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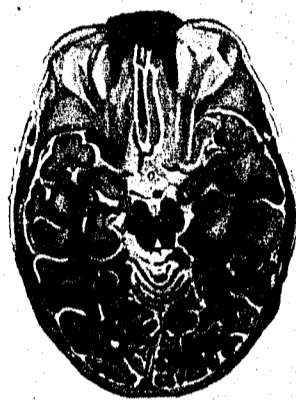
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Boise, BSU join in celebration of Earth Day

BY EMILY POITEVIN
News Writer



Both the city of Boise and Boise State University are sponsoring a number of events to help celebrate Earth Day, April 22.

There are three major events occurring at Boise State. A documentary entitled 'Global Warming,' which explores the issue of climate change and global warming in the world today, will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the Bishop Barnwell room in the SUB. The documentary is a production of the news television show '60 Minutes,' and is also accompanied by a presentation given by Tim Barker of the National Weather Service. Both the documentary and the presentation are free to students.

An Environmental Agency Fair will be held Friday, April 21. The event will be held on the Quad at 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The fair gives students a chance to hear from local and national environmental groups on a variety of issues dealing with making the earth a better place. Information on how to get involved in specific areas concerning the environment will also be available.

A major event coinciding with Earth Day is Shack City. Participating students will use cardboard and packing tape to construct a cardboard city they will then spend the night in.

The only required materials are warm clothing, sleeping bags, pillows and blankets. The goal of the event is to raise awareness about the issue of homelessness in Boise and in

the world. Shack City starts Friday, April 21, at 5 p.m. and continues into the morning of April 22.

The Volunteer Services Board sponsors all of these events. Students interested in more information on any of the events can contact John Romlein, and students interested in participating in Shack City can contact Barbara Brooks. Both can be reached at 426-4240.

The city of Boise is also hosting events designed to recognize Earth Day. Pacific Steel and Recycling is hosting an 'Extra-CANS-a'

recycling special to encourage people to recycle. The company is offering a special, one-time recycling rate of \$0.50 per pound of aluminum cans. The event will be held on April 21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are two locations in the Treasure Valley people can go to; one in Boise and one in Nampa. More information can be obtained from Seth Brown at 375-2131.

Lastly, EarthFest will be held at Julia Davis Park. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature a variety of booths all centered around improving the environment.

In addition, environmental advocacy groups will be providing information on numerous ecological subjects.

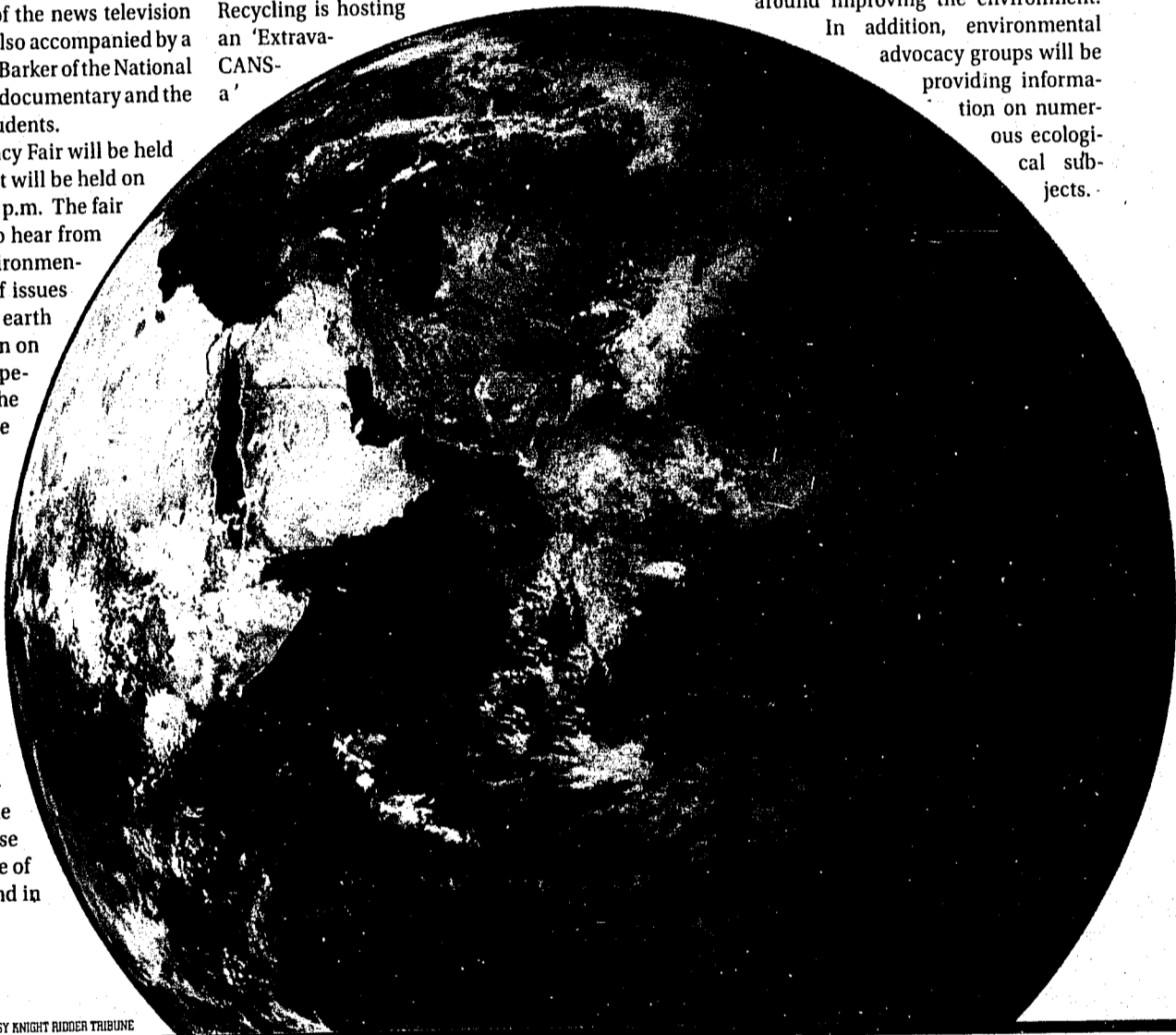


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Proposed funding cuts changed after Senate hears strong opposition

BY JESSICA CHRISTENSEN
NEWS WRITER

ASBSU senators met Tuesday to discuss the controversy surrounding the revised ASBSU FY 2007 budget. More than 10 Senate guests attended, along with more than 40 members in the Senate gallery, adding emotion and anger to the meeting.

The changes were eventually reversed in a committee meeting after a heated debate.

The budget, submitted by the Budget and Finance Committee, included changes to the original budget President Wyatt Parke had submitted involving funds which support the Cultural Center and the Women's Center.

According to the revised budget, \$4,000 in dedicated funding was taken from both the Women's Center and the Cultural Center and were instead placed in the

newly-created Senate Program Support account.

Guests of the Senate included Mike Esposito from Student Organizations, former ASBSU Vice President Texie Evans, and many others involved with the Cultural Center and Women's Center of Boise State University.

"I highly recommend you spend time deliberating on this budget or send it back into committee," Evans said.

Many of those present expressed concerns that a lack of funding to either entity would negatively impact the services each provides.

Currently, both the Cultural Center and Women's Center do not report disbursement of funds to ASBSU, unless directly requested to do so. This has created concerns for several senators.

"This is just one hoop to jump through that can determine where the money is going, to give more respect to ASBSU," ASBSU

Sen. Ryan Cooper said.

But others in the forum disagreed. Many guests expressed support for the Women's Center and Cultural Center because of the impact both make on not only the campus, but on the community as well.

"I want you to consider how you look as a Senate cutting funding from these organizations... these funds can be invested into all students, helping President Kustra meet the vision for the Metropolitan Research University of Distinction. Around the country you take a look. All carry and prize diversity," student Woody Howard said.

After hearing from Senate guests and gallery members, ASBSU senators called a ten minute recess and met to discuss their options.

In a flurry, the senators met in the Senate offices where Sen. Rupert suggested that they ad-

journal the Senate meeting and convene a Budget & Finance Committee meeting. There, they could address the issue further.

Sen. Dawson, chair of the Student Affairs, Traditions and Diversity Affairs Committee, said she didn't trust the Budget & Finance Committee, yet the Senate Pro Temp Greg Wilson said "This needs to go back to Budget & Finance."

The Senate combined the Budget & Finance and Student Affairs, Traditions & Diversity Affairs committees to hold an open meeting directly after adjourning the Senate meeting.

Budget & Finance Chair Sen. Cooper went through a line-by-line description of all changes made to the proposed budget.

"The Women's Center and the Cultural Center aren't a student organization. They don't report to the Senate unless they are asked. This new account allows

the Senate to disperse (funds) as needed," Sen. Cooper said.

The Senate argued about the worthiness of both said organizations.

"This is the United States. We have a majority culture in this country. Is it not too much to ask to have American culture understood?" asked Sen. Isaac Moffet.

"Our task is to help marginalized or minority groups whom are put down by that majority culture," Ro Parker of the Cultural Center rebutted.

The Senate eventually voted 7-4 to replace the money in the budget previously removed funds. When the budget and Finance Committee re-worked the budget, it also made numerous mathematical mistakes in calculating the budget. The budget was balanced when the Senate got it.

"There is nothing worse than a budget full of oopsies," Esposito said.

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world

Islamic Jihad continues attacks on Israel

JERUSALEM — Islamic Jihad is one of the Middle East's smaller militant groups, but it's been one of the more tenacious and troublesome forces affecting events in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank.

Unlike the larger Islamist group Hamas, which declared a temporary halt to suicide bombings last year, Islamic Jihad has pressed on, claiming responsibility for most of the nine suicide bombings that have struck Israel in the last 15 months. Thirty-six people have died in those attacks.

Islamic Jihad has been behind some of Israel's deadliest suicide bombings, including the October 2003 bombing of Maxim's restaurant in Haifa, which killed 21 people. The attacker was one of the first Palestinian women to become a suicide bomber.

A year later, Israel bombed what it said was an Islamic Jihad training base in Syria, where one of the group's leaders, Ramadan Shallah, lives.

Islamic Jihad was founded by three Palestinians studying in Egypt who were expelled to Gaza after the assassination of President Anwar Sadat in 1981. In Gaza, they found fertile soil, and Islamic Jihad grew into a potent force during the first Palestinian uprising.

Like Hamas, Islamic Jihad has been a prime target for Israeli assassinations. The group's founder, Fathi Shakaki, was assassinated in Malta in 1995 in a hit that Islamic Jihad accused Israel of launching.

In 2002, after a Hamas suicide bombing during Passover killed 31 people, Israel launched a mas-

sive military operation that led to the death of another top Islamic Jihad leader and the arrest of two others.

While Hamas has successfully moved into the political arena, Islamic Jihad has refused to follow suit.

That's creating a dangerous situation for the new Hamas-led Palestinian government. Israel is warning that it will hold Hamas responsible for suicide bombings such as Monday's attack.

"Hamas is behind every terror attack when they are part of the Palestinian Authority," said Israeli foreign ministry spokesman Gideon Meir after Monday's suicide bombing. "It may be Islamic Jihad ... but the hands are the hands of Hamas."

national

Bird flu: Fact, myth

ORLANDO, Fla. — It seems unstoppable.

In the first months of 2006 alone, avian flu spread to birds in more than 30 countries on three continents. And experts say it's only a matter of time before infected birds reach the United States — maybe even by this summer.

So what does all this mean to the average person?

Everyone should be aware of the potential danger and even take a few steps at home to prepare for a possible worldwide outbreak, or pandemic. But before doing anything, it's important to separate the myths from the facts.

Myth: It's inevitable. Avian flu is going to escalate into a crisis that threatens the lives of every American.

Fact: No one knows whether avian flu is going to become a widespread problem.

For now, it remains a rare infection in people, occurring in those who have close contact with the feces and blood of infected birds.

Before it can trigger a pandemic, the virus will have to mutate in such a way that it becomes easily passed from person to person.

Some say the genetic changes that must take place are complicated and unlikely; others say it is only a matter of time before the virus manages to make the leap from one person to another.

In the end, the question becomes irrelevant.

Whether or not avian flu triggers a pandemic, health experts agree that some rare influenza virus will emerge eventually and cause a worldwide outbreak.

The United States has gone through three pandemics since 1900, including the 1918 Spanish-flu outbreak that killed an estimated 500,000 Americans and up to 50 million worldwide.

"We are playing the odds in a sense," said Dr. Edgar Jimenez, director of critical care for Orlando Regional Medical Center. "Yes, we are worried about avian flu, but we're worried about epidemics in general. Avian flu could happen, but we could just as easily be facing a threat from something else."

Myth: That's OK, because the government can make vaccines to protect us from a new flu strain.

