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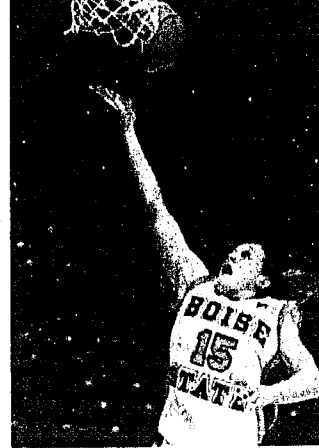
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The Boise State Broncos accepted an invitation Sunday to play in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Jan. 1 against the University of Oklahoma in Glendale, Ariz. The Broncos finished the regular season 12-0 and won their fifth consecutive Western Athletic Conference Championship.

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY  
Managing Editor

**E**ruption. The word typifies not only the 5,000-plus fans and their voices reverberating off the walls of Taco Bell Arena at Sunday night's pep rally, but the word also belongs to this program so rapidly on the rise.

The Boise State Broncos were chosen Sunday to play in the 36th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. It was a simple invitation, but it sent ripples through Bronco nation.

"We congratulate the Broncos on their incredible undefeated season and being selected to playing in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl against the Oklahoma Sooners," Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Representative (and BSU alumnus) Ann Damiano said. "We are very excited to host Boise State in the valley of the sun and I can ensure you of an incredible experience."

An invitation requires response. "Folks, I think I heard an invitation and the only way to deal with an invitation, of course, is to respond to it," an enthusiastic BSU President Bob Kustra said. "So Ann, on behalf of the faculty, the staff and the students of Boise State University, we would be honored to join you in the Fiesta Bowl."

The game will be played Jan. 1, 2007 in Glendale, Ariz. at the

brand-new University of Phoenix Stadium.

The fans at the arena erupted from their seats when the announcement was made around 6:05 p.m. The Blue Thunder Marching Band belted the fight song, the Harvey Neef Meline Dancers and the BSU Cheerleaders led the crowd in uproarious exultation as the reality truly set in.

1996: the year BSU made the move to Division I-A. In 10 years the team went from a winner at the I-AA level to a champion at the I-A level, now set to play on national television on New Year's Day.

"It's huge," BSU head Coach Chris Petersen said. "It's the next step we needed to take and now we have to go and represent Boise State, the State of Idaho and all the mid-majors out there the best we can."

BSU is only the second team in history from a "mid-major university" to play in a Bowl Championship Series game. Utah broke ground in 2004 and the Broncos look to do the same.

BSU will play a storied program, one of the true greats in college football - the University of Oklahoma Sooners (11-2), who beat Nebraska Saturday night to win the Big 12 Championship. The Broncos (12-0) will most likely be huge underdogs.

"There's going to be a lot of people out there that are going to doubt the Boise State Broncos, but

you know what?" BSU quarterback Jared Zabransky asked the pepped-up crowd. "When we walk into that stadium in Arizona, with 40,000-strong, including 110 men in blue, with a big chip on our shoulder, play with extreme confidence and flex our muscle."

Zabransky is 38-5 as a starter at Boise State. He has led the team to two bowl games, but has yet to win one. The Broncos lost to Louisville in 2004 in the Liberty Bowl and lost to Boston College in the 2005 MPC Computers Bowl. In the last eight years, the Broncos have gone to seven bowl games and have amassed the best winning percentage in the nation through that span (85-16).

The Broncos have won seven conference championships in that span, including five consecutive Western Athletic Conference Championships.

The team is 50-2 at home since 1999 and is No. 1 in the nation in winning percentage.

The team moved to No. 10 in the nation in all-time winning percentage this season.

Despite the unlikelihood of the team posting an undefeated season and actually achieving its greatest of goals, Petersen said he wasn't surprised by the many successes of his team.

"We know these guys," Petersen said. "We knew what we had here for quite a while. They're the best

competitors, they're great people. They are excellent football players. So, what they do doesn't really surprise me."

Over the years, the football team has proved to be a continued success. It has won national championships at every level of competition.

"This is a program you guys built," BSU Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier said. "This is the program the community supported from day one. This is the program Lyle Smith established for 38 years as the head coach and AD here at Boise State. Thank you guys."

One thing that has helped keep the Broncos an Idaho team is the continued use and success of local players, like Colt Brooks (who played for Eagle High) and Corey Hall (a standout from Glens Ferry).

"This has been a great community to have lived in, the community and the program," Brooks, a senior linebacker and captain, said. "We'll see you in the Arizona sun."

The hype and media attention for this game will be unlike anything the Broncos have ever encountered. Petersen and his staff have the huge responsibility of preparing and focusing the team on the goal, which is of course, to get a win.

"We prepare correctly," Petersen said. "If our guys stay focused

... there's a trick to that in Bowl games because there's a lot of fun things going on. There's a fine line between enjoying yourself, having fun and staying focused.

"We're definitely going down there to win the game."

Who would have thought at the beginning of this campaign, the first ever as a head coach for Petersen, with Dan Hawkins departed to Colorado and tons of turnover on the coaching staff, coming off a 9-4 season and facing the challenge of "rebuilding" that the Broncos could have possibly done what they have done?

"This could have been a rebuilding year," Petersen said, "but for two factors: One, we were able to hire the finest coaching staff in America. Two, we've got some really, really good players."

Tickets are still available for the game. Petersen and the team wished everyone at the rally and everyone who has ever dreamt of being a Bronco fan to get to Glendale and cheer the Broncos to their first-ever BCS win.

Student tickets will be available Dec. 9 at the Bronco ticket office. You might want to camp out.

Few times in the history of a program is a team given the chance to make one great stride in this race to football glory. The Broncos get one of those chances Jan. 1. Where will you be when it happens?

## Methamphetamine spreads eastward from West

BY MARTEE ORTIZ  
News Writer

Scientists know methamphetamine as one of the most dangerous psycho stimulant drugs created. Broken down, "meth" has a longer acting morphine-like effect in which people use in replacement of a morphine or heroin addiction.

The synthetic, mood altering and addictive amphetamine is used to treat some children with attention deficit disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, as well as adults with narcolepsy.

This addictive stimulant activates certain brain systems. Doctors have made meth a schedule II stimulant, meaning it has a high abuse potential, available only in small prescriptions that do not come with a renewal or refill. Methamphetamine increases dopamine release levels in the brain, which enhance mood and body movement. Chronic meth use changes how the brain functions completely. In animal research, meth destroys neuron cell endings.

Methamphetamine, made in illegal labs across the western United States, goes by many names including crystal, crank, ice, stove top, speed, tweak and poor man's cocaine.

Though known by many names, meth has specific side effects and long term affects. Short-term affects include restless wakefulness, increased physical activity, decrease in appetite, abnormal respiration, rapid heartbeat, non-regular heartbeat and hyperthermia.

These side effects go along with anxiety, insomnia, increased irrita-

bility, tremors, confusion, cardiovascular collapse and eventually, death. The National Institute on Drug Abuse reports long term affects include paranoia, aggressiveness, anorexia, memory loss, auditory hallucinations, delusions and severe dental problems.

Not to mention, methamphetamine can also spread the HIV virus, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C. Injecting meth through reused needles from person to person spreads HIV and Hepatitis. The NIDA reports that reusing needles may even increase the advancement of HIV and therefore AIDS.

"Studies with methamphetamine abusers who have HIV indicate that the HIV causes greater neuronal injury and cognitive impairment compared with HIV-positive people who do not use drugs," the NIDA said.

This rising epidemic in methamphetamine abuse has opened up more research and more therapies for abusers.

"... the most effective treatments for methamphetamine addiction are behavioral therapies such as cognitive behavioral and contingency management interventions," researchers and scientists from the National Institute on Drug Abuse said.

Even after treatment, recent studies have shown that chronic abusers of methamphetamine have reduced motor skills along with impaired verbal abilities. Governor Jim Risch has personally stated that he intends to lessen the meth epidemic in Idaho while in office.

This drug has increased its users in other parts of the country since it first raised problems. It started as

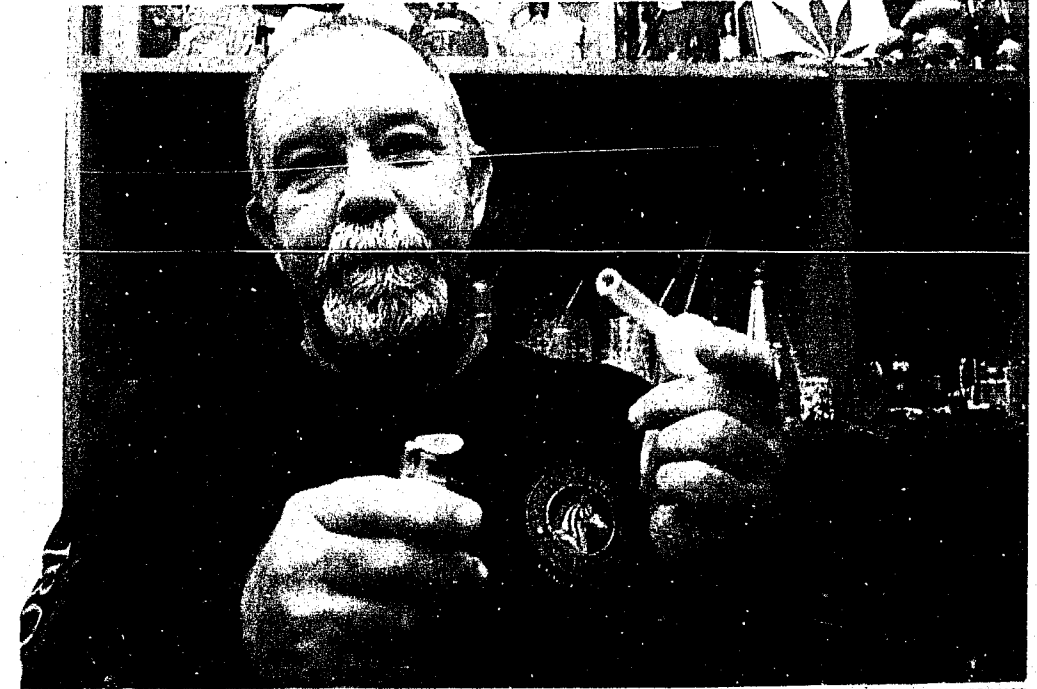


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Metro Narcotics agent Sgt. Rick Stinson holds up a glass pipe stereotypically used for smoking Crystal Meth in front of an assortment of pipes and bongs confiscated in several drug busts.

a nasal spray for asthma and then to treat narcolepsy and ADD. Then the Japanese used it for their pilots in the military to stay awake. The general public started to use it and abuse spread worldwide. In the 50's, truckers, athletes and students in the United States started attachment to the drug.

Ten years later, the public started noticing the affects of the drug and immediately made it illegal.

The illicit production of meth started and here it is today, a widely

used drug in the western U.S. that is being distributed from Mexico and also made in small clandestine meth labs. The main problems of this drug come from Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Because of continuous meth use and the impact it has taken on people's lives, President George W. Bush dubbed Nov. 30 as National Meth Awareness Day.

Boise State held an event with a speaker from Washington D.C. at the Student Union Building. A wom-

an who suffered from the abuse of her meth addiction told her story.

"It's overpowering all our systems. Our foster care kids are suffering from it," Georgia Girvan of the Regional Alcohol Drug Awareness Resource Network Center said.

Though only 12 million Americans have reported trying the drug at least once, this drug rises above most in toxicity and addiction.

People have slowly started to realize the effects of this illegally made drug.



# THE HEADLINES

## WORLD

### Pope's visit to Turkey ends with ambiguity

As Pope Benedict XVI left the streets of Istanbul Friday, a city that had been locked down since his arrival, some Turks said they had been won over by his four-day visit to this secular nation of Muslims.

Others said they remained dubious about a man who had been roundly criticized for comments earlier this fall about Islam.

Many Muslims were furious when the pope quoted a former resident of this city, Byzantine Emperor Manuel II Paleologus, saying, "Show me just what Muhammad brought that was new and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached."

Everyone agreed that there was no lack of effort, or symbolism, in his visit. He became only the second pope (after John Paul II) to enter a mosque, and he bowed his head as the imam at the Blue Mosque, or Sultan Ahmet Mosque, offered a prayer. He also refrained from visibly praying in Hagia Sophia, something that was seen as showing respect for the secular Turkish state. Hagia Sophia, a former Byzantine church, became a mosque after 1453 and is now a museum.

The mufti of Istanbul, Mustafa Cagrici, who'd been highly critical of Benedict XVI after the speech in September and who had signed a protest letter by Islamic academics, said that he was impressed by the visit.

"The joint prayer, in the mosque, was more important than his previous words," he said. In fact, the Sabah newspaper covered its front page with a photo of the two of them together, and said, "Forgiven in Sultan Ahmet."

There were, however, complaints. On the streets of Istanbul, Mehmet Tekindag, 46, a Turkish nationalist, said he was angry about the trip, which he said was no more than an excuse to visit Patriarch Bartholomew of the eastern Orthodox church. A young woman, Zeynep Kuru, noted that security was so tight for the visit that getting around was very difficult. Traffic snarls lasted for hours.

"He is calling for peace, ethics," she said. "Then he should respect to people and visit the places by helicopter."

## NATIONAL

### NAACP files complaint in Florida police shooting

The FBI is investigating the shooting of two unarmed men Tuesday by Fort Lauderdale, Fla., police officers, and the local branch of the NAACP has filed a complaint with the Department of Justice.

