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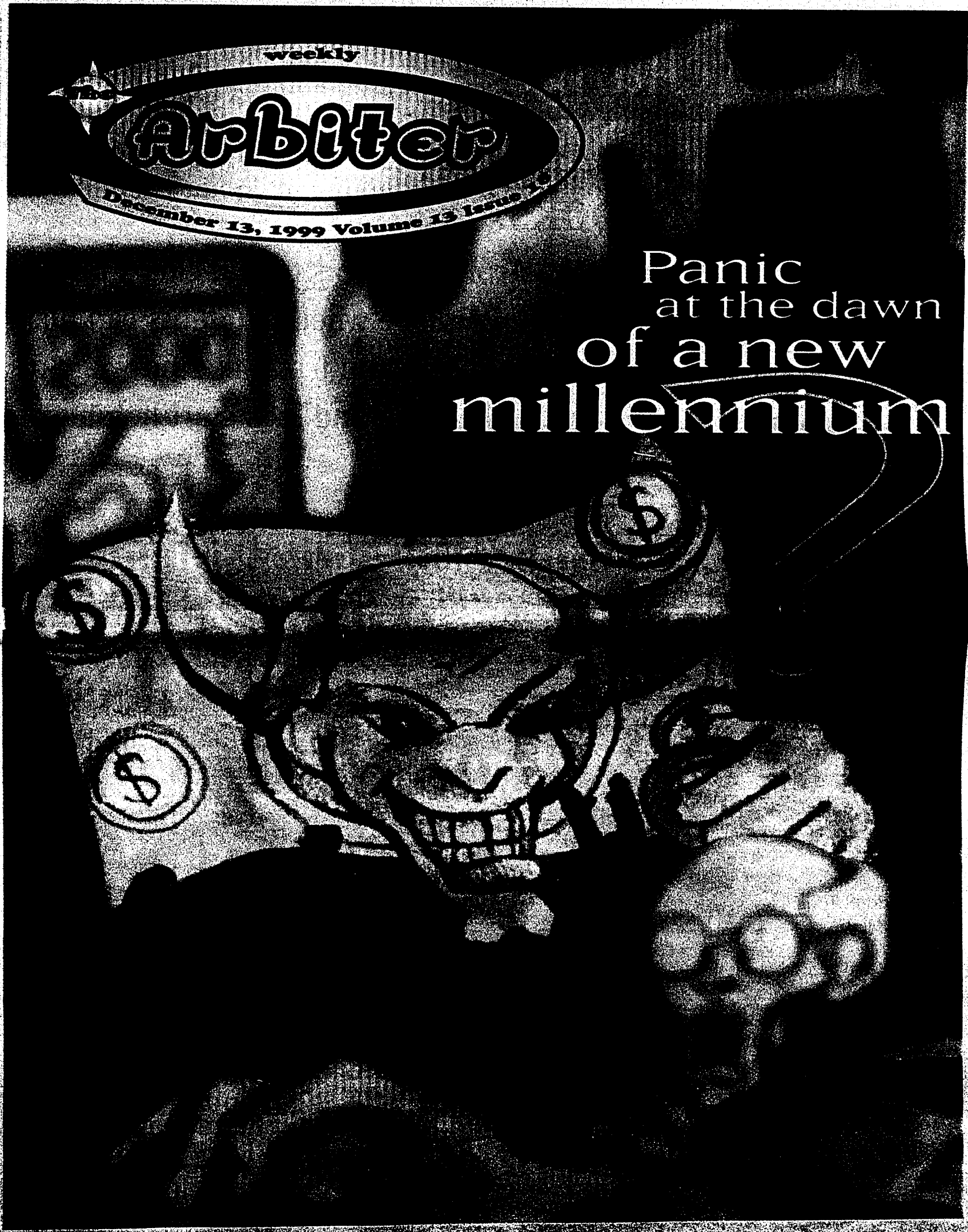
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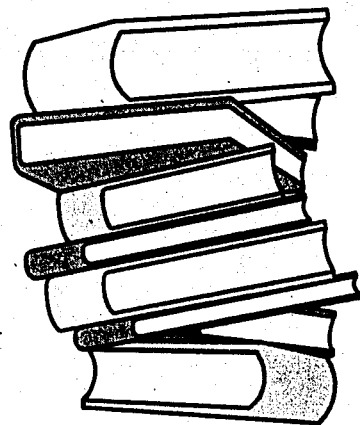
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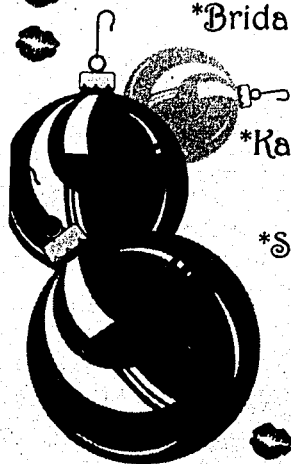
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Well, it's been an interesting and fun semester. So much so, in fact, we decided it's time to kick back and relax.

The *Arbiter* staff wants you to do the same this week of finals so instead of hard news, insightful sports, scathing arts reviews and controversial opinions, we opted to scrap the format and offer a finals relief complete with a look at y2K.

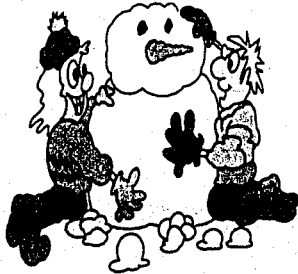
Inside you'll find jokes, fake news, funny stories, cartoons, a word search, tips for surviving

the y2K panic and (real) letters to the editor.

We hope this issue will make you laugh and relax.

Once again, none of this would be possible without the dedication and creativity of The fantastic *Arbiter* staff whom I love so much as well as you for picking us up every week.

So good luck on those finals! We'll see you next century!



Exercise is still important during finals

Here are some easy exercises you can do between tests



10-20 reps of monster claw reaches will get those biceps in shape



10-30 reps of the monster squat should take inches off that gluteus maximus



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Funny NEWS

Busting protesters

Not all the busts at the WTO protests last week were made by police. Women demonstrators made a political statement by going topless in Seattle. The women took off their shirts during a rally outside the King County Jail, where arrested demonstrators were being held. One woman had "Gas This" written across her chest. The topless demonstrators were not arrested.

Crustacean runs for GOP primary

GOP hopefuls debated last night in Manchester, New Hampshire, but not all of the candidates were in the building.

Jeff Costa a.k.a. "Lobsterman" didn't make the cut, but he's still trying to claw his way to the top of the pack in his lobster costume. "Lobsterman" was outside the television studio representing his Crustacean Party. "Lobsterman" says he has no use for mainstream politics. "Streams are a small body of water, whereas 'Lobsterman' comes from the ocean, which is a place of great depth."

Licking rats

Grace Slick has no use for dental floss now that she has a pet rat.

The *New York Post* quotes Slick as saying that the rat licks her tongue and the inside of her mouth after she eats. She says the rat walks into her

mouth, while using its hind legs for balance.

According to Slick the rat's favorite dishes include lasagna, brownies and pistachio nuts.

Donut lovin' cops

Plenty of cops showed up for the groundbreaking ceremony of a new Krispy Kreme Doughnut Store.