Fact: There will be little or no vaccine available in the early stages of a pandemic.

It currently takes four to six months to create a batch of vaccines, and America doesn't have the capacity to churn out enough doses to inoculate the entire population in the event of a pandemic. Scientists are working on ways to produce vaccines more quickly — by shifting production from an egg-based system to cell cultures — but such advances are years

from reality.

"Currently, here in the United States, we have very limited capacity to build vaccines," said Capt. Lynn Slepki, a registered nurse and senior public-health adviser at the Department of Homeland Security. "They are working on it, but (faster vaccine production) is not going to happen in the next year or two. It's going to take time."

local/bsu

BSU Club to take DNA swabs, fingerprints Saturday

The Boise State University Forensic Science Club will be taking DNA swabs and making fingerprint cards and photographs of children for their parents from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, at the Nampa Recreation Center, 131 Constitution Way, Nampa.

The daylong event provides parents with an opportunity to obtain permanent DNA, fingerprint and photographic records of their children. These records may be used by law enforcement or medical personnel in case of child abduction or other situations involving a child's safety and security, said Chuck Cato, a senior biology major and the club's president.

A \$5 donation is suggested for each child's records. The BSU Forensic Science Club will use the funds to send some of its members to an upcoming forensic conference in Boise presented by the Pacific Northwest Division of the International Association of Identification.

Children ages 3 and older can be fingerprinted, and children or babies of any age can have DNA swabs and photographs taken.

Only one copy of the records will be made and given to parents and no records will be duplicated.

DNA swabs involve quickly swabbing a cheek with a cotton/polyester-tipped applicator to obtain cheek cells. The DNA sample is then preserved on special paper and given to the parents, along with a fingerprint record and photograph of their child.

Cato said the BSU forensic club is seeking donations of Epson Photo Mate paper and ink cartridge packages for taking pictures of the children on Saturday. Call Cato at 571-7260 for more information or to donate.

The BSU Forensic Science Club was established April 2005 and is involved in a number of outreach programs to teach children about forensic science.

Club members also are involved in programs to teach college-level students about crime scene work, latent print development and what it takes to be a crime scene investigator.

Club members are available to present outreach programs at schools and community events; contact Cato for more information.

Donate on campus to the Books for Israel Project

National Criminal Justice Organizations Alpha Phi Sigma and Lambda Alpha Epsilon have joined with the Jade Bar-Shalom Book for Israel Project and are gathering books for school children ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade. Students, faculty and staff can drop off books on the first floor of the Student Union Building Monday, April 24 through Friday, April 28 between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

These books will be sent to Israeli students in order to help them learn

to read, write, and speak English, as they do not have adequate resources available to them.

what the?

Ok sleepyhead, time to get up

A heavily intoxicated woman climbed into the back seat of a car in a parking lot in Bloomington, Ind., to get some sleep.

She was so drunk that she didn't realize that she had gotten into a cop car, which was in the police department lot. After her nap, she had to be let out by police officers because the back doors of squad cars do not open from the inside. She was charged with public intoxication.

She was a cop? No kidding!

A 19-year-old, driving his mother's car, reached out and grabbed the rear end of a woman jogging the streets of Tampa, Fla., and then sped off. The lady turned out to be a deputy sheriff.

She wrote down the license plate number, and her colleagues showed up at mommy's house shortly afterward.

Oh honey, I'm home...who this?

While his wife was at their second home in Florida, a man allowed a woman to live in their Indiana home while she prepared to answer charges of running a house of prostitution.

The wife found out about this arrangement and immediately filed for divorce.

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Towers resident dies after collapsing on field trip

BY GINNY EGGLESTON
News Writer

Towers dormitory resident, Tamie Krischuck, died on Sunday following a collapse from a brain aneurism while on a Biology 100 Service Learning field trip.

According to Frank Zang, director of communications and marketing at Boise State, Krischuck collapsed on Friday at Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge.

She was taken to Mercy Medical Center in Nampa, and then transported to St. Alphonsus in Boise for emergency treatment.

University students organized a 24-hour vigil at Krischuck's side until her family arrived from Anchorage,

Alaska on Saturday.

"The only thing [the family] asked was someone stay by Tamie. Students stayed by her two at a time all night," said Zang. "It has been a very sad and tragic loss for the campus community. Even a university of our size is touched personally by the loss of one of our students ... the University has tried to be as supportive as possible."

Tower's residents and Krischuck's friends organized a memorial service on Monday night which Krischuck's family, BSU President Bob Kustra, Mark Wheeler, and other faculty and staff members attended.

BSU is providing grief counseling through the Health and Wellness Center.

BSU to implement plus/minus system

COURTESY OF NEWS SERVICES

To more accurately reflect the actual performance of its students in the classroom, Boise State University announced that its grading system will be modified to incorporate plus and minus (+/-) grading beginning with the spring 2007 semester.

According to university officials, the +/- grading system will better distinguish a student's work. Under the current system, a student with a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) in a course and a student with a 2.9 GPA in the same course would both earn a C grade. The +/- grading system would better identify the superior work of the student with the higher GPA and award him or her with 2.3 quality points per credit hour and a C+ while the other student would receive 1.7 quality points and a C-.

The +/- grading system will also give Boise State instructors more discrete calculations, allowing them to better justify, for example, why a student on the borderline between a C and a B should or should not receive a B- (and 2.7 quality points per credit hour) rather than a C+ (2.3 quality points). The +/- grading system, officials said, provides a more equitable procedure to allow deserving students to move up to the next grade level and prevent less-de-

serving students from doing so.

"This system allows Boise State faculty to reward our most diligent students with a grade with a plus attached, and the increased quality points associated with it," said David Saunders, associate professor of music and president of the BSU Faculty Senate.

"Students whose work is on the borderline between say, an A and a B, would qualify for the B+ and may in some cases have an opportunity to earn an A-. These are better rewards for good work than the B. This system can also help solve the grade-inflation issue that faculty have been asked to recognize."

Boise State will continue to use a 4.0 grading scale to determine a student's GPA. Beginning in spring 2007 letter grades will range from A+ and A (4.0 quality points per credit hour) to D- (0.7

quality points and F (0 quality points) to calculate a student's GPA. Grades of B, C and D will continue to count for 3.0, 2.0 and 1.0 quality points, respectively.

A cumulative 2.0 GPA will continue to be the minimum requirement for graduation and a C- grade will be accepted to satisfy prerequisites and core requirements.

All grades from courses taken prior to the implementation of the +/- grading system, as well as grades from other postsecondary institutions not using the system, will still be used in a student's GPA calculation.

Provost Sona Andrews acknowledged that the new grading system will be a change for students. "Change is sometimes difficult, but I am confident that once we begin using this new system that students will see its benefits," she said.

"There was widespread support for this change by the Boise State University faculty who see the +/- grading system as a positive step forward. It will be important for all instructors to make certain students are aware of how grades will be calculated in their class and for this to be clearly stated in the course syllabus."

Following is the grading scale that Boise State will use beginning in spring 2007. Grades between A+ and F will be used to calculate a student's GPA. A "pass," "withdraw" or "incomplete" will not be used to calculate a student's GPA.

| Letter grade | Quality points per credit hour |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| A+ | 4.0 |
| A | 4.0 |
| A- | 3.7 |
| B+ | 3.3 |
| B | 3.0 |
| B- | 2.7 |
| C+ | 2.3 |
| C | 2.0 |
| C- | 1.7 |
| D+ | 1.3 |
| D | 1.0 |
| D- | 0.7 |
| F | 0.0 |

CSI moves controversial art

BY GINNY EGGLESTON
NEWS WRITER

Per the College of Southern Idaho's president, Jerry Beck's request, nude artwork was moved out of CSI's Herrett Center for Arts and Science to the Lamphouse Theater in Twin Falls.

According to Michael Youngman, an associate art professor at CSI, the alternative show dubbed "Odious Addendum" had a good opening night despite the change in location. "It was extremely well attended. Over 300 people [came] to the alternative site."

Despite the move, Youngman said he felt the administration supported the art department.

According to Youngman CSI's administration provided money for the theatre rental, live music, and refreshments.

Youngman said CSI's administration gets complaints every year from the public regarding the annual student exhibition in the Herrett Center. "Twin Falls is a conservative community [and] so much is tied to the public. [The nude artwork] could have an effect on the donors."

Youngman said in the past donors have withheld money because of controversial activities on CSI's campus. "[The administration has] more practical concerns rather than strictly ethical concerns."

One of the pieces moved received "Best of Show" in the two-dimensional category. The piece is a male nude painting entitled "A Self Portrait" by student artist Michael Miller.

Boise State University Gallery director, Kirsten Furlong, said the public should be educated on the nature of an exhibition and the reason for nude art. "Nudes are a very traditional, old fashioned subject...Typically artists who are depicting nudes have a reason."

According to Furlong, the recent MFA thesis exhibition at BSU, "Postures and Parts: Composing the Male Nude" by student Candace Nicol drew some controversy. "I think [the exhibition] was controversial because [the pieces] were digital prints of male nudes off photographs...the more typical nude is the female body."

Furlong posted a sign warning patrons of the images on the outside of the gallery so people could choose not to view the exhibit. Also, in an effort to educate the public, Furlong posted the artist's statement and made copies of the statement available to gallery patrons.

Furlong said the Herrett Center's gallery is different than BSU's gallery. "The Herrett Center is a larger art center where various audiences will be going through. [BSU's gallery] rarely to never [has] school groups or large groups of children going through."

"Odious Addendum" will be on display through April 30 at the Lamphouse Theatre in Twin Falls.

Campus Crime Log

- 4/1/06 - Attempted Unlawful Entry - Suspect tried to gain entry into an apartment in the Manor. Report taken.
- 4/5/06 - Reckless Driving - Student was driving recklessly through the Towers lot and in the parking garage. Report taken and citation issued.
- 4/5/06 - Vehicle Burglary - Suspect broke window of a vehicle parked in the parking garage and stole a stereo and sunglasses. Report taken.
- 4/5/06 - Vandalism - Unknown suspect slashed tires on an estimated 15 bikes that were locked to racks near Morrison and Keiser Halls. Report taken.
- 4/6/06 - Suspect slashed a tire on a vehicle parked in the parking garage. Report taken.
- 4/7/06 - Alcohol Violation - while responding to a loud party at the Village Apts., officers encountered a very intoxicated underage male. Report taken, citation issued.
- 4/7/06 - Grand Theft (bicycle) - Suspect cut chain and took a bike from a rack near Driscoll Hall. Grand theft due to value of bicycle. Report taken.
- 4/7/06 - Vandalism - Suspect tore the wiper arm off a car parked in the Chaffee parking lot. Report taken.
- 4/9/06 - Unlawful Entry - Suspect entered an unlocked room in Chaffee and urinated in a laundry basket of clothes. Report taken.
- 4/10/06 - Theft - 3 vinyl signs were taken from a kiosk outside the Library. Report taken.
- 4/10/06 - Burglary - Suspect took clothing from a dryer in the laundry room of the Heights. Report taken.
- 4/10/06 - Unlawful Entry - Unknown suspect entered an unlocked apartment in the Square. Report taken.
- 4/11/06 - Driving without privileges - A person speeding in the area of campus was driving without a license. Report taken, citation issued.
- 4/12/06 - Malicious Injury to Property - Suspect urinated on the victim's dorm door and her car. Report taken.
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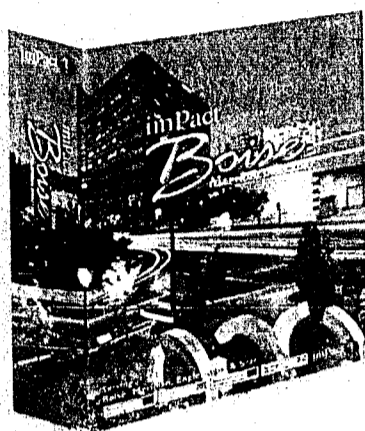
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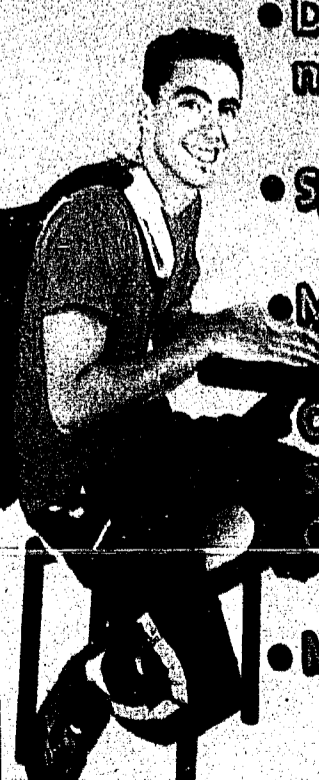
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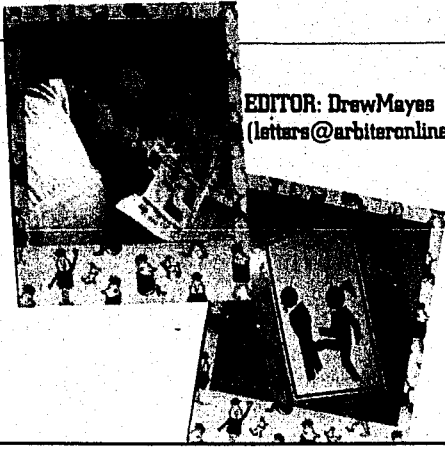
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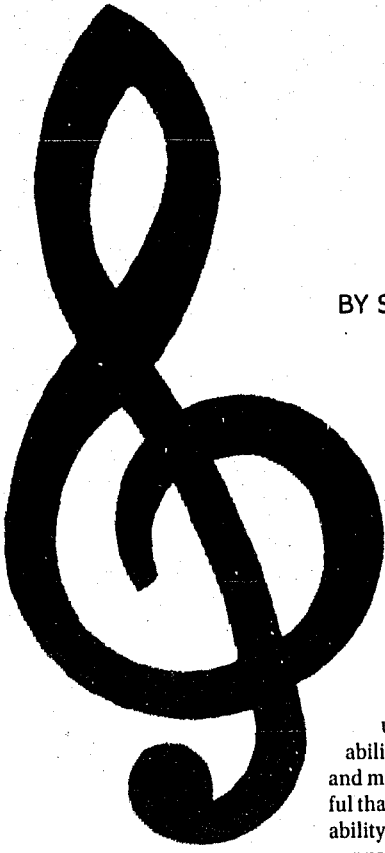
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Arts programs in schools provide valuable experience for children

