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TUNNEL OF TEARS: CBMR has created a new family-friendly Adventure Park feature called "Mine Shaft." Thrilling and chilling, the terrain park is scheduled to remain open until the very last patch of snow is left. Photo by Pedro Dopechavi

Love lost in the **Grand Traverse**

"Sorry babe, gotta train"

[BY STAN A. SLUFF]

(Editor's note: Last week we covered the GT itself. This week we start a 14-part series on how others in the community are impacted by the

Every year in early December relationships and families are blown apart as Grand Traverse racers head to their computers, go online and sign up for the infamous race. Once registered, the result is four months of training, absenteeism and overall discontent. Not to mention dwindling bank accounts as racers buy up anything and everything that may save four ounces of weight and shave three minutes off their time.

"It's insane," says local woman Jane Pinchot whose boyfriend just finished the race last weekend. "At first I tried to be supportive and enthusiastic, but when one day a week of training runs with his partner, Bill, turned into two days a week, then three days a week, then three days and two evenings a week, I thought, 'Is my boyfriend gay?' Not that there's anything wrong with that. Not only that, he and his partner finished 87th in a time of 12 hours, 23 minutes. 87th?! Over 12 hours?! Hell, I hiked to Aspen last summer with my girlfriends and it took us seven hours. What a p*ssy."

Jim Tinsdale was in a similar predicament, only worse. Tinsdale and his wife Lisa have two kids ages six and nine. Lisa decided to try the Grand Traverse for the first time this year and things spiraled out of control.

"Back in December Lisa and her partner started training on their backcountry set ups," explains Jim. "Then, two weeks in they started seeing other teams out training on lightweight gear and decided they needed that too."

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County closing some, no, all roads to CB for needed work this summer

Better than a wall

[BY KRISTOL PYSTOL]

It was announced at Tuesday's joint meeting between the Crested Butte Town Council and Board of Gunnison County Commissioners that the few roads leading to Crested Butte would be closed for periods of time this coming summer...some of them for significant periods.

It started with the closure of Cottonwood Pass for repairs that was extended to three years with continuing work on both sides of the pass. But county manager Mattew Berbie announced that Kebler Pass would be closed June 30 through September 4 for avalanche work.

"Avalanche work in July?" asked councilman Jim Belly.

"Safety first," responded Berbie. "Hey, weren't you the one who said I wanted to build a wall?"

Highway 135 will be detoured starting July 1 into late August. The detour will take cars around Blue Mesa and over to Paonia where vehicles can use Kebler Pass.

"Oops," said Berbie. "Maybe we should send them over Monarch to Buena Vista and over Cottonwood. Oops. I wasn't thinking when we

made these decisions. I was too busy building a frickin' wall apparently. Oh well. My bad."

The council tried to get him to change the dates but Berbie said he and the staff had to leave the joint meeting because there was the potential for a possible rock slide just south of CB South as the county was working with explosives.

"Frankly we don't want to be stuck in the north end of the valley where people whine about not knowing how to get their license plate renewals online," said commissioner Jonothin Houka. "Oh and the work south of CB South is for a new unneeded bridge. We build bridges...not walls. Get it!?"

"Well, I guess there's always Schofield," commented councilwoman Lori Fitchel after the county staff departed.

"Closed because of the summer Al Johnson," they heard Berbnie yell through the window as he chuckled into his car and back down valley.

Chamber director Surprisa Guest said members were not pleased with the county decision. "But I don't care, I'm outta here," she noted. "And it looks like I better be quick. Tell it to

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CB Council may sell its commercial spaces in town

Looking at way to ease concerns

[BY MARK REAMON]

Given the recent blowback from tenants occupying space in town buildings, the town of Crested Butte is considering whether to just sell the commercial spaces in town. At a special meeting held Monday, the council debated the merits of continuing to rent space to local nonprofit and government entities. One councilman went so far as to say he'd pay the "outlandish" \$133/month rent himself to keep the Department of Motor Vehicles office in town. But selling seemed to be where the council was leaning.