Troy Eddines was shot to death and Travis Jackson was wounded when officers fired on the stolen SUV. They were riding in a mostly black community. The scrutiny of the shooting comes amid an outcry from black community leaders that the Fort Lauderdale department has lost the ability to police itself.

Eddines' fatal shooting was the fourth in six months by Fort Lauderdale police officers.

"This community is outraged. We will not stand for any police officers-

not one, not two, not any of them - to continue to kill unarmed victims," Florida NAACP President Adora Obi Nweze told reporters Friday.

City spokesman Ted Lawson welcomed the federal investigation.

"We always welcome other jurisdictions and other levels of government bolstering our resources, particularly in an investigation where community comfort and support of the eventual outcome is so important," Lawson said.

Eddines and Jackson were unarmed when they were shot Tuesday, but they had been armed in the days leading up to the shooting, according to the Broward Sheriff's Office, Plantation and Coconut Creek police. Eddines was identified Friday as the man who held up a Plantation laundry facility Nov. 21 at gunpoint, said Plantation Detective Phil Toman.

"He went inside, pulled a gun on the cashier and demanded money," Toman said of the robbery.

No one was injured. A cashier identified Eddines from photographs as the robber. Jackson was arrested Thursday in the robbery of three teenage boys Nov. 26 in Tamarac. Coconut Creek police have identified Eddines as one of three people who carjacked the SUV he later died in.

Eddines was also identified as the gunman, officials said. It was a flier on the stolen 2006 white Mitsubishi Endeavor that led officers Robert Norvis and Todd Hill to pull the men over, said Detective Kathy Collins.

The officers knew it had been taken in an armed carjacking. As they neared the SUV, it reversed and hit one of them in the leg. Police haven't said exactly how many shots the officers fired, but know it was fewer than eight, Collins said.

Police haven't said whether Norvis and Hill knew who was driving the SUV or that they were suspects in other crimes when they pulled them over.

The FBI opened its investigation into the shooting after phone calls Thursday from Fort Lauderdale Commissioner Carlton Moore and the NAACP, FBI spokeswoman Judy Orihuela said.

"It's not unusual for us to get involved in these investigations," she said. The case will be handled by agents from its public corruption and civil rights unit. Fort Lauderdale NAACP President Marsha Ellison said the chapter has filed a complaint with the Department of Justice, asking it to look into the police department's procedures and policies "in regards to the use of deadly force in the city of Fort Lauderdale against our communities."

NAACP leaders also called for a reform of the police department's internal oversight system, saying the department had lost the ability to police itself.

"It's not the feeling of this community that the police department is making an effort to find out what took place," Fort Lauderdale Commissioner Carlton Moore said.

Hill and Norvis were placed on a three-day administrative leave. A decision will be made by Monday whether they will return to work or continue on leave, Collins said. Neither officer has given an official statement on the shooting, she said.

The frustration in Fort Lauderdale mirrored angst around the U.S.

"We're tired of burying unarmed black men," Bishop Victor Curry, president-elect of the Miami-Dade

NAACP, said. "Black men in this county, in this city... in Broward and Miami-Dade counties don't receive the benefit of the doubt, and this has to stop."

Some residents said in a meeting with police Thursday night that they feel unsafe around officers and fear retaliation if they file complaints.

Lawson said that the police regularly meet with homeowner groups, community members and religious leaders and will continue to do so.

"Miami Herald" staff writer Jennifer Mooney Piedra contributed to this report.

## LOCAL/BSU

### Planned Parenthood of Idaho to distribute over-the-counter Plan-B

Planned Parenthood of Idaho will officially begin distributing Plan B emergency contraception (EC) over the counter Dec. 1. The decision comes after the FDA's August announcement, granting Plan B over-the-counter status.

Plan B will be available for retail purchase for anyone 18 years and older presenting a valid picture ID with birth date. Those interested in Plan B need not be an established Planned Parenthood patient, and an exam is not required. Both men and women may purchase the contraceptive with no quantity limit imposed and are invited to come into either Planned Parenthood location - Boise or Twin Falls. The cost is \$35.

Individuals younger than 18 will still be required to see a Planned Parenthood clinician and obtain a prescription for Plan B. Experts estimate that wide access to EC could prevent up to 1.5 million unintended pregnancies and 800,000 abortions a year.

The sooner EC is administered after unprotected intercourse, the better it works, making timely access critically important.

If used within the first 120 hours of sexual activity, the drug greatly reduces the risk of unplanned pregnancy.

"In Idaho, 10 percent of live births per day are to teenagers age 15-19. The best way to reduce teen pregnancy and abortion rates in Idaho is to provide men, women and teens with both better access to proven prevention methods and comprehensive sexual health education.

Over-the-counter Plan B is a major stepping stone toward accomplishing those goals," said Rebecca Poedy, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Idaho.

Scientific and sociological studies have repeatedly demonstrated that access to emergency contraception does not encourage promiscuity, nor does it harm a person's health.

## WHAT THE?

### No, I'm not working, why?

A teenager robbed the bank in Spencer, Mass., where his grandmother works, but waited until her day off before he pulled the heist.

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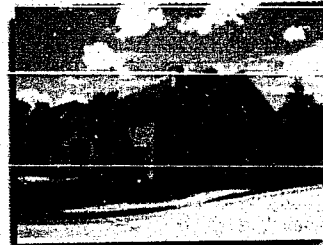
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BY CHAD MENDENHALL  
News Editor

Erected evergreens

Christmas season seems to come earlier and earlier every year. Lights, lawn ornaments and little Santas replace garden gnomes and pink flamingos before the Thanksgiving turkey is completely consumed, superstores prepare months in advance for shoppers interested in the latest fashion trends and Christmas tree vendors suffocate every possible open lot.

Traditionally, Christmas trees were not even bought and decorated until Christmas Eve, but the prevailing commercialization of Christmas has resulted in trees being set up much earlier.

The history behind decorating trees dates back to the Middle Ages, during which an evergreen was ornamented with apples on Dec. 24 to celebrate the feast of Adam and Eve. Some scholars argue that the Old English poem, the "Dream of the Rood," refers to an early Christmas tree, and the tree eventually became the cross on which Jesus was crucified.

Both Latvia and Germany trace their Christmas tree traditions to the 16th century, when small fir trees were decorated with apples, candies, nuts, pretzels and paper flowers.

The first Christmas trees in America seem to come from a number of conflicting stories.

Some say the earliest accounts come from German settlers in eastern Pennsylvania, while another report tells of a Christmas tree set up at Fort Dearborn, Ill., by American Soldiers in 1804. Others believe German soldiers, hired by Great Britain during the Revolutionary War, set up the first festive trees in the United States in 1777.

Since about 1850, Christmas trees have been sold commercially in the United States, with the first retail lot in New York in 1851.

In 1882 Thomas Edison's assistant, Edward Johnson, conceived the idea of electric lights, and in 1890 Christmas tree lights were mass produced.

In 1923 President Calvin Coolidge lit the first National Christmas Tree on the White House lawn.

Consider these Christmas tree facts from the University of Illinois:

- 30-35 million real Christmas trees are sold in the U.S. every year.

- An acre of Christmas trees provides for the daily oxygen requirements of 18 people.

- In the United States, there are more than 21,000 Christmas tree growers.

- 73 million new Christmas trees will be planted this year.

- Artificial trees will last for six years in your home, but for centuries in a landfill.

- The best selling trees are Scotch pine, Douglas fir, noble fir, Fraser fir, Virginia pine, balsam fir and white pine.

- In 1979, the National Christmas Tree was not lit except for the top ornament. This was done in honor of the American hostages in Iran.

- Teddy Roosevelt banned the Christmas tree from the White House for environmental reasons.

- Real Christmas trees are involved in less than one-tenth of one percent of residential fires and only when ignited by some external ignition sources.

- More than 2,000 trees are usually planted per acre. On an average 1,000 to 1,500 of these trees will survive. In the North, maybe 750 trees will remain. Almost all trees require shearing to attain the Christmas tree shape. At six to seven feet, trees are ready for harvest. It takes six to 10 years of fighting heavy rain, wind, hail and drought to get a mature tree.

One trend gaining popularity is the inverted evergreen.

Here, artificial trees are hung from the ceiling or wall upside-down.

Whatever the trend, one thing is certain - the erected evergreen will always remain a Christmas tradition.

# Keep off the holiday pounds

BY RYAN RASMUSSEN  
News Writer

The holiday season is upon us. Students face parties, feasts and finals at the close of the semester. Keeping off the pounds gained over these festivities and stressful days can be difficult.

Students may have the New Year's resolution of losing weight or packing on some muscle, but might not know the best way to go about it. Personal training can be a solution.

The Boise State University Recreation Center offers these services at a lower cost for college students. The Rec Center offers regular programs that are for the most part free to members.

The Rec is currently featuring "The 12 Days of Fitness," a program that asks participants to do fitness activities every day Dec. 1-12. Those who participate can earn prizes each day and there is a drawing for individuals who complete all 12 days.

"We try to run incentives to keep people motivated," Lisa Stuppy, as-

sistant director of Fitness Programs at the Rec said. "It's way to get creative for people and get students motivated during these stressful times of finals and the holidays."

Trainers will answer whatever questions the participants have, teach them how to properly use equipment and introduce them to routines that will work best for each individual.

Personal training can be purchased in packages of eight, 12 and 16 sessions, with the option to purchase additional sessions after the initial package is used.

"It's funny, people don't realize that we offer fitness testing and fitness training," Stuppy said. "We try to keep our rates reasonable for students, because they are limited on funds."

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, 66 percent of adults are overweight and 32 percent are obese.

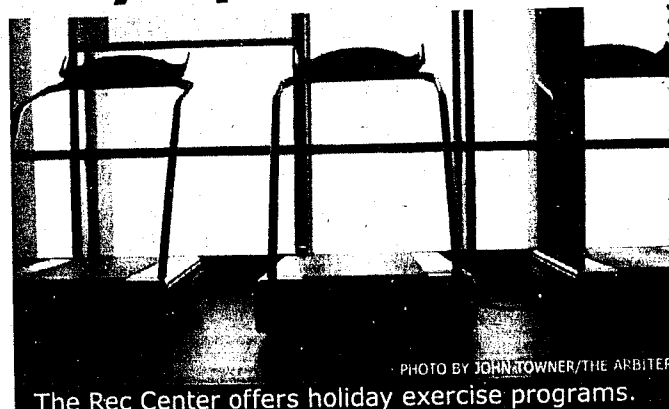
"College students have all this stress and the first thing to go out the window is nutrition," Jeanne Fisher, a fitness professional and nutritionist, said. "When people

don't get enough proper nutrition that's when they start to get tired and are grouchy in classes that they really don't want to be there in the first place. Your body works to break down calories, thus giving you more energy. Getting some cardio or weight lifting in gets the blood going and that will boost a person up as well."

Fisher explains that not eating will not help with weight loss. She gives the example of two people with the same amount a daily calorie intake of 2000. If one only eats twice a day as opposed to the other eating four smaller meals a day of the same calorie amount, the person eating more times throughout the day will lose more weight.

Fisher abides by three fitness keys: nutrition, motivation and accountability for achieving any fitness goals, whether it's weight loss, muscle gain or increased muscle tone.

"Most times we think we're too busy, it's part of accountability, it's time management, just like planning for a class," Fisher said. "Even little things help, like taking the



The Rec Center offers holiday exercise programs.

stairs or parking farther out in the parking lot and walking in. Getting on some supplementation helps, especially just a multivitamin. That's going to give you more nutrients and more energy."

Fisher advises that people setting New Year's resolutions involving exercise get a trainer and/or a partner. It helps those who might be unsure how to get started or have been out of the gym for awhile.

"First whoever dubbed the term 'working out' should be slapped," Fisher said. "You need to have a

good time with this and integrate it into your lifestyle. Set realistic goals both short term and long term. Start out easy go two or three times a week for only 30 minutes, and give your body some time to adjust to it. It usually takes three to six weeks, because your body thinks your going to give up, but after those first few weeks it really gets going. Get a partner they help with the motivation and accountability. Just don't over do it. A little bit of something is better than nothing at all."

## Congressional oath doesn't involve a Bible or anything else

BY BRADY AVERILL AND STEVEN THOMMA  
Courtesy MCT

When newly elected members of Congress raise their right hands as they take their oaths of office in January, they won't be placing their left hands on the Bible, their high school yearbooks or any religious texts.

During official swearing-in ceremonies, elected members don't place their hands on any books.

It's up to individual members, however, if they want to carry sacred texts.

"Some members carry a Bible. You don't actually put your hand on a Bible. I can't see how anyone would object to carrying a Quran," Senate historian Don Ritchie said.

But the blogosphere and talk radio are having a field day, criticizing Minnesota Democratic Representative Keith Ellison's decision to use the Quran when he's sworn in to office Jan. 4. He's the first Muslim to be elected to Congress.

When Ellison took the oath after being elected to Minnesota's House he didn't use the Quran, Dave Colling, his spokesman, wrote in an e-mail. Colling didn't say whether Ellison had used any other sacred text.

The American Family Association, a nonprofit organiza-



Newly elected congressman Keith Ellison high fives supporters while taking the stage at Tracaderos in Minneapolis for his victory celebration Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006.

tion that focuses on the news media's influence on society, has entered the fray, calling on people to ask members of Congress to pass a law that would make the Bible the only book that could be used during swearing-in ceremonies.