BY SHANNON MORGAN
Guest Opinion



Music, art and theatre have long been the means by which civilizations have recorded our history, communicated our anger, and sang our praises to Heaven. They act as a vital thread in the fabric of humanity, providing a universal language that we all can understand. They have the ability to bring cultures together, and make a statement more powerful than words alone. They have the ability to stir our souls, and invoke our passions.

However, it is not the history of man that I am most grateful for the effects the arts can have on us. It's the history of my life, and its effect on me.

I grew up ghetto style in a trailer court in Caldwell, where I befriended a less than desirable crowd. My friends were all Caldwell gang bangers, with aspirations of drinking the most 40's, and representing their Homies.

One by one I watched as my friends from Junior High School dropped out of school, get hooked on drugs, get pregnant and go to jail. I squeaked by just earning enough to pass my classes, and was on the verge of giving up completely. I was disenfranchised and unconcerned with my family, my education and myself.

At the end of my sophomore year in High School I had come a full 180 degree's, making the honor roll for the first time in my life. The difference that year was I had joined choir and the drama club.

I started going to school every morning at 5 a.m. while my friends were nursing their hangovers. I actually studied, and applied myself in class, while my friends were out shoplifting and breaking into cars. After school when they were cracking open their first 40-ounce of Old English malt liquor, I was rehearsing for the school play in drama club.

For the first time in my life, I knew what it was like to feel confidence and pride in myself and I owed it all to music and theatre. Not too bad for a kid who otherwise would have

grown up to be just another poor-minority-statistic.

I know it's easy with all the horrible things happening in our world today, to turn a blind eye when we hear about the budget cuts planned for the Arts in our schools. Had the budget been cut at my school, had there been no choir, no theatre for me to escape to ... I can say with confidence I would not be sitting here writing this article.

Because of the Arts programs around the country people like me will contribute to society by paying taxes, instead of collecting welfare. People like me will make our world a better place, instead of adding to the decay.

To some of you, this may be cliché, but to me it is no less true than the love I have for my children. I

am here writing this article for you, my fellow soldiers in the battle for a higher education, only because the generations that came before us made education a priority, and so should we.

The next time you hear about the 'No Child Left Behind Act,' please pay special attention. Take time out to listen to what is being said, and use your good conscience to make the right decision when voting for an elected office. You are now armed with my story, and my voice. So feel free to insert Shannon Morgan - mother, writer, poet, actor, musician, friend and classmate, who is happy, healthy and doing great. And remember that I was not left behind.

As a society, we cannot afford to leave anyone else behind either.



BSU immigration march sponsored by racist organization

BY JONATHAN SAWMILLER
Opinion Writer

I was shocked when I picked up last Thursday's Arbiter and saw the giant headline screaming at me in Spanish. Spanish? Was the Arbiter now being published in a foreign language, the latest victim of the anti-American "multi-cultural" and "diversity" movements? To my relief, I realized only the headline was foreign.

I could read in good old American English the story of how Boise State students protested immigration reform along the recently renamed Cesar Chavez Lane (Ironically enough, in 1969, the infamous socialist labor organizer marched along the border to protest illegal immigration, which was cutting the wages of his farm workers).

"I don't believe in borders," The Arbiter quoted one protester, Kimberly Buringrude, as saying. Of course borders are wrong. Why would we want to keep criminals, terrorists, drug dealers and dirty illegal aliens out of our country?

Worse than the idiocy displayed by some of the protesters is the insidious agenda of one of the student organizations that sponsored

the event. Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA), which translates to Chicano Student Movement of Aztlan, is a student organization with chapters at universities and high schools nationwide. What are their members' aims?

To quote from El Plan De Aztlan, the guiding document of MEChA since its formation in the late 1960s, "Brotherhood unites us, and love for our brothers makes us a people whose time has come and who struggles against the foreigner gabacho who exploits our riches and destroys our culture. With our heart in our hands and our hands in the soil, we declare the independence of our mestizo nation."

That's right, these racist Neo-Nazis want to "liberate" by force what they call a "mestizo nation" - they have outlined how they plan a revolution to seize the southwestern portion of the United States of America, and turn it into the Chicano country of Aztlan. I said racist, because these radical revolutionaries want to establish a nation without Americans, Africans, Europeans, or Asians - only Chicanos will be allowed. Their slogan is "Por La Raza todo, Fuera de La Raza nada," which translates

to "For the Race, everything, for those outside of the Race, nothing." How chilling.

Even more sick and twisted is MEChA's plan to incorporate Hispanic gangs in their revolution. Section 5 of El Plan De Aztlan says that "For the young there will no longer be acts of juvenile delinquency, but revolutionary acts." Imagine a country in which gang violence against non-Chicanos is legal and encouraged. Just hope your grandkids aren't living in Arizona when the ethnic cleansing begins.

I suppose it's good for diversity at BSU to have a student organization with such a blatantly racist agenda. The Klu Klux Klan all retreated to Arkansas, the Hitler Youth are extinct, and the Aryan Nations are hiding in the woods up in Sandpoint. Some organization had to step up to carry the banner of bigotry, racism, hatred and treason.

Speaking of treason, isn't it against the law for BSU to fund organizations that call for the overthrow of America? Ah, never mind. We know "diversity" and "multi-culturalism" comes before the law or the welfare of our country.



Who cares? Let them pay

Parking at Boise State has always been a touchy issue with many students. Well, I think I have just been violated.

Instead of looking at alternatives first, it seems the Parking and Transportation department, along with ASBSU and the bureaucrats within the university just want to gouge the students and staff of Boise State.

I can understand a justified increase of 4 or 5 percent, but 15 percent is down right ridiculous! If Parking and Transportation need such an extreme increase, it tells me they are inefficient, ineffective and wasteful.

I would also like to know who and where are these "peer institutions" Jared Everett compares BSU to. Boise State has the funds, but unfortunately, funding is being misallocated and ASBSU, (another ineffective organization) isn't working with Parking and Transportation. Instead of increasing student fees, they could be cut from, oh lets see, the Children's Center for starters.

I'm not picking on parents, I am one too, but I could

not afford to use the facility. Last year it received \$5 dollars for every full time student, but the students who use it receive no discounted rate.

Offering the Boise City Bus, carpooling, or "Commuteride" is a nice way to shift responsibility; I see it as a cop-out. Maybe in a more perfect world these suggestions would hold weight, but we're not a perfect world and they don't. Conflicting schedules is the main killer of that idea.

Before Parking and Transportation takes the easy road to deal with its inadequacies and gouges students and faculty, they should spend a little more time and think of some plausible solutions. You never know what you can come up with unless you try.

Gregory K. Funk
Boise, Idaho

Idahoans must start heading to the polls

I'm writing to express my sincere concern regarding the voter turnout in the primary election on May 23, 2006. If the people of Idaho don't stand up and take notice of this election, there is a good chance that we could end up with federal representatives who do not truly represent the ideals and concerns of the people of Idaho. It is a sad fact that extremists from both parties are the most vocal ... and get to the polls the best.

Do we really want an extremist from either party representing the people of Idaho in Washington DC?

Anabel Manchester
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EDITOR'S PICK:
New album release
Built to Spill
"You in Reverse"



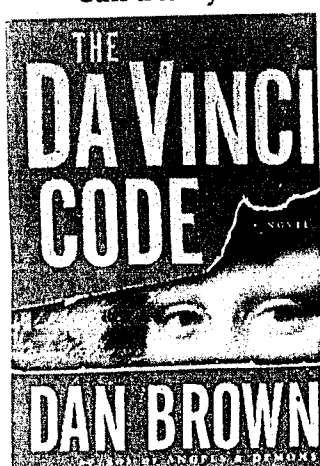
Besides expanding from a trio to a quintet, not much has changed with Built to Spill in the five years since the band released a new album.

The rockers still jam with defined entry and exit strategies, whether peeling off atonal leads as if their hands were ablaze or melodically lumbering along as if in a fog. And singer-guitarist Doug Martsch can still carry a melody, even with his pleasantly prepubescent nasal tenor.

The shock of the new can be thrilling. But "Built to Spill" proves that the dependability of something familiar can be just as satisfying.

CELEBRITY NEWS:

Dan Brown:
Call a lawyer



Opus Dei, seeking to distance itself from "The Da Vinci Code," the forthcoming Ron Howard film based on Brown's mega-hit novel of the same name, has asked for a disclaimer. The notoriously secretive - OK, intensely private - organization, portrayed in Brown's novel as a murderous sect with a penchant for bizarre S&M rituals, wrote in an April 6 letter to Sony Corp. that a disclaimer would "be a gesture of respect toward the figure of Jesus, to the history of the Church and to the religious beliefs of viewers." The letter was posted on its Italian Web site.

Actually, the extreme ritual part is true for a few ODers, who practice what is politely called self-mortification - including wearing a strap with spikes on it.

But that's really just the celibate members of the international group, according to John Allen, Vatican correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY TIP:
Staying safe in the sun

When possible, wear a broad-brimmed hat, long-sleeved shirt, long pants and UV-light-blocking sunglasses.

Try to stay in the shade between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when the sun is most intense.

Apply sunscreen liberally to all exposed skin, using a product with an SPF of 15 or higher and one that advertises both UVA and UVB protection. Reapply every two hours, more often after swimming or sweating.

Use extra protection for children. Melanoma is thought to be linked to early childhood sunburns. Also use extra caution near water and sand as they reflect the sun's damaging rays.

Avoid tanning beds. The UV light used causes skin cancer and wrinkling. Self-tanning lotions and sprays are a safe alternative, but wear sunscreen for protection outdoors.

- Compiled from Knight Ridder



From culinary art to machine art

Boise State student creates custom motor bikes

BY TAMARA PARTEN
Culture Writer

What does World War II, psycho-billy music, and a 49 cc two-stroke engine have in common? Not much, unless you know Wayne Scott. A student in Boise State's culinary arts program, Scott is the founder and owner of Boise's newest burgeoning business - yet it has nothing to do with cooking.

If you're looking to exchange your 10-year-old Huff for a cool customized retro cruiser bike with white wall tires, a banana seat, moon handlebars, streamers and a bullet light, go surf the Internet's numerous customized bike websites. But if you want a completely original bike with all of your favorite features, and a little extra oomph, then you may want to talk to Scott.

Scott and his new business Cycle Billy Motor Bikes (which is a name he and a coworker came up while listening to psycho-billy music) is helping to bring back the old Whizzer style motor bikes from the 1940s, making the popular cruiser bike trend in Boise a whole lot faster.

"I got the idea to make my own motorized bike from watching old movies about World War II," Scott said.

Breene-Taylor Engineering, an L.A. based manufacturer of airplane parts made their first Whizzer Model "D" bicycle motor in 1939, but it wasn't a great success. At the onslaught of World War II, Breene-Taylor was on the brink of going out of business, but they somehow convinced the U.S. Government that the Whizzer was a good way for defense workers to travel to and from work.

The Whizzer grew in popularity after the war, but by 1965, the public simply lost interest. Yet now, 40 years later, Scott, who has been building hot rods and motorcycles since he was a kid, is helping to bring motorized bikes back.

