing out over classes and trying to get an education when you may not be able to use it anyway because of a psychotic break?

Don't get me wrong, I am all for getting a great

## From Planned, Pg. 1

las who, though supportive of Planned Parenthood generally, said that, because of his religious beliefs, he cannot condone plans for a Juneau facility that will offer abortion services.

Douglas says Care Net, a national faith-based agency, fills the need for reproductive-care services in the area—including those resulting from unplanned pregnancies. Care Net literature indicates an effort on the agency's part, through peer counseling and spiritual help, to steer those seeking support during their pregnancy toward carrying a fetus to full term.

However, Care Net's Juneau center is not currently offering counseling. Neither was there a listing of the range of other services offered through the agency available, nor were phone calls returned.

Though there might be some overlap in services between the two agencies, UAS sophomore Ellory Eierman feels a Planned Parenthood in Juneau is still a good idea. "I know people who would not go to Care Net because of its religious affiliation" says Eierman, "and an alternative is necessary."

K.D. Roope, who was featured in

education and studying hard to better myself, but you would never see me run like a chicken with my head cut off. I am a firm believer that one should find a balance.

I know there are some of you who fit the criteria of overworked. You blame your job, school or study hours for your lack of social life. Perhaps it is time you find the heart of the problem, which is in yourself.

Shocking to hear? Well read on. Those who complain that they have so much to do and so little time are either looking for attention, which I am not really willing to give, or they don't know how to balance a healthy schedule.

Take me for an example. I work, attend college full-time, and maintain good grades with an active social life. I do this by realizing it is up to me to make the best out of my days.

How? I have discovered that if I plan wisely life is a flower garden and I am just skipping through to smell the fragrances. That could possibly explain the constant smile I have on my face.

I plan my days not by scheduling every second, but by leaving room to give myself some time alone. Perhaps for some it is sitting in your car and talking to yourself, or for others it is that 10 minutes of listening to music. Whatever it is, I suggest you put

the KTOO story, agreed that there needs to be a facility in Juneau that will provide wide-ranging reproductive health services to women, and favors the Planned Parenthood Clinic scheduled to open in Juneau.

Though none of the students interviewed appeared to be aware of this fact, there are currently options available for many of the services both Care Net and Planned Parenthood offer. In addition to private medical practitioners who provide women's reproductive health care, the Juneau Public Health Clinic administers a number of the same services that the proposed Planned Parenthood Clinic will offer, and like them, bills clients on a sliding scale, says Southeast Regional Manager of Public Health Nursing Silvia Ceverson.

Nonetheless, the bottom line difference, and where the controversy is centered, is the proposed abortion services that will be available from Planned Parenthood.

When informed of the Juneau Public Health Clinic, Longmeier said she would no longer support the opening of a Planned Parenthood Clinic if area women already had access to many

it in your day.

Also leave room for the unexpected. At any moment in time decide to take a nature walk, write a poem, or sing a song in the middle of the parking lot. Only you have the power to make your life as strange or creative as possible.

Once you accept that fact that whatever it is you think you have to do can wait, life relaxes and becomes exciting. What you do from one moment to the next is no longer dictated. You have the freedom to enjoy your unexpected decisions.

Now there are some of you who are saying, "It is impossible with my schedule. I have to much to do." I disagree. True, I am not in your situation, following your every move, so how could I possibly know if you have the time? It comes down to a simple fact that some of the things you make time for may be frivolous. Where are those things getting you in life? Probably a bad heart and an emergency room bill.

Remember that life is what you make of it. No one else can make it for you. If you think you are taking too many classes, cut down. If you are working too much, back off. It is possible, one just has to make it happen by being unexpected. Put some fun back into your life and save the worries and the doctor bills for someone else.

reproductive health care services through the clinic.

Jenifer Ellingson, however, believes strongly that a woman's right to choose is paramount and cites the number of abortions performed each year as good reason they need to remain legal and why access to the necessary facilities is such an important part of exercising this choice.

According to a web-site maintained by the Guttmacher Institute, in the year 2000 (the last year for which statistics are available) 14 percent of all pregnancies in Alaska ended in abortion, down from 17 percent in 1996.

The downward trend in Alaska mirrors a national trend as the number of women seeking abortions in America each year continues to decline. Alaska's per-capita average of 11.7 abortions per year per 1000 women of reproductive age is well below the national average, which is currently 21.3.