The taking of the oath is relatively simple, with members asked to say: "I, (name of member), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the

Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

The House speaker administers the oath to members en-

masse on the floor of the House of Representatives.

It's up to individual members if they want to hold religious texts, said Fred Beuttler, the House deputy historian.

After the official swearing-in, members often have photos taken at a staged swearing-in ceremony in the speaker's office or their own offices, where they can place their left hands on sacred texts or hold

them and have their families or religious leaders present, Beuttler said.

Protocol in the higher chamber is similar. The Senate president the vice president of the United States usually swears in four senators at a time, who often are accompanied by their fellow senators from the same states, Senate historian Richard A. Baker said. The staged ceremony occurs later in the old Senate chamber. Again, it's up to the senator if he or she wants to place a hand on a sacred text or carry one.

Using the Quran during a House swearing-in ceremony would be a first, piquing plenty of curiosity.

While religion isn't part of the official swearing-in ceremonies, the House routinely prays. The House chaplain designates who leads the opening prayer at a House session, often a minister brought in by a member, Beuttler said.

Only Christians have served as House chaplains, he said. The current chaplain, the Rev. Dan Coughlin, is the first Roman Catholic. The House leadership selects the chaplain, who's then elected by the entire House.

Several rabbis have given the opening prayer, but Beuttler said he didn't recall a Muslim ever giving the opening prayer during a House session.

## Idaho Issues releases its newest edition

CEAN SIEGEL  
News Writer

Idaho Issues, the online publication sponsored by the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, recently came out with its fifth edition, "Idaho Rivers."

This online feature can be found at [idahoisues.com](http://idahoisues.com).

"Idaho Rivers" includes articles discussing the different effects of rivers throughout Idaho and concerns including their protection.

There are also contributions from professionals in the field such as Director of Idaho Department of Water Resources Karl Dreher and Public Lands Director John Robison.

"There are over 500,000 abandoned mines scattered across the West," Robison wrote in his feature article online. "Mining has had a huge unanticipated impact on one of the West's defining natural resources - water ... Agencies responsible for mining have not done a good job of predicting when acid mine drainage will actually occur. Predicting the amount of sulfide in a deposit is problematic."

"Idaho Rivers" includes stories about the Kootenai River, dams in the Boise Valley, hydroelectric power in Idaho and the King Hill irrigation projects.

Due to the energy provided by dams, Idaho has the lowest retail electricity rates in the United States - nearly half the national average.

In addition to the hard-hitting informational pieces, Idaho Issues also ties in humanities,

art, economics, history and photography.

This issue was sponsored by the Idaho Humanities Council, a nonprofit organization that works to expand the public's knowledge of humanities in Idaho.

The main goal of Idaho Issues is to provide the public with an easily-accessible resource that is not written in technical terms.

"People really like [Idaho Issues] because it's understandable," Editor Kathleen Craven said.

Craven feels this current issue is one of the best to this point. Starting in the fall of 2004, the past four issues were "The Five Tribes," "Prisons," "Immigration" and "Cities."

"Water is so important to Idaho," Craven said. "It's something that is important to everyone."

Director of the Center for Idaho History Todd Shallat works with Craven identifying and accepting proposed articles.

Shallat agrees that the current issue is appealing to the audience. "Every time we do it we get a little better," Shallat said.

"Rivers are really visual ... People don't use the Web to kick back and read."

As Craven and Shallat continue to produce online publications, Shallat said they are learning more and more about how to get students involved.

Anyone who would like to contribute to Idaho Issues can submit their writing or artwork to Craven via e-mail, at [kraven@boisestate.edu](mailto:kraven@boisestate.edu).

Articles go through a peer review, and submitted profiles are edited by Craven.

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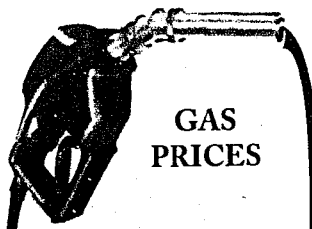
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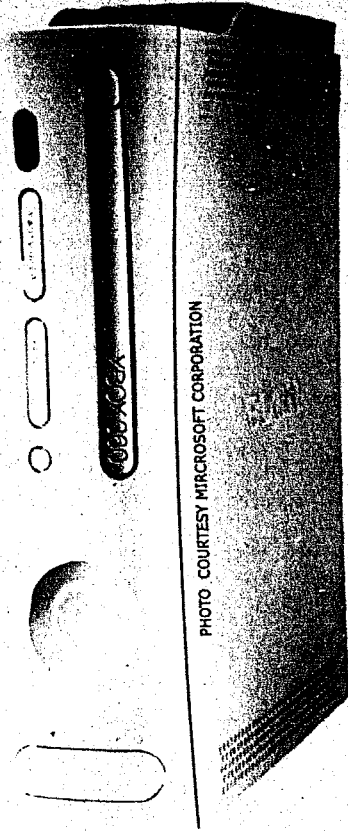
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# New video games excite players



BY BILLY O'KEEFE  
McClatchy-Tribune News

## Tony Hawk's Project 8

For: Xbox 360 (best), PS3, PS2, PSP and Xbox

From: Neversoft/Activision

Contrary to rumors - and perhaps to the dismay of some - "Tony

Hawk's Project 8" does not mark a return to the dead-serious "Hawk" games of old.

Neversoft's positioning of "P8" as a soup-to-nuts rebuild of its series and its reprioritizing of skating over mischief - last seen arguably four games ago - may suggest that.

But any game with a suite of objectives centered on a giant beaver mascot and his R/C car can't be all that serious.

Nor can a game that allows you not only to manually bail mid-trick, but control (for the first time) the flight and impact of your bail in order to (another first) rack up as impressive a hospital bill as possible.

The hospital bill feature takes the edge off what is a slightly but noticeably more challenging game. "P8"

is still forgiving when it comes to landing inhuman tricks - particularly as your created skater's attributes grow - but some overdue tweaks definitely have been made.

It's hard to describe these tweaks in words, but you'll notice their presence the first time a landing you take for granted results in your face smacking one of the many sidewalks, streets or foreign objects in "P8's" open-ended city and surrounding area. (That's somewhat new too, as are the inspired "beat this record!" tag challenges splattered about said sidewalks and streets.)

Activision has put its marketing weight behind "P8's" new Nail the Trick feature, and with good reason.

Whereas most of the game's movements emphasize the relationship between your board

and the ground, Nail the Trick - which, when activated, slows down the action and zooms in on your feet - spotlights the relationship between your feet and the board.

The left stick controls your left foot, the right controls your right, and tricks we've taken for granted for seven straight games - kick flips, pop shove its - suddenly become considerably more challenging and valuable, not to mention a ton more fun to execute.

No version of "P8" is a bad egg, but those with a choice are best off with the Xbox 360 version, which features graphics on par with the PS3 edition but a suite of online multiplayer options not found there.

Save for some slowdown, the game looks noticeably better on next-gen systems than last year's "Hawk" port on 360.



## Genji: Days of The Blade

For: Playstation 3

From: Game Republic/Sony  
ESRB Rating: Teen

Once upon a time, it was cool to be a fixed-camera game. True 3D at a respectably high resolution wasn't possible on the original Playstation, and going the faux-3D route for the sake of prettier graphics wasn't a particularly bad style choice, especially with so many developers struggling to master true camera controls in the first place.

For whatever reason, "Genji: Days of the Blade" looks at that period as the good old days. The PS3 is more than capable of delivering a beautiful game in all three dimensions, and "Blade" itself is proof - a high-resolution whirlwind of color, special effects, and rich detail infusing every battle, be it in the Japanese countryside, at sea or somewhere in between. Unfortunately, you

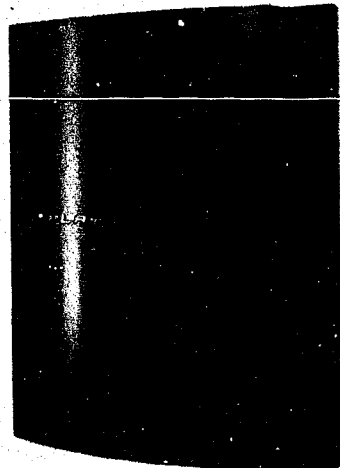


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can see only what the game allows you to see. "Blade" features the same rigid third-person perspective one comes to expect from a typical full-3D game, but the ability to control that perspective is nowhere to be found.

This is more than a graphical problem - it's a gameplay

problem as well. "Blade," being your standard hack/slash game, sends enemies after you from every direction, and trying to fight screen-sized soldiers whom you can't see but know are behind you (or worse, in front of you) makes for an uncomfortably (and unnecessarily) claustrophobic experience.

Why Game Republic didn't throw in even rudimentary camera control boggles the mind. Something as simple as a button to rotate the viewpoint 180 degrees would've done wonders.

This, of course, was one of the main problems facing last year's PS2 "Genji" game.

If you got past it the first time around, you likely will be able to do so again here, and you'll be rewarded with a much longer storyline, more and better weapons and moves (including a flashier return of the mini-game-esque Kamui special powers), and two new playable characters to complement the returning Yoshitsune and Benkei.

Just don't expect anything more than that: It may be playing on new hardware, but it's the same old "Genji," for better or worse.

## Excite Truck

For: Nintendo Wii

From: Nintendo

Your enjoyment of "Excite Truck" is directly and completely proportional to how soon and how well you master the ability to turbo jump. Simple as that.

It's not that "Truck" isn't fun without the turbo jump - it is.

But the Wii's main selling point is its ability to let us play games in strange new ways, and anyone who has purchased a driving wheel in the last 10 years (or has ever been to an arcade) has more or less experienced what "Truck's" steering controls bring to the table. If only in this one genre, the Wii is old hat.

So it falls on "Truck" to impress in other ways. Happily, it rises to

the challenge.

The game is fast from bell to bell, and the tracks are loaded with deep dives, shortcuts and triggers that dynamically alter the landscape in ways that help and harm you and your adversaries.

The star scoring system rewards daredevils as well as speedsters: Winning races nets you a ton of stars, but so does catching big air, wrecking opposing trucks and driving through a forest full of fender-bending trees, to name some examples.

But it's the turbo jump - the process of applying turbo right as your truck takes to the air - that makes it all come together.

Mastering the timing behind this technique will take practice, but once you get it, "Truck" goes from a seven on the fast scale to roughly a 20.

Perfect your technique and

string jumps together, and it's hard not to be hooked.

Nintendo's online strategy has been caught with its pants down at launch, so "Truck" features split-screen multiplayer for two players only.

That, and a somewhat low variety of races and special challenges - ring-jumping, a slalom-like gate challenge and a demolition-derby-style manhunt - will leave mode-aholics a bit unimpressed.

This doesn't necessarily hinder the replay value, though: Like "Mario Kart" and "Wave Race" before it, "Truck" makes the most of what it does have, and there's very little here that doesn't command a return visit (and several more after that).

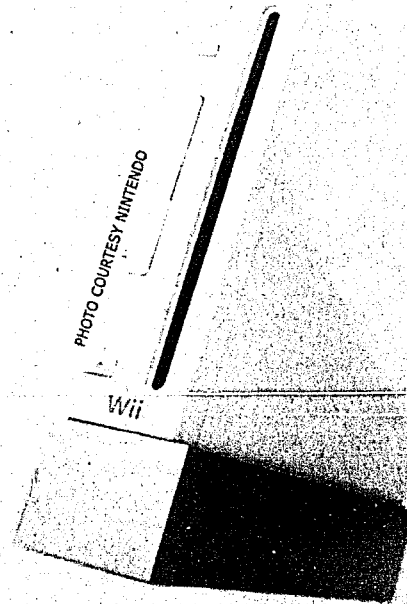


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# Time is right to buy low-end PCs, laptops

BY RYAN BLITSTEIN  
San Jose Mercury News

In the market for a PC with all the bells and whistles?

Think again - you may be able to keep some of that cash in your pocket.

Personal computers are cheaper than ever before, and even the major vendors' least expensive models have everything you need for basic tasks like e-mail, word processing and Web browsing.

"The days of companies cut-

ting back on features to meet price points are over," said Stephen Baker, director of industry analysis at NPD Group.

Most people won't need to spend more than \$600 for a new desktop - or \$700 for a laptop - from companies like Hewlett-Packard and Dell. Even Apple Computer's Mac mini costs \$599, although the company's high-end monitors double the price.

Gamers and video editors require systems with more processing power and better graphics chips, but midrange systems that cost less

than \$1,000 provide that capability, according to Tim Bjarin, principal analyst at Creative Strategies in Campbell, Calif.

Most new computers also come with a coupon for Microsoft's Vista operating system, available in January. Vista's DirectX 10 software makes graphics look better even on low-end machines, Bjarin said.

The only bad news for consumers: PC vendors probably won't drop prices much further anytime soon.

"You'll see entry-level desktops reach somewhat of a threshold,"

Bjarin said. "But the real question is whether these systems will work pretty well for the vast majority of consumers."

Several companies have beefed up warranty offerings, which means better customer service. "The beauty of the PC business is that everybody uses the same basic components," Baker said. "If you put products together with the same basic components,

it's not hard to figure out what will work pretty well for the vast majority of consumers."