Scott's business wasn't intentionally created. After those old WWII movies sparked his interest, he did a little research about motors for bikes then eventually acquired the parts to outfit his own customized cruiser.

"I was just riding around and people noticed me," Scott said. Which isn't at all difficult. Scott has been known to ride his motorized bike down Vermont Street while wearing a black bandana, sucking on a cigarette dangling from his lips.

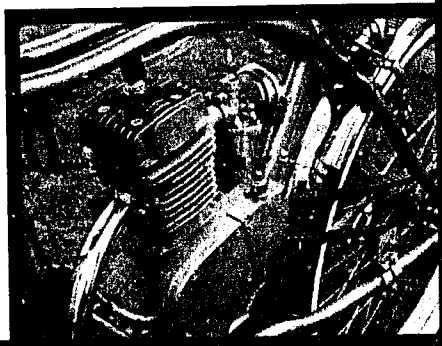
He likes to park his bike in front of the downtown restaurant where he works and people who pass by sometimes come into the restaurant to try to find the bike's owner. "Now I have 10 orders for bikes people want me to build," Scott said. "It was just natural to start a business."

His bikes start at a base price of \$500, which, considering that it goes 35 mph, and gets about 60 miles to its two liter tank, isn't a bad deal at all. Especially if it's your only mean of transportation, as it is for Scott. "It's not so expensive that no one can afford it," he said. "And it's especially a good way to travel with this gas crunch."

With all of this popularity centered on his knack for building bikes, culinary arts school has been pushed aside. But a new interest has formed and Scott is going to pursue another area of study.

"I'm going back to mechanical school in the fall," he said. If you're interested in Scott's custom-made motor-bikes, you can reach him at Cycle Billy Motor Bikes 724-7545.

Boise State student Wayne Scott builds affordable custom bikes.



No matter where, it's always 30 Seconds to Mars

BY MARIANA BEKKER
Culture Editor

With their headlining tour well under way, 30 Seconds to Mars, as previously promised, performed an overwhelmingly entertaining concert Sunday night, at the Big Easy. With actor Jared Leto as the front man, his brother Shannon at the drums, Tomo Milicevic playing guitar and Matt Wachter on bass, the band connected with the audience in an indescribable way. The band members always make it a point to pay homage to their rapidly growing fan base and Sunday night was no exception.

30 Seconds to Mars was last in Boise November, opening for, and stealing the show from, Seether. "We had a great show here last time, I felt," bassist Matt Wachter said. While that show was nothing short of amazing, Sunday night proved the band could and should always be the main at-

traction.

Their performance included familiar favorites from their first album, but also showcased their second album "A Beautiful Lie."

"It's been great. We've almost sold out every show," Wachter said.

Though Sunday night's concert did not sell out - probably due to the fact that it was Easter - the Big Easy was far from looking sparse.

"Honestly, if this was any other day of the week, it would probably be sold out," guitarist Tomo Milicevic said.

The band, however, did sell out in Seattle the previous Saturday night, and it seemed to be quite a pleasant surprise for the band considering they've never played there as headliners.

"I guess we're just badass," Milicevic said.

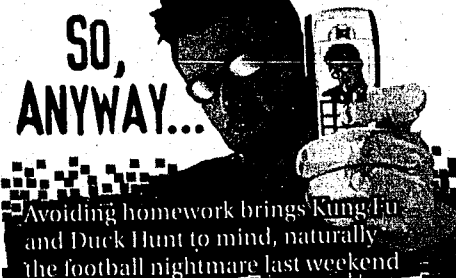
The tour started in Tulsa in early March

as soon as lead singer Jared Leto finished wrapping up shooting "Chapter 27" where he played Mark David Chapman a.k.a. John Lennon's killer. Leto gained 62 pounds for that role, and apparently lost it already because he was looking far from chubby.

But the tour had to come to a short but screeching halt when Wachter had a bit of an accident. Wachter makes it a general rule not to bring anything with him on tour that may cause him any injury. Unfortunately, he recently met his match, and in the end was defeated, with a pair of scissors. He suffered a pretty nasty cut on his left index finger but considers it totally healed even though he has lost feeling in the tip.

"It's weird that it still hurts," Wachter said. "If I push on it where I cut it..."

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SO,
ANYWAY...
Avoiding homework brings Kung Fu and Duck Hunt to mind, naturally the football nightmare last weekend

BY TRAVIS ESTVOLD
Culture Columnist

The other day I was bored and I couldn't help thinking about the game Kung Fu. Okay, that's not entirely accurate.

The other day I was avoiding homework and trying to find something - anything - on the Internet to entertain me and take my mind off of my assignment - and then Kung Fu happened to pop into my head.

You remember Kung Fu, the old school Nintendo game with graphics so poor that if you were to show it to an eight-year-old today and explain that you played it as a kid, he would laugh in your face and kick you in the shin. Apparently eight-year-olds of today are big kickers. I read that on the Internet, too. (Okay, not really.)

I remember the game Kung Fu really well for some reason, which is odd because honestly I've remembered very little since I turned 18.

My brain has inexplicably retained intricate knowledge about a side-scrolling fighting game that was released in 1985. Sadly, only making me feel incredibly old, youngsters born in 1985 can buy alcohol this year. Maaan, where does the time go?

I'm not sure why it is that Kung Fu has stuck in my brain so well since I first thought of it last week, but since that time I've been dying to play it again. (Also, I just sneezed all over my keyboard. That's kind of gross. Sorry, that was sort of off-topic.)

I remember vividly the day we sold our Nintendo and all of the corresponding games at a garage sale. It was a sad occasion, and it sort of hallmarked my transition from a boy who played with toys like that into a boy who no longer played with toys like that because they had been sold off, and now sat in the back room and stared at the wall.

Yes, we all have these sorts of moments from our pasts, when we want to smack ourselves on the forehead and ask "What was I thinking?" Of course, I have no need to smack myself on the forehead - as soon as I get a hold of a copy of Kung Fu, I'll simply show it to an eight-year-old and he'll take care of the rest from there.

Video games in general have spiked steeply in the lifelike quality of the games offered as well as the concepts and lengths of game play. When I was a kid (Oh crap, here I go), we shot at ducks with orange guns and bashed bricks with little Italian men's heads - all very much in 2-D.

Nowadays, you can wander around an entire city, steal a car and pistol-whip a prostitute to death. And we wonder why violent crime is on the rise. At least ducks are safe again, though.

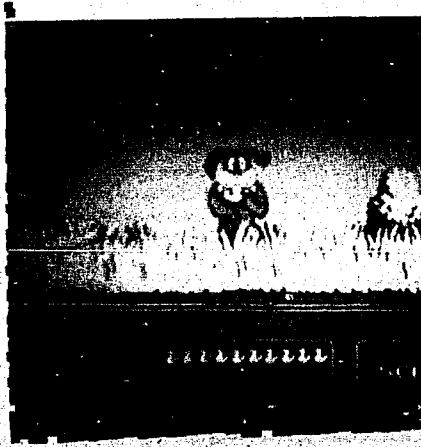
Hollywood keeps making movies out of video games, which at first, I'll admit, sounded like a great idea. Why not transition kids' attention away from gaming consoles and back to the movie screens where their grandparents would stare only two generations ago.

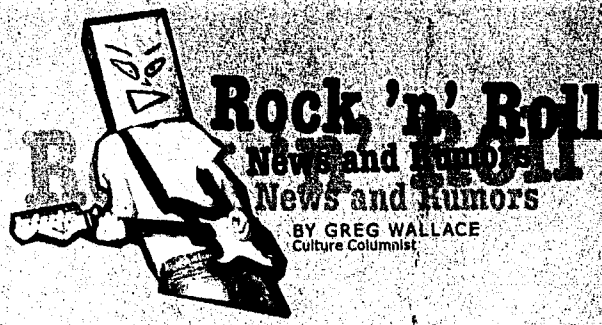
Sadly, though, they keep picking the wrong titles to cinematize. "Silent Hill" is due out this year and another "Resident Evil" sequel is slated for a 2007 release. Screw all of that. Gimme a movie where some punk kid shoots at ducks and his dog laughs at him when he misses. No, seriously. That sounds awesome.

So, anyway, I should probably be getting back to my homework. I think I've wasted enough time talking about Nintendo games.

In the mean time, if anyone can get me a copy of Kung Fu, please let me know. And Hollywood execs, should "Duck Hunt: The Movie" make it to the big screen, I'll be expecting a \$5 royalty check in the mail.

Thank you for your time.





Local punk rock alive and well in Boise

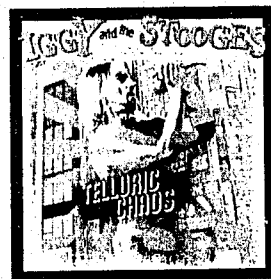


1332 Records has just released a new compilation CD of local punk rock. "Twice the Evil" features 26 bands ranging from punk, grind core to extreme metal.

Some of the bands featured on the compilation are Hillstreet Stranglers, Wit Chamberlin's Baby, Wilson St. Pub & Sluthouse Band, Starscream and Grease Demon. The CD sells for only \$5 and the label will put the profits towards releasing full length CD's of Boise's local bands.

If you have trouble finding a copy get down to The Bouquet on Monday nights. 1332 Records hosts a weekly show they call Punk Mondays. April 24 will feature the bands LKI, and Murder and the Media Machine.

Iggy and the Stooges begin work on new CD



According to Billboard.com Iggy Pop is holed up in Florida cottage writing songs for a new CD with his band the Stooges. This will be the bands first release since 1973 and it will be produced by Steve Albini (Nirvana), with help on a couple songs by Jack White (White Stripes).

The CD will be released next year and the band has announced they will embark on world tour. This will be their first major tour since they started playing together again in 2003.

2006 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally with Alice in Chains

Alice in Chains has announced they will play the 2006 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, Aug. 11 in Sturgis, North Dakota.

This is the 25th anniversary of the rally and the list of bands is impressive, including Kid Rock, Lynrd Skynrd, Alice Cooper, George Thorogood, and Blue Oyster Cult.

Backyard Babies U.S. release date announced



Stockholm, Sweden's rock 'n' roll madmen the Backyard Babies will have their new CD released in the U.S. next month. "People like People like Us" will hit stores May 6.

The band has also announced that they will tour the U.S. in the fall.

Guns N' Roses book two U.S. shows

Guns N' Roses are playing two shows at the Hammerstein Ballroom in N.Y.C.

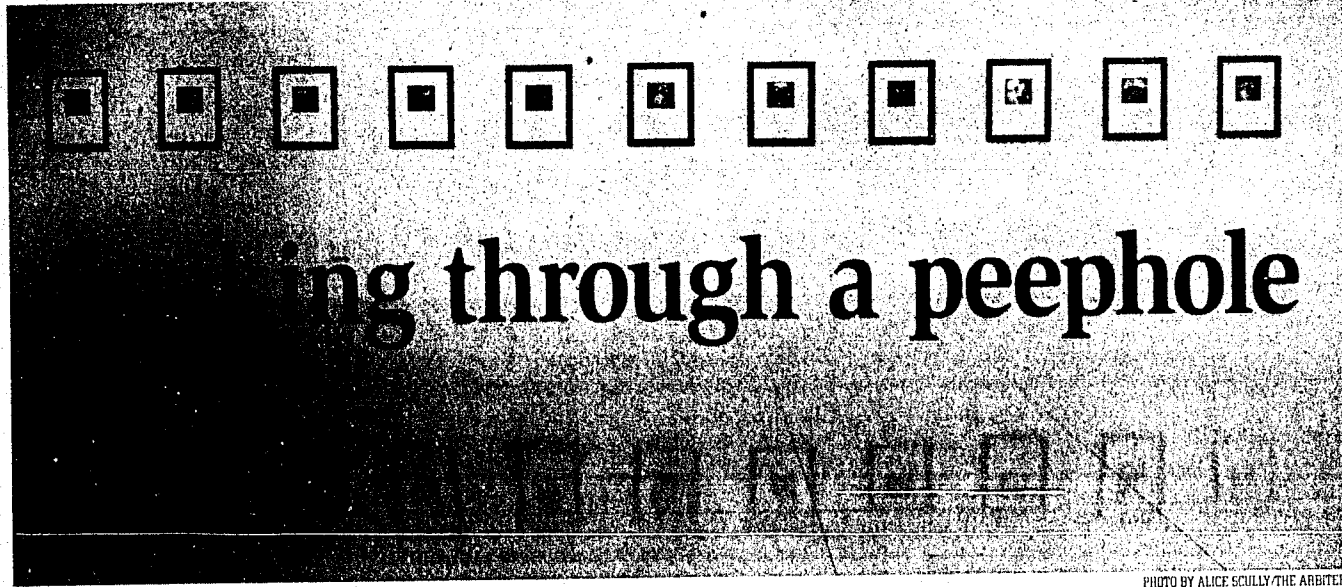
The shows are May 15 and 17, and tickets go on sale April 21 at the cost of \$63 dollars a pop.

