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"If You Can't Improve the Method, Change the Moment"

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WSU Basketball Tragedy Testimony

"My Stupid- Face Brother Is Why We Lost"

(Winona) Fighting back tears and excessive sweating due to ongoing menopausal complications, Liz McGrory testified at the Winona City Council that "her brother jinxed the NCAA Division II Basketball Game because he watched it." Evidentially, her brother promised *not* to watch the game but actually saw a moment when turning on the television. "The damage was done," wept Ms. McGrory, "as his viewing of the game caused the team to lose the championship and brought their 57 game winning game streak to a



screaming and gut-wrenching halt."

The Miller/Sears family members have long avoided many games where outcomes were in question. Liz ended with the following prepared statement: "My Uncle Bing remained in the basement for both the 1987 and 1991 World Series; sequestered on only vitamin supplements and coffee. Stupid Jeff says he just 'turned on the television' but in doing so, saw the game, forcing the team to lose. What a putz."

Karen Ayre's Kick-Ass Arugula Salad:

1 tsp minced garlic, 2 tbsp quince paste, 2 tbsp water, 1 tbsp aged balsamic vinegar, 1/3 cup good olive oil, salt and pepper to taste, 1 (5 ounce) bag of baby arugula, washed/spun dry, 1/2 cup thinly sliced shallots, 3.5 ounces of good chewy bacon, 1/2 cup Marcona almonds, 1/2 cup shaved Machego Reserva. In food processor, puree garlic, quince paste, water and vinegar. Add olive oil, salt and pepper; process until emulsified. If mixture is too thick, add a bit (1 tsp) of water. In bowl, combine Arugula, shallots and 3/4 of the vinaigrette; toss to coat. Transfer the Arugula to large serving platter; sprinkle the chewy bacon bits, almonds and Manchengo over arugula, Drizzle with remaining vinaigrette, season with salt and pepper, if desired. Salad will serve 4-6 or just Mike Boysen.

What Are You Doing This Spring?



Maggie Sears: "April will be the usual grind: keeping an eye on the Barnett gals in Iowa City and avoid most of the phone calls from the folks."



Kim Barnett: "My April will be jam-packed. I am finally going to learn how to make some decent moonshine. Thanks, Mom!"



Mike Lohrmann: "Spring is my favorite time to complete some duck sculptures, work on my poetry, jazzercise and scaring the hell of the neighbors."



Heather Lohrmann: I am planning on visiting my grandmother all the time because she told me I was her favorite child, by at least "a mile and a half."



Barb Goodwin: "This Spring? I am planning to beating my husband at golf, beating my husband at tennis and just beating my husband."