









PROMO PHOTO OF THE WEEK



The Emerald entertainment desk gets an avalanche of promotional photos for bands, movies and various "acts" during any given week. This special column takes a moment to present the most bizarre image received.

Our faces froze with gasps of shock similar to that of the youngest girl in the photo when we feasted our eyes on these green monsters. Of course, cucumbers that can be hollowed into canoes and cabbage leaves big enough to build the clam shell for a front yard Venus De Milo sculpture can only mean one thing: A state fair is on the way.

Sadly, our fair Beaver State has failed to create such promotion, which is, at the least, attention-getting. To go where size really does matter, travel to Alaska for its state fair Aug. 24-Sept. 3. Despite the chilly stereotypes, promoters boast: "The Land of the Midnight Sun produces 90-pound cabbages, 190-pound pumpkins and other monster veggies.'

Our suggestion is to make a trek out of it. Start at the Oregon State Fair, venture north to Washington's, then hit the big freakin' greens. In fact, stop by a county fair along the way and see Styx.

Visit anchorage.net for more information about the fair or where to get matching purple plaid flannels.

'Giant' band set to play Eugene

he band that brought us musical history lessons about one-term former president James K. Polk and the name flip-flop of Turkey's capital is coming to Eugene. They Might Be Giants have been confirmed as the headlining act for the Eugene Celebration on Sept. 14. A few months ago, band members John Flansburgh and John Linnell told CNN they don't mind being called nerd rockers — or even a novelty act. But after seven studio albums, a slough of live and greatest hits material and a TV show theme song here and there, the boys aren't a novelty like The Buggles or Len. They're simply good. Don't be a fool; go see them when they come to town.

TMBG will release "Mink Car" Sept. 11. Veterans of the band's live sets will recog-

nize many of the songs, including "Cyclops Rock" and "Another First Kiss." Speaking of "nerd rockers" with upcoming albums, The

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their new al-The Be-In bum in 2002,

John Shipe Band

with the help of John Parish of P.J. Harvey's band and

Eels announced

this week that

they will release

But few are looking as far forward as Mr. Lang, for they are still aghast with joy over Tuesday's *NSYNC release, "Celebrity." Because there isn't enough *NSYNC-oriented news in this issue already, Mr. Lang has accumulated a few tidbits about the heartthrobs.

In an interview with MTV's Carson Daly, *NSYNCer Joey Fatone said when he gets a case of the blues real bad, he likes to go on a CD-buying spree to turn his frown upside down. Recently, Fatone admitted, he dropped \$500 on albums at a Warehouse Music store just to pull himself out of the doldrums. But there's an up-

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