The institute notes that, "Some of these women were from other states, and some Alaska residents had abortions in other states, so this rate may not reflect the abortion rate of state residents." Those statistics also do not

delineate between elective and medically necessary abortions.

In the state there are currently only 7 abortion providers and 39 percent of women live in areas without them. An eighth facility in Juneau would be the only one in Southeast Alaska.

Douglas believes flatly that abortion should not be an option. Though he feels there should be exceptions in cases of rape or incest, or if the mother's health is at stake, he said "abortions should otherwise be illegal."

Roope, who on a strictly personal level is against abortion saying "I'm in favor of contraception," does not support taking the right of choice away from women. There were several students, Ellingson among them, who had little problem in fully embracing the idea of abortion or a Planned Parenthood facility that would perform them opening in Juneau.

Abortion continues, and likely will, to be a divisive issue, and this same was true among UAS students. Though young and still in the process of being educated, students hold deep beliefs on the subject, beliefs that are representative of the nation's struggle with the issue.



# Through the looking glass: stupid stunts

By Mike Pingree (KRT)

## READY TO MEET THE DAY ARE WE?

A man was arrested for drug possession in Monroe County, Fla. He was driving to work at the time. He was not wearing pants.

## NO?!? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, NO!?

On Valentine's Day, a disc jockey in Coventry, England, brought his girlfriend to the studio and surprised her by proposing to her on the air. He expected her to accept. She did not.

## FREAKED OUT? NO KIDDING

A woman in Cumbria, England, is still breastfeeding her daughter, despite the fact that she is eight years old. The child sometimes asks to be fed when they are in public, and mom always accommodates her. "I try to be discreet ... but people get freaked out by it," she said.

## I COULDN'T TAKE BEING LOCKED UP

In order to dodge an 18-month jail sentence, a man in the Czech Republic hid in a walled-off cellar area beneath his mother's kitchen floor, for four years.

## YOU AGAIN!?

A man in Bochum, Germany, fled from a cab to beat the fare after the driver took him to his destination. The man waited for a while, then called for another cab to take him somewhere else. Much to his surprise, the same driver came to pick him up.

## I WANT YOU NOW! NOW!

Police in North Yorkshire, England, spotted a couple having sex near Selby Abbey, and told them to stop and be on their way. However, the cops returned 15 minutes later to find that they were at it again. Once more, they told them to leave. Then, 15 minutes after that, the police saw them doing it yet again. This time, the cops arrested them. "I couldn't wait until I got home," the woman explained.

## I'LL TAKE HALF AN OUNCE, PLEASE

A woman called the police in Fargo, N.D., and asked where she could buy some marijuana. The dispatcher told her it is an illegal substance, but she was insistent. So the dispatcher said that there was some at the police station, and she should drop by. She did.

## ARE YOU BEING HONEST WITH US ... "ROBERT"?

Police in Columbus, Ind., pulled a man over for driving erratically, and, when they asked him his name, knew immediately that he was lying. He said his name was Robert, but his real name, Cecil, was tattooed on his neck.

## ARE WE NOT HONORABLE MEN?!

After a long-simmering feud, two men in Aspen,

Colo., agreed to meet in a parking lot and fight it out "one-on-one." But, in a flagrant violation of the agreement, one of them brought two other guys with him. Strictly speaking, the other man wasn't playing by the rules either. He brought along a bucket of paint thinner, which he threw at his three adversaries, then tried to set them on fire.

## GIVE ME THAT OLD TIME ROCK AND ROLL ... AIEEEEE!

A teenager attending college in Singapore was playing "air guitar" while jumping up and down on the bed in his third-floor dorm room, when he accidentally bounced right out an open window. The coroner ruled it "death by misadventure."

## ON NEGLECTING ONE'S MANLY DUTIES ...

After a few hours of trying to coax her husband into having sex with her, a woman in Buenos Aires, Argentina, became frustrated and stabbed him in the back. He survived. She told police that she "had the right to punish him," because he "failed to fulfill his obligations."

## UH, I WAS JUST PASSING THROUGH, OFFICER

A 16-year-old boy, vandalizing a cemetery in Roodhouse, Ill., became trapped at the scene of the crime, when a 600-pound gravestone he tipped over landed on his leg. He was arrested.