Officers in Union City, California showed up and ate hundreds of the goodies. A police van carried 35 dozen doughnuts to the groundbreaking, and police managed to eat all the evidence.

Surrender at once or I'll duct tape you!

An Arizona man has found a new use for duct tape. Police in Phoenix say Robert Horton showed up at the county courthouse with his wife, Belinda, who was wrapped in duct tape. He told authorities, "Here she is." Horton was worried that he would lose his bail money if she didn't show up in court. Officers took photos of the women all taped up for use as possible evidence against her husband. Authorities say she was plenty mad.

Stupid criminal

Authorities in Charleston, South Carolina have arrested Kenneth Richardson for allegedly robbing a First Citizens bank. According to police, Richardson handed the teller a demand for cash, written on the back of his own check stub. The stub had Richardson's name and social security number printed on the front. He is now being held on \$300,000 bail with federal charges pending.

Giant head stolen from front lawn

In southwest Michigan, the Harris family is worried. Their giant head of the *Mad* magazine cover boy is missing from their lawn. The Alfred E. Neuman head decorated their lawn for nine years before someone swiped it on Halloween weekend. The Harris family bought the giant head because it reflects the family's philosophy of "What, me worry?" They reported the theft to the police.

Stealin pizza dough

Authorities in South Carolina are looking for the criminal who got away with a

truckload of dough. However, it wasn't money that was stolen, it was pizzas. The crook made off with a truck full of 2,400 DiGiorno pizzas. Police say the pizza heist wasn't easy as pie. The bandits had to unplug the mobile refrigerator and ram the truck through a fence surrounding the warehouse.

Luckily officers found the empty truck but there is no sign of the pizzas or the perps.

Poke Pokeman

Do you want to poke Pokemon in the eye with a stick?

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It is run by producer Larry Kananoff of "Terminator Two" and "True Lies."

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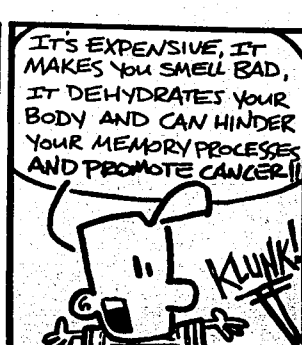
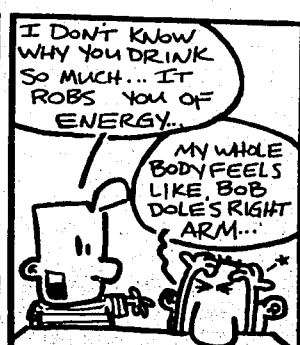


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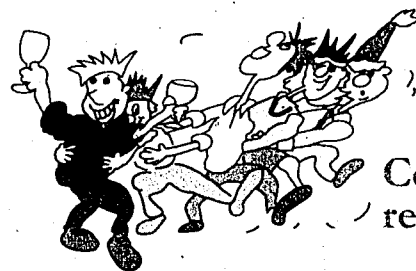
people who are sick and tired of Pokemon. You get to vote on the way to destroy the pocket monsters.

Big chair may have seen its last day

In Grand Junction, Michigan, folks aren't taking the Big Chair sitting down.

Willow furniture maker Bim Willow built a giant chair which sits on Main Street.

Some residents say the 30-foot high chair is an eyesore and should be carted away. Town officials don't agree. The township board has declared the Big Chair is art, so it can stay.



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The Beet

Purchase of Boise State by Albertson's, Micron, U.S. Bank imminent

Jim Steele

news writer

Albertson's, Micron and U.S. Bank are close to an agreement to buy Boise State University from the State of Idaho, *The Arbiter* has learned.

"We are in negotiations with the state of Idaho," an Albertson's employee said on condition of anonymity. She refused to elaborate. Spokesmen for Micron and U.S. Bank also confirmed that negotiations are under way, but refused to disclose any details, although the U.S. Bank spokesman did announce that, if the purchase is completed, the First Security ATM in Boise State's Science

and Nursing building and the Key Bank ATM in the Student Union Building would be promptly removed.

The purchase of Boise State could offer good strategic fit within the financial strategies of Albertson's and Micron. Albertson's is in a period of rapid growth and needs a mechanism for educating future management personnel. Boise State's College of Business, with a few modifications to its mission statement, could produce a ready source of managers for the company.

Micron also is undergoing a significant period of expression. The company

already put its name on the Micron Engineering Center, scheduled to open for the spring semester. The outright purchase of the university would complete an ongoing process and provide a mechanism for the education of legions of new Micron employees.

"This is a strategic fit for Albertson's and Micron, which would be able to use Boise State's resources to fill their needs," economist Alfred Doern says. "Albertson's will be able to train needed management personnel and Micron will be able to train highly skilled people to work in their

factories."

Less clear is what U.S. Bank hopes to gain by purchasing Boise State. Since U.S. Bank bought WestOne Bank, U.S. Bank's Boise operations have been limited, leaving what the company hopes to accomplish by purchasing Boise State unclear.

One possibility is that the bank hopes to gain access to Boise State's prime riverfront land for a new skyscraper to replace the current U.S. Bank tower in downtown Boise. U.S. Bank recently put its Boise building up for sale.

"Although it would appear there is nothing wrong

with the current U.S. Bank tower, the company may simply hope to acquire some prime riverfront land to build a new tower in the coming years.

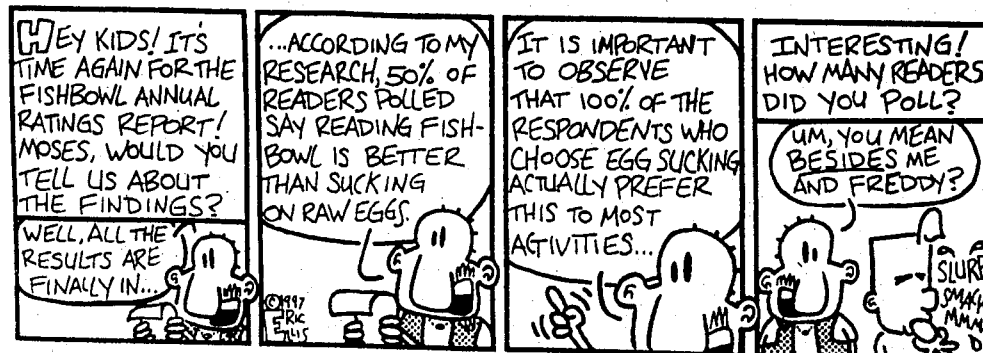
"However, the company may have something else entirely in mind for the university. U.S. Bank's participation in this partnership just doesn't make much sense," Doern says. "If they do build a new tower, I would hope they invite Boise State architecture students to help them design it to be more attractive than The Grove."

The outright purchase of a state university by a consortium of private companies appears unprecedented, although not surprising in the case of Boise State. The university has gradually been seeing more private money used for funding university facilities.

One example is the Albertson's Library, which was expanded with a donation from Kathryn Albertson, the wife of the late Joe Albertson. As mentioned, Micron's name appears on a new building on the east end of the campus, as well as the Micron/Simplot Technology Center. The outright purchase of the university seems to fit the natural evolution of the process.

