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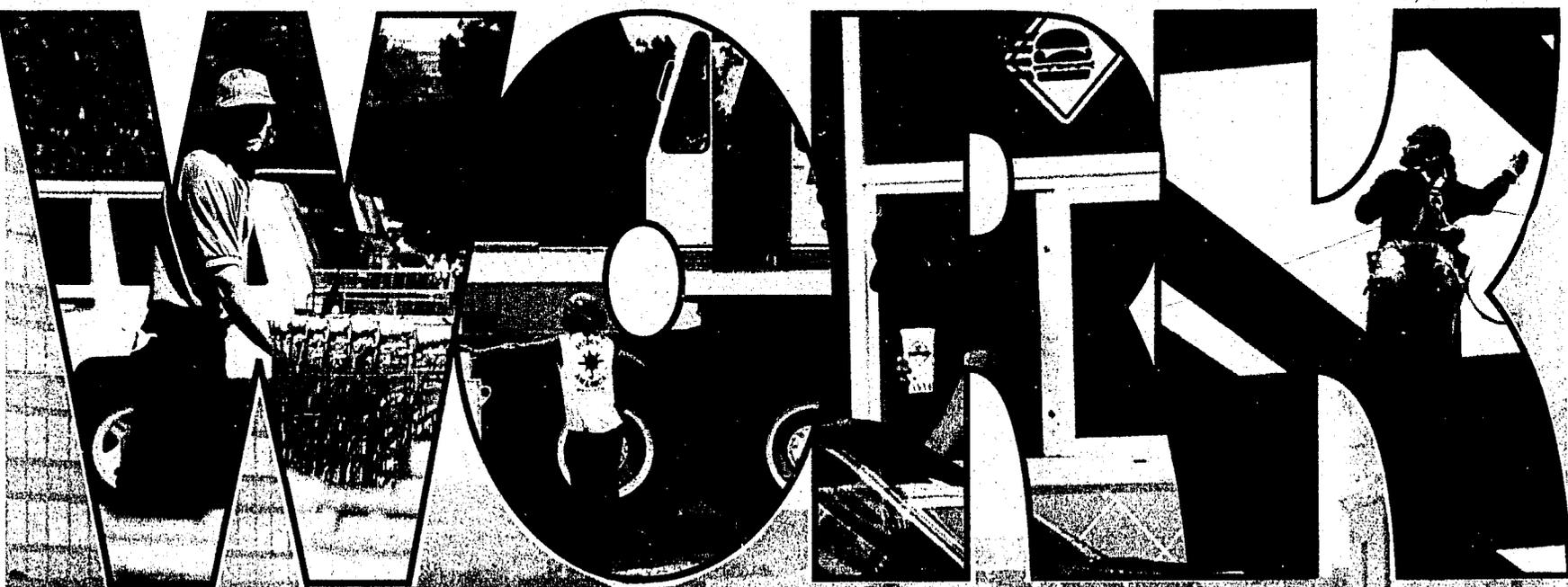
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