These two shows will be an amazing opportunity to see the band in an intimate general admission theatre, which holds only 2,500 people.

The shows are considered to be a warm-up for the band's European festival tour that starts in Portugal, May 27 at the Rock in Rio festival.

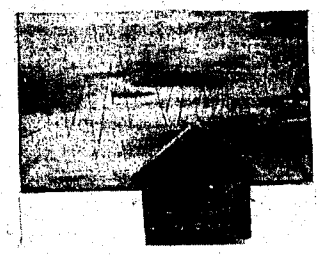
With no official announcement, the unconfirmed rumors are still growing about a re-union of the original Guns N' Roses.

Everyone may have to wait until the band takes the stage in N.Y. to know the truth.



ing through a peephole

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BY THOM GARZÓNE
Culture Writer

Abstract art can be considered a valuable asset to the artistic community. Right now, in the Liberal Arts Building, the "Peephole: BFA Thesis Exhibition" is showing.

This exhibit illustrates some of the vital energy generated by the Boise State art students.

As you enter, April Hoff's "Zero Findings of Abnormality" appears on the right, capturing an inspirational mood. Moving along, an untitled work by Tyler Ramsey captivates the attention of the audience.

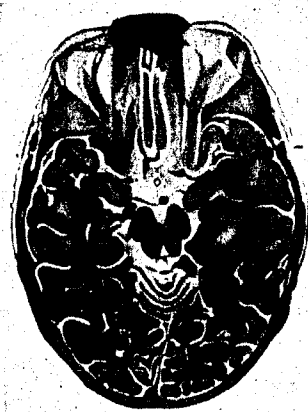
Next, a mixture of materials of fabric, thread, paint, aluminum and copper bring to life DuAnn Wright's, "Journey." A blurb from Wright near the work states, "Nothing stays the same. As a society we are constantly growing and learning."

Continuing through the room, viewers can encounter more of Hoff's work. Hoff suffers from migraines, and her work expresses the cathartic expression of her condition. According to Hoff, her art goes beyond her condition and resembles iconic self-portraits. Therefore, she is concerned with the communication between the mind and the body.

"[My work] is engaging some other aspect or part of myself," Hoff said. In a booklet at the entrance she states, "Forcing myself to make art while I have a migraine sometimes leads to interim relief of the symptoms."

Just looking at Hoff's artwork, one can grasp the powerful artistic application.

Brandy Kay from Emmett engages viewers with her photography of ranch life and cowboys. Kay's photographs



are of a cowboy's chaps offset with a knife, a saddle, cowboys standing against a barn, a bale of hay being broken, a pair of boots, and a profile of a horse's neck and nose.

"In this body of work I chose to document what I see as the fading existence of an important lifestyle, that of the American cowboy," Kay said.

One additional, yet crucial fact about this exhibit is that it is only half of the BFA Thesis Exhibition currently showing at BSU.

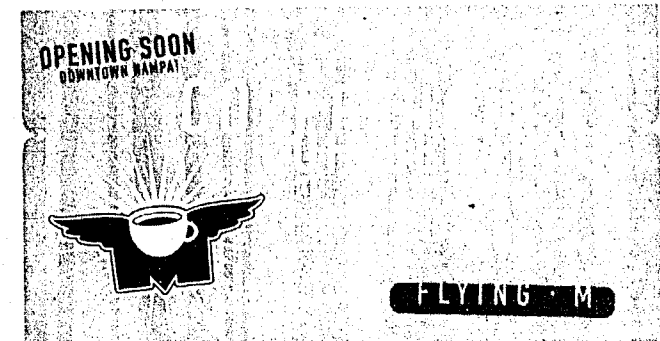
The remaining 50 percent of this exhibit appears at the Hemingway Center directly across from the Liberal Arts Building.

The art exhibit at the LA building illustrates expressions of students and empowers its audience to emerge out from the mundane routines of daily existence.

Seeing the exhibit brings forth feelings of school pride brought out by an aesthetic experience.

To understand the experience one must visit the LA building now through the month of April.

The Boise State BFA Thesis Exhibition Peephole showcases many talented graduating students and their abstract art.



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Time to get your Jamba on

BY FRANCY MARCOTTE
Culture Writer

Spring has sprung, and summer is on its way. Yes, warm weather is finally settling in on Boise. What better way to cool off than with a refreshing smoothie?

And where are some of the best smoothies in Boise? They can be found at an old friend called Jamba Juice.

Located on Overland Road next to Edwards Cinema, Jamba Juice provides more than just smoothies. It is one of those places where you can walk in miserable and leave content. With friendly service, a large menu and chill atmosphere, Jamba Juice provides a heavenly break from the heat.

Usually, I get my Jamba fixes when the hot summer weather becomes too much to bear, but I

couldn't wait this year. Boise may be taking its time making the transition from winter to spring, but my smoothie cravings were not going to wait for it to catch up.

The most difficult part about a trip to Jamba Juice is its variety. I stared up at the hanging menus and contemplated my choices. Did I want something sweet and basic, like the "Strawberries Wild," or a more exotic, tropical smoothie such as the "Aloha Pineapple?" Then I saw it. An option I had not tried yet called "Matcha Green Tea Blast." A green tea smoothie? How intriguing.

I was going to go the fruity route, but you only live once. "Matcha Green Tea Blast" it was.

Jamba Juice provides three different smoothie sizes: a small, original, and large size. No wussy smoothies for me. I got the good old original size, and paid \$4.27 includ-

ing tax. Of course, who can forget about Jamba Juice's free boost deals with every smoothie. Every customer can have their choice from a lengthy list of boosts including energy, protein, vitamin and more. Then they get it in their smoothie for free.

One of the most fun parts about Jamba Juice is you get to sit and watch your smoothie being made in one of the several blenders displayed on the front counter. Yes, I'm easily entertained.

After the show, I retrieved my green tea smoothie. Another score for Jamba Juice. The "Matcha Green Tea Blast" was a blend of green tea, soy milk, nonfat frozen yogurt, and sorbet. It was creamy and delicious with a strong green tea taste.

There's no doubt that Jamba Juice will continue to provide delectable and refreshing smoothies for Boise citizens. I know I'll be back.

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30 Seconds to Mars performed at the Big Easy Sunday night as part of their headlining tour.

"It's called scar tissue," Milicevic interjected.

"Scar tissue, yeah," Wachter said. "But it's totally healed and I have function back in it."

According to Wachter, the band is back on track after his unfortunate meeting with those pesky scissors though they still have a few shows they still need to make up.

Wachter and Milicevic are actually add-ons to 30 Seconds to Mars. The band was originally only lead singer Jared Leto and his drummer brother Shannon. Wachter and Milicevic joined later in the game after the first album was already recorded.

Therefore, meshing as a band and creating that much needed chemistry took a while.

But for Wachter and Milicevic, they really felt the band coming together when they all traveled to South Africa.

"We were stuck in a house together and we had to work," Milicevic said.

There, it was the first time the group all talked, not as band members, but as friends. On their last night in South Africa at a farewell dinner with a room full of candles to set the ambience, business was put on hold for a few hours as the members of the band really bonded.

"It was a night where music was on the back burner at a time when it was the only thing that affected our minds," Milicevic said.

"When we joined the band, the ship was going and it was so fast that you just jump and never really stop to be like, 'I don't even know your favorite food,'" Wachter said.

Milicevic admits it took him a couple of years to really feel like he was part of the band.

"Basically you have to sit back and do what you know you have to do and slowly but surely insert yourself into the whole thing," Milicevic said.

The newly found experience as concert headliners has been "great" for the band. Both Wachter and

Milicevic agree that it's a totally different feeling being the main attraction than just being one of the opening bands.

"Opening, you get 20 minutes to play. And now we get an hour - an hour plus - and we get to kinda step it up production-wise and now we have a lighting guy. We're just growing," Wachter said.

Last time 30 Seconds to Mars was in Boise, I was fortunate enough to meet with them. Their first single "Attack," from their sophomore album had been pretty successful on the charts, and the video did this powerful song the justice it deserved.

In that November interview, the band asked me my opinion on what their second single should be, and I suggested my favorite 30 Seconds to Mars song, "The Kill."

Well, well, ladies and gentlemen, their next single and new video they just shot in Canada is that very song - and it was all because of me.

"That's exactly why we did it," Milicevic said. "No joke, we left Boise, and me and Jared were talking and we were like you know what, she's right 'The Kill' is the next single," Milicevic said.

That's right, this band definitely values the input of their fans.

"The video is definitely our most ambitious, and I think is going to be our best video yet," Wachter said.

According to Wachter and Milicevic, the video for "The Kill" is going to be completely different from any other one they've done because it's in the format of a short film.

"We shot it on (35 mm) film because we wanted to give it that kind of film quality," Wachter said. "It looks beautiful."

The release date for this video is "as soon as humanly possible," the guys said.

"Probably within the next week or two," Wachter said.

30 Seconds to Mars toured all of 2005 and will stay on tour for the entire summer. They pretty much have a show every night in a differ-

ent town. But the band warns, this lifestyle is not for the faint of heart.

"You have to be a little crazy," Wachter said. "And we are all a little bit crazy."

"I feel like I've completely crossed over the threshold of totally insane," Milicevic said, "I don't feel normal. I think about when I was younger and I know I am not that same person anymore. I'm definitely insane. I've definitely lost my mind."

Since these guys have been touring for so long, they call the tour bus their home.

"We're gypsies," Wachter said.

"We're nomads, vagabonds, call me what you will," Milicevic said referencing Metallica's "Wherever I May Roam."

But Wachter and Milicevic agree that they are lucky to have their rock star jobs.

"There's days when it's hard, but there's a bigger picture, and we're very grateful to be able to do this. Being able to get up everyday and play music has been a dream of ours since we were kids," Wachter said.

"It's hard to complain, but we're human. We have bad days just like everyone else."

"The fact is tomorrow we could get a call from the record company and they could tell us to basically go fuck ourselves. That's such a real possibility that you just have to enjoy everyday like it's your last day you get to do this," Milicevic said.

That's how 30 Seconds to Mars is able to keep their performances fresh and entertaining for their fans - they live in the moment.

"If you don't do that, you will become boring and you will start to hate your job," Milicevic said. "It's a job just like any other job."

Though they agree being in a rock band is definitely one of the better jobs either of them has had, these guys know crappy jobs. Milicevic and Wachter both have had their share of horribly odd jobs that they would love to forget.

For Milicevic, it was cleaning movie theaters at night, and for Wachter it was working at a theme restaurant.

"I just hated every one of my jobs," Wachter said. "I could find something I loathe in each and everyone of those jobs."

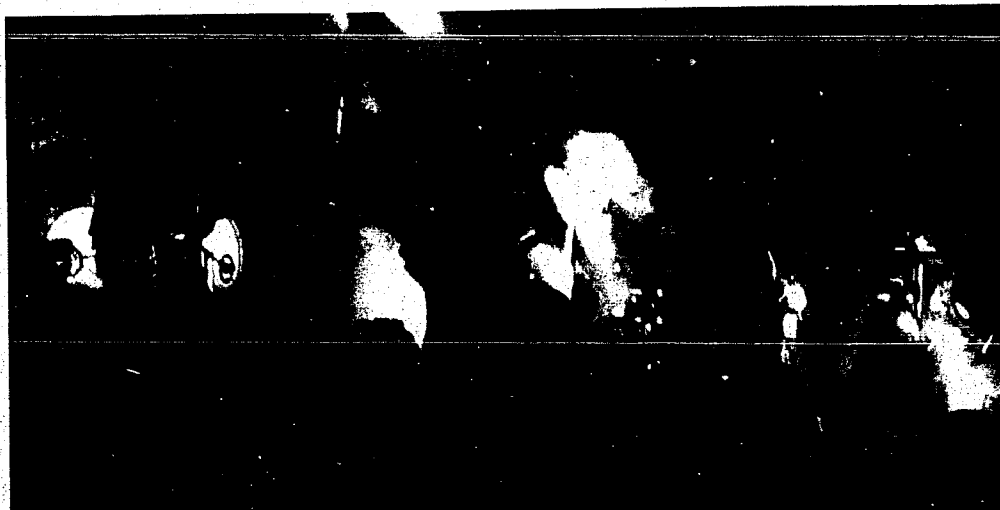
"It makes me grateful for where I am now," he said.

With all their time spent on the road, this band has barely had time for family and friends, much less any vacationing.

According to Milicevic, the last time he took a vacation was before he joined the band. "One month before I was in this band was the last vacation I had."

And Wachter took a mere two days off to go snowboarding with some pals in Tahoe. Apparently this rock 'n' roll lifestyle is harder than I thought.