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The Beet

Ruch begins plans to open bar in the Pavilion

Jim Steele

news writer

Boise State University President Charles Ruch has added another duty to his job description: head bartender at The Pavilion's new bar, Chuckie's.

"Who better to serve up the best drinks in the valley?" Ruch asked. "As the president of Boise State, I should also be the head bartender at Chuckie's."

Boise State recently

decided to allow alcoholic beverage sales at some Pavilion events. The decision was made to help the Pavilion compete with other Treasure Valley ven-

ues such as the Idaho Center and the Bank of America Centre. The university worried that it was losing events because organizers wanted alcoholic

beverages to be available.

Now, that won't remain a concern. It also appears that Chuckie's has found a quite capable bartender, as Ruch in a

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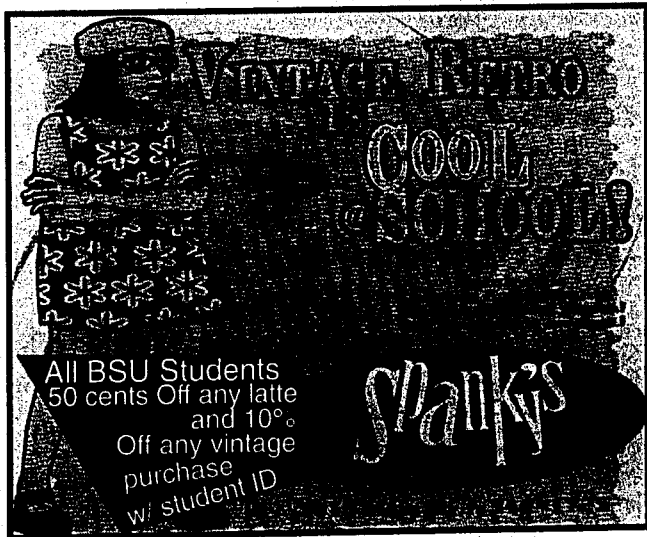
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Bronco Books wins bookstore war

Jim Steele
news writer

After a long, heated battle, Bronco Books has finally won the bookstore war when Boise State's Bookstore admitted that Bronco Books really does offer better prices on that necessary evil, textbooks.

"After years of propaganda, we just can't lie to the students any more. Bronco Books really is cheaper," a Boise State Bookstore

spokesman says. "We surrender in this war."

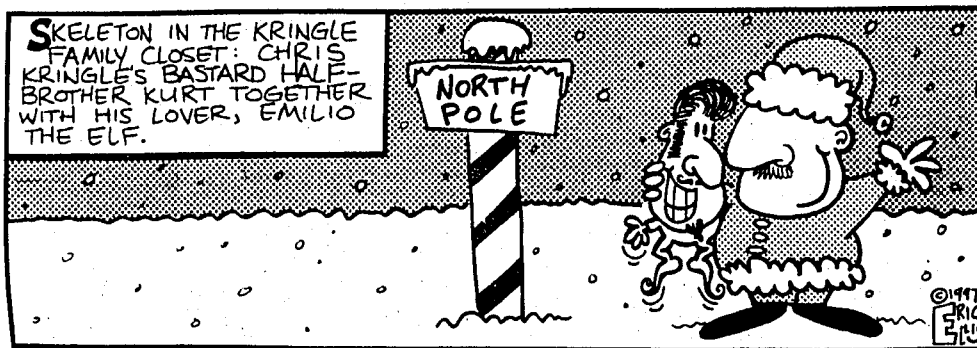
With the victory, Bronco Books will move into the spot currently held by the Bookstore

in the Student Union Building and vacate its location on Broadway.

"This is a triumphant day for all students," Bronco Books

proclaimed in a press release. "It's been a long, exhausting war, but the best bookstore has won!"

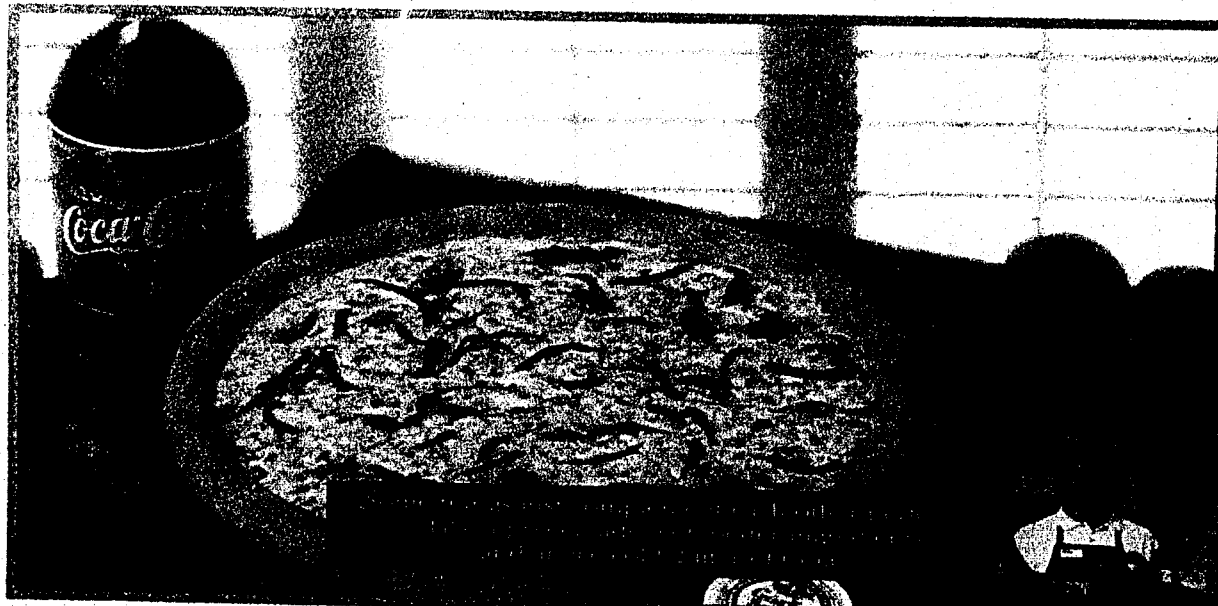
Bronco Books also announced plans to raise prices. "Monopoly power rocks," the company announced.



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Last parking spot taken

Jim Steele

news writer

Students literally found no place to park last Monday when Parma resident Deb Clousing illegally parked near Bronco Stadium, filling Boise State's last-available parking spot.

"I don't know what to tell students to do," Boise State parking coordinator Al Griffin said when informed of the situation on Monday. "I just can't find it in my heart to suggest students park at Gowen Field and walk."

Eyewitnesses reported that all available residential

parking spots within two miles of the university, and all commercial spots not patrolled by tow truck, were also taken. Some students even parked in the drive-through at various fast-food outlets on Broadway, which somehow managed to speed up their notoriously slow service.

Other students found unique ways to cope with the problem after learning of the parking situation from Trooper Hayes' traffic report on the Music Monster, which broke the story. Engineering major Chris Anthony took his canoe down the Boise River to get to class, while freshman Alex

Franz chartered a helicopter.