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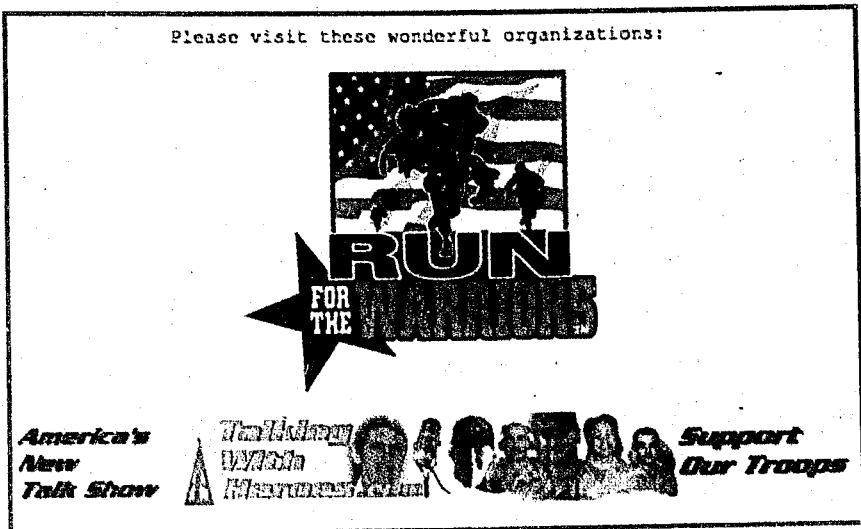
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Website of the week:

www.soldiersangels.org



BY SHANNON MORGAN  
Arbiter Staff

Soldiers' Angels, or www.soldiersangels.org, is a volunteer organization dedicated to the support and morale of our brave men and women in uniform, and in appreciation of their efforts in defense of our Nation, our freedoms and our way of life.

Soldiers will receive cards, letters and care packages from individual volunteers who have signed up to be Angels.

Their mission is to find people who wish to support our fighting men and women with snacks, comfort items and words of caring support.

To adopt a soldier, you must commit to sending a card or letter at least once a week and a minimum of one or two care packages per month.

The duration of time you

adopt a soldier is usually six to eight months.

The Website emphasizes importance of consistency in your correspondence to help bring home a healthy hero.

Care packages do not have to be expensive; they have them for sale on the Website ranging in price from \$10-60.

For those of us who are strapped for cash and want to help but don't think they can afford to commit to sending a care package every month, Soldiers' Angels suggest that you get a church or other organization involved.

Letters to soldiers can be sent for the cost of a first class stamp; just 39 cents.

That's only \$1.56 per month to send a letter once a week and a few minutes of your time dedicated to help support your soldier.

You can also submit a sol-

dier for the program after obtaining their permission.

So if you have a spouse, friend or loved one in the armed forces right now who you think can use the extra support from his/her country, ask if they would like to be signed up for the program.

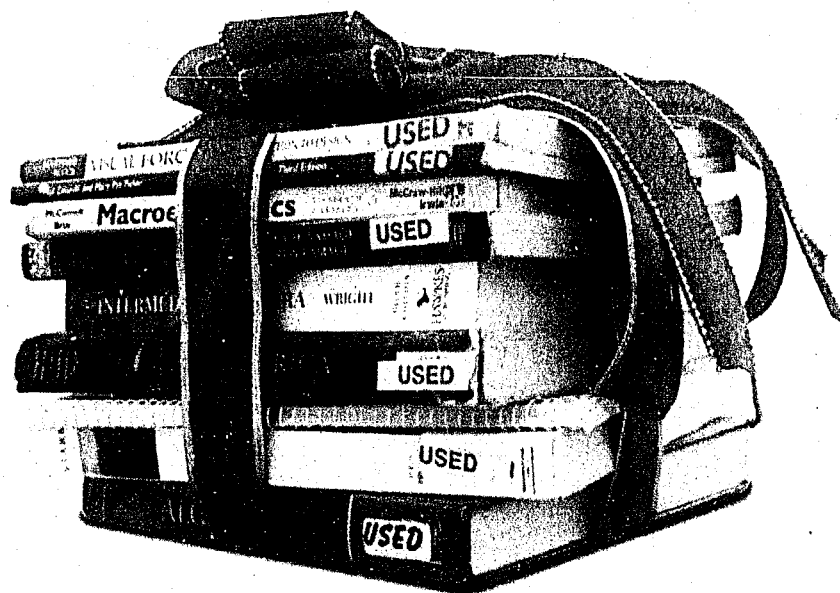
To get started, fill out a simple form on the Soldiers' Angels Website. It takes less than a minute to adopt a soldier.

After submitting the form, a confirmation e-mail stating that a 48-hour screening period will be put into effect.

If the screening process is successful, you will be given the information for your soldier.

Help show our country's proud service men and women that we care, we are thinking of them and we are more than willing to lend our support.

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# OPINION

The way we see it ...

## We need to 'Lock it up' for finals week

Today marks the beginning of dead week.

Finals begin next Monday. If that procrastination in your back pocket is burning a hole, you better take notice.

Time is dwindling with final grades two weeks away. Now is the time to write those 12-page essays.

Sit down and do it as soon as possible.

Don't wait until the night before your exam to open your biology textbook.

Don't assume that just because you've been doing well all semester, you will ace your final.

Take the time to learn your subject matters.

Be patient and ask questions going into dead week.

If you're in an English class, get your portfolio done now!

This is your last chance to be excellent in your scholastic endeavors.

This week is the defining moment, the judging moment of your entire semester.

Whether you are a senior or a freshman, a traditional student or anything but, you must make the immediate effort to succeed, that you may term your semester a success.

This dead week (which is a terrible term because so many classes have assignments due and tests to be taken) is supposed to be a week to kick back and study, but we all know that it is this week in which you must work the hardest.

You freshmen must realize that an extra three hours of study this week could mean a "B" instead of a "C".

This is even more important now, with the plus/minus grading system in place, where the grade you earn is more correctly translated to your grade point average.

You may not be too worried right now, but when you're a senior applying for graduate school, you may second-guess your semi-quasi-devotion in your early years when you look at your final GPA.

Focus on your core classes. You at least need "C's" for them to count.

Think about the classes you are taking right now.

Find something you like, an atmosphere or a subject matter you enjoyed and excelled at. It may be the subject you will make your major focus of study.

The university experience is a ton of fun. You learn how to interact in an environment wholly new.

But you must remember that this is a university (not a social club). This campus' intent is to spread education into the tracks of society.

Focus on your tasks.

Learn.

Study.

Excel.

Pass your classes.

*The way we see it is based on the majority opinions of The Arbiter editorial board. Members of the board are Drew Mayes, editor-in-chief; Troy Sawyer, business manager; Heather English, production manager; Dustin Lapray, managing editor; Brandon Stoker, opinion editor; Harsh Mantri, online editor; and Sheree Whiteley, lead copy editor.*

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# Becoming a criminal Idaho style

BY LEONA ELLSWORTH  
Arbiter Staff

I was recently informed by Boise State personnel office that Idaho state employees are required to have direct deposit.

I told the receptionist that I couldn't afford a bank account.

As it is I have huge charges for a check I wrote for \$5 at Boise Blue to finish a final art project last semester.

My bank refused to close my account and allow me to make payments as I requested, but they did offer to take me to collections if I don't pay up.

I went to ASBSU and explained the situation, but they didn't feel it was an emergency and refused to lend me enough to stop the charges until my next paycheck.

The Human Resources receptionist replied that it is only an ATM withdrawal account.

So what's the difference, if I withdraw my paycheck (which I need every cent of) and can't afford to leave enough to cover bank processing charges (which were the cause of my over draft charges last time. A bank charge came through after I wrote a check at Boise Blue)?

Boise Blue threatened to file criminal charges, although I've spent over several thousands of dollars there since becoming an art student.

It was after that incident that I decided as a single mother and a starving art student that I cannot afford to maintain a bank account.

Perhaps that is the State of Idaho's plan to turn impoverished people into crimi-

nals so that we can all be sent away to prison and Idaho doesn't have to incur the debt of the poor.

As it is, Idaho is trying to get rid of the financial burden of veterans. Maybe they'd like to get rid of the burden of poor students who are single mothers (or art majors for that matter).

I don't believe it is constitutional to "require" people to have bank accounts.

Isn't to have or not to have a bank account a personal choice?

When did Idaho become such a wealthy state that we can all afford bank accounts?

As a single mother and art student I would like to say that Idaho's state government is completely out to lunch if they think that everyone in Idaho lives a life that allows them luxuries such as bank accounts.

But that would mean admitting that oppression against poverty exists in Idaho. Instead, we'd rather focus on oppression against women but ignore the fact that women remain in oppressive relationships because they cannot afford to get out of those kinds of relationships without becoming financially destitute.

I chose not to have a bank account because I know that if I have to choose between bouncing a check or letting my kid go without medicine, I'd bounce a check any day.

Kudos to Idaho for being a family state when any Boise State Student or state employee can become a criminal for bounced checks, and requiring BSU employees to maintain a checking account.

## The absence of paper products in the women's restroom is fueling oppression

BY CLEO FISHER  
Guest Opinion

I would like to talk about the availability of feminine products in public bathrooms across the great, free, liberated, democratic United States of America - specifically in Boise, Idaho and most specifically at Boise State University. We all can see our truly marvelous football team reaping the fantastic financial rewards of favoritism in our male-dominated culture while the nursing, science and math department students continue to crawl along pleading for mercy and understanding and maybe a few more dollars to help out so we can eventually make a living and even help our fellow citizens (after all, we can't all be great football stars).

Those are important issues to discuss, but what I would like to talk about is a very basic human need: paper products for women that protect our clothes, furniture, and everyone's furniture - even classroom furniture. Not only do Kotex and Tampax protect our physical surroundings, wonderful inventions like toilet paper help give us some dignity and sense of civilization as human beings.

Why is there a cost for feminine products? Does someone think women have a choice in this matter? If that's so, then why don't we pay for those paper hand tow-

els? If we don't have any money and we have to wad up gobs of thin toilet paper to protect our underwear and everyone's furniture, why don't both men and women have to wad up that nasty tissue to dry our wet hands after washing them? Wet hands don't soil anything. Hand towels may be a luxury (like Kotex) that our thin society just can't afford.

For those who don't know, all humans must go "number one" and "number two," and all ovulating women will have monthly periods, give or take a few days. From my experience, it would be just as inappropriate to attend class unwiped as it would be to show up "unprotected" during a period. Putting it that way, it seems like Kotex is as much about choice as toilet paper.

Some people have brought up an interesting point: They believe that women are fully capable of keeping track of their menstrual cycles. This is true - with a simple menstrual log I write in every day, I can pretty much determine when to stuff my backpack with prod-

ucts. I have also found that humans can keep a potty log and we can track our bowel movements, give or take a few hours. In that case, going "number two" is just as much a choice as the monthly cycle, and we should either all have to pay for the luxury of toilet paper, or we can look at our potty logs to know when to toss a roll of paper in our backpacks.

Another point some good folks have made is that there are a couple lovely and humane bathrooms on campus where the products are free. This is a great step for humankind, but some of us have taken the unfortunate and perhaps necessary liberty of taking more than one to last us until the end of the school day, leaving other pitiful students banging on empty machines in despair.

We can vote, we can work, we supposedly are able to speak our minds without too many scary repercussions. Can we have some Kotex and Tampons too?

Cleo Fisher is a pre-nursing student at Boise State University

## The way you see it

A realistic smoking plan for campus

I understand that most people object to second-hand smoke on campus. But the smoking policy needs to be thought out carefully to accommodate all individuals. Smoking could be considered a freedom that a complete non-smoking policy would violate.

The effect on Ada County Highway District and Boise Parks and Recreation is also a consideration. Is the Greenbelt part of Boise State University or Boise Parks? If it is part of Parks and Recreation, then it is logical that smokers could walk to the Greenbelt along the river and smoke, over into Julia Davis or Ann Morrison Parks.

Is the sidewalk along University Drive part of BSU or is it a public sidewalk? If it belongs to ACHD, it is logical that smokers could walk to the sidewalk or step out into the road and smoke. The scenario above of a complete non-smoking campus would likely cause cigarette butts to be strewn along the Greenbelt, river, parks and sidewalks.

A more feasible solution, and one less likely to cause adverse effects, is to provide designated smoking areas every couple of buildings or so on campus. It would allow smokers the freedom to smoke, would not submit non-smokers to second-hand smoke all over campus and would contain the possible litter from cigarette butts in one area.

Shelly Doty  
Meridian, ID

## Freedom of speech does not include the freedom to use hurtful language

I was upset greatly by the letter "End the assault on free speech" that said stifling hurtful comments was an abridgment of our right to free speech.

First, this type of pejorative language promotes hate. Even if it is only the hate of the people offended toward the users of this abusive language.

Second (and most importantly), this is not limiting free speech. Freedom of speech safeguards my ability to go up to a person and say, "Please don't say that. It hurts my feelings." Nobody advocates strong-arming others into curbing their vocabulary, but alerting them that certain language they use without thought is painful isn't a bad thing. Freedom of speech is not an excuse to allow harmful language, it is a guarantee that all people will be allowed to exchange ideas without fear of physical retribution.

Ms. Washburn also wrote, "College is a time to express ideas, find your passion and, yes, be offended by others. That's what makes it fun." Yes it is. It's really fun for me to hear people using the word "dyke" when referring to lesbians. What expression of ideas is being silenced by disallowing hurtful language? The idea that gays are abnormal and wrong? Such words have no intellectual value. Their only purpose is to isolate and hurt others' feelings.