Wachter and Milicevic want all their fans to know how thankful they are for their support. "We are very aware that without them, this isn't even a reality," Milicevic said.



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[THIS WEEK IN SPORTS] Patton's army prepares for WAC battle

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Sports Editor

Men's tennis
Friday-Sunday
WAC Championships
All day
Appleton Tennis Center

Women's tennis
Thursday-Saturday
WAC Championships
All day
Appleton Tennis Center

Track and field
Friday-Saturday
Oregon Invitational
TBA
Eugene, Ore.

This is the 'in' for the Boise State men's tennis team. Should the Broncos win the Western Athletic Conference Tournament this weekend at the Appleton Tennis Center, they will receive an automatic bid to the National Collegiate Athletics Association tournament later this spring.

The No. 23 Broncos are the defending WAC champions, but truly

want more. They want a national title.

"I figure there are two ways of getting a ring, either you steal someone else's or you earn your own," BSU head coach Greg Patton said.

The tournament has nine teams. But the only two that really stand a chance of leaving with rings are Boise State and Fresno State.

"This is their chance to get into the NCAA's and we know we have to fight them off to get into the NCAA's," Patton said. "There's a lot at stake. You're not talking about

bragging rights anymore. You're talking about the mansions, the limo, the chauffeur. You're talking about the first born too. One team is going to come out king of the line, the other's going to be dog days."

The Broncos have the No. 1 seed and Fresno is No. 2. With the No. 1 seed, the Broncos receive a first-round bye in the WAC tournament.

"It's going to help us out big-time," Patton said. "Originally, I wanted a match to start because I wanted to play an extra match. But Clancy (Shields) turned an ankle

Monday. But I'm an eternal optimist. He could have done it the day before the tournament started and not be able to play, but he's got six days."

Patton said Shields might not play in the semifinals Saturday, but should the Broncos advance to the finals, he would take the court.

The young Broncos are in search of their third title in four years in the WAC. They won the league title in 2003 and 2005, but lost in 2004.

Other than senior Thomas Shoeck, who was named the WAC

men's tennis player of the week last week, the Bronco team is made up entirely of sophomores and freshmen.

"We're like 'Babes in Toyland.' My team is so young," Patton said. "Thomas has been on a 4-year journey with us and his journey is about to end. He has a sense of urgency; he's our senior. He's standing at the pearly gates right now and St. Peter

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WAC TENNIS TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

Dates and Sites: The tournament will feature five women's matches first round matches on Thursday, April 20 (two matches at the Boise Racquet and Swim Club and three matches at the Appleton Tennis Center on campus); three men's first round and two women's semifinal matches on Friday, April 21 (two of the men's matches at the Boise Racquet and Swim Club and one men's match and two women's matches at the Appleton Tennis Center); the women's championship match and two men's semifinal matches on Saturday, April 22 (all at the Appleton Tennis Center); and the men's championship match on Sunday, April 23 (at the Appleton Tennis Center).

Tickets: A daily ticket is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students and children under 18. An all-session pass (good for all four days) is \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students and children under 18. Tickets will be available at the Appleton Tennis Center on all four days, and at the Boise Racquet and Swim Club on Thursday and Friday.

Parking: Parking is free both, at the Boise Racquet and Swim Club and at Boise State. At Boise State, please park for free only in the spots marked "General Permit" between the Taco Bell Arena and Bronco Stadium (Thursday through Sunday).

College Tennis Format: A college tennis team match is a race to four points. A team point is obtained either by winning one of the six singles matches, or by capturing the very important first point in doubles. Three doubles matches are played first, each of which are an eight-game pro set. Whichever team wins two out of the three doubles pro sets, captures the team "doubles" point. Six singles matches are then played

immediately after doubles. Each singles match is a traditional two out of three set match with tie breaker to 7 in each set if needed. Once a

team has reached 4 points, the dual match is then clinched. In the NCAA tournament format, which the WAC is following, once a team reaches 4, the match will stop play immediately.

The Appleton Tennis Center is located on the Boise State campus just north of the Student Union Building and the Intramural Field. The tennis teams encourage all students to come out and cheer for the Broncos against their most-hated rivals.

[SIDE LINE]

Keron Francis named Xbox Live WAC Track And Field Athlete of the Week

Producing the second best collegiate javelin throw in the country this year, Boise State University's Keron Francis has been named the Xbox Live WAC Male Track and Field Athlete of the Week.

A senior from LaSage, Grand, Francis won the javelin at last Saturday's (April 15) Brutus Hamilton Invitational at the University of California, Berkeley with a throw of 242-3 (73.85m) to earn the league award.

The throw was just off his personal best of 243-2 set in 2004, and just a little over three feet shy of the current collegiate leader, Eric Brown of the University of Arkansas, at 245-10 (74.94m).

Francis' throw marked the first time he had competed collegiately in the javelin since he placed fourth at the 2004 NCAA National Championships to earn All-American honors. Francis red-shirted last year and had not thrown this outdoor season due to an injury.

The Bronco teams are back in action again this Friday and Saturday (April 21 and 22) at the Oregon Invitational in Eugene, Oregon.

Derrick Zimmerman signs with Nets

GREENVILLE, S.C., April 18th "The New Jersey Nets have signed Austin Toros guard Derrick Zimmerman for the remainder of the season, Nets President Rod Thorn announced today. Zimmerman is the 18th GATORADE Call-Up of the 2005-06 NBA Development League season.

The 6-3 Zimmerman was the NBA D-League Defensive Player of the Year in 2005-06. He played in 45 games (43 starts), averaging 8.5 points, 4.8 rebounds and 6.4 assists. His 1.9 steals per game led the D-League, while he finished third in the league in minutes played at 36.5 pg. Zimmerman previously played for the Nets during the 2005 preseason.

Walker signs with BSU Basketball

Gordy Presnell, Boise State's head women's basketball coach, announced this afternoon the addition of Ja'Lara (pronounced: huh-LAR-uh) Walker, a 6-4 center, out of Merced High School in Merced, California. She brings height, athleticism, and depth to the Broncos' center position. Walker will join three year starter senior Michelle Hessing and junior Amanda Stewart as the team's three centers next season.



Boise State men's tennis coach Greg Patton and his Broncos are preparing to defend their Western Athletic Conference title this weekend at the Appleton tennis center.

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Mark Tichenor, the Boise State women's tennis coach has his team in the midst of a 12-match winning streak. The Broncos have the No. 2 seed at the WAC tournament.

Women's tennis rides into WAC Championships

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Sports Editor

The Boise State women's tennis team needs to win three more matches to earn a bid to the National Collegiate Athletics Association tournament later this spring.

The Broncos earned the No. 2 seed in the tournament and will face Utah State in the first round.

All matches will be played at either the Appleton Tennis Center or the Boise Racquet and Swim Club. All of the Bronco matches will be played at the Appleton Tennis Center.

The No. 63 Broncos are riding a 12-match winning streak and posted a 20-3 record this season.

During the winning streak Boise State has swept the doubles point in

each of the duals, posting 36 consecutive doubles victories.

Utah State, the Broncos' first-round opponent, is 4-12 this season, and has lost each of its last seven matches. Against ranked opponents, the Aggies are 0-4.

The Broncos and Aggies met April 13, at the Appleton Tennis Center, with Boise State posting a 7-0 shut-out victory.

But the real competition for the Broncos in this tournament is in the form of the rival Fresno State Bulldogs.

"On paper yeah," BSU head coach Mark Tichenor said. "But every team is competition, because if you don't win, your season is over. We have to be ready to play Utah State tomorrow at 12."

The great thing about a tourna-

ment, though, is that despite the regular-season records, every team has a chance to win, all nine teams in the WAC.

"It's just an exciting tournament," Tichenor said. "It's so much fun getting to play in this tournament. The level of competition in tennis just

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Rugby squad voyages to MaggotFest

This weekend in Missoula Mont., members of BSU's Men's Rugby club will wrap up their season. Members will "whore on" to other teams to compete in the 30th annual Maggotfest rugby tournament.

BY MARK THOMSEN
Sports Writer

Thirty-five teams from the United States and Canada will compete in this year's Maggotfest. Since Maggotfest is not just a bunch of matches but a festival-style tournament, teams are encouraged to not only play hard on the field, but also wear costumes, sing songs, and even perform a skit

or two. Originally, the BSU team had hoped to travel and compete together in the tournament, but matches in Moscow last weekend took their toll both financially and physically on the team.

The team traveled to Moscow last weekend where they took on the University of Idaho, and St. Andy's, a Christian rugby club located in Moscow.

"Those two matches left some guys banged up, and depleted a lot of our money," Andy Villegas, BSU Rugby Club president said.

This season many of the BSU players are paying for trips out of their own pocket, and back to back weekends are a hardship to some.

Instead, some BSU members will travel together and play with other teams at the festival-style tournament that has been hosted by the Missoula Maggots Rugby Club since 1977. This season marked the return of a men's rugby team to Boise State.

"It has been really successful," Villegas said.

At the beginning of the season, only two members of the team had any rugby experience.

"It has been a huge learning ex-

“ Those two matches left some guys banged up, and depleted a lot of our money. ”

- Andy Villegas,
BSU Rugby Club President

perience for all of us," Villegas said.

BSU rugby played five matches this season, "with a ton of heart."

While the team didn't win any matches this season they look forward to building on their successes.

The BSU team has taken strides this season in becoming a premier rugby club in the Treasure Valley. Coach Bob Mann travels from Mountain Home Air Force Base twice a week to run practices for BSU. Mann started playing rugby in England when he was stationed there with the Air Force, and continued to play across Europe.

"Coach Mann is a really dedicated coach, and really wants to see us succeed," Villegas said.

BSU rugby has received a helping hand from another Treasure Valley rugby club, the Snake River Snakes, who have played in Boise since 1972 and won a national title

in 1996. Every week BSU practices with the Snakes, in order to speed up the learning process.

"The Snakes have been really great to work with," Villegas said. "They even purchased our jerseys for us."

Villegas and his BSU teammates who can make the trip to Maggotfest this weekend hope to "whore on" to the Snakes for some of their matches.

The BSU men's rugby team is planning a full Fall and Spring schedule next year and invite anyone interested to check them out by visiting the BSU Student Recreation Center Web site and checking out "club sports."

The team practices Tuesday and Thursday nights at West Jr. High at 6:30 p.m.

Coll and Schoeck named Western Athletic Conference tennis players of the week

Coll

Boise State's Tiffany Coll has been named the Xbox Live Western Athletic Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Week for the week of

April 17. This is her first honor and third for the spring.

Coll, a junior from Pountain Hills, Ariz., went 2-0 in singles competition, and 3-0 in doubles competition last week, helping the Broncos sweep their three matches against WAC schools Nevada, Idaho and Utah State. Coll has won 12 consecutive singles matches, and has not lost

since Feb. 25. Her doubles play has contributed to 36 consecutive wins in doubles competition by the Broncos. Against Idaho, Coll and freshman

Tatiana Ganzha posted the first victory for the Broncos, putting the team in position to clinch the

doubles point. The duo beat the Vandals'

Kareen Konishi and Efrat Leopold, 8-0, at the second position, improving their perfect spring record to 8-0.

Coll's 11th consecutive singles victory came against Utah State's Dee-Dee Nelson, 6-0, 6-0. The shut-out marked the third time she had

blanked an opponent in her previous five matches. Her 12th consecutive victory came against Nevada's Bach-Lan Pham, 7-5, 6-2. Coll is now 22-4 this season in singles competition.

Schoeck

Boise State's Thomas Schoeck has been named the Xbox Live Western Athletic Conference Men's Tennis Player of the Week for the week of

April 17. This is the second-straight week the Broncos have been honored.

Schoeck, a senior from Renningen, Germany, played in his final regular-season home match. The All-American recorded victories in both singles and doubles competition. On Senior Day, Schoeck defeated Oscar Plotnik of the No. 37 San Diego Toreros. Schoeck and All-American teammate

Luke Shields, the nation's 18th-ranked doubles team, also knocked off Plotnik and Thomas Liversage at the No. 1 doubles position. Schoeck and

Shields capped an undefeated week of doubles competition with victories over Marko Bundalo and Eric Molnar of No. 28 Colorado, and Neje Smole and Steve Flaks of No. 62 Denver. Schoeck, ranked No. 122 in singles, also posted another singles victory over Niklas Persson of Denver.

Schoeck is now 19-8 this season in singles and 20-9 with Shields in doubles.



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Two Duke players arrested; defense says athletes not at the scene

BY AMES ALEXANDER, SHARIF DURHAMS AND DAVID PERLMUTT
Knight Ridder Tribune

DURHAM, N.C. — Hours after two Duke lacrosse players were arrested in connection with a rape investigation that has roiled Durham and made national headlines, defense lawyers said Tuesday they'll be able to prove the students charged weren't with the accuser at the time she claimed she was assaulted.