Clousing was issued a \$10 parking ticket for her crime, although she told *The Arbiter* she has no plans to pay it because she isn't a Boise State student.

"What are they going to do, put a hold on my account?" she asked.

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- Your ex-boyfriend is an idiot.
- No, we don't know what day it is. We never will. Mark anniversaries on a calendar.
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- 3-Their peers were so busy pressuring them to have sex, they forgot to do drugs.
- 2-They spent all their money on a flak jacket for high school.
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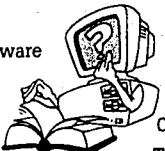


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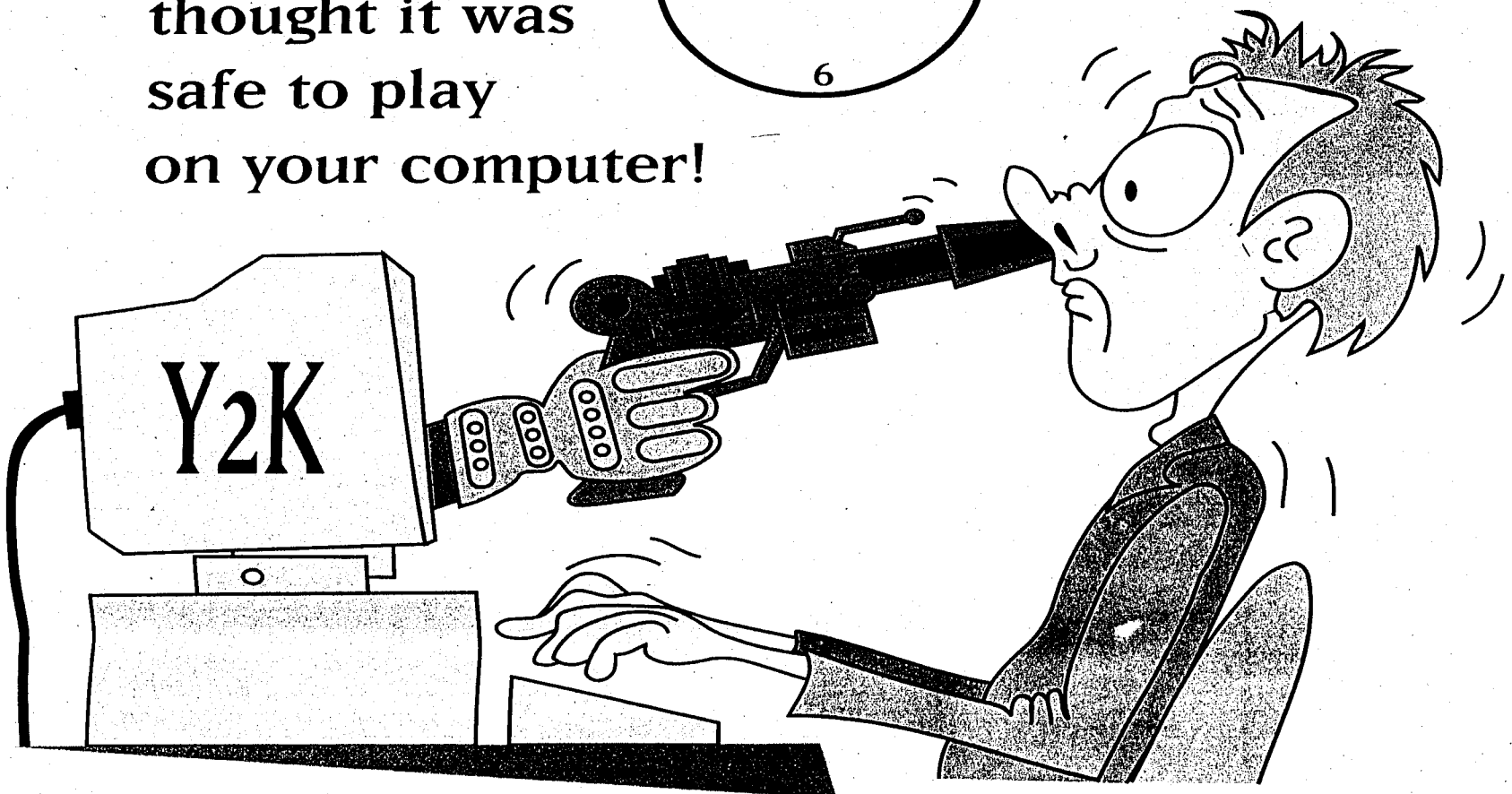
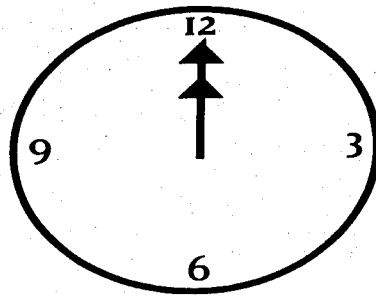
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When the clock strikes twelve on Dec. 31 . . . who knows what will happen? Some speculate total disaster as the millennium bug infiltrates computer systems worldwide shutting down banks, the 9-1-1 system and electricity. Still others believe it's just another transition to a new year. But the growing panic as we reach the fateful day proves hard to ignore. The Arbiter takes a look at what most people are afraid will happen and what they're doing about it.

Fear of travel

Some members of the LDS church are canceling their travel plans based on Y2K concerns.

A church spokesman says 60,000 Mormon missionaries will be grounded for a week beginning at midnight on Dec. 30.

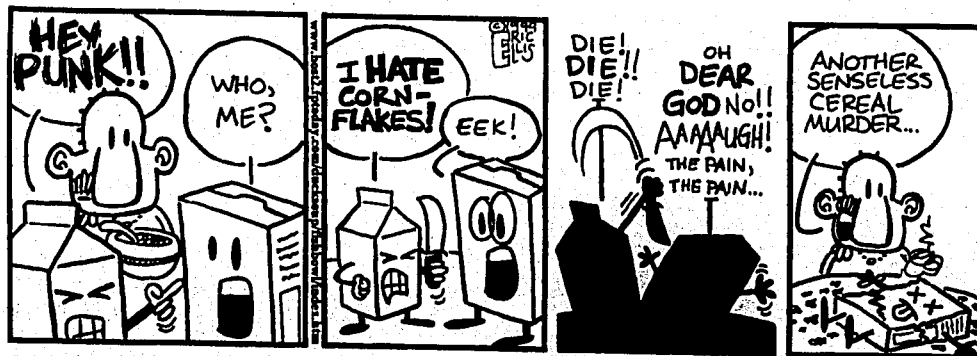
Also banned from travel during the period are all church

leaders and employees, including professors at Brigham Young University.

Fear of starvation

A Milwaukee college is preparing for the worst. Lakeshore Tech continues to stockpile food and water at a temporary shelter for 500 people, and planners anticipate the provisions should last two weeks.

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One state lawmaker calls the action "nutty" but school officials say they just want to be safe.

Fear of panic

It's not a computer glitch that has America's point-man on Y2K concerned, but the panic from scared residents.

John Koskinen, who works as Clinton's top Y2K aide, tells CNN that last minute buying could create a shortage of food, gas, medicines and other supplies.