## GREAT, NOT MUCH TRAFFIC TODAY

A woman in League City, Fla., did not realize it was Saturday, and dropped her 6-year-old daughter off at her elementary school. A passer-by spotted the girl a few hours later. The mother was charged with endangering a child.

## END OF DISCUSSION!

During an argument over a mahjong game in Lorong Baru, Malaysia, one man shoved a spoon up another man's nose.

## HELLO? I THINK WE'VE BEEN CUT OFF

A woman lost her arm when she flipped her vehicle on a highway in Lexington, Ky. Police got a quick clue as to the cause of the accident when they found her cell phone still clutched in the hand of the severed limb.

## YOU SPENT HOW MUCH?!

A middle-aged man blew almost \$30,000 on booze and female attention at a strip joint in Oslo, Norway, and then went to court to get his money back.

He claimed he had been drugged, and that contributed to his irresponsible behavior. However, witnesses, including strippers, contradicted him, saying that he had been drinking heavily, and that his antics, including one involving whipped cream, were done of his own free will. And anyway, the defense pointed out, the guy decided to sue only after his wife saw

his credit card bill. He's lost.

## YOU DON'T LOOK DECEASED TO ME, MA'AM

A woman in Des Moines, Iowa, faked her own death to get out of paying fines for traffic violations, submitting a phony obituary and a forged letter from her mother saying she was dead. The plot failed when she got another traffic ticket a month after she supposedly died.

## BUT, THEN AGAIN, IT COULD BE A SHORT CIRCUIT

A man in Swaziland has reported that he is constantly receiving electrical shocks while in his bathroom. He attributes this to witchcraft.

## OK, WE'VE GOT SOME GOOD NEWS AND SOME BAD NEWS

A Reno, Nevada, man, indignant at being accused of robbery, voluntarily submitted to a DNA test to prove his innocence. It did, in fact, exonerate him. Unfortunately, it also established that he was guilty of murder in an unrelated case.

## LET'S SEE WHAT THIS BABY CAN DO ... CRASH!

A man in Kansas City, Mo., paid \$200,000 for a custom-made Ford GT, and waited two years for it to be delivered. Two days after it arrived, he took it out on the road and put the pedal to the metal to see how fast the car would go. Alas, he lost control and wrapped it around a concrete and steel pole. He had put only nine miles on the car.

## DRUG BINGE? ME? YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PROVE IT

Someone broke into the probation office in Waukesha, Wis., and stole all of the urine samples, which are used to make sure that ex-convicts stay off drugs and booze.

## BUT ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, A LOT OF GUYS ARE ASKING FOR DATES

A 14-year-old boy in Banovici, Bosnia, snuck into a maintenance room and secretly photographed the town's female basketball team in the shower, then sold the pictures all over town via text message. He was caught when one of the players heard that nude photos of her were making the rounds.

## HEY ...! OVER HERE ...! NO, HERE! NEXT DOOR!

A barroom right next to the brand-new Fire Station in Mount Pleasant, Mich., burned to the ground.

## TIMMY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN HERE!?

After a rash of lingerie burglaries, a homeowner in Harwinton, Conn., set up a surveillance camera to catch the thief in the act. The tape revealed the culprit was a skinny neighborhood kid who entered the home through the doggie door.

## From Oil Pg. 4

The loss of fuel economy didn't matter as I had no place to drive. Of course, that truth also reminds me that I didn't need an SUV either.

In Juneau seven years later I began commuting to work in a half-ton Chevy pickup. I would trade that for an old beat up S10 Blazer before buying a Honda Civic last spring. Much to my amazement the Civic is less fuel efficient than the near pre-historic Datsun.

So what gives me the right to criticize this president for his lack luster interest in energy conservation? He isn't alone for failing to dig into his political imagination to devise a dream to inspire the American people, the corporate rulers of Detroit, and his buddies in the oil industry.

*"Bush can still call it a problem."*

Every president since Ford has declared our foreign oil dependency as potentially crippling from both an economic and security perspective.

Yet none of them, nor Congress, ever found, or seriously searched for, a solution. That's why Bush can still call it a problem.

But on the whole, we Americans granted each of them the right not to act. We enabled the automakers the freedom to place a low priority on research and development. The harsh truth about this issue and many of the other glaring shortcomings of our elected leaders is that, for the most part, they merely reflect an indifferent attitude in our society.

Not all Americans are to blame. Some dedicated organizations have been fighting for change steadily since the 70s. Some within those have lived consistent with their convictions. I take my hat off to them.

