

Graffiti artists leave their mark on Eugene mural

□ Wall Brawl gives Eugene its first sighting of graffiti art

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A pair of plastic milk crates and a brown Footlocker bag carried spray paint cans from the graffiti art of San Diego, Berkeley and San Francisco to Eugene March 6.

At the end of that weekend, a mustard yellow wall was changed into a splashy mural across the back of a building facing some railroad tracks.

Sake, Neon, Quasar, Wim and Mez had all met at the wall near Third Avenue and Monroe Street for a Wall Brawl, a contest between Mez and another artist, Taz.

Mez and Taz were given two 30 by 15 foot spaces on the wall at the beginning of the weekend, and at 4 p.m. that Sunday, their peers would judge the finished pictures.

The winner of the Wall Brawl gets bragging rights, Quasar said. "It'll be easy to tell, everybody knows what's bad and what's good."

Alek Geminski, a University freshman who plans to study art, said good graffiti art has clean lines, carefully blended colors, attention to detail and "flair and appeal."

By Sunday afternoon, Mez won the Wall Brawl by default. Taz left a half-painted mural and never returned to finish it.

"I don't think he's gonna complete...that's real sick," Quasar said. "This is serious. You're not supposed to leave the wall. Your girlfriend or homeboys bring you food. If you have to pee, you go over there, so you're not too far away," he said, pointing at a clump of



Photo by Anthony Forney

Packed with paint and imagination, Quasar (left) and Sake create otherworldly images on a wall in Eugene.

bushes about 20 feet from Taz's unfinished painting.

The materials the five men used are simple — Krylon spray paint in 20 or 30 colors and a pocket full of removable nozzles for different lines and textures.

Masks to protect from paint fumes and cut-off rubber glove fingers to protect the hands are optional.

Graffiti art is not taught in schools — most graffiti artists begin by "tagging," quickly and illegally spray-painting their

names on freight trains or walls.

From there, beginning artists move on to "throw-ups," which are more elaborate names, bigger and filled-in with different

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Another witness testifies in King beating trial

□ Officer Melanie Singer says she didn't help to avoid heckling

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A policewoman testified Monday she declined to give medical help to a hog-tied, bleeding Rodney King after his beating because she didn't want to be heckled by a group of joking officers.

Officer Melanie Singer, a defense witness whose testimony last week was seen as damaging to the defense, fought tears as she recounted seeing King lying in the dirt moments after policemen beat him March 3, 1991.

"There was blood dripping literally from his mouth, and there was a pool of blood beneath his chin," said Singer, under cross-examination from Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Tieger.

Singer said she started to reach for her gloves to give medical aid to King, but decided against it after seeing other officers nearby "joking around."

"I didn't want them to heckle me," she said.

Under questioning from defense attorneys, Singer acknowledged she couldn't identify the officers or whether they worked for the Los Angeles Police Department or other agencies.

She also said she didn't know if they included any of four officers on trial in federal court on charges of violating King's civil rights in the videotaped beating. They are Sgt. Stacey Koon, officers Laurence Powell and Theodore Briseno and former officer Timothy Wind.

Singer said the scene bothered her.

"I just couldn't understand why they were just stand-

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WEATHER

Mild weather is on tap through Wednesday for Eugene-Springfield.

Morning clouds should burn off today, leaving plenty of sunshine for an afternoon of studying outdoors.

Highs will be in the mid-60s.

507 INCHES — SNOW KIDDING

CRATER LAKE (AP) — The oldtimers have been telling the stories for years, of day-after-day snowstorms burying buildings, trees and other landmarks at Crater Lake National Park, located at 6,100 feet in the southern Oregon Cascades, but no one truly believed the tales until now.

As of Saturday, a total of 507 inches of snow had fallen at Crater Lake. That's still below the season average of 533 inches, but a lot more than in recent drought years.

The record snowfall, 879 inches, occurred in 1932-33.

SPORTS

SEATTLE (AP) — McDonald's will take over the Kingdome scoreboard sign above left field when the Marlboro Man rides out of town at the end of the year.

The sign has sported a giant Marlboro cigarette ad since 1976. The King County Council passed an ordinance banning tobacco advertising on county property, which includes the Kingdome.

Philip Morris will remove the tobacco sign four years before the company's contract was to run out.

Mariners president Chuck Armstrong said officials wanted a sponsor "that would enhance the family values of going to the ball park." McDonald's signed a four-year agreement for the advertising rights.

Playboy to recruit from the University

□ The magazine has not covered the "Girls of the Pac-10" since 1985

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A photographer for *Playboy* begins interviews today for the magazine's "Girls of the Pac-10 Conference" pictorial, to be featured in its October issue.

Women students of the Pacific-10 Conference, of which the University belongs, will appear in the magazine for the first time since October 1985.

"The last two times we traveled to Pac-10 territory we not only found many beautiful women for our fall feature, we also found two women who went on to become Playmates of the Month," said Jeff Cohen, *Playboy's* managing photo editor.

Today, *Playboy* photographer David Chan will begin three days of interviews.

Interested students must be at least 18 years old and registered either full-time or part-time at the University.

Elizabeth Norris, the magazine's public relations director, said interviews consist of questions about who the interested student is, such as hobbies and what the woman's major is.

"We like to know our people," Norris said.

A Polaroid is taken of the woman during the interview, Norris said, and the photos and gathered information are evaluated after all of the interviews are done. If a woman is selected, she is later contacted and invited to a photo session in Los Angeles, Chicago or an area near the student's school.

Students who appear in a fully nude photo will receive a \$500 modeling fee. Those who appear partially nude get \$250, and those who are fully clothed get \$100.

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