Fear of candy shortage

Brothers Cormac McCarthy, 7, and Christopher, 9, saved most of their Halloween candy in case of problems on January 1st.

The New York kids stockpiled dozens of peanut butter cups, Tootsie rolls and chocolate bars.

But the provisions don't mean the duo isn't looking forward to Y2K.

Christopher says he hopes the millennium bug will shut down power supplies so he won't have to go to school.

No fear

A new study shows we're not all as nutty as we could be.

A survey for the Grocery Manufacturers of America reports 70 percent of those responding to a telephone survey said they did not plan to buy extra food in anticipation for Y2K and nearly 80 percent say they're not concerned at all.

Fear of not spending enough

The country has spent \$100 billion since 1995 in preparation for Y2K.

That equals out to \$355 for every man, woman and child. And that's not it.

Commerce Secretary William Daley says the spending will continue for a couple of years as companies deal with the change.

Daley says the potential cost of doing nothing "was far greater."

Fear of dying too late

Here's a Y2K problem that has nothing to do with computers.

It's about tombstones.

A lot of people who



bought their cemetery headstones in advance didn't think they'd live this long. The headstones were engraved with the dates 19-hundred and the year blank.

Now the 19 will have to be filled and replaced with a two-zero.

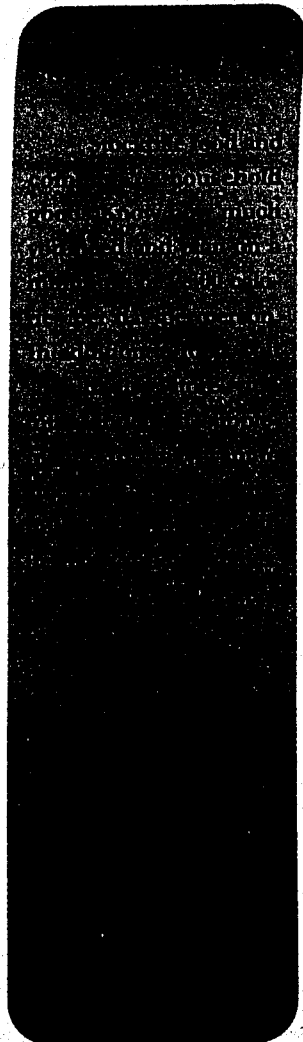
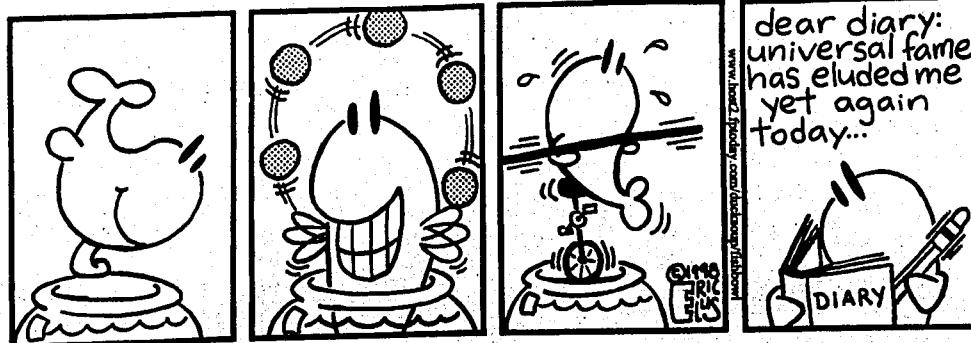
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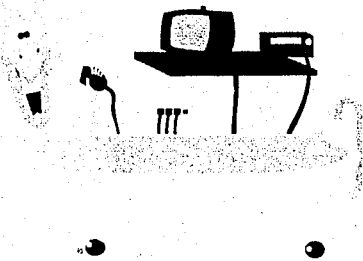
As many as 250,000 tombstones will need to be changed.

Fear of doing nothing

Some people apparently don't care about the Year 2000 hoopla. A *Time-CNN* poll finds 75 percent of those surveyed plan to stay home New Year's Eve. So what will they be doing? Sixty percent say kissing someone, a third drinking champagne and 15 percent plan to attend a religious service while 20 percent claim they'll be having sex.

Top 10 Fishbowl





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Schizophrenia:

Do you hear what I hear?

Multiple Personality Disorder:

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Dementia:

Whose child is this?

Narcissistic:

Angels we have heard on high, sing my glories in the sky!

Manic:

Deck the halls and walls and house and lawn and streets and stores and office and town and cars and busses and trucks and trees and fire hydrants and . . .

Paranoid:

Santa Claus is coming to get me.

Personality disorder:

You better watch out, or I'm gonna cry and I'm gonna pout. No, I won't tell you why.

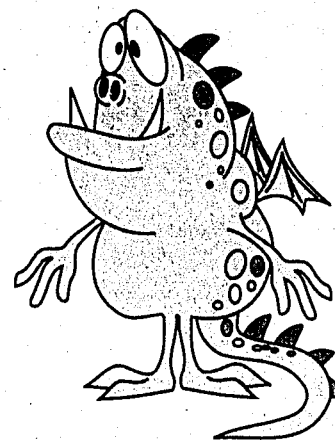
Depression:

Silent Night, all is night, all is flat, all is blight.



Obsessive-Compulsive disorder:

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Passive-aggressive personality:

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me (and then took it all away).


Borderline personality disorder:

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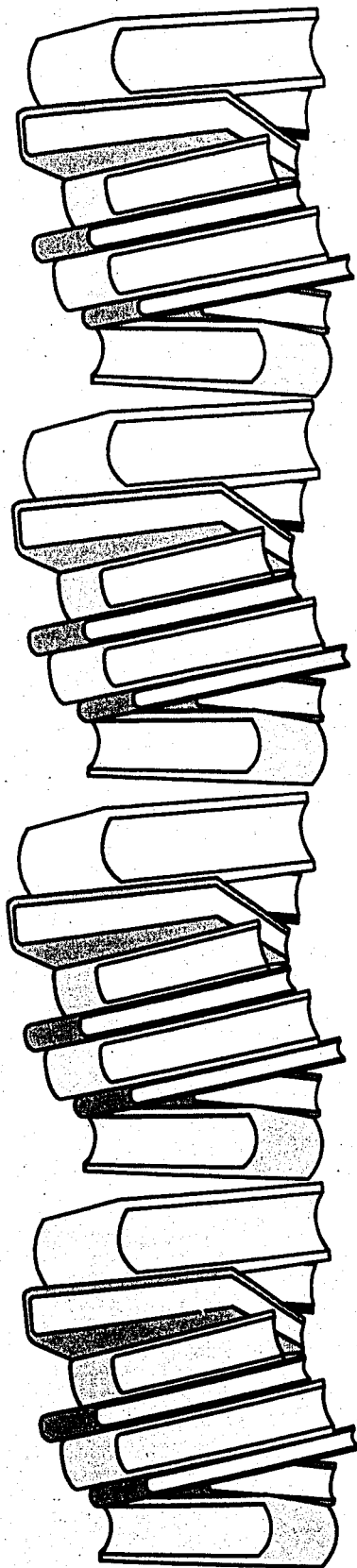
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Favorites of the century

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age editor

Favorite movies over the last century

Braveheart (1995) - This movie provides the necessary combination of blood and romance to entice both men and women. Besides, what can beat Mel Gibson in a kilt?