To the rest I heap my criticism, and cynicism. Am I free to do that because I am a target for both too? It's not just our politicians afflicted with various strains of hypocrisy. The old adage goes that you can't complain if you don't vote. Well, maybe we need to do a lot more than vote and complain. Maybe we need to better model what we expect from our elected leaders in Washington.

## From Endangered Pg. 5

companies and developers to demand taxpayer dollars for not harvesting their timber or developing their land. Most amazingly, the amount of compensation wouldn't have been determined by

48 states, and the ESA played a critical role.

So we can be thankful that the eagle has recovered, and hopeful that the Interior Department follows through in delisting the most deserving species



Photo by Daniel Buck www.danielbuckphotography.com

Eagles are being taken off the Endangered Species list, so what will happen to this and other animals with the changes that are being made?

the land's current "fair market value," but on the lost hypothetical revenue that might have been generated by, say, building a high-rise or a casino on the land. The bald eagle would have been a goldmine for developers who would be financially incentivized to "dream big" and "lose big."

Fortunately, none of these ridiculous constraints hobbled the eagle's recovery because the ESA was, in fact, on the books - not the House bill. America's symbol of freedom fought its way back from the brink despite the daunting task of FWS and others to coordinate recovery plans across

success story. But the Senate's pending action should give us all great pause. In the lead-up to the House vote, the eagle's dramatic recovery was barely mentioned. There was no declaration of victory for America's symbol. No examination of what led to its recovery. No questions about whether the Pombo bill might have crippled the eagle's comeback and buried FWS in an endless and expensive mountain of bureaucratic red tape.

If the Senate truly wants to recover our endangered species, it will ask these questions. And listen to the answers.

## From Limited Pg. 4

civic matters. Such matters include help for the weak, and for minorities tyrannized by the majority - the usual justifications for heavy government intervention. These are the self-evident realities of attempting cooperative pursuit of mutual happiness. Comparatively, when has concentrated government power, using dictatorial benevolence, ever been effective at dispensing happiness?

It should now be obvious that true government of, by, and for the People is actually realized from the work of citizens alone. The work of leaders and elected officials merely influences or guides it. This prompts two questions. Citizen, are you willing to personally exercise responsibility for the practical work of civic freedom? Politician, are you willing to actually represent the true political power generated by such efforts?

# Crossword solutions

Crossword on page 8

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# "Issue Film" contest challenges Americans

By The Busby Group  
Whalesong contributor

(Los Angeles, CA) – FYI - FILM YOUR ISSUE, an unprecedented "issue film" competition inviting young Americans 18 to 26 - including seven million college and university students on 1200 campuses nationally - to add their voices to the public dialogue on contemporary issues via 30- to 60-second films, announced its Call for Entries for 2006.

The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2006.

The idealism and scope of the competition, now in its second year, has brought together such major partners as Microsoft, MSN Spaces, USA TODAY, mtvU, Entertainment Weekly, The Walt Disney Company, Paramount Pictures, Motorola and Toshiba; national and international organizations like The United Nations and U.N. Millennium Campaign, The Humane Society of the United States, A.S.C.A.P. and USC Center for Public Diplomacy; national and international leaders like Walter Cronkite, George Clooney, Senator Barack Obama, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Gillian Sorensen, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Brian Williams, Anderson Cooper, Amy Gross and Shashi Tharoor, as well as the heads of major studios, publishing, broadcasting and music industries.

Cronkite and Clooney have written open letters to young Americans on behalf of FYI, urging their participation in the competition. The letters have been distributed to the media and on hundreds of college campuses in the U.S.

The short digital films can be live action or animated and about any issue – pollution, animal welfare, gay marriage, healthcare, smoking, abortion, oil prices, religion, equal rights – or any other current political or social concern about which the filmmaker is passionate.

Filmmakers may also choose from

five suggested sub-categories, which will offer additional presentation platforms to winners: Global Issues/UN Millennium Development Goals; Animal Welfare; Arts as a Global Diplomat and Cultural Bridge; Music-Driven, featuring solo, band, or music-video-style film in which music presents the issue; and Integration of Film and New Media, involving the creation of an issue-based webpage on MSN Spaces that merges film and internet-based technologies.