County clerk Cathy Somillion decided to close the doors to the Crested Butte DMV office after getting a letter informing her of the eventual implementation of an annual \$1,600 rent. Other local organizations are facing similar increases and not happy about it.

"I understand the pain of paying rent but it's not like we're asking any of them for Third and Elk prices...at least not yet," commented Mayor Glen Michael. "This feels more like renting a pineapple cart in Bangladesh."

"I've only been on this board a few months but given what I've seen with the council having the testicular ability to stand up to public pressure and take strong, definitive stands in the face of unreasonable opposition, why don't we just sell the spaces and be done with it," suggested councilman Jaxon Potato.

"It is just soooo hard," commented councilman Jim Selli.

"We need more information," added council member Paul Ferk.

"If we sell, it's decision over. I watched that plastic bag discussion and how deftly the council extended the discussion for months, and look-we have a great plastic bag ban that will go into effect sometime after 2025 and save the world by 2026," Potato continued. "The STR issue used to pack the house and now hardly anyone shows. And when they make a point we can agree with them and they don't come back. And then we change things again. As Paul said, eventually they all just go away except for Sue and Steve and Jim."

"I'm not sure I said that," responded Ferk. "Actually I'm not sure what I said and I think everyone here on the council can back me up on that."

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Overheard]

'I've never seen so many babes. I love protesting at women's marches." —Dude at the Eldo

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CBMR starts new 'old school CB' campaign

Giving guests true CB value with Twister, torn seats and smells...

[BY MARK FREEDOM]

Crested Butte Mountain Resort has decided to go all-in with old school Crested Butte and the senior staff has started a new campaign that takes the resort back to the glory days of Ski Bummin' daze.

The Twister lift is being rejuvenated and will be a primary lift for the 2017-18 ski season. "We were tired about everyone talking about how they missed Twister so we decided to go there," explained CBMR president Miguel Cats. "I don't ski much and all I remember about Twister was that it was slow, cold and old, the chairs were always in danger of falling off but it was located close to a bar. If people want that, we're cool and we want to extend that old school attitude to next season. I mean let's all strap on the 205s and ski some family bumps people!"

Cats said that teams of workers were already prepping the facilities for the old school look and one particular point of pride was the lift seats. CBMR recruited a team of under-aged drunk Western kids from the late night RTA party bus to work on their chairlifts.

"We sort of have the stop-andto give the guests the complete old school experience, so we took Piss Soreless' advice and traded a few happy hour drink vouchers to get the Western kids working on the actual seats. They were the main guys in that late night RTA party bus deal. We let them and their talents

loose and they are doing a fantastic job. They scrape and scratch and cut and pull the seats to give them that 1970s feel (see accompanying photo). We're surprised how much people seem to like and appreciate that. We gotta give something for \$115 a day."

Cats said the senior management team was debating whether to go to the next level and duct tape up some of the seats. "That seems more '80s but we might try that on a few lifts. Who doesn't love duct tape? We are requiring that every employee utilize at least one piece of duct – or is it duck – tape on their uniforms. The more visible the better as far as our new campaign is concerned. We're keepin' it real," he

"Oh, and you know what's rego lift thing down but we wanted ally real? A real scent experience. And there's nothing more real than standing in the line at Paradise and experiencing the olfactory sensation of real poop," gushed Soreless. "One whiff and I don't know about you, but my passion is inspired. So we've been experimenting on that all season down there. People love



SHABBY CHIC: "We actually love this look," said CBMR president Caatz. "It reminds me of the old days in CB. Another reason to use duct tape, which is pretty much the heart and soul of Crested Butte character. The more of these we have the more we attract the people who love CB!" COURTESY PHOTO

it. It's all about the past and poop is dinner passed if you follow me. The beauty of this underground marketing idea is that when people get home and go poop, scientific research proves it reawakens olfactory memories and will harken them back to their Paradise experience. And like the title of my favorite book — Everybody poops! It's a sample at their Adventure Center.

great new age marketing concept. I dare any other resort to go there. We may even extend it to East River."