The Shawshank Redemption (1994) - The beauty of the human spirit can survive even the ugliness of prison. Stephen King shows he has a heart.

The Matrix (1999) - If this movie is any indication of what the future holds, help us all. The technology pioneered for this movie will form the basis of future special effects,

much to the delight of movie audiences everywhere.

Charade (1963) - A great flick combining two of my favorite people, Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant. Throw in the beauty of Paris, and this murder-mystery provides enough suspense to leave you guessing.

Gone With the Wind (1939) - This classic can be watched over and over. It also makes me appreciate the fact that I don't have to wear a corset.

Sixteen Candles (1984) - This is my nostalgic favorite. With Brat Packer Molly Ringworld still daring to wear pink, this film reminds me of why I'm glad the '80's are over.

Citizen Kane (1941) - I would have never seen this movie if not for a film history class. Some would argue it is the greatest film ever made. I would argue that Orson Welles can tell a story, but who names his sled "Rosebud?"

Favorite Books

Atlas Shrugged - Ayn Rand has been one of my favorite authors for years ever since I read *Atlas Shrugged*. If you believe that man is an individual, this book is for you.

Pride and Prejudice - With witty dialogue, and characters who come alive off the pages, Jane Austen has managed to create an enduring classic I've loved since high school.

Wuthering Heights - Emily Bronte's dark tale is an incredible tale of love and loss.

Slouching Towards Bethlehem - This is a collection of Joan Didion's essays, and a recent read on my part. I would highly recommend it to anyone who enjoys an honest personal essay.

Favorite Musicians/Music

U2 - This ultimate group has survived the decades of the ever-changing music world. I found U2 in the third grade and still get thrilled when Bono breaks out in song.

Sarah McLachlan - Voice and lyrics combine to

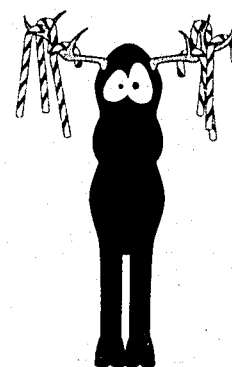
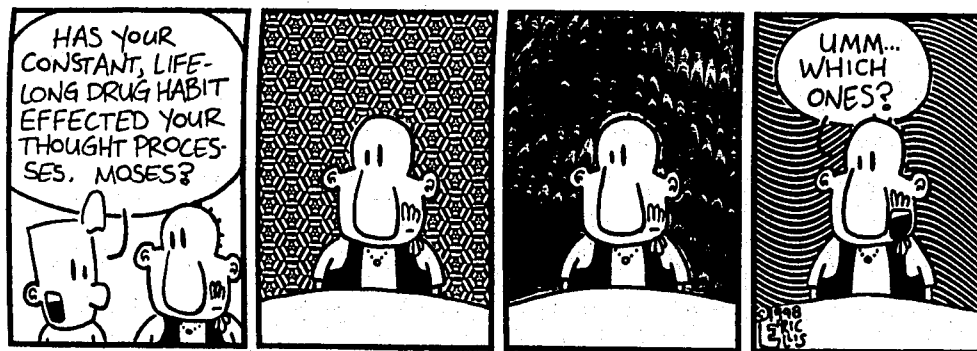
weave a tapestry of music that sounds quite simply, beautiful.

Claude Debussy - Debussy has a way with women. Most of his work I am familiar with connects in some way to women.

Fleetwood Mac - Fleetwood Mac has seen both good and bad times. Through it all, they managed to create and produce some of the best sounds around.

Eagles - The Eagles have the touch. Current artists seem to have tapped into the group's popularity with modern redos that still manage to hit the charts.

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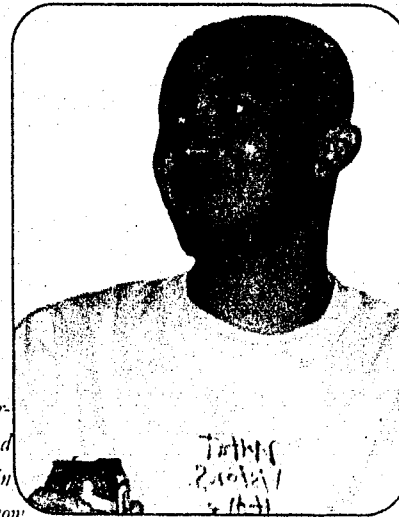
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Roasting JUSTIN ENDOW



Justin Endow served as the Arts and Entertainment Editor for The Arbiter soon after current editor Erica Hill stepped down in February. Since then he's become the staff grouch, but a good friend and coworker. Now that Endow is graduating from Boise State University, we thought it fit to offer a roast to an Arbiterite that will stay in our minds forever. And what will we remember most?

After throwing paper clips across the desk at Justin's head, over-taking his computer, sharing bad music, laughing when he's silly and being very very quiet when he's mad- I think I really bonded with Justin this year. As he graduates and moves on, I'll miss Justin. But I know that whatever he does and wherever he goes, Justin sucks big donkeys!
-Stephanie Matlock, News Editor

I will never forget The Arbiter Christmas party when I beat Justin for the second consecutive time in a drinking contest. Endow is quite the lightweight!
-Erica Hill, Editor-in-Chief

I can't forget Justin's anger when he discovered "the girls" had won the football pool because they "liked horses" and therefore picked the Colts!
-Jessi Lorch, Associate Editor

My greatest memory of Justin would be the lengthy discussions we have had over the eighties, buttrock and their significance. (p.s. Def Leppard forever!)
-from Emily Childs, Office Manager.

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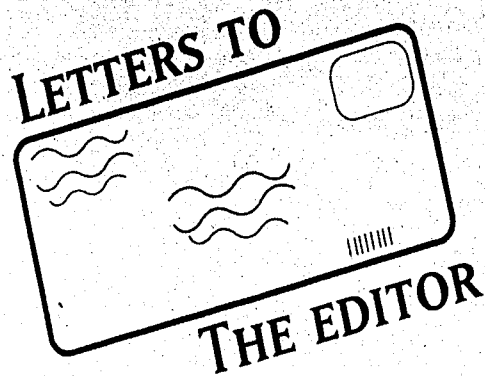
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Dear Editor,

The Arbitr seems to be focusing on the open minded, newly diverse, smarter more tolerant, generation of college students, in this writer's opinion, displaying a true lack in taste and responsibility. Last week was the insert pamphlet claiming the Holocaust never occurred. Before that the new

"anti homophobia" campaign. I am open to new ideas but what sickens me is this one-sided propaganda that is attempting to manipulate

classic beliefs. I don't see relevance in plastering the paper with shock value or with one very opinionated writer's agenda. Leslie Owen's article "Unstraightening the Path" attempted to use humor to promote compassion and tolerance for the gay struggle and at the same time "enlighten us" about a new behavior. She claimed the correct phrase we

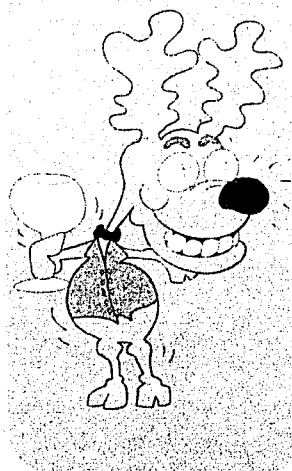
all should use when there is a gay parade is "I can't believe I forgot the march, let's try to make the post march party on The Grove." Let's all hop on the bandwagon and conform to public acceptance of this behavior to better understand ourselves; let's all parade with them and flaunt rainbow stickers. Why not promote it as a healthy alternative to kids, when straight dating doesn't work out to well? Yeah right, get real. One of the so-called homophobic wrong answers when witnessing this parade was, "We don't parade our sexuality. Why do they have to." Leslie Owens claims we do. I'll tell you what; I wouldn't parade my promiscuity or my virginity, regardless of what the media do. I really don't care to sup-

port "sex parades" anyway. In my opinion sex should be a personal, private and spiritual event.