Freedom of speech is the freedom to discuss opposing viewpoints - not the freedom to hurt others with your words.

Audrey Malone  
Idaho Falls, ID

## Take my advice on filing academic grievances ... you'll need it at BSU

Another semester has flown by - here come the grades, and with them, academic grievances. I graduated in May of 2006 and I just recently completed such a grievance. The verdict: I did not succeed in getting my grade changed. The mysterious 10-point deduction for which my professor had contradictory explanations remains forever a factor in my final grade.

My final grade was fairly decent (a "B"), but had those mysterious points never been deducted, I would have an "A."

The outcome of the grievance was partially my fault; I did not bring the actual point-by-point grade breakdown including my point deduction. Without the grade breakdown in front of me, there was a good scenario for a hung jury, which is exactly what happened.

I recommend the following to all students who may file a grievance:

First, keep all correspondence about the issue and send it to the chair of your department and the dean of the school. Second, file the grievance in a timely manner - you will have until the fourth week of the next semester to do this. Filing early gives you time to fully present your case. Finally, make sure you have all of your documents, especially a copy of the grade breakdown.

Most professors probably want to protect their own hides. You will become a very irritating thorn in his or her side when you contest a judgment of your academic work. Tenured professors may even emit a God complex. Just keep your goals in line, do not become discouraged and be firm with your conviction and fair in your judgment.

Araminta Self  
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BY DANIEL KEDISH  
Culture Editor

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HOT  
Turning to AA in the public eye

What is better than being seen repeatedly in the public eye for partying and taking part in crazy activities? Going to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings afterward. That is what one young star is doing. Lindsey Lohan apparently enlisted in the classes Friday, according to her publicist.

The whole situation is just too rich. Lohan isn't even legal to drink yet, but she continues to prove how mature and wise she is by stepping into her adult years even sooner by becoming an alcoholic. Besides, I thought you couldn't call yourself an alcoholic until you are at least thirty. I mean isn't being drunk and crazy just part of your twenties? Hmm, maybe I have that wrong, and it looks like Lohan may as well. I guess she is just too anxious to fill the shoes of her friend Paris.

NOT

Celebrity friend or foe?

Well, besides enlisting into AA for help, Lohan was the topic of other concern in Hollywood, especially involving Paris Hilton and the socialite's new best friend, Britney Spears.

Last week, Hilton and Spears were seen repeatedly each night together clubbing and enjoying the scene. However, there might have been a little jealousy over the new found bond between the two girls.

Lohan approached the paparazzi in a cloud of hate about Hilton hitting her at a friend's house with a drink. Lohan had bruises to add to the tale. However, the three girls were seen together the next night perfectly fine and in good spirits. Now what can we make of this tale?

Here is what probably went down. Lohan, being a newly recognized alcoholic, probably got wasted alone, tripped on an empty vodka bottle and fell down some stairs. Anyone with those markings and story must be a drunken loner.

Locally

HOT

Cabin retreats

With snow on the ground and finals around the corner, it's time to put the friends to the test and use their cabins for a weekend retreat.

Relaxing around the fireplace, making naked snow angels and toasting the night away make for the perfect rehabilitating experience one may need just before finals.

So take my advice, hit up the cabins if you have one, or make friends with someone who does as soon as possible. It will surely brighten any snow-covered weekend.

NOT

The thrill of the journey

With the temperatures dipping into the freezing factors, the roads are becoming much harder to drive on without the proper precautions: four-wheel drive and snow tires.

I, unfortunately, had none of such tools this last week when Ada County became a winter wonderland. After almost dying three times on a simple journey down Cole Road, I decided driving with bald summer tires is probably not that bright.

In fact, what should have taken only 10 minutes became an hour journey that involved jumping onto the sidewalk to avoid hitting the car in front of me.

So while we continue to drive to our favorite winter locations, let's all remember to be careful out there on those roads. Christmas is never fun in a body bag.

# Beer pong and beer bong bring bingers together



## Students love the challenge, colleges fear binge drinking

BY MEGAN TWOHEY  
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

The pingpong table stood mightily on the front lawn of a fraternity house near the University of Wisconsin-Madison, one side painted with the red and white stripes of the American flag, the other with the Soviet Union hammer and sickle.

Ten plastic cups filled with beer were perched on each end. Hunched over the cups were pairs of students, brows furrowed, eyes aglow.

The most popular drinking game on campus was getting under way. The crowd of spectators grew silent.

"I'm going to make it," proclaimed one of the players, in a Bucky T-shirt and wraparound sunglasses, as she thrust one arm forward, unleashing a pingpong ball from her hand.

Beer pong - in which players make their opponents drink by sinking a pingpong ball in one of their cups - has been around for more than a decade. But in the last couple of years, it has reached unprecedented popularity - to the chagrin of college administrators who fear the game fuels binge drinking.

Students say that it's rare to attend a party where the game is not being played.

Stroll the neighborhoods around UW-Madison, and you'll find lawns and driveways strewn with beer pong tables. There's a distinct beer pong culture, complete with tournaments, posters and custom-made tables.

"It has exploded," said Nick, a UW-Madison junior, as he stood over a table that had taken him weeks to make, a pingpong ball in one hand, a beer in the other (Like other underage drinkers quoted in this story, he asked that his last name be withheld). "We play from dusk to dawn."

Drinking games are not new to college campuses.

For years, students have taken part in quarters, a game in which a player can make others drink by bouncing a quarter into a cup, and a card game with a distinct hierarchy, in which the person at the bottom, known as an expletive, can be

ordered to drink.

Once popular was a game in which students would watch reruns of "The Bob Newhart Show." Every time a character would say "Hi, Bob," everyone would have to drink.

Also common have been a variety of games requiring players to consume alcohol out of the long, gangly tubes of beer bongs.

What distinguishes beer pong from these drinking game staples is how competitive it is. It's not just a vehicle for getting drunk; it requires skill.

Or so beer pong enthusiasts would have you believe.

"It's like a sport that involves alcohol," said Patrick, a junior at UW-Milwaukee, who said he had worked hard to perfect the arc of his pingpong tosses and his bounce shot. Patrick, who began dabbling in the game last year, is now a self-proclaimed addict.

He and his four roommates engage in weekly beer pong tournaments against their next-door neighbors. The winner gets a plastic gold belt like those found in World Wrestling Entertainment matches that says "World Champion."

Mike, a junior at UW-Madison who also enjoys beer pong tournaments with friends, has a poster tacked up above his dining room table in honor of the game.

The poster, a birthday gift from his sister, shows a sideways shot of 10 plastic cups with the caption: "Champions are made one cup at a time."

In January, a World Series of Beer Pong took place in Nevada - the first world series of its kind.

"Guys are so competitive, so they can't help but get sucked into the competition," said Alex, a Marquette freshman.

When they don't have pingpong tables, players will make their own, often taking the time to apply lacquer (to avoid warping) or paint images. A Marquette student painted his table to look like the university's basketball court. The fraternity that painted the flags of the U.S. and former Soviet Union on its pingpong table owns several other tables, each painted with

different national flags.

Others remove doors from their hinges. "It's a big problem," said Mike, the UW-Madison junior, who works maintenance in his apartment building to help pay the bills. "They have a hard time putting the doors back on. They're really sticky from beer."

Researchers who study drinking games say they can cause serious problems, contributing to binge drinking and the negative consequences, such as drunken driving, that go along with it. One study of college students found that nearly half the male respondents who played drinking games said they did so to facilitate romantic interactions and sexual encounters.

"Drinking games are a structured way to drink heavily," said Brian Borsari, a researcher at Brown University who has studied drinking games and who wrote a paper summarizing studies on the subject. "One motivation is to get people drunk. There is a link between alcohol use and sexual assault."

A national association of fraternities and sororities recently strengthened its risk management policy prohibiting drinking games, citing beer pong as a specific activity that should not be tolerated. Many colleges now include warnings as part of their freshmen orientations.

"We're trying to emphasize, especially to freshmen, the dangers of drinking games," said Paul Dupont, a psychologist at UW-Milwaukee's student health center, who leads the university's Task Force on Alcohol and Alcohol-Related Issues.

Beer pong advocates interviewed for this story conceded that while it is often not the intention, the game can cause them to get severely intoxicated. Not only must they drink the beer contained in a cup in which the ball lands, losers also are required to, at the end of the game, finish the beer remaining in the cups of the winners.

"Once you drink all that beer, you pretty much are hammered," said Patrick, the UW-Milwaukee junior.

Beer Pong, an instant delight across the nation's campuses, continues to attract college students to the practice of binge drinking. While fraternity houses and local bars support the game, colleges are becoming more concerned about its potential effects on students.



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## Beer Pong's Rise

- 1.) Last year, Anheuser-Busch began promoting Bud Pong competitions, supplying tables, balls and glasses to wholesalers across the United States, but the company stopped after critics accused it of marketing to underage drinkers.
- 2.) In January, the first World Series of Beer Pong took place in Nevada.
- 3.) This fall, a couple of recent graduates of Duke and Vanderbilt universities formed the American Beerpong Association of America and began traveling the country in an RV.

# New clean comedy club ComedySportz rocks the house

BY MATTHEW BOYLE  
Culture Writer

The majority of comedy shows in the world today tend to be rather inappropriate for many audiences. Dirty and insulting jokes characterize those shows. ComedySportz, a chain of comedy clubs with 29 locations worldwide, just opened a new club in Boise at the Overland Edwards Spectrum Plaza. The new club prohibits dirty jokes, providing a clean, all-ages comedy show. ComedySportz was started in 1984 in Milwaukee to provide an alternative to dirty comedy.

The performances consist

of many different mini-games in which two teams (red and blue) compete for the audience's laughter and approval.

The entire show is unrehearsed and improvisational, meaning that the performers make up their material as the show progresses, usually on the spot.

At the end of each mini-game, points are given to the winning team that best-performed the skit, based on audience approval. The team with the most points at the end of the show wins the competition.

The audience plays a major role in the competition since sugges-

tions are taken directly from it and dictates the nature of certain parts of the mini-game. So generally as long as the audience offers clean (joke) suggestions, the performers will perform accordingly to give the audience good, clean fun.

If an audience member or a performer uses a dirty joke or suggestion, the referee will call a "brown bag foul" on them. If someone has a brown bag foul called on them, they must wear a brown paper bag on their head for the rest of that mini-game.

ComedySportz is similar to "Whose Line Is It Anyway," an improvisational comedy television

show hosted by Drew Carey. The reason Carey says on the show, "the points don't matter," is because the ultimate goal is comedy.

Many people who watch the show are familiar with ComedySportz, where the points do matter.

The performers have been practicing improvisational comedy for more than a year now, so now the audience will certainly receive its money's worth when it attends a show. Also, every show is entirely different than the last because each audience comes up with its own suggestions.

The club is still putting together some final touches, but by January

it plans to have everything complete and ready to go. However, the club as it stands now looks great and provides the audience with good, clean laughter.

Admission is \$10 per person to see the show, but the performers make it worth your while offering witty, on the spot humor.

This is certainly the type of comedy show you can go to with anybody and not feel awkward. Regular shows are Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.

Overall, ComedySportz offers comedy and forces laughter out of you. Laughter has always been a way to bring people together.



# Welcome home ... is it time for a curfew?

BY CASSANDRA SPRATLING  
Detroit Free Press

While home during a break from North Carolina A&T, where she's a sophomore, Rickelle Winton casually mentioned to her mom that she was having a friend over.

They planned to watch television in Rickelle's bedroom.

"No way," said her mom. Rickelle's friend is a guy.

"I told her I didn't think that was fair because I have boys in my room in my dorm," said Rickelle, who attends the college in Greensboro, N.C.

Dorm's one thing; home's another, her mother, Doreen Odom of Detroit, told her. Parents and their children home for the holidays are bound to have similar discussions as college students accustomed to living by their own rules return home to live by their parents' rules over the winter break.

"At school, you could come home at 4 o'clock in the morning and she'd have no idea," said Rachel Kay, 19, a University of Michigan sophomore, referring to her mother, Janice Kay, of West Bloomfield, Mich. "It is a frustrating thing when you're used to being on your own, but it's understandable because she's my mom and she worries."

The holiday season will be a happier time for parents and students if they talk about and agree on rules, curfews and plans for the holidays.

And the sooner the better. Curfews are the top concern, say parents, students and college officials.

"When I was in high school my curfew was 1 a.m.," said Rachel. "When I come home from college, she extends it to 2 a.m."

Janice Kay said she understands the frustration, but she needs the peace of mind. "We talked about it and I told her that when she stays with me, she needs to let me know where she is and when she'll be home. If she's not going to make it home by that time, she just needs to call and let me know," said Kay, a speech-language pathologist with Detroit Public Schools. "I went away to school too, so I understand what it's like to be away at school and have freedom and come home and have rules."

Doreen Odom, an administrator at a community health center, doesn't set a curfew, preferring to let the occasion dictate the time Rickelle should be home. But she says she does expect Rickelle to tell her where she's going, with whom and what time she'll be home - something Rickelle forgot when she first returned home last year.

"When I asked her what time she'd be home, she said, 'Why? Why do you need to know?' And then she told me, 'Nobody tells me what time to come in when I'm at school. I make my own rules. I'm an adult.'"