To help with the East River poop project and duck tape campaign CBMR has started a Go Fund Me account. You can find it (maybe) on their Facebook page. Or just drop off a roll of duck tape or a stool

New study shows STRs result in increased STDs

People apparently do weird things in other people's houses

[BY FRAN A. SLUFF }

In their constant quest for more information on STRs, Crested Butte Town Councilmembers admit they may have got too much information. A study by some town staff concluded that STRs encourage STDs and that residents are just SOL as a result.

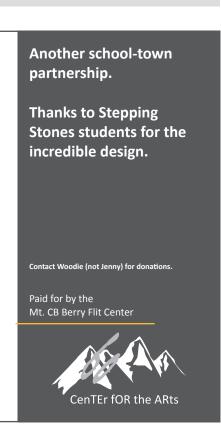
'Yup, from my research on the streets there is a group of short term renters (STRs) that come here for fun and just spend a lot of money on booze and weed and so are not adverse to actually take some locals home to someone else's house and ... you know...do it," explained a single anonymous staff member (SASM) "And when you do it, especially in someone else's house, you are, shall we say, a little more carefree. I frankly have come to love STRs."

SASM said recent hospital statistics however show a dramatic rise in STDs in the valley that corresponds to that carefree attitude. "It could be a coincidence but the local doctors seem to see a direct correlation between the number of STRs in town and the amount of STD cases we have experienced."

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Man marries bundt cake

"I like big bundts"

[BY MILA KUNISH]

In an unprecedented display of love, area man I knew that it was meant Randy Gradishar married his mail order bride, a bundt cake, on Saturday, March 25 on the Woods

Having dated everyone, all across the board, he struggled to find true love. Then, one day while searching online for cookies to send to his cousin for her Communion, Gradishar was struck by a lightning bolt of love.

"I looked through cookies and switched to cakes as an idea and there she was, chocolate, round, moist and covered in chocolate icing, I couldn't believe my eyes and a warm fuzzy feeling washed over me," explains Koontz. "I had to have her, or it."

Given the emotional wave, Gradishar opted for overnight shipping and on Friday, March 24, she, er it, arrived in the mail.

"She was so delicate in her packaging, shrink wrapped tight, but not too tight, and placed lov-

ingly in a cake tin. It was overwhelming," explains Gradishar. "She was better in person than online and to be."

The two were married on the Woods Walk with no one in attendance and the rest is history.

"I said 'I do' and she said... nothing. Sometimes silence is the strongest form of expression," said Gradishar.

honey-The two mooned at the Elevation Hotel and, just like that, it was over.

"The night was magilove the only way a man

and a cake can and I slept like I've never slept before,"

says Gradishar. "The next morning I couldn't believe my eyes. I left to get some ice and make breakfast reservations and housekeeping had come in to get some of the cake off the walls and change the sheets and she was gone, just like that. All that was left were some crumbs and a dirty napkin. While the marriage was short, she was the love of my life and I'll always remember my first bundt."



cal, we consummated our Randy was all smiles with his beautiful bundt bride on their special day. PHOTO BY LINDA STERNBURGER



Take our sage advice, these sammies are going fast!

STRs result in STDs

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"This has become a bit of a local epidemic," reported Dr. Thersen to the council. "Before I dealt with sniffly children, pill poppers looking for a fix and over concerned parents, now I spend most of my days looking at people's junk, and it ain't pretty."

"Without going into details, I must say that being a single dude in town, STRs have been a boon," SASM continued. "There is one house in particular rented by someone who has come to a lot of our STR meetings—I won't name names but they know who they are since there's a few oddly placed mirrors in the place—that is a regular on the circuit. A lot of my friends are certainly spending a lot less time at the bars and a lot more time in your house with strangers...or as some people describe them 'the people that make this economy purr.' And that reminds me: when I say purr I mean in the furry costume sense. There's one of the STR neighborhoods that seems to attract the furry crowd. Not sure why but that is ground zero of the STD STR nexus which is about the only provable nexus ever brought up in this discussion. Meow...'