In the Christian/homo article it spoke of erasing Chrisophobia and tolerating the lifestyle. They just want "unconditional love" and "religious acceptance." I don't hate gays but I'm strongly against this movement telling me my personal and religious beliefs are close-minded. You may say I am old fashioned, which I am, but I am a man of honor and integrity and a firm believer in family. I am Christian; everyone has the right to accept Christ by living in his example. In my beliefs, family is the main reason we are here (God's plan), and God gave us sex organs for this reason, cre-

ating children. The aggravating thing about this whole movement to me is that's what their goal is: legal gay marriage and adoption. This is what stirs up my emotions. Please don't bring your family to my church.

Is this new diverse age of open mindedness leading toward a utopia? Let's promote even more of a demise to the classic American family, as if violence, drugs, and divorce weren't enough. Just maybe, if little Johnny had help from two mommies or two daddies, he could make it through. For the most part I sense gays are desperate for acceptance, not just to avoid violence but to help absolve guilt. Go ahead, try to fix that at church!
Ryan Carson/Sophomore



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TOP 10

The Top Ten objects to remove from the Boise community along with the Tablerock Cross.

Mark Holladay
recovering trickaholic

- 10.) The "Jesus Saves" sign from the Boise Rescue Mission and the religious billboards along the highway. (They're in plain view!)
- 9.) Other public symbols of religion such as churches, synagogues, temples, crosses, steeples, stained glass murals and the McDonalds' golden arches. (Also in plain view— tsk, tsk.)
- 8.) Cars with religious symbols and/or bumper stickers such as a fish, cross, pentagram, elephant or donkey. (Besides they block my way in traffic.)
- 7.) Television, radio and newspapers. (You never know what may get broadcast— it's best to be safe.)
- 6.) People such as Mr. William H. Angel, Ms. Stacey Divine, Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Godlove, Ms. Jaymi Heaven, and Mr. John Priest who all show up in the Boise phone book. (Anyone willing to donate a few torches for the lynch mob?)
- 5.) Lowercase T's from public signs. (They're everywhere!)
- 4.) "Plus" symbols from public school math books. (Separation of church and state!)
- 3.) Angel and devil's food cake from retail outlets. (Shh,h,h,h It's a conspiracy.)
- 2.) All life. (Some religions believe God(s) created life.)
- 1.) The stars from the heavens. (Reminds people of the Star of David.)



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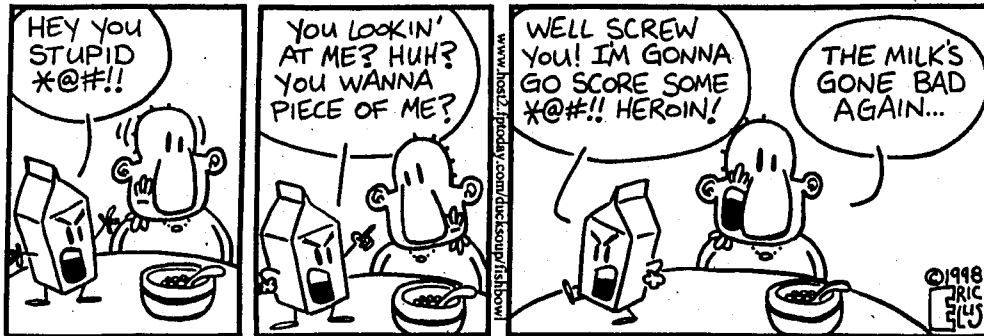
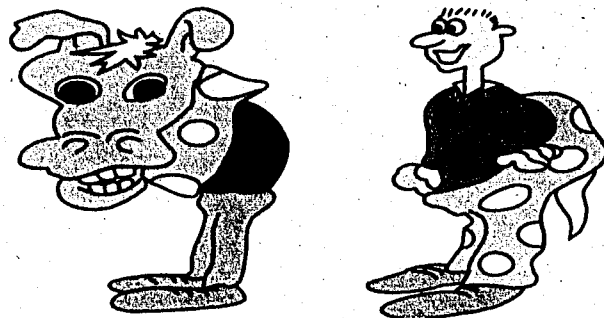
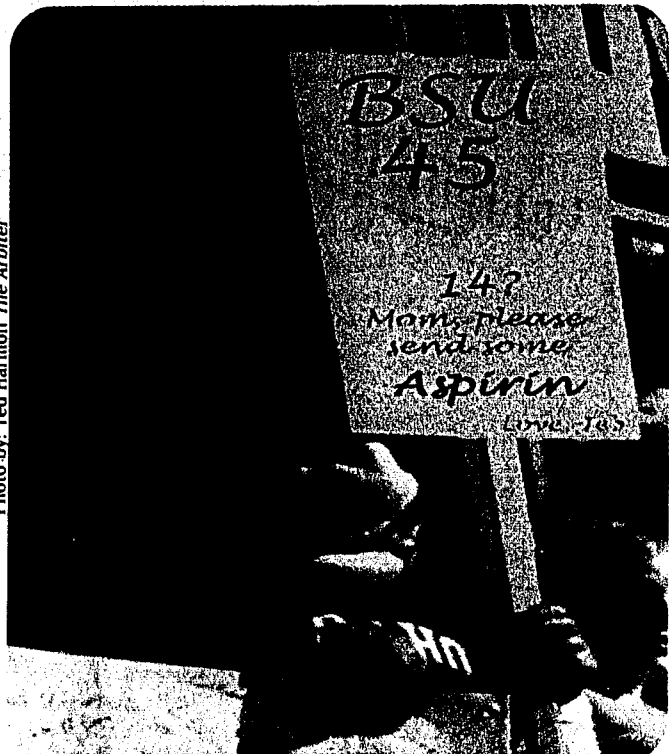


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To the Editor:

Almost one hundred years ago my grandparents came to this country from a small town near the city of Brest-Litvosk in what was then Poland and is now Belarus. At that time they came looking for economic security, but also for something more, freedom from the age-old anti-Semitism and hatred of Europe. They, their children, and my generation have found such a refuge here in the United States, but the family members who stayed in that town were never able to leave. My grandparent's cousins, their children—my father's cousins—and many others would remain there until their entire community was slaughtered by German troops in the early part of World War II. Their small town no longer exists, its almost entirely Jewish population killed in cold blood by the teams of German soldiers and SS who forced the men to dig the graves that would hold themselves, their wives, and their children and who then shot them all at point blank range. In recent years, American members of my family have traveled back to that region to try to find something of our family's history and to see if they

could find any who might have survived. They have come back empty-handed and with empty hearts.