"I said, 'Yes, you may be an adult by age. But as long as I'm paying the



PHOTO COURTESY MCT

Coming home for the holidays presents college students with a new set of feuds with parents. Where college students once control their own lives at school, parents continue to keep a tight leash on students back at home.

bill, you're half an adult."

Rickelle laughs when recalling the conversation. "I guess my excuse wasn't cutting it," said Rickelle, who's majoring in chemical engineering.

Brittany Mae Zito, a Michigan State University junior, said students will have a better time at home if

they try to look at the situation from their parents' point of view.

"It's really not that big a problem," said Zito, a pre-med major from Clinton Township, Mich., who lives in her own apartment. "They usually want me home by two, but if I call they're OK."

Curfew is not the only concern,

said Cindy Hellman, assistant director of residence life at Michigan State University.

Hellman said when students return to school, she and other staff often hear complaints about living at home again.

"It's everything from how late they can stay out to how late they can

sleep in in the mornings," Hellman said.

The other area of disagreement centers on how the student spends his or her time.

"The family expects they'll be home every night for dinner and watching television with their little brother after dinner and the student wants to go out and socialize with friends," Hellman said.

Hellman said students and parents sometimes discover after time apart that they think differently now.

"A student from a homogeneous background comes to a place like MSU where they're exposed to all kinds of different people and points of view and then they go home and dad tells a joke that suddenly isn't funny anymore," Hellman said. "The student may not be as willing to laugh. But do they confront their dad?"

"Parents have to realize that sometimes the college student who comes home is probably a little bit different from the student that left home in August," she said.

Students say they appreciate their parents, even if they don't always agree with them.

"I do remember getting into arguments with my parents because I wanted to have more freedom to come and go as I pleased, but in hindsight, it makes sense that my parents show their worries," Rachel Kay said. "After all, they are parents. They are here to worry about us."

## This year, give the reindeer a rest - let your browser pull the sleigh

BY SHANNON MORGAN  
Arbiter Staff

With the hectic schedules most college students have to manage, finding time to get in holiday shop-

ping can fall low on the list of priorities of things that need done.

Heck, even if you find time to circle the mall parking lot for an hour, fight the stressed out Mom in the minivan for the last parking

spot and get in a fist fight over the last available PS3 on the shelf, you still have to find time for gift wrap-

ping. If your relatives and friends are out of state, more time is required

to go to the post office and mail your bundles of holiday goodness off to their happy and grateful recipients.

Wow, I lost five holiday pounds just thinking it.

You can do all of that, or you can be like many of us savvy holiday shoppers and turn to the Internet. No parking, no lines, no gift wrapping, no post office, no stress.

Websites like amazon.com offer a plethora of stress-relieving options for the time-crunched holiday shopper.

With over 35 product categories to choose from you can buy almost anything - from computers to lawn furniture to clothes and jewelry. You can be sure you're getting high quality merchandise by checking out the handy user reviews listed under most all products.

Major retailers like Amazon, JC Penny and Macy's have holiday

gift registries where loved ones can store items they'd like to receive and other people can view by searching the person's e-mail address or name.

You can select the item off the list, and in some cases have it gift wrapped and mailed directly to the recipient.

If you spend over a certain amount of money, many Websites like Amazon will even wave shipping costs.

Don't know what Great Aunt Margie wants for Christmas this year? No problem - you can purchase a gift card from most online retailers.

If you wait to the last minute to get around to doing your holiday shopping, jcpenny.com offers e-gift cards that you can have sent to the recipient's e-mail in 12 hours on the weekdays, which can be used to purchase things on JC Penny's Website or catalog.

Recipients can also print out and take directly into the store and use.

You're going to thank me when you wake up in a cold sweat on Dec. 23 and realize that you forgot to put Grandpa Ted in Tallahassee on the holiday gift list this year.

The Internet offers a shopping wonderland for the average consumer but it pays to be cautious when you take out that platinum Visa and prepare to make your purchases.

Make sure you know exactly who you are giving your credit card information to and make purchases from Websites only if they operate on a secure server and are companies you can trust.

Armed with the right precautions, the Internet can offer an excellent alternative to fighting the traffic, lines and time consuming headache that come with going to brick and mortar retailers.

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## 'Clerks II:' uncomfortably funny

BY KATRINA L. SAVITZ  
Assistant Culture Editor

"Clerks II," the sequel to 1994's "Clerks," maintains the same witty dialogue and awkwardly hilarious tone. Writer/Director Kevin Smith creates a relatable film with awesomely hilarious circumstances.

So what makes this simple comedy so funny? Read on to find out why - minus the spoilers.

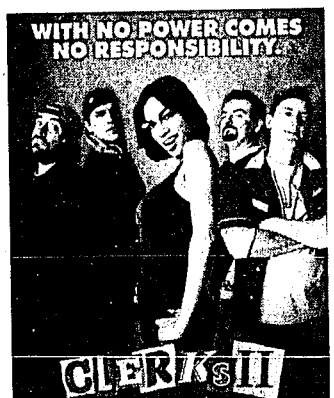
The first aspect of the film that viewers immediately take notice of involves the types of conversations the characters have with each other. These are the types of conversations a person usually has with him/herself.

These strange topics are so peculiar that the mere verbalization of them to another person would inevitably result in utter embarrassment. I will be the first to admit that

I have contemplated some of these issues before, however they have occurred during nights that I could not sleep, or while in class during an intensely boring lecture, but never have I ever thought about talking with others on the subjects of "The Transformers" cartoon being a gift from God, or whether people ever "go ass to mouth," not to mention bestiality (otherwise known as "inter-species erotica").

Although these scenes oftentimes come off a little awkward, they are still funny and remain so for one simple reason - the audience just can't believe the character actually said it.

The second feature of this film that is worth noting is the amazingly creative characters. If you have ever seen "Clerks," then you know that Smith brilliantly develops one of the most memorable



groups of slackers in cinematic history, consisting of Dante (Brian O'Halloran), Randal (Jeff Anderson), Jay (Jason Mewes) and Silent Bob (Kevin Smith). These guys are a bunch of the biggest losers with the biggest hearts. Smith adds a few new characters to the mix which include Rosario Dawson as Becky and Trevor Fehrman as Elias. These two insert a new dimension of fresh comedy to a cast that already has an immense cult following.

Last, but certainly not least, the scenes in which the characters randomly break out in song and dance are incredibly memorable.

This isn't "Grease," so don't be afraid. Their performances have audiences holding their sides with laughter, meanwhile tapping their feet in sync with the beat of The Jackson 5's "A-B-C." As for Jay's solo performance (which caught me off guard and for a second left me puzzled), think "Silence of the Lambs."

As it turns out, "Clerks II" is just as nuts as the first. You'll remember exactly why you loved "Clerks" in the first place. You'll laugh incessantly and repeat the insane lines three times, just so that you can hold on to that piece of cinematic hilarity, that no one but Kevin Smith can create.

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## [SIDE LINES]

## Andrew Browning earns academic honors

Defensive tackle Andrew Browning has been an outstanding member of the Boise State University football team throughout his career as a Bronco, and at the same time he has excelled in the classroom. Those efforts away from the field were rewarded this week when he was selected to the second team of the "ESPN The Magazine" Academic All-America team.

A senior from Lake Oswego, Ore., Browning is a three-year starter in the defensive line and has a 3.31 grade point average at Boise State.

Browning has made 40 total tackles this season and leads the team in tackles for loss and quarterback sacks. He has made 10 tackles behind the line of scrimmage for a loss of 50 yards, with eight of those tackles quarterback sacks.

Browning, along with teammates Kyle Stringer (punter) and Nick Schlekeway (defensive end) were named to the 2006 "ESPN The Magazine" Academic All-District Eight team in early November.

Browning was the only player from the Western Athletic Conference to make either the first or second academic All-America teams this year.

## Bronco football awards announced

Boise State University Head Coach Chris Petersen announced the 2006 Bronco team awards Saturday night, at the team's annual football banquet.

Sophomore running back Ian Johnson was honored as the team's Offensive Player of the Year. The Defensive Player of the Year award was given to senior linebacker Corey Hall. Junior Ja Falo was named the Broncos' Special Teams Player of the Year.

The Pat Fuller Memorial Academic Achievement award was given to senior punter Kyle Stringer.

Sophomore tackle Ryan Clady was honored as the Broncos' Outstanding Offensive Lineman, while senior tackle Andrew Browning was named the squad's Outstanding Defensive Lineman.

Senior linebacker Colt Brooks was awarded the Denny Erickson Award for Valor. Junior cornerback Austin Smith was honored with the Hammer Award, given to the Bronco with the most "big hits" on the year. The Iron Bronco Strength Award, given to the strongest athlete on the active roster, went to senior safety Gerald Alexander. The Ultimate Hard Hat award, given to the strongest incoming Bronco athlete, went to sophomore linebacker James Hurlburt.

On the scout team, freshman linebacker Derrell Acrey was awarded Defensive Player of the Year, freshman quarterback Mike Coughlin was named Offensive Player of the Year, and freshman cornerback Cade Hulbert was named Special Teams Player of the Year.

Hall, Brooks and senior quarterback Jared Zabransky were honored with Captain's Awards for their contributions to the Broncos this season.

Based on team vote, the 2007 captains were also announced. Johnson, junior defensive end Nick Schlekeway, junior tight end Ryan Putnam and Falo will serve as Bronco captains next season.

## Hard-nosed defense leads to 47-29 Bronco victory

BY KYE JOHNSON  
Assistant Sports Editor

All it took was a little momentum on Sunday afternoon for the Boise State women's basketball team and the rest was history. The women got out to an early 4-1 lead, but that quickly faded as the University of San Diego rattled off 10 consecutive points to take an 11-4 lead with just over 15 minutes to go in the first half. Combine that, with a handfull of missed lay-ins and several turnovers and Head Coach Gordy Presnell was ready to make a change. At that point the Bronco coaching staff switched from a man-to-man defense into a 2-3-zone defense, which turned out to be the most pivotal decision of the game.

"They're not the best three-point shooting team," sophomore guard Tasha Harris said about San Diego. "We wanted to see how they could handle it and it worked really well for us. We just stayed intense, gave a lot of pressure and stuff like that."

Harris chipped in a solid effort for the Broncos, scoring nine points and getting three steals. The Broncos clawed their way back to a slim 14-13 lead with 8:22 remaining in the first half as freshman guard Bridgette Reyes hit sophomore Jenna Galassi for a wide-open fast break lay-in.

As the first half came to a close, the Broncos' zone defense continued to force turnovers and bad shots. San Diego went 4-for-27 from the floor and didn't score a field goal in the last 12:52. Harris got BSU out to a hot start in the second half by nailing an early three-point shot to extend the Bronco lead to ten points. San Diego finally ended its field goal drought when Sabin Leowe made a lay-in with 18:22 to go.

Sophomore Jessica Thompson had a productive second half with three steals, four points and some key plays on the fast break.

"We always try to be a running team," Harris said. "We always try to advance the ball up the floor and tonight we were getting a lot of rebounds so it was a lot easier to run."

Boise State pulled away down the stretch and came away with a 47-29 victory. The win put Boise State at 4-3 on the season, while the loss for San Diego (6-1) was their first.

"We kind of needed a redemption game to get back on our feet," Harris said. "To get our confidence back, so it was good to come in here and play a good team and beat them."

Michelle Hessing may have turned in the best game of the night for BSU. The six-foot, two-inch senior from Boise scored a team-high ten points, six of which came in the second half. She also pulled down eight rebounds and had three steals.

Senior wing Jackie Thompson also did her part, scoring six points and pulling down four rebounds. "It was a collective effort," Thompson said. "Some people were missing lay-ups but then you had some other people getting rebounds. It was a collective effort. Everybody was working together. It was a team game, nobody out-shined anybody."

The win for Boise State was a key one, especially after coming off of a tough loss against Utah Valley State.

"We're at a pretty good place right now," Harris said. "We just need to work on staying intense and playing together every single game. Because we know what kind of team we can be, we can be a very good team when we're all on the same page."

Boise State continues its pre-season on Tuesday, hosting Denver at 7 p.m. at Taco Bell Arena.

## Inspiration comes from triumph:

Bobbie Martin reached out to Americans with his story of perseverance

BY BRIAN LUPTAK  
Sports Writer

"Saluting those individuals [local citizens] who care about their communities and not only 'Talk the Walk,' but 'Walk the Talk.' You may not know who they are but members of their communities do!"

This is the description of the Founder's Award, an honor that is awarded annually at the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. At the 12th annual ceremony, held last Thursday at Mountain View High School, Bobbie Martin was the well-deserving honored recipient.

Martin is a 19-year-old freshman at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio. He attended high school in Dayton, Ohio, where he was a devoted member of the varsity football team. Martin used his speed and strength to play defensive line and special teams. He was selected as his high school's homecoming king and is now an aspiring marketing major.

From Martin's everyday life, he may seem like an ordinary American college student. However, it is the manner in which he has created this lifestyle, despite a significant obstacle, that inspires millions.

The only explanation for Martin's condition is a severe case of Caudal

Regression Syndrome, a diagnosis from birth that left him without legs. While a wheelchair is continuously provided for Martin, he refuses to use it. He would rather walk using his hands or customized skateboard for transportation.

Even while standing at an even three feet tall and weighing only 110 pounds, Martin runs a 40-yard sprint in 5.8 seconds without any prosthetics. With his intensity and will to succeed, Martin decided in high school that he wanted to play football.