"In the upcoming weeks, the lawyers for these two students are going to be able to provide objective evidence that demonstrates they were not capable of committing any sexual offense," said Charlotte lawyer Pete Anderson, who represents a player who hasn't been charged.

"This will include receipts and other records demonstrating that they weren't present at the house at the time when the assault was allegedly taking place."

Anderson said he has learned this in the course of representing his client and talking to other defense lawyers, but he and other attorneys said they can't yet elaborate on the evidence collected.

Following the arrests of lacrosse players Collin Finnerty and Reade Seligmann on Tuesday, authorities said they are still pressing an investigation into a third possible suspect in the case.

In a statement, Durham District Attorney Mike Nifong said he had hoped to charge "all three of the assailants at the same time, but the evidence available to me at this moment does not permit that. Investigation into the identity of the third assailant will continue, in the hope that he can also be identified with certainty."

Finnerty and Seligmann were released on \$400,000 bond early Tuesday, and the two men had preliminary court hearings. Both were charged with first-degree rape, first-degree sexual offense and first-degree kidnapping.

University officials wouldn't say whether they would suspend Finnerty and Seligmann, but noted it's their policy to issue an interim suspension when a student is charged with a felony.

Seligmann, a Duke sophomore from Essex Fells, N.J., did not appear at his court hearing. He was represented by his attorney; Kirk



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Duke lacrosse player Collin Finnerty (center) walks to the front of the courtroom to begin his preliminary hearing at the Durham County Judicial Building Tuesday morning, April 18.

Osborn.

Finnerty, a sophomore from Garden City, Long Island, N.Y., made a brief court appearance. The next court date for each man will be May 15.

In November, Finnerty and two friends were arrested in Washington, D.C., accused of punching a man who asked them to stop calling him gay. The charge is pending.

Bill Cotter, an attorney representing Finnerty, said, "They (the grand jury) only hear one side of the story. We're surprised anybody got indicted, quite frankly."

Osborn declined to say whether his client was at the party when the alleged attack took place.

But Raleigh attorney Joe Cheshire, who represents a player who hasn't been charged, said evidence that defense lawyers have collected so far makes it clear that the two students "could not have been where she says they were."

Finnerty and Seligmann had no contact with the accuser at the party, Cheshire said. "Nobody would have ever guessed these two," he said.

Victim's story questioned

Finnerty and Seligmann live in the same Duke residence hall, along with several other lacrosse players. The accuser in the case, a 27-year-old mother of two who is enrolled at N.C. Central University, has alleged that three Duke lacrosse players raped, sodomized and choked her

at an off-campus party where she was hired to perform as an exotic dancer last month.

Nifong has said he believes the woman was raped. Nurses who examined the woman found injuries consistent with a sexual assault, he has noted.

But defense lawyers maintain there's no truth to the allegations.

Anderson said he understands the accuser didn't identify her alleged assailants until three or four weeks after the party when she reviewed photos of Duke lacrosse players. He said that delay, coupled with the accuser's apparent intoxication during the party, make her identification of assailants questionable.

Anderson, recalling his days as a federal prosecutor, said that "if someone brought me a case based on eyewitness identification, made a month after the event by a witness who was intoxicated, I would throw it out in a heartbeat."

No DNA from any of the 46 players tested has been found on the woman or her clothing.

Coach warned last year

It's not the first time Duke's lacrosse players have roused the concerns of university officials.

In October 2004, the university found that nearly half of the lacrosse team's members had come before the judicial affairs office, according to Sue Wasiolek, Duke's dean of students. Many of the violations involved alcohol consump-

tion, she said.

"A significant number of students seemed to be engaging in disorderly, disruptive behavior," Wasiolek said.

According to the Durham Herald-Sun, the disciplinary review prompted the university's athletics director to warn lacrosse coach Mike Pressler that his team was "under the microscope" and that players needed to improve their conduct.

Students wary

On Duke's Gothic-style campus Tuesday, many students appeared eager for the media to leave, but hungry to find out what really happened.

Security guards stationed near a dormitory where many lacrosse players live kept reporters away from residents. Draped along the ground floor of one dorm building was a banner reading, "We support Duke Lax. Innocent until proven guilty."

At Bryan Center, Duke's student union, students sat in groups studying, eating lunch and chatting. But when news of the arrests flashed on TVs around 1:30 p.m., the room fell silent as the students watched.

Clark Jones, a graduate student from Atlanta, said he and his classmates are concerned that the scandal may tarnish the university's reputation among employers.

At N.C. Central University, where the accuser is enrolled, students voiced divergent opinions about how events have unfolded.

Freshman Reginald Rogers of High Point said the players should have been arrested long before Tuesday.

But student Mike Silver of Durham, who has heard the case discussed in his law classes, said: "These are still allegations. And we

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Riding the arm of javelin thrower Keron Francis, the Boise State University men's track and field is back in the top 25 of this week's Trackwire 25. The Broncos are tied with Baylor University and the University of South Carolina for 22nd with 12 points.

The Broncos moved back into the top 25 when Francis was ranked second in the javelin following his first place finish at the Brutus Hamilton Invitational in Berkeley, California this past Saturday (April 15) with a throw of 242-3 (73.85m). Eric Brown of the University of

Arkansas leads the nation with a season best mark of 245-10. Francis is a 2004 All-American in the event placing fourth at the NCAA National Championships. He red-shirted last year.

Trackwire Online produces a top 25 ranking of men and women's teams based on a hypothetical score for the NCAA national meet. The point totals are generated by a power ranking of the top 12 student-athletes and relay squads in each NCAA event.

Florida State University leads the men's rankings with 60 points, while the University of Texas is the top women's team with 61 points.

Boise State's remaining points in this week's ranking come from Mattias Jons in the hammer. The runner-up for last year's NCAA National Championship, Jons is currently ranked fifth with a season best mark of 223-5 (68.09m).

Boise State was listed 21st in the season's first Trackwire 25 ranking three weeks ago.

The Broncos fell out of last week's ranking before returning this week.

The Bronco men and women's teams are in action this Friday and Saturday (April 21 and 22) at the Oregon Invitational in Eugene, Oregon.



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is looking at his name on the list. We want to get into the pearly gates tennis club. We don't want to be sent down to purgatory public courts."

The WAC championships are the culmination of a season in which the Broncos went 18-6. The tournament is the last test before nationals.

"This is the first, this is like being on the porch, trying to get into the house," Patton said.

"We're really excited. If you think the Boise State football game against Fresno state was on fire & spice, it's nothing compared to this. This is going to be like going to a Mexican restaurant, a Jalisco, there's going to be so much hot sauce

going on. It's a rivalry, we respect them, they're a great team, they feel the same way, but there is blood between the two teams."

Patton said that when the Broncos played at Fresno earlier this season the Bulldog fans were boisterous to say the least.

"Their crowd was vicious," Patton said. "Their crowd was like the Orcs from the 'Lord of the Rings.' We were like Frodo, just trying to take care of the ring."

The rivalry has leapt off the football field and will be showcased at the Appleton Center this weekend.

"It stems from football and basketball," Patton said. "It's a great rivalry. It's one we cherish and we want. We have the party during the fall, it's football, rightfully so. When it gets really cold, go to Taco Bell Arena. But, when it's really nice guys, put your shorts on, take your shirt off and come out and watch tennis!"

Fresno is No. 44 in the nation.

The WAC championships is a tennis tournament, but to Patton and his army of raqueteers, it signifies more than just a tournament and a chance for a ring, it embodies the very substance which makes BSU tennis such a success,

a thing to cheer.

"We're having a celebration of Boise State Athletics and I want to invite everybody," Patton said. "Don't think tennis...it's not a polite, it's a get-down. Come out, show your emotion, cheer the matches emotionally, spiritually, intellectually and let the guys play them physically and get it on. It's a party. It's a celebration."

This weekend may prove lot of things in the record books, but the overall goal is the same on all nine sides of all nine teams. Patton summed it up in six words.

"I want to own the WAC."

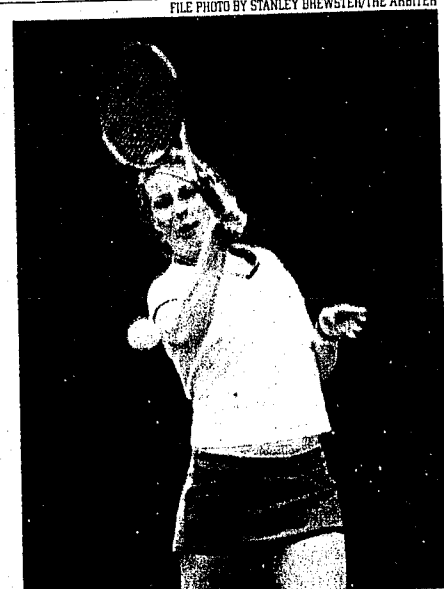
The Broncos play the winner of the New Mexico State/Utah State match, Saturday at 3:30 p.m., at the Appleton Tennis Center.

Boise State did not face either team in this year's regular season.

New Mexico State, the tournament's No. 4 seed, completed its regular season at 13-8, victorious in six of its last eighth matches. The Aggies are 0-6 against ranked Division I opponents this season.

Earlier this season, New Mexico State defeated Utah State 7-0.

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Women's Tennis [from page 9]

rises for this tournament. We're like every other team. We want to win it. We want a chance to go to the NCAA's and stuff and I'm sure all nine teams have that same goal."

Despite the Broncos' success this season, they have a solid idea of what they need to do to excel in this tournament

"If we overlook somebody and just say that we're going to be playing Fresno State in the finals, we're going to be watching the finals; we're not going to be playing," Tichenor said. "We've had a really good attitude this year, taking it one match at a time and not looking past anybody. We just have to keep doing the same thing."

The women have a certain group mentality that has made them more than just a team this season. Call it family, call it a sisterhood, call it what you like, just know that the team is more than a collection of individuals.

"We've had a really good season," Tichenor said. "Everybody has worked so hard. Everybody has been such a big part of it. We've never been as ready as we are for this tournament. This is the most prepared team we have brought here."

The Broncos are ready, no matter what hap-

pens this weekend. The weather is supposed to be nice, but the Idaho Spring can be a variant beast.

"Hopefully the weather is fine and we can play (at the Appleton Tennis Center)," Tichenor said. "If it's not, it's not. We've played at Rice before, where it was rainy and last year in Hawaii it was beautiful, knock on wood. You just have to be prepared for whatever happens. It's a high-pressure tournament. It's controlled chaos sometimes. You just have to roll with the punches and the main thing is you have to be ready to play. If for some reason we wake up on Friday and it's raining, then we go indoors."

If it does rain, the matches would be moved to the BOAS complex under the bubbles.

The biggest advantage the Broncos have is that they are playing on their home court this weekend.

"Hopefully, the positive energy and the Bronco Nation comes out and supports us like they've always done," Tichenor said. "That should be an extra lift for all of our players. The energy, the excitement level should be incredible."

The Broncos have twice finished in third place

at the WAC Championship, last year and in 2002. The last time the Broncos were a two-seed was also in 2002.

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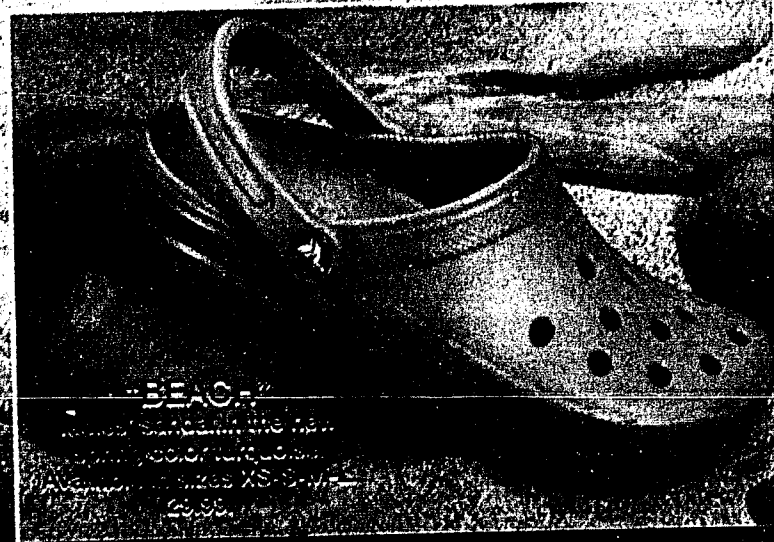
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Business & Tech

Small businesses race to MySpace market

Chella Cardona has found the perfect advertising vehicle for her young, small business. And it doesn't cost her a cent.

BY CRAYTON HARRISON
The Dallas Morning News

She's able to keep in close contact with loyal customers, who instantly spread the word to their friends. When she wants to promote an event at her Dallas specialty shoe store, Passport Exhibit Gallery, she can immediately distribute information to hundreds of people.