I write this letter as a personal testimony to the memory of my family and to express my deep outrage at

The Arbiter's unconscionable distribution of the insert "The Revisionist." Holocaust denial is nothing more than a lie intended to bury, once again, Hitler's victims—to exterminate not only the Jews of Europe, but their memory. Their strategy is simple. They hold up those who survived as charlatans and liars; they portray murderers as victims of libel. And they do so only because of their undeniable hatred of Jews and all others who are different. The physical evidence of the death camps of Treblinka, Auschwitz, Bergen Belsen, Majdanek and the killing fields of Babi Yar do not daunt them; the films of the massacres made by the German authorities themselves do not give them pause. And they do so in the name of promoting public discussion and uncovering yet another Jewish plot. It is an age-old strategy of anti-Semites and has no more respectability than such other frauds as the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* and the blood libels of the Middle Ages.

The arguments that such ideas are another perspective which should be exposed to the sunlight of scrutiny or that *The Arbiter* had some form of obligation to publish such a perspective are equally pernicious. Reasonable people can disagree about many things, but the truth of the Holocaust

is not one of them; to invite a debate regarding its historicity is simply to fall prey to one of the insidious forms of relativism. Moreover, *The Arbiter's* decision to include "The Revisionist" was not required to avoid the spectre of censorship. In the courses on constitutional law, civil liberties and civil rights which I teach here at Boise State, and in my work in the community, I have often explained to students and others the importance of free speech for the emergence of the truth. Censorship is a crime against the truth. When government suppresses thought through force and coercion it violates our basic rights.

But freedom of the press means that private parties, and not the government, make the decisions regarding what to print and what not to print. To hide behind the First Amendment, and to argue that the First Amendment requires that something be printed, is nonsense and a disguise for moral cowardice. Private parties, especially newspapers and other media, have other obligations. They have the right to deny publication to ideas that are hateful; they have a duty not to perpetuate fraud. Several months ago, *The Arbiter* ran a one column advertisement from a group named CODOH which questioned the Nobel prize-winner Elie Wiesel's testimony regarding the Shoah; it noted what it called inconsistencies in Wiesel's writings. But Wiesel is a novelist as well as an autobiographer, and he tells the stories of others in his fiction, something which necessarily leads to inconsistencies. At that time I failed to object to *The Arbiter's* publication of that ad; I deeply regret my failure to do so. With the distribution of "The Revisionist," there is no avoiding the moral vacuum that underlies the *Arbiter's* editorial policy.

Six years ago I came to Boise State to teach. When I first told friends and family of my interest in Idaho, I received many cautionary comments about the Aryan Nations and the likelihood that I would be targeted as a member of a small Jewish community. However, many members of Boise's Jewish community reassured me that I would receive a warm welcome and that Boise was no more anti-Semitic than any other city in the country. I have found that to be true. In making Boise my home I have found a community that is truly committed to judging people on their character rather than their ancestry and is open and accepting. I have found my students on this campus to be open-minded, fair and compassionate people. I have become a defender of Boise, and Idaho generally, as a place that values all of God's children. It is thus doubly hurtful that such a publication be distributed in my workplace and in my new hometown. At a time when other college newspapers refuse to publish such lies and broadcast such hatred, the *Arbiter* finds itself unable to summon the moral courage which allows good people of every faith to condemn the ignorance and bigotry which fill the pages of "The Revisionist." I hope that those responsible for this decision will recognize their error and take responsibility for their hurtful actions in distributing this piece of hate literature.

Daniel Levin
Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science

To the Editor:

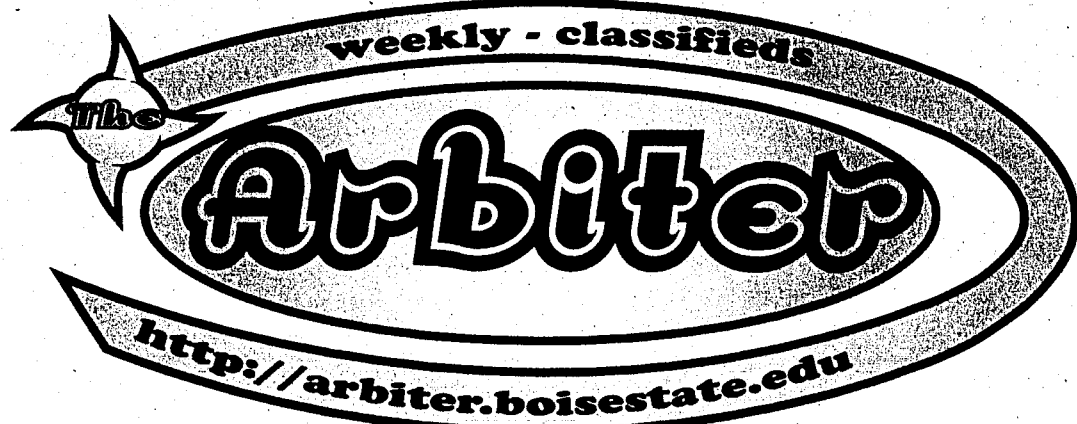
Did I enroll into the kindergarden institute of higher learning? Or did I enroll to Boise State University? If I am enrolled in BSU there are a lot of whinning, snibbling cry

babies on BSU campus. Heck, all of you are acting childish. I don't like this. I don't like that. This offends me. That offends me. Who gives a flyin' rats butt of what does and doesn't offend those snibblin' babies who consider themselves an adult, a college educated one in fact?! ACT YOUR AGE!!! I act my age at a mature matter.

I am 26 year old male who just skips to what I do like and discard the rest of the crap (i.e. sports and a&c). I read what interests me. I don't cry and snibble about what is in the school news paper. I laughed and thought that the Pam Anderson issue was quite cute. I discarded "The Revisionist" insert first thing along with any other insert into the nearest trash/recycling receptacle. It is as easy as that! Simple and painless. So just button up your lips. Nobody likes a cry baby. Are there any volunteers to whine and cry about the Discreet Secrets displaying a half naked (or is it half dressed) woman on every ad? I see nothing wrong.

As for Mr. L. S. of the English Dept., with all due respect, I think you need a lesson in the differences among the four seasons: Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer. Because *The Arbiter's* issue of Pam Anderson, to the date is Feb. 10th, which falls into the Winter season, not the Spring. Winter season starts on Dec. 22 through Mar. 20 and Spring starts on Mar. 21 or there abouts.

Stefan Yarnot
BSU student



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Job Title: Campus tour assistant **Start date:** ASAP **Job Number:** 3341 **Wage:** \$7.00 per hour **Hours/Week:** 15 to 20 hours per week, negotiable between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday through Friday. **Primary Duties:** Coordinating campus visits, which include general clerical support such as reception work, greeting visitors, data entry, and other tasks as assigned. **Minimum Qualifications:** General office skills, excellent communication skills, a good general knowledge of BSU Campus and services.

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