Councilmember Jim Shmidtt also drives for Alpine Express and mentioned that there's a new stop on his route from town to the air-

"Typically, we stop on the way to condos to get groceries and booze," explained Schmidtt. "Now I'm stopping at City Market and Wal Mart on the way back to the airport so people can pick up a prescription."

"It sounds worse than the chlamydia outbreak of the 1990s at Irwin," said Irwin mayor Jon Byro.

"Look, I still think STRs are a great benefit to Crested Butte," said councilmember Cris Ladoulitch. "The money trickles down and can be spent on numerous community projects."

"From what I understand, the only thing trickling right now

"That's enough," interjected mayor Glen Michaels. "I move that we add Dr. Thersen to the STD, I mean STR, panel and table the discussion to next month."

"I second and move that we adjourn, something's just not right down below, anyone have some penicillin?" concluded council member Pal Mertch.

Councilmembers wanted to see more info on the topic – particularly video evidence that supports the new statistics.

Council selling spaces

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"So why don't we sell everything?" queried councilman Kris Kanoodlis. "Why not take the decision out of our hands and put it in someone else's hands? Are Paul's hands bigger than Trump's hands?

"Could we not take all the money we get from the sales of that property and give it to the Arts Center," suggested Michael.

"Which one?" asked Kanoodlis.

"Ha ha ha ha ha," chortled the entire council.

"Selling reminds me of Trump trying to sell public lands," said Selli.

"So you don't want to sell any-

thing Jim?" asked Michael.

"This whole Trump thing just kills me and I think the county is in bed with Trump more than Putin is. So I don't care what we do but the idea of Trump and the county administrator in bed together that I heard about in the previous sentence sort of turns my stomach so let's consider it but not go there

"I just want to buy something in CB South," muttered mayor pro tem Roland Greyson.

"I just want to buy something in Mexico," one upped councilwoman Laura Mitchal.

"I just want to get out of here. When is Phil's term over?" concluded Michael.



Hey Laaaaaadies! (& fellas)

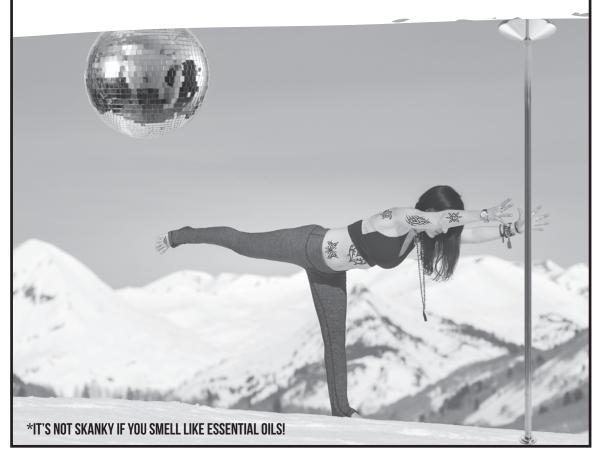
Do the dregs of winter have you feeling like a pasty, doughy ball of flub? Did you lower your standards when you realized your over-sized flannels could disguise all the extra brewdogs, pizza slices and God knows what else you crammed down your face hole when you were spiraling out from lack of sunshine and attention from the opposite sex?

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Skiers accosted by local orthos

"They came out of nowhere"

[BY STAN DRIGGS]

A visiting skier was introduced to the ongoing local orthopedic, or is it orthopaedic, wars on Saturday after crashing on Jokerville and getting accosted by representatives from three local orthopedic, or is it orthopaedic, offices.

Bill Remstead was enjoying another great day of skiing at Crested Butte Mountain Resort when he caught the tip of his ski on a slushy mogul, fell and heard a pop.

"It's a horrible sound and I knew right away I had done something bad to my knee," says Remstead. "But that wasn't the worst part."

According to Remstead, before even ski patrol could get to him, three people came running out of the trees and started grabbing random legs and arms pulling this way and that and checking vitals.