Two top finalists will each be offered a paid internship at Paramount Pictures and The Walt Disney Company. MSN Spaces, which sponsored the launch of FYI - FILM YOUR ISSUE during Festival Season 2006 in Park City, Utah, will sponsor the top finalists to attend Festival Season 2007 and present their entries.

The top finalist in each of the six categories will also be broadcast on mtvU, mtvU Über at mtvU.com, MSN Video and MSNBC.com, and be invited guests, along with their faculty advisors, to the closing reception at The United Nations headquarters in New York City on June 26, 2006. The top finalists in each category will also receive a Motorola RAZR V3 mobile phone and Toshiba Qosmio notebook, and their entries showcased at the Maui Film Festival in June 2006. The Vail Film Festival in April 2006 will offer the first-look of 2006 entries.

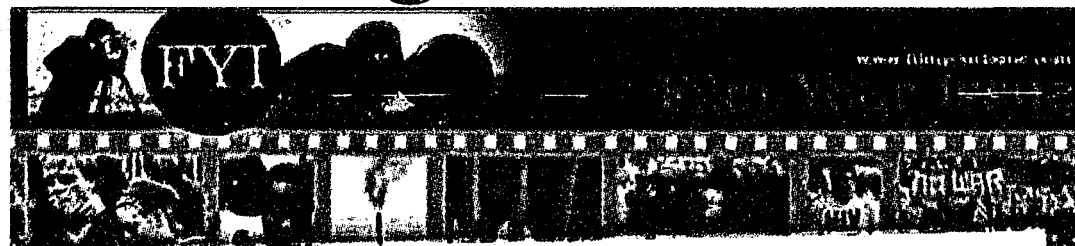
"It's very exciting that such an idealistic outreach can take flight so quickly among media leaders, academia, the Hollywood community, major corporations and government," says HeathCliff Rothman, who founded FYI - Film Your Issue in 2004. "I think that change in our society has to come from new paradigms. Visu-

## From HCS Pg. 8

both agreed on Head Control System, so maybe that was my way of making it officially our project, rather than just my 'solo' project."

Murder Nature is HCS's first al-

bum, with the two madmen storming through an array of odds and ends in the course of 11 tracks, never really sitting still for more than a beat of a butterfly wing, lashing back at us with G.'s infectious vocals and the concus-



## A Letter from George Clooney

VIP Judge of FYI - FILM YOUR ISSUE  
An unprecedented 30-to-60 second "issue film" competition  
open to all Americans 18 to 26



I'm here to talk you out of this.

It all seems too much of a longshot. Too hard. The idea that you could film something important to you, and people would listen is not very likely. So if anything can talk you out of this... let it.

The 'FYI - Film Your Issue' program is designed to bring your voice into the arena. It's about questions you want to ask or want answered. It belongs to you.

There's not much riding on it. Just the state of the world. The condition of your country. Your town. Your home.

You can decide that these issues are all too big for one person to change. You're probably right. In fact, I bet you could find a lot of people who would agree with you. And each of them could find a lot more people that would say one voice can't be heard.

You could form clubs based on the fact that the toughest problems in the world are just too much for one person to change. Maybe form a national board... with committees and a caucus and even a building... they might even put a statue of you on the front lawn to commemorate the first person to properly articulate how little one person can effect change...

...stand it across the street from a courthouse with a tiny little plaque with two words on it...

Rosa Parks

I can't wait to see your film.

Entertainment Weekly, USA Today, mtvU, MSNBC, ASCAP

als and film are the language of this generation. We want to engage young Americans in contemporary issues, invite them to tell us what matters to them."

MSN Spaces is where the FYI filmmakers will also create personal profile pages, share their current and past projects, progress reports and blogs about the issues being presented. Final-

ists will be tallied by a combination of public and VIP Jury votes.

The semi-finalist films will be presented on MSN Video, and the public will be able to vote on the semi-finalists by visiting MSNBC.com.

Interested filmmakers should visit [www.filmyourissue.com](http://www.filmyourissue.com) to get more information, sign up for updates, register and submit films.

tion-like rhythms of Cardoso. And you might even find yourself singing along from time to time. Hell yeah.

Cardoso openly admits that HCS is about girls and that "lots of guys will be listening to it in the closet". He

says, "I'd hardly call it metal actually. It sounds heavy, yes, but I was recording it with a rock attitude and vibe." So buckle up, crank up the volume dial and let the music drive you till the cows come home.