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Winona Ryder onvicted of vandalism, grand theft

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. - Actress Winona Ryder s convicted Wednesday of ealing \$5,500 worth of highshion merchandise from Saks h Avenue last year.

The jury found the star of Girl, rupted guilty of felony grand and vandalism but cleared

of burglary panel the ict after 5 berations two days. The two-

Oscar inee, who rked her st birthday in the defendant's

air, was arrested Dec. 12 as she the Beverly Hills store, her maladen with packages. Ryder did not testify during the id, which lasted two weeks. The prosecution told the jury at Ryder came to Saks with larmy on her mind, bringing shopng bags, a garment bag and scisrs to snip security tags off items. e than \$1 min "She came, she stole, she left.

Ind of story," Deputy District

Attorney Ann Rundle said in her breach of contra osing argument. "Nowhere does court papers say people steal because they we to. People steal out of greed, for dismissal d any, spite, because it's there or for the thrill."

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Jurors were shown videotape Ryder moving through the sore laden with goods, and Saks ecurity workers testified that ther she was detained she apolohe court that me getically told them a director had of the case wild her to shoplift to prepare for a

Her attorney denounced the security guards as liars even before the trial began.

At the start of her shopping inp, she paid more than \$3,000 for jacket and two blouses. The ense said Ryder believed the e would keep her account pen" while she shopped and ould charge her later. There was evidence of an account. Geragos ridiculed the charge

Ryder vandalized merchanby cutting holes in clothes en removing the security tags. This woman is known for her ion sense," he said. "Was she ng to start a new line of ona wear' with holes in it?" bettlement talks between the and prosecution failed. just before trial the district mey's office agreed to dismiss nug charge after a doctor said thad given her two pills found in possession when she was

Ryder has made some twoen films since 1986, including lejuice, Heathers, Mermaids, le Women, The Age of ocence, Edward Scissorhands, m Stoker's Dracula, Reality

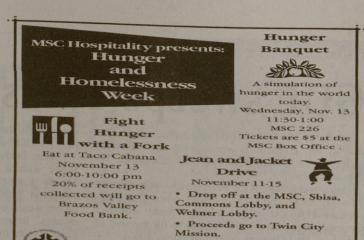
es and Mr. Deeds. She received her Academy ard nominations for Little omen (best actress) and for The e of Innocence (supporting



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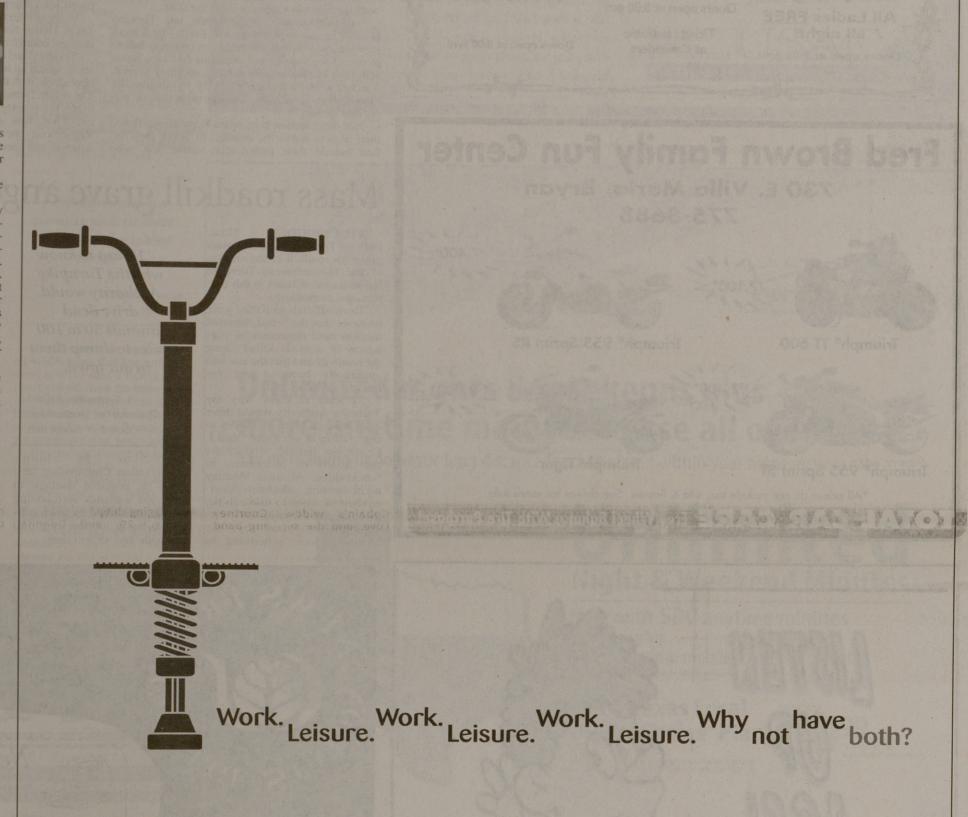
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