"It was insane," says Remstead. "I got one guy grabbing one leg, another woman grabbing another leg and a third person stabilizing my neck and then reaching down my bibs for another grab and asking me to turn and cough."

"Tell patrol to take you to the mountain clinic,"

screamed one.

"I have a clinic in town and there's a free shuttle, go there," yelled another.

"Meanwhile, the third just pulled out a radio and yelled 'GO HELI, REPEAT, GO HELI' at which point a helicopter was hovering overhead and a line and litter dropped down to the ground," explain Remstead.

Ski patrol arrived, assessed Remstead's knee in addition to several other injuries as a result of the kerfuffle and he was transported to the base area and ultimately asked to be taken to the next closest clinic outside of the Gunnison Valley.

"Now I got a torn ACL from the ski crash, two broken fingers from getting my hand stepped on, a mild concussion on my head from where the litter hit me and the doctor who checked down, you know, down there said he felt a small mass on my testicle," says Remstead. "Hippocratic Oath my ass!"



Otherwise, all bets are **DUST ON CRUST: Need we say more?** PHOTO BY LIDJAH STRUM

CB South becomes gated community

Preserving a place for locals

[BY ALI MCJOHNSTON]

First there was the gate on Trappers, now there's going to be a gate at the intersection of Cement Creek Road and Teocalli. It's a new move by the CB South POA to keep out the riff raff—aka rich people and tourists.

"Crested Butte is trying to preserve its community by capping short-term rentals. We're just going to keep the rich people out altogether," said POA manager Don Heimer, who said that it's imperative to preserve at least one place for locals to live.

While the measure may seem drastic, Heimer said there were two straws that broke the bird's back: multiple Audis and even a Lexus speeding through the neighborhood, and the evening busses so packed to the brim that locals were forced to drive or hitch hike.

As a result, there will be no short-term rentals allowed and residents will need to present their papers to gain entry. The idea was proposed by a local business owner who declined to speak to the *News*, since all media are liars. But Heimer explained that the installation of the gate speaks to the importance of preserving a place for locals.

"I'm assured that the agents at the

gate will be moderately friendly so long as people can prove they belong," Heimer said. Otherwise, all bets are

In order to conduct the program on budget, the POA will hire men and a token woman who applied to be US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers but failed to meet President Trump's stringent standards for ICE officers.

"It's really quite economical, but if you break the rules, they are extremely unpredictable," Heimer said.

When asked about the second entrance

to CB South, Heimer said it proved too expensive to man a gate there, so it will be walled off altogether. "We're talking about preserving a place for locals; no measure is too small."

That said, a proposal for officers to patrol the subdivision with dogs, sniffing out those who don't belong, was turned down. It was decided that there are enough dog packs roaming the streets already.



Programs available now to raise your children

gO DEVO your Shoots to Step on Stones

[BY MARTY OPPENHEIM]

Looking ahead to the summer of 2017 there's no shortage of activities as children's programming has hit an all time high in the valley, and if parents play their cards right, the only thing they need to do is drive them around and tuck them in at night.

It's gO, gO, gO for these little Shoots to DEVO a variety of programs from Stepping on Stones in Paradise to Nature camps.

"What ever happened to playing with a stick outside, killing slugs with salt and burning ants with a magnifying glass?" asked local parent Bud Lightner during a meeting to introduce children's programs. "Not to mention leaf fires, blowing up matchbox cars and breaking the windows of a vacant building just because there's a window, a bunch of rocks nearby and nothing else to do."

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CB News writeers wins awards

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Dicky uncovers shady contest

[BY KRIS TROUBLMAKER]

The Crested Butte News is proud to report that the paper received more than 14 out of 20 first place awards for journalistic excellence at the Creative Review Association Press (CRAP) seminar held last week.

"We are always proud to get some peer recognition," commented editor Mark Reeman. "This valley is so homogenous and One, it is hard to actually report on it differently from the Shopper. So we occasionally resort to making stuff up which is cool since this so-called 'fake news' trend started taking off. That's about the only thing I like about Trump right now."