"It's been a huge benefit," Cardona said. "Because we're a small business, we don't have a lot of money allocated for marketing."

Cardona has discovered the lucrative promotional secrets of MySpace.com, a site that enjoyed its first wave of success when bands used it to spread word about their music.

Since Passport Exhibit Gallery set up a MySpace page in December, hundreds of customers have visited the store after discovering it on the Web, she said.

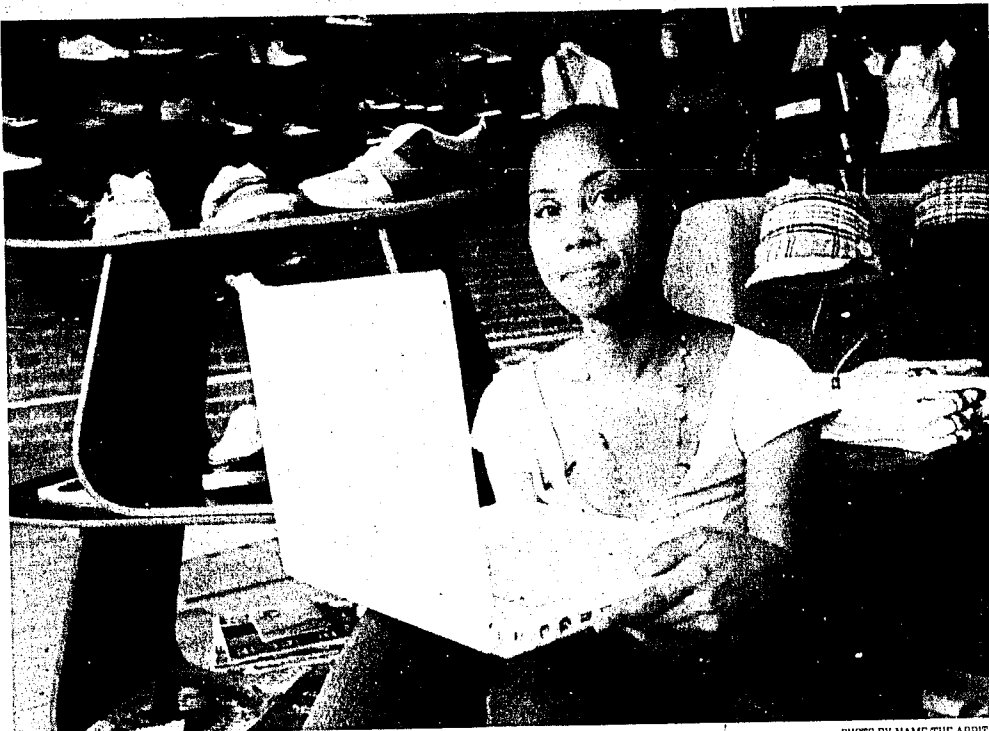
As it has become one of the most popular Internet destinations for young people, MySpace has also attracted legions of small businesses - restaurants, bars, clothing stores, tattoo parlors - trying to reach an audience with tastes outside the mainstream. All of them use the site for free.

Now MySpace is part of corporate America. Media conglomerate News Corp. bought its parent company in July for \$580 million.

News Corp. executives have made it clear they want to boost the site's ad revenue, inviting large companies to advertise on the site.

Thus MySpace stands at a crossroads, with major corporate brands trying to figure out how to reach its young, hip audiences while small businesses pioneer the art of reaching customers with help from customers themselves.

Users have created roughly 70 million profiles on MySpace, and the site had 47 million unique users in February, according to its own statistics. It's the second-most trafficked destination on the Web next to



Chella Cardona sits with her computer at Passport Exhibit Gallery in Dallas.

Yahoo, according to comScore Networks.

Each MySpace profile page contains space in which users can post photos, write messages to friends and list links to their friends' pages.

Setting up a MySpace page requires only the most basic computer skills, an asset that has helped the site attract so many users. It's also appealing for business owners.

Gretchen Frizzell, proprietor of Dallas vintage clothing store Dolly Python, set up her own page despite being "not real computer-savvy," she said.

"My page isn't all that fancy. I have a background on the Dolly Python page, and I post pictures every once in a while. Whatever time allows me, I'll work on it," Frizzell said. "It kind of gives the store a little bit of personality."

A MySpace user can stay in contact with friends by agreeing to receive bulletins from them. The user can also make "friends" with businesses that send out bulletins as well.

When a bar has a Friday night party, for instance, it sends out an image of a promotional flier to all its friends, who can then spread it to their friends.

"It's like a virus," said Cardona. "If one person signs up, you have access to all the people that they're connected to."

Web companies such as Amazon.com Inc., Google Inc. and Yahoo Inc. have of late been trying to attract businesses such as Cardona's store to use their free listings and - eventually - to advertise.

Those Internet titans have been trying to develop more effective ways to let users search for companies and products available in their neighborhoods.

MySpace's no-frills, laissez-faire approach appears to have already produced a version of this local search idea, allowing users to find businesses they'll like through a Web version of word-of-mouth.

In some ways, it's better than having a regular Web site, said Chris Howell, a Dallas filmmaker who has used a MySpace page to promote Sweet Science, the

boxing documentary he's making. "With this, you have a little bit more control as to affecting your demographic," he said. "You can go out and see people's interests. You can go to groups of documentary filmmakers or film critics and make yourself known there."

It's also cheaper to have a MySpace site than to pay for the design and Web space of a professionally rendered page. And it's a free alternative to a marketing and advertising budget.

Big companies are dipping their toes in MySpace's waters. The square patty on a Wendy's hamburger has its own MySpace page, which includes "movies" in which the meat sings.

The Honda Element's page conducted a contest for the best background designs for MySpace.

Ad sales are jumping at MySpace. News Corp. is trying to move up the price for ads on its home page to \$750,000 from \$100,000, an executive told Fortune magazine this month.

MySpace has also been cleaning up its pages to make itself more attractive to squeamish advertisers turned off by its unfiltered content.

Last week, the company announced the hiring of Microsoft Corp. executive Hemanshu Nigam as its chief security officer, putting him in charge of overseeing users' safety after media reports of concerns about pedophiles using the site.

MySpace also recently eliminated more than 200,000 profiles that didn't fit its standards.

Those moves may make big advertisers more interested, but they could turn off users, said Jonathon Feit, editor and publisher of Citizen Culture, a Web magazine for young professionals.

MySpace thrives "on cultural appeal," he said. "You can't clean them up and still have them be rough around the edges, which is where all their appeal comes from."

There may be a workaround, a way to use MySpace's power without becoming associated with unsavory content.

Jim Sibert didn't want the legal liability associated with the old MySpace page dedicated to his bar, the now-defunct Xpo Lounge.

But regulars liked the idea of having a way to connect online, and he allowed them to use the bar's name without officially endorsing anything.

"It's amazing to me that other businesses don't do that to develop a community customer base rather than customers who just pay their money and leave," Mr. Sibert said. "My concept was to give everyone ownership in the business."

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King size pillowtop mattress set, brand new in bag. Must sell, \$199. Can Deliver. 921-6643.

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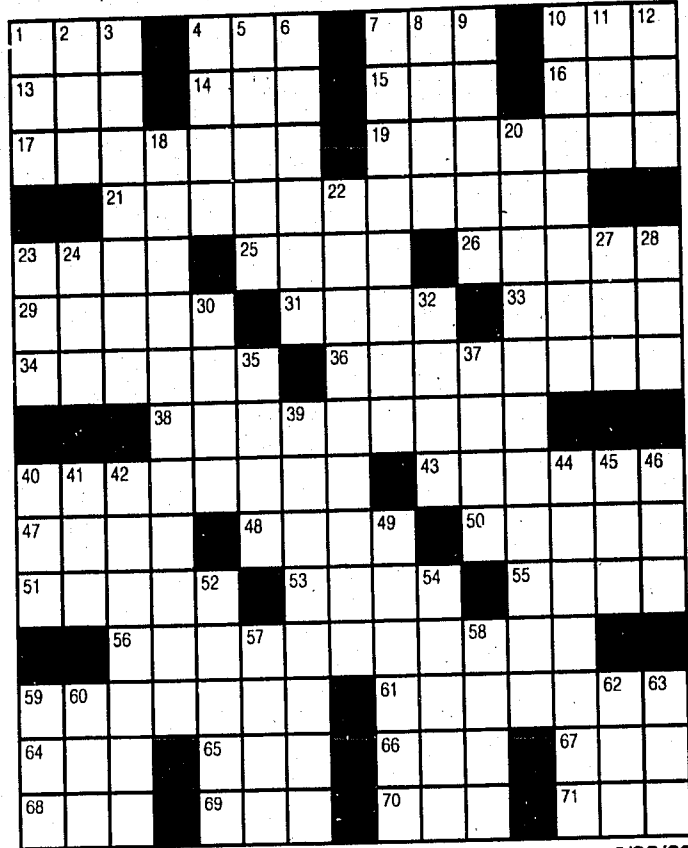
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4 Stoolie
7 Make a choice
10 Spoiled
13 Clod buster
14 Personal pension \$
15 And not
16 Miner's product
17 Fastener attacher
19 Trinities
21 Bagel topper
23 ___ gin fizz
25 Mall event
26 Actress Diamond
29 Bamboo-eating mammal
31 Scoundrels
33 Tilt to one side
34 State positively
36 Soared rapidly
38 Curved swords
40 Circular temple in Rome
43 In general
47 ___ B'rith
48 Instituted legal proceedings
50 \$100
51 Skunk indicator
53 Bambi's dad
55 Conclusions
56 Querulous state
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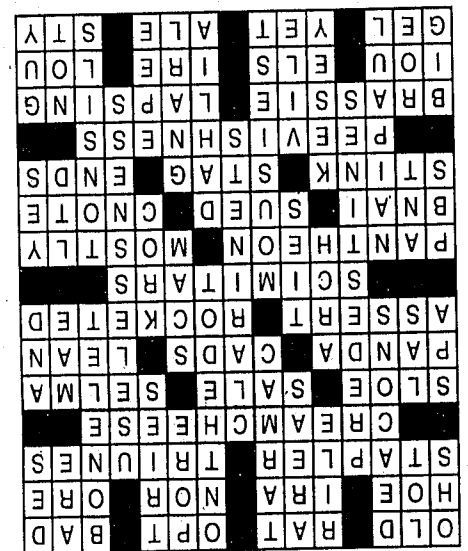
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I JUST SAW A STUDY THAT SAYS THE DULL APPEARANCE OF MY CUBICLE IS PROBABLY INHIBITING THE GROWTH OF NEURONS IN MY BRAIN!

TRY SITTING THERE FOR A FEW MORE HOURS AND THEN TELL ME IF YOU FEEL ANY DIFFERENT.

NOW I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT I WAS COMPLAINING ABOUT.

TOPPER

I HAD TO CARRY OVER THREE WEEKS OF VACATION. THAT'S NOTHING!

I CARRIED OVER SO MUCH TIME THAT THEY HAD TO CREATE A NEW MONTH AND NAME IT AFTER ME!

SHUT YOUR PIE HOLE! IT LOOKS AS IF SOMEONE IS HAVING A BAD TOPPERUARY.

horoscopes

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Today's Birthday (04-20-06) As you're making plans this year, keep the bottom line in mind. It's not enough to be courageous. You also have to be thrifty. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 5 - For the coming four weeks, focus your attention on making money. Everyone won't understand, but that's OK. Explain it to them later.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is an 8 - The Sun's coming into your sign, which is excellent for you. This year it's easier to achieve success and prosperity.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 6 - In the coming four weeks, set priorities and be practical. Scratch things off your list that have lost all reason for being done. Then, do the others.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 7 - Just in time, your friends come to your rescue. Take advantage of this situation, and move quickly. Your lucky break won't last forever.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 7 - New opportunities are popping up, as important people take an interest. They're willing to give you more work, and that could lead to a lot more money. It doesn't initially, but it could.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7 - The next four weeks are, generally, good vacation weather. All you have to do is work more free time into your schedule.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 5 - The major theme for the next four weeks is money that you share with other people. Yes, that does mean all your credit cards.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is an 8 - The Sun's going into Taurus. For you, this means partnerships, relationships and open enemies dominate the next four weeks. This ought to be interesting.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 6 - For the next four weeks, your job will take top priority. No need to resist, you'll find many good uses for the extra money.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is an 8 - Romance, children and games of all kinds are favored now. Travel's not especially good, though. You'll have a better time at home.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 7 - After you finish an overdue chore, you'll have more time to spend at home. Fix up your place for the next four weeks. You'll be in the mood.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 7 - An older, wiser friend is worth more than her weight in gold. Don't be shy about asking questions. This is your education.

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