"I'm a physical-type person so I like any type of contact sport," Martin said. "Football for me was so fun because my goal was to see how hard I could hit somebody. I got a couple loose screws, but if I play a video game I go out and try to hit people as hard as I can. That's just my mind set, but it works."

Football was not the first athletic venture that Martin took part in. In fact, he first found athletic success on the wrestling mat in the eighth grade, accumulating a 36-2 record. Martin involved himself in the athletics of his two older brothers as well.

"When I was younger, my brother played football and I was the guy who went out and got the kicking tee," Martin said. "One day I went out to get the kicking tee and the kick returner broke for a gain and

was coming for me. The whole crowd was coming at me so I had to maneuver out of there and get back to the sidelines. That kind of determined to me I wanted to play football."

Martin's entrance into the sport was not an easy feat. First, there was the acquisition of muscle and hand development that enabled him to maneuver his body in a way he never had before. Next came his acceptance.

"It was the third game of the season," Martin said. "I had played two other games already. The refs thought on their behalf they were being safe for me, so they told me I couldn't play. I would not accept that fact because I know what I am capable of. So I talked to my principal and he told me it was gonna blow over and nobody can stop you from doing what you want to do so keep that mind set. That's basically what I've done and what I've accomplished."

The ruling of the referees during that game was based on the fact that Martin wasn't wearing shoes, knee and thigh pads - a direct violation of basic high school football regulations. The decision against Martin was quickly overruled as news of his suspension spread throughout the country.

Martin's perseverance to succeed despite all obstacles has earned

him national awards for inspiration. In 2005, he received an Arete Award for his courage, and in 2006 he was invited to the ESPYs where he was awarded in the category of Best Male Athlete with a Disability.

"That was really excellent. That was like any kid's dream to meet all the big names in sports. I met Shaquille O'Neil, Dwayne Wade, Shawn Alexander ... There's a lot of them, I can't even remember them all."

As it was an honor for Martin to meet these superstars of the athletic world, it was also an honor for them to meet him. Additionally, it was the same story at Thursday's Induction Ceremony when the City of Boise played host to humanitarian athletes, such as Martin.

Martin has proven that by persevering through racial, mental and physical obstacles, what many may deem impossible can be overcome with desire and refusal to quit. In many ways, considering the most important aspects, he is the biggest man on the field and cannot be anticipated as anything different.

"I want everybody to be strong and never give up," Martin said. "Determination is the key to my life. If I figure out there's something I can't accomplish I'm gonna keep trying until I get it done. Once I get it done, then I'm gonna try and encourage other people to try."

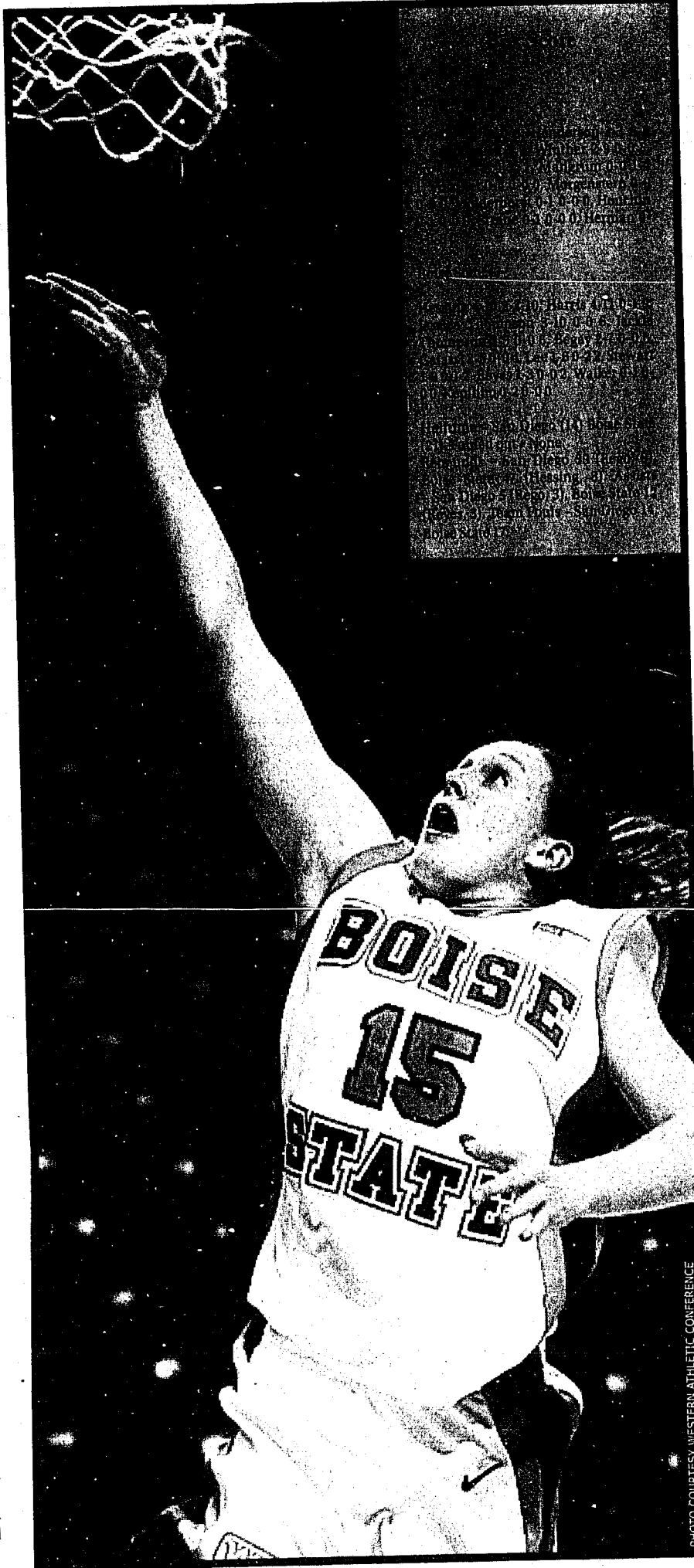
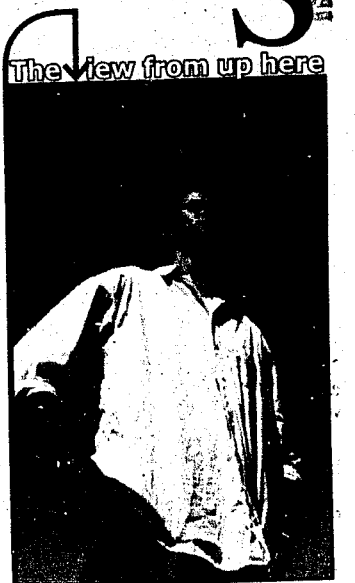


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## National Baby-sitting Association

BY JAKE GARCIN  
Sports Editor

The other day, the NBA Players Association filed a labor complaint against the Owners Association to voice its displeasure for the "crack down" by NBA officials this season.

As the rap goes, the Players' Union is mad that Commissioner David Stern has lowered the tolerance on players acting like five-year-old children. At the start of the season, Stern set new rules with the officiating association to put more emphasis on players complaining about calls.

When Stern introduced the new rules I assumed players would make an adjustment and everything would go back to how it was 20 years ago.

Instead, there has been a grand total of 175 un-sportsman-like technical fouls through the first 225 games of the year. Last season there were only 120 such fouls through the same amount of games. Rather than not arguing players are doing the next logical thing: complaining about not being able to complain.

To warrant the Players' Association's complaints, these rich babies are fined for being infantile. Players must pay \$1,000 for the first five technicals and there is a \$500 increase for each five technicals after that. Finally, all the fining is capped by a \$2,500 fine, which takes effect after the sixteenth foul of the year. Wow! If that isn't enough to stop these guys I'm not sure what will.

To give you an idea of the number of dollars the NBA has collected already this year, if 175 different players collected one of the 175 total technical fouls, that's \$175,000 - not exactly hard math. If you want to take Rasheed Wallace in his NBA-record-setting season, we could see the most drastic of fining scenarios.

In 2000-01 Wallace recorded 41 technical fouls. If he were "td-up" that many times this season his year-end total in money owed to the NBA would be \$87,000. I could go for that as a yearly salary, but I guess when you're making a few million a season that's only one less car in the garage or five less people in the entourage.

What it really comes down to is we have a bunch of so called "men" on our hands that can't "man-up" and act like they are actually working. At some point in time professional athletes started to forget that they get paid to play sports because it is a job. I'm pretty sure if I walked around The Arbitrator office whining about every single job my boss gave me I wouldn't be employed for long.

In the real world my boss wouldn't make me pay him five bucks, then let me keep working so I could set up a meeting to bitch about him not letting me bitch anymore. In the real world I would be out looking for a new job with bad references because I complained my way out of every job I've ever had.

If this sounds ludicrous, it's because it is. If these guys don't care about losing \$87,000 a year, they could at least give it to charity and not waste it by crying after they foul out. After all, there are 82 games in a season. If these guys can't accept that they might actually commit six fouls in one of those 82 games, we're dealing with some ignorant people.

Most of these guys played college ball and college hoops doesn't have a problem with excessive technical fouls. Conclusion: somehow these guys manage to be responsible at 18 but lose that ability by the time they turn 24. Keep up the effort David Stern, if you feel like a baby-sitter don't be discouraged - that's exactly what you are.





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## "Good guy club" honors newest members

BY JAKE GARCIN  
Sports Editor

Idahoans have always taken pride in the down-home lifestyles they enjoy. The small-town atmosphere embodies the saying "it takes a village to raise a child." Twelve years ago Myron Finkbeiner took his belief in community involvement and dared to go where no one thought he could go.

Myron founded the Humanitarian Hall of Fame, a "good guy club" in the true sense of the term. The Humanitarian Hall of Fame was created from a vision of honoring world-class athletes, both men and women, for their positive influence on society rather than their achievements on the playing field or court.

Since its inception in 1994, the Hall has inducted 35 members, including the newest class, which was inducted Thursday, Nov. 30 at Mountain View High School in Meridian.

The class of 2006 includes Major League Baseball Hall of Fame member Harmon Killebrew, Pro Football Hall of Fame member Steve Largent and Olympic Gold Medal basketball player Steve Smith.

The three men were selected for their exemplary efforts in the community, away from their respective sports.

All three men shared in the sentiment that the Hall of Fame is an honor but means more to their causes than as a reward for their efforts.

"Steve Largent said it best: 'We're really not here because it's another award,'" Killebrew said about being inducted. "What it does is to draw more attention to what we should be doing as former players

and giving back to the communities in which we played or lived. That's the real significance to the whole thing."

In the Hall of Fame's twelve-year existence there has been a slow, yearly increase in success.

When Finkbeiner first announced his idea for the Hall it was scoffed at by many people close to him.

People felt it would be impossible to bring athletes such as Steve Young, Drew Bledsoe and Tony Gwynn to Boise.

Twelve years later, however, athletes such as Killebrew, Smith and Largent are joining Young, Bledsoe and Gwynn in the Hall of Fame. The Hall currently includes members such as Jackie Robinson, Jesse Owens, Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Mary Lou Retten. Finkbeiner's dream of a Hall of Fame to honor the most prestigious men and women in sports came true.

For the three newest members, their induction was so important they even scheduled trips to Boise around their busy lives.

Smith flew into Boise Thursday morning to attend a luncheon and the ceremony Thursday night, but he had to be back in Atlanta by Friday morning to prepare for a television commentary on an Atlanta Hawks game Friday night.

"It's great to be here, especially with those honorees," Smith said. "For me to be a part of it as those two guys are going in is an honor."

Despite the numerous other obligations in Smith's life, he said coming to Boise was never a question.

According to Smith the Humanitarian Hall of Fame also gave him the perfect opportunity to recognize another dream of his. Smith arrived late to the media luncheon because he insisted on touring the Boise State University campus immediately after his plane landed.

"Growing up you get a chance to see the blue field," Smith said. "Well not growing [at a young age]. But to get a chance to see the blue field, that's the first thing I did."

Of the 35 Hall of Fame members the honor may not be more significant than it is for Harmon Killebrew.

Killebrew was born and raised in Payette, making him the first Idaho native to be inducted into the Hall. Killebrew founded the Danny Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament in Sun Valley in 1977. The tournament has grossed nearly \$9 million for cancer and Leukemia research.

"I think it's very, very important to this state and to Boise. Of course it's at the campus of Boise State University right now and it probably needs its own home somewhere so more people can visit and learn more about it. I think this year it's becoming more visible than it has in the past and for that

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- Steve Largent,  
WSHFF Inductee

reason I'm happy to be a part of it."

All three men were given the opportunity to address the media and some of the Hall's most-involved sponsor businesses at Thursday's luncheon at the Arid Club in Boise. While community service took center stage in the conversations, there was plenty of time for light-hearted talk as well. Killebrew brought the room to roaring laughter with reflections on his professional baseball career.

"I played in over 2,400 major league games. I walked 1,500 some times. Then a fact that I'm really not proud of - I struck out 1,699 times. You don't get anything for a walk and certainly nothing for a strike-out. So if you add my strikeouts and my walks together, that's well over 3,000 times at the plate. That means that I went to the plate in my career - a total of six years - and did absolutely nothing. That's a real Hall of Fame statistic."

