

Living in the lime(stone) light



Photo by Jeff Paslay

Alana Feldman, a senior fine arts major, smooths her limestone block before etching a drawing. Feldman will use a grease pencil for the drawing and etch it with nitric acid.

Posters target parents owing child support

Deadbeat parents owe \$500 million dollars in support payments in Oregon

By Daralyn Trappe
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"Wanted" posters may conjure up images of Old West attempts to round up bank robbers, but a new twist on this method of locating criminals will likely help many children in Oregon.

The Child Support Program of the state's Adult and Family Services has issued posters that have information about parents who have neglected to pay child support.

About 75,000 people in Oregon are identified by AFS as "absent parents" who are behind in payments.

The first posters focus on 14 of the worst offenders. About 135 posters of each of the 14 parents went out in late December to county district attorneys' offices, Support Enforcement Division offices and various advocacy groups. These parents owe a total of more than \$208,000 to their children, said Cheri Jaeger, AFS policy analyst.

"These 14 are either people we can't locate or people we have located and then they've disappeared," Jaeger said.

The posters are up in many offices already. Many have photos, and all have physical descriptions, the last known occupation and address, and a brief statement about the payment problem.

Jaeger said the National Child Support Enforcement Agency began the poster program two years ago and has used it successfully ever since. Several states now

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ASUO officials will attend Inauguration

Invitation catches Bobby Lee, Karmen Fore by surprise

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When ASUO President Bobby Lee first received a crisp white invitation in the mail asking him to attend President-elect Bill Clinton's inauguration, he had his doubts.

"I didn't believe it even though it said it was an official invitation," Lee said. "I thought it was just a generic invitation."

But the invitation is indeed official and Lee said both he

and ASUO Vice President Karmen Fore, who was also invited, plan to attend.

Lee said they won't use incidental fees to pay for the trip but will use money from their parents. They're also working with Gerry Moseley, vice-provost for academic support and student services, to determine how much money the University can shell out so they can attend the event.

At presstime on Tuesday, Moseley said he was willing to buy plane tickets that day for Lee and Fore to ensure they can go to the 52nd Presidential Inauguration.

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Student commits suicide during break

Ali Earl Ferguson allegedly shot himself in the head with a 12-gauge shotgun

By Matt Bender
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A University student committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a 12-gauge shotgun in his Eugene apartment during Christmas break, according to police reports.

Ali Earl Ferguson, from Anchorage, Alaska, was found dead in his quad apartment on the 1800 block of Harris Street by a next-door neighbor on the morning of Dec. 27.

Winn Cushman, who lived in the same quad as Ferguson, said he noticed Ferguson's door was open and that music was playing. Cushman said he got suspicious and went into Ferguson's room and found his body.

Police don't know the exact time of death, but EPD Sgt. Dennis Baker said the body appeared to be fresh and that Ferguson probably died that morning or the previous evening.

No one in the area reported hearing any shots fired, Baker said.

Ferguson, 20, was an avid body builder and is listed in the University Student Directory as a psychology major.

According to police reports, Ferguson was last seen on Christmas Eve.

Baker said Ferguson left a personal note to his mother, but the note did not give police any clues about why he committed suicide.

Friends and neighbors of Ferguson told police that they did not know why he took his life, Baker said. According to police reports, fellow residents in Ferguson's apartment complex described Ferguson as quiet and withdrawn.

WEATHER

The sun might peek out briefly today, but expect mostly cloudy skies and cold weather through the end of the week.
High 38, low 25.

MAN'S BEST FRIEND

ANDALUSIA, Ala. (AP) - A dog may be man's best friend, but not necessarily an inmate's.

When Jason Davis was arrested New Year's Eve on drunken-driving charges, he was accompanied by his small mixed-breed dog. The hour was late when troopers brought Davis and his dog to the jail.

Covington County Sheriff Wilbur Mitchell said the jailer didn't know what to do with the dog, so Davis was permitted to keep it in the cell.

But once behind bars, the dog bit two inmates, Mitchell said.

He said they were "just nicked" while playing with the dog, but were treated at a hospital as a precaution.

SPORTS

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - The John Hancock Bowl's overnight rating was less than hoped for by its sponsor, but the game in which Baylor defeated Arizona 20-15 outdrew the Orange Bowl.

The Hancock Bowl ended up with a 4.5 rating compared with the Orange Bowl's 4.1.

Jack Mahoney, John Hancock Financial Services sports marketing executive, had said before the game that he hoped its rating would equal last year's number of 6.0 when Illinois and UCLA played.

"Considering we had two institutions from smaller markets, those numbers are good," said co-director Tom Starr.