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THE INKWELL

BY BRAD

IT'S THAT A CARTOONING KIT MY AUNT GERTIE GAVE ME FOR CHRISTMAS.

IT'S GOT PENS AND PENCILS AND A BOOK GUARANTEED TO MAKE THE WORST CARTOONIST FUNNY...

THE BEAT

ADVENTURES IN AGGIELAND

By GREG

WELL HERE WE ARE, BACK IN ANOTHER SEMESTER AT...

...BY NOW YOU'VE PROBABLY MET WITH ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS...

ONCE AGAIN, IT'S TIME TO SPEND OUTRAGEOUS AMOUNTS OF MONEY ON BOOKS YOU'LL PROBABLY HATE. IT'S TIME TO START WAKING UP BEFORE NOON, AND IT'S TIME TO AVOID THAT DREADED HALFWAY OF DOOM IN THE MSC AS YOU TAKE THE LONG WAY AROUND ALL THE OBNOXIOUS VENDOR-TYPES TO GET TO YOUR MAILBOX OR BUY YOUR TEXTBOOKS.

...AND IT'S TIME TO CHECK YOUR P.O. BOX TO CLEAR OUT THE 14 WAL-MART ADS, THAT LOUPOUS NEWSPAPER-THING, AND THAT MISSING BANK STATEMENT YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR, THAT HAVE BUILT UP IN YOUR BOX WHILE YOU WERE GONE.

O.K., ON 3, WE MAKE A BREAK FOR THE POST OFFICE.

O.K. I THINK I'LL FEEL THEM STARTING TO BUDGE!

Sketch

By Quatro

WHAT I DID OVER THE CHRISTMAS VACATION...

AFTER LISTENING TO EVERYONE ELSE'S ADVENTURES, THAT I DID OVER CHRISTMAS VACATION WASN'T ALL THAT GRAND.

I LOST MY GIRLFRIEND, GOT DRUNK MOST THE TIME AND BECAME REACQUAINTED WITH MY HAND.

...HOWDY! ANYWAY, JUST ONE MORE MINUTE, MOM!

...ROUND THAT TIME OF YEAR WE ALL GOT GIFTS FROM SANTA CLAUS; GRANDPA GOT ANOTHER HERNIA, AND GRANDMA FINALLY WENT THROUGH MENOPAUSE. MOM, DON'T YOU THINK YOU HAVE HAD ENOUGH TO DRINK?

...UP YOURS, BILL! AND GET YOUR DAMNED BRATS OUT OF MY HOUSE!!

I EVEN RECEIVED A PRESENT FROM OL' SAINT NICK, ALTHOUGH IT WAS A TAD BIT LATE. IT WAS A BILL FROM MY ALMA MATER, IMAGINE THAT TELLING ME I HAD TO PAY NOW, ISN'T THAT GREAT? ...BUT I DON'T EVEN USE THE COMPUTERS ON CAMPUS!

...AND WHEN I LEARNED WHAT TELE-GRADE HAD TO TELL ME, SQUEAKING BY ON A 2.0 FELT RATHER STRANGE. BUT, BY GOLLY, I'VE MADE A TON OF NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS. AND THIS SEMESTER, I SWEAR I'M GONNA CHANGE (YEAH, RIGHT).

WELCOME BACK, AGS!!!

WEATHER

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| <b>Today</b><br>Showers and thunderstorms.<br>High of 65. SW wind 10-15 m.p.h.  | <b>Wednesday</b><br>Numerous showers. High of 56.<br>NW wind 10 m.p.h. | <b>Thursday</b><br>Partly cloudy. High of 60. |
| <b>Tonight</b><br>Rain likely and cooler. Low near 45. Wind shifting to the NW. | <b>Wednesday Night</b><br>Scattered showers. Low near 42.              |   |

Source - A&M Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

By Alvaro Girl Scouts fight proposed cookie sales tax

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — The state of Maine is trying to collect a few crumbs from the Girl Scouts, slapping a 6 percent "snack tax" on sales of Thin Mints, Trefoils, Samoas and Do-si-dos.

The Girl Scouts say it's a half-baked idea to tax a non-profit group.

"We're just a bunch of girls trying to raise money for our organization and we don't need the tax people picking on us," said Julia Payne, 13, of Houlton.

The state imposed a snack tax in 1991 on cookies, chips and candy bars. Initially, the Bureau of Taxation wanted to tax Girl Scout cookies on the wholesale level but backed down when challenged and returned \$100,000 to the group.

Now the state argues that the Girl Scouts must pay taxes at the retail level because they're running a major retail enterprise, more than just a "casual sale."

"A casual sale is hit-or-miss," state tax assessor John LaFaver said Sunday. "Maybe they do it one year and not the next. It's unpredictable, like a lawn sale type of thing."

Jane Hartman, a lawyer for the Kennebec Girl Scout Council, said LaFaver is misinterpreting the law.

The chips will fall Wednesday, when Superior Court Justice Donald Alexander is to rule on the legality of the state's action.

Hawaii has a sales tax on Girl Scout cookies, but very few other states do, because the Girl Scouts are a nonprofit organization, said Bonnie McEwan, spokeswoman for Girl Scouts USA in New York.

"The cookie sale is a program experience for girls' education skills and team building," she said. "It's a fund-raiser and makes local Girl Scout activities possible."

In Maine, the cookie sale has been going on for 60 years. Last year, the 16,000 members of the state's two Girl Scout councils — the Kennebec and the Abnaki — grossed more than \$3 million. Cookie profits make up 60 percent of the councils' budgets.

"A part of scouting ... is learning to be a responsible citizen. And part of that is paying your taxes," LaFaver said.

With tax, the price of a box of cookies sold by the Kennebec Council would go from \$3 to \$3.18.

Julia Payne earned a badge last year for selling more than 150 boxes. She said she's worried that cookie sales will drop and activities will have to be cut if the price is increased.

"My goal is 200 for this year, but with the tax it may have to be 125," she said.

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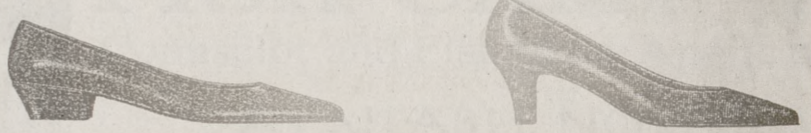


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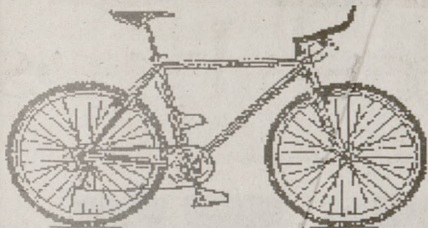
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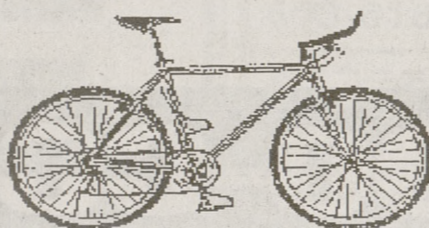
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