While Killebrew, Smith and Largent headlined the event, they weren't the only humanitarians being recognized by the Hall this year. Also attending the ceremonies were legendary University of Georgia Head Coach Vince Dooley, Nampa's Bill Lofholm and ESPY recipient Bobbie Martin. Former Heisman-Trophy-winner Danny Wuerffel was also recognized as the Tradition of Excellence award winner. Wuerffel was unable to attend the ceremonies, however.

Lofholm was awarded the Don Simplot Award for his contributions within the Idaho community. Lofholm helped to revamp the baseball facilities in the City of Nampa and now has Nampa's Rodeo Park named after him; Lofholm Field. Martin was the Founders Award winner for his inspirational desire to compete. Coach Dooley and his wife, Barbara, were awarded the Nell and John Wooden Award, which is given to a worthy coach and his or her spouse.

The Boise State football team benefited from Coach Dooley's appearance in Boise. Dooley attended Thursday's practice at Bronco Stadium and was also

scheduled to speak to the team about Boise State's achievements and the road ahead.

Dooley coached Heisman-Trophy-winner Hershel Walker and also led the Bulldogs to the National Championship in 1980.

"If you win every game, I don't care what the situation is - that is hard to do. What a great opportunity, going to the Fiesta Bowl. I'm very excited about it. I told Gene [Blymeyer] last year our team [Georgia] played very, very well because of the tremendous respect we have for [BSU]. I'm excited and after I go out and see the team I'm going to get real excited during the Fiesta Bowl."

Following the big names to Boise is national exposure that has continued to increase with the success of the Hall of Fame.

For the first time in the Hall's history ESPN televised live interviews with the inductees on SportsCenter. There has also been a great deal of exposure from articles appearing in "Sports Illustrated" and various national newspapers.

"It's an incredible opportunity for us," Hall of Fame Board of Directors President Larry Maneely said. "We've sort of been launched by the support of Albertson's and some of the other local sponsors. It's like all of this has been welling up inside of people all over the country and nobody knew how to express it. You're starting to see that 'feel-good' type of story and people respond to that."

As the Hall of Fame continues to expand, the ultimate hope is that the recognition of athletes such as Largent, Smith and Killebrew continues to inspire professional athletes around the world.

"I think it's great for the athletes who have been inducted, like myself this year, into such an elite group," Largent said.

"What's more important is the message that the Hall of Fame sends to all athletes. I'm really honored, flattered, humbled to be given this award. But the most important thing to me is to keep delivering the message that this foundation is all about."

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## Finkbeiner's dreams come to fruition

BY ADAM ADER  
Sports Writer

If you were to look up the word "humanitarian" in the dictionary you might find a definition similar to "human-centered; devotion to human welfare; involved in improving people's lives." That is exactly what Myron Finkbeiner wanted to recognize when he founded the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame in 1994. He wanted to recognize people who improved others' lives.

Professional athletes are looked up to by millions of people around the world, especially by young people. Finkbeiner wanted to honor those great athletes who not only gave their all on the field or on the court but also gave their time, their money and themselves to aid the less fortunate. He is honoring those people who provide an excellent example. These are people who show that the most important part about life is neither money nor material things; the most important part of life is life and everyone should get a fair shot at having a good one. Starting the Hall of Fame was a beloved dream of his, combining sports and the kind hearts of some great professional athletes to help causes greater than those helping.

"It's going even beyond that," Hall of Fame Board of Directors President Larry Maneely said at a media luncheon Thursday. "I don't think he ever envisioned there

would be a university that would respond and say we want to make that program the center piece of an educational component to what we're doing. That's the real legacy for him - teaching the next generation of teachers and coaches and parents and kids."

That university Maneely referred to is Boise State University. BSU extended its hand to the Hall of Fame and offered the Allen Noble Hall of Fame in Bronco Stadium as a temporary site for the Humanitarian Hall display.

Working side by side, Boise State University and the Humanitarian Board of Directors hope to develop a permanent Humanitarian Hall of Fame building on the BSU campus. BSU is building a complex on the southeast side of Bronco Stadium. The complex is planned to cover 50,000 square feet and cost \$10 million. The new building will include classrooms for teaching about giving back to the community, coaching and sports ethics. The WSHHF has already partnered with BSU to create a scholarship program. The two are working closely together to create a valuable program that will very positively impact this community for years to come.

"I give all credit to Gene Blymeyer as the guy who came to us, joined our board, came to us with this vision of creating this educational component and bringing the Hall of Fame on campus," Maneely said. "Then the hard part

began because he had to go sell it to Dr. Kustra. Then they had to go sell it to the [Idaho] State Board of Education."

The support of BSU Athletic Director Gene Blymeyer and BSU President Bob Kustra has been instrumental in assuring the legacy of the Humanitarian Hall of Fame as it continues to grow in Boise and around the world.

The WSHHF has already inducted such athletes as NFL quarterbacks Drew Bledsoe and Steve Young, and former Los Angeles Lakers forward A.C. Green and former San Antonio Spurs center David Robinson also joined the Harlem Globetrotters as some of the NBA's elite inductees. The newest class of inductees - Steve Smith, Steve Largent and Harmon Killebrew - is another perfect mold of community-conscious professional athletes.

Maneely said he feels the working relationship with Boise State will benefit both parties while spreading a positive message throughout the community. The success of the WSHHF has given Boise State plenty of justification for contributing to the future of the Humanitarian Hall Program. "It's the right type of program at the right time in our sports culture in history," Maneely said. "I think that's the reason they've been successful in moving us to this level. We could not be more thrilled with the involvement we have with Boise State."

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# America's most under-respected? Let's hear it for Boise State!

BY DAVID WHITLEY  
The Orlando Sentinel

I don't want to say argue over who's No. 2 is a waste of time.

But if futile debate were a football team, this would have a BCS score of 1,000. And if you know how impressive that is, you've already devoted too much of your life trying to convince your neighbor that Florida is better than Michigan.

I usually stick my head in the nearest toilet the minute someone starts arguing "Team A vs. Team B vs. Strength of Schedule vs. A Playoff System That Would Solve All of Mankind's Problems." The sound of flailing water bears hearing that song-and-dance for the billionth time.

But this year I've decided on a new approach. If you can't win them, might as well yell with them. Let me give some hints for which institute of higher learning should face Ohio State in the BCS championship game.

The school colors are orange and blue. It had a puny non-conference schedule. Its entire running game doesn't consist of quarterback draws. That eliminates one semi-local club.

We are left with America's most under-respected team; ladies and gentlemen, give it up for the Boise State Broncos.

Go ahead - laugh, roll your eyes, make potato jokes. But big things can come out of Idaho.

Philo Farnsworth came out of Rigby, Idaho, and he invented television. Without him we wouldn't even be having this debate because TV gives the BCS a zillion dollars not to have a play-off.

Notre Dame's badminton team gets on TV more than the Broncos yet Boise State has built a dynasty. It's 39-1 since joining the Western Athletic Conference. More importantly, it has a couple of numbers none of the other contenders can match: 12-0.

As in undefeated. As in untied. As in try to undermine that, you snotty big-conference boys.

"Let them play six in a row against the SEC and see if they're still undefeated," Clemson Coach Tommy Bowden said. Yo, Coach, get back to us when your team stops blowing 28-14 leads to South Carolina.

The Broncos haven't done that. They thumped their archrival, the dreaded Nevada Wolf Pack.

They have the best running back in America, sophomore Ian Johnson. Jared Zabransky will go down as the finest quarterback in NCAA history whose last name begins with a Z. And no school has as distinctive a field as the famed blue turf at

Bronco Stadium.

These points are highly subjective but so is everything else in the BCS verbal brawl. Was Michigan's win over Notre Dame more impressive than USC's? Gators scoff at a Michigan-Ohio State rematch but they all were for a sequel when Florida beat FSU for the 1996 National Championship.

USC fans think Boise is on Neptune, but the Trojans' lone loss was to Oregon State. And guess who demolished those Beavers 42-14?

"They were very good," Oregon State Coach Mike Riley said. "I think anybody on any given day would have a hard time with Boise."

How sweet would it be if that day came Jan. 8 against Ohio State? I realize it's not going to happen unless USC and Florida lose Saturday, LSU goes on probation and Michigan secedes from the Union.

But since we have to have the argument, the Broncos deserve to be in the conversation.

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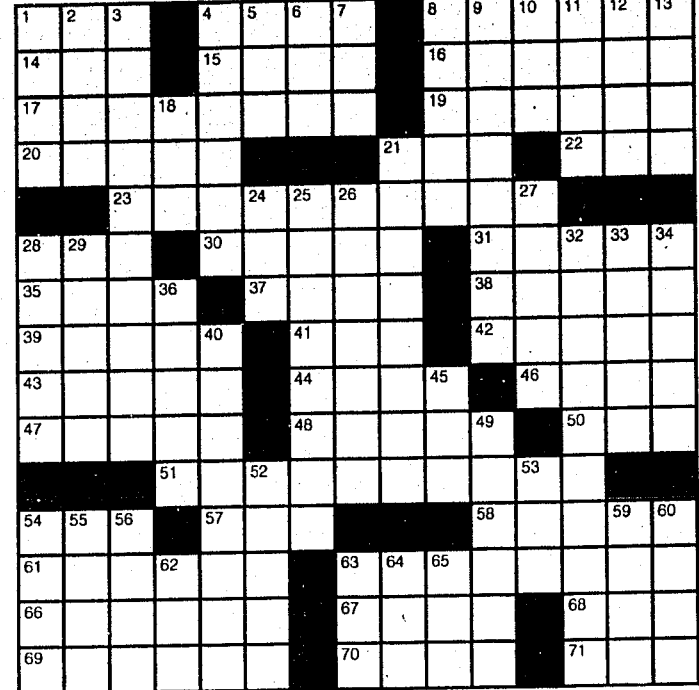
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## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Totality
  - Quip
  - Pinch pennies
  - In days past
  - Karamazov brother
  - Fool of trees
  - Stuffed person
  - Temper
  - Web locations
  - GOP gathering
  - Had supper
  - Listening devices
  - Avail oneself of
  - Yippee!
  - Leg joint
  - Disencumbers
  - Fades
  - Stay sleeping
  - Screen stars
  - Permit to
  - Technique
  - Caine film
  - Part of HOMES
  - Bridge coup
  - Judges weight by lifting
  - Saki's real name
  - Lacking cordiality
  - Safe-deposit box location
  - ISS partner
  - Actor McKellen
  - Wind-borne soil
  - Called back
  - Northeast African nation
  - Gordon of "Oklahoma!"
  - Metrical unit
  - Back of the bus.
  - Take stock of
  - Unfettered
  - Cartoon scream

- DOWN**
- Impudent words
  - Citrus fruit
  - Spoke impudently
  - Picture puzzle
  - Ms. Gardner
  - Standard on the links
  - Stop



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## Solutions



- 49** Seaside rock formation  
**52** Burns wildly  
**53** Tic-tac-toe win  
**54** Columnist Bombeck  
**55** Salty seven  
**56** Curving courses  
**59** Trig function  
**60** Carrier bag  
**62** Exist  
**63** Studio apt.  
**64** Rocky crag  
**65** Weeding tool

## HOROSCOPES

By Linda C. Black

**Today's Birthday (12-04-06).**  
This year, you'll have to adapt to other people's input more. You can do it well but it still may be frustrating at times. Keep smiling. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

caution and wait for clues, if the answer isn't apparent.  
**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Today is an 8 - You're so cute, you'd look good in a gunny sack. So don't spend all your money on clothes. Buy a few stocks and bonds, for later.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)**  
Today is a 9 - The more you study, the farther you'll get. It's amazing how well that works. Pick out a place you want to explore, and learn the language.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Today is a 5 - The challenge you're facing now is to get what you want, while avoiding debt. Don't be impatient; this will take planning. Chill.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
Today is a 5 - You're generally good with money but sometimes you get crazy. That could happen now, so take care. Stay away from the Mall unless they're having a clearance sale.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Today is a 9 - You've been very busy but now you can see ways to distribute the load more evenly, give more responsibility to others, and let them do more work.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**  
Today is an 8 - Knowing the right answer doesn't always ensure victory. Be cheerfully persistent is also required in this situation.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Today is a 5 - Assume anything that can go wrong will at least give it a try. Be watching for impending disasters and nip them in the bud.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**  
Today is a 6 - Don't let the attention go to your head; keep priorities straight. Your family is your reason for working, and your major inspiration. Acknowledge them.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Today is an 8 - Controversy rages but you don't have to get involved. Let the others fight it out, while you referee.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 21)**  
Today is an 8 - Caution is advised. You're in a good mood but everybody isn't. Be kind but don't appear too happy and successful. Some find that irritating.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
Today is a 5 - First, gather up the data. Find the instructions. Read the manual. Then, start the task. The other way around will only cause frustration.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Today is a 5 - If at first you don't succeed, figure out what didn't work. Proceed with

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## COMICS

**IT'S STRESSFUL TO BE A CONTRACT EMPLOYEE. I ONLY GET PAID FOR THE HOURS I WORK.**

**I CAN'T ENJOY MY TIME OFF BECAUSE IT FEELS AS IF IT COSTS ME A FORTUNE!**

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?** **YEAH, I HAD A FEELING ONCE.**

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**I JUST GOT A HEAD-ACHE. I'LL SEE YOU IN A YEAR. OR AS I LIKE TO CALL IT, ONE OCCURRENCE.**

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