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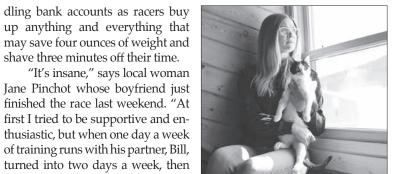
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have known about it," said investigative reporter Will Dicky. "Those guys cuss in their paper. They put naked people in their paper. Heck, a brief look at the CRAP website shows it is a group headed by Reeman with his cheesy mustache photoshopped out. And they still didn't win all of the categories. As far as I can tell, the only award they deserve is using the most *s to 'disguise' swear words in their columns. How do they get away with that s***? See, there they go again. What's a G*dfly anyway? Down here we get in trouble for running a column by a guy who called some snowflakes some funny names. It's not fair."

"As a guy who sometimes writes in confusing double negatives, he is not wrong," responded Reeman. "We didn't not give ourselves most of the awards but we wouldn't not let people know if we did or didn't."



Jane Pinchot solemnly gazes through her window as she awaits her lover's return. COURTESY PHOTO

Iim Tinsdale was in a similar predicament, only worse. Tinsdale and his wife Lisa have two kids ages six and nine. Lisa decided to try the Grand Traverse for the first time this

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Child programs

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"WELL..." responded youth program director Molly McKenzie. "A kids' mind and body needs direction and stimulus from conception to the day they proudly roll off to college, with a tracking device on their phone of course."

'College? You gotta be kidding me," exclaimed another parent. "By the time I get done paying for all of these programs, I got no money left for college. How about you take my kid for a walk and teach them how to just behave. I could care less if they can ski the Headwall or ride Strand, let alone grow an organic potato."

"Listen, things are different now," added program assistant coordinator Julie Ball. "Given the right amount of attention from others, and the right amount of money, kids can grow up to be active, outgoing and confident."

"Okay, when does sign up open? Can I sign my

kids up right now? Take 'em, all summer, take them forever!" started yelling local parent Maria Tutenter.

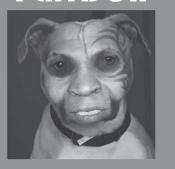
"Due to such interest, we will do registration just like the Grand Traverse and open it online at 7 a.m. tomorrow morning," said McKenzie.

"But I live in CB South, I can't get internet out there!" exclaimed Ellen Berkitz.

"I, for one, think it's a wonderful opportunity," concluded Cynthia Werther. "We just moved here from Boulder and were a little worried there wouldn't be enough for our children to do and enough time for my Pilates. I'm just so excited at all of the programming available. If I may... wouldn't it be great if there was an interactive experimental arts program for tweens? My twin tween girls are just so enamored with the arts and it would be nice to have something for kids their age."

"I got some experimental art they can do," commented Lightner. "How about they grab a garter snake, cut it in half and then experiment with which end stops moving first, the head or the ass. But in your case, your head is stuffed so far up your butt it would be a dead heat. By the way, how do you get your head so far up your butt through your Lululemon tights?"





You've heard the saying "Your dog is so ugly you should shave its ass and teach it to walk its ass and teach it to walk backwards." Well, we did and look what we found, another face! His other face says gross and so does his irritable bowel syndrome. Keep him on a strict Caro-syrup diet and never, and I mean NEVER, leave him alone. Playdoh likes to crap anywhere he can and has an innate ability to open a fridge and crap in your meat drawer.

Well, she is a cat, that much we know. Other than that. Pickles is a roll of the dice each and every day. If she gets a hankerin', Pickles can make your day full of menses, urine and the ever-popular spray. While most cats have one menses cycle in their lives, she has hers often. Not only that, she'll mark anything from the couch, to your pillow to your toddler's face. Her range is easily 15 meters wide. We've taken to stapling her tail down to keep her spraying at bay. Take her home today, please take her home today.





Bring there lovable pets home with you today!

