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## TAKING ON PHILIP MORRIS



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Erik Vidstrand, left, and Eric Solberg of DOC (Doctors Ought to Care) sit in front of the Barfboro Barfing Team van. The two are part of a group of physicians who carry an anti-smoking message to schools across the country.

## Doctors bring anti-smoking message to Grand Valley

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A group of physicians who can't stomach smoking are trying to haul the Marlboro adventure team back into the face of the Philip Morris Co.

To do that, they hope "Barfboro" turns minds against smoking.

The group, called Doctors Ought to Care, is in Grand Junction in a red-and-white "Barfboro" van, which looks similar to the adventure team's van.

Doctors Ought to Care said the Philip Morris Co. will be in town this month to promote cigarettes to children, and they find

that unhealthy commercialism hard to keep down. They will visit area schools to spread their anti-smoking message to children by making them laugh, said Dr. Eric Solberg.

The Philip Morris Co. denies that the adventure team is intended to lure children to smoke. The company hasn't said when the team will visit the Grand Valley.

"Kids don't really respond to lectures on the dangers of smoking," said Solberg.

Solberg has traveled around the country with the group for the past three years. He said he had seen too many people who abused themselves with tobacco products, so now he spends most of his time trying to

prevent health problems rather than cure them.

The doctors were to visit Fruita High School and Book Cliff Middle School today.

Solberg said they hope to get the students to laugh at the Marlboro team with some sick street theater. They also will give away some Barfboro T-shirts, stickers, bumper stickers and pins.

Their message will be reargulated Saturday at Lincoln Park from noon until 6 p.m.

Solberg said Grand Junction will be the last destination for the Barfboro Barfing Team's 1993 tour, but the first for the Marlboro team.

## Police arrest Fruita sophs on suspicion of marijuana possession

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Three sophomores were arrested Thursday at Fruita Monument High School on suspicion of drug possession.

Fruita Police Chief Kris Monson said the students were arrested at 8:30 a.m. on the campus.

The students were released to the custody of their parents and their names were not released.

Two of the students could be charged with possession of marijuana. The other student could be charged with possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute.

Monson said that each year Fruita officers write about six tickets to high school students for possession of drugs. Monson said it's a trend he would like to see decrease. His officers will crack down on all juvenile crimes, not just crimes of violence.

"I think if you can catch them for possession at an early age you can salvage them from a life of drugs," Monson said. "If we overlook these crimes, we're going to be doing them a great disservice."

Monson added that he will also pursue charges against students for fighting and other crimes.

"We want them to know we are taking a zero-tolerance stance on all crimes," he said. "If we catch them we will bust them."

The three students must now wait to hear if the Meza County District Attorney's Office files charges.

Fruita Monument Principal Mark Zipse said the three have been suspended from school and that he will recommend they be expelled from school.

Expelling them from school might seem harsh, but Zipse said it is something he will do consistently.

"This is just something that is automatic at Fruita," Zipse said. "We just won't tolerate this kind of activity."

Zipse said the problems are caused by a handful of students and that action must be taken to protect the rest of the student population.

Zipse said the bottom line is that students need to be treated in school in the same manner they would anywhere else.

"If two kids were fighting at a McDonald's, the manager isn't going to take them outside and say, 'Don't do it anymore,'" Zipse said. "If there's a problem, they're going to call the police. That's what we're going to consistently do all year."

By taking a strong stance, students are provided with a better learning environment and the community can see that an effort is being made to stop a problem before it gets out of hand.

"I think the public needs to know our schools are safe," Zipse said. "We have students and teachers working together to keep an eye on things. So far it's been very successful."