...before we gas 'em.

posture, Bunstun is a bit of a humper. He'll hump the paint off a light post or the fur off of the neighbor's cat if given the chance. When we found him he was humping a diesel truck and wouldn't let go. When not humping, Bunstun's active salivary

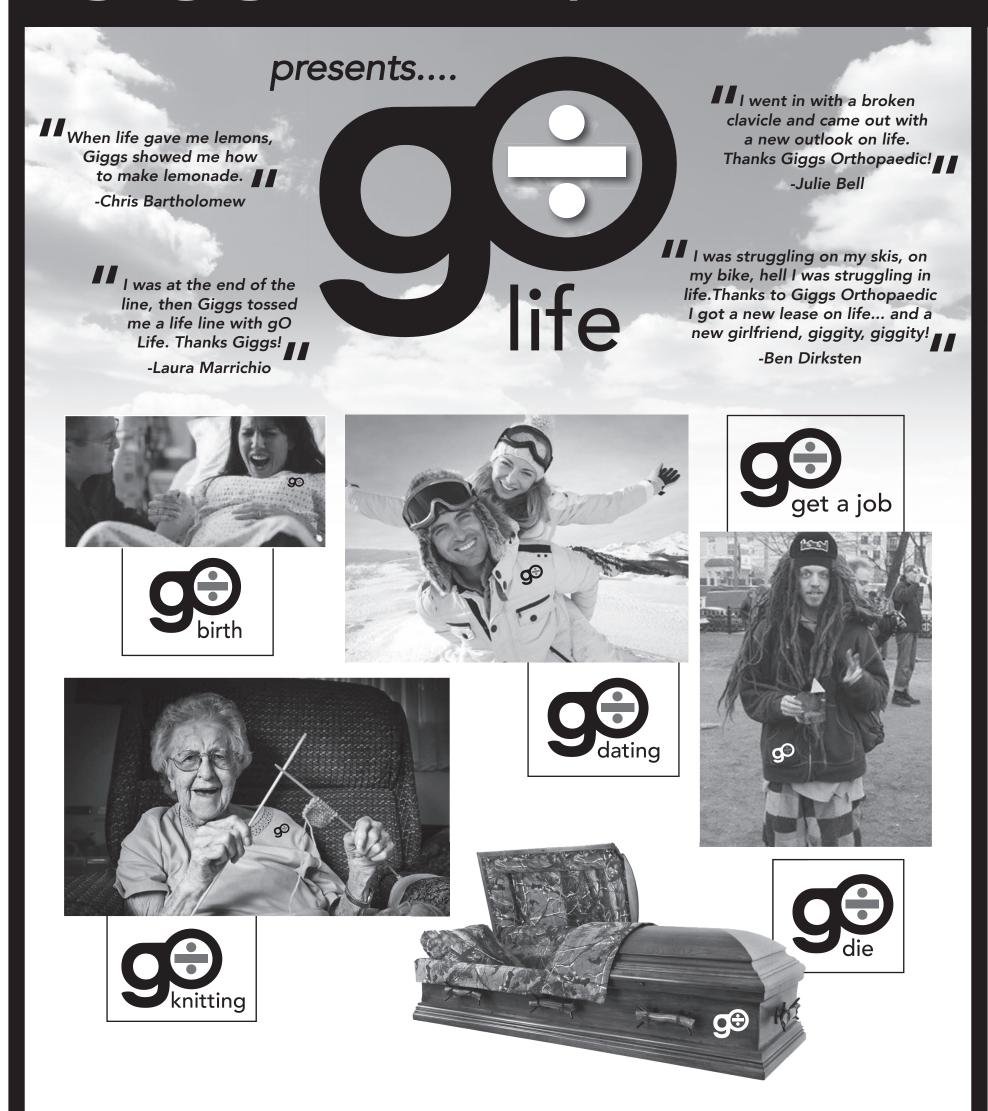
gland can often drench a small child. Licky, licky, licky,





nether regions with his whisker filled visage. He ain't that smart but when you medicate, he will defecate on command. Take this little tickly monster home and let the fun begin. Be warned, we tried neutering him but found both sets of sex organs. Finster is a goddamn hermaphrodite, we're talking parthenogenesis so the puppies just keep coming! nether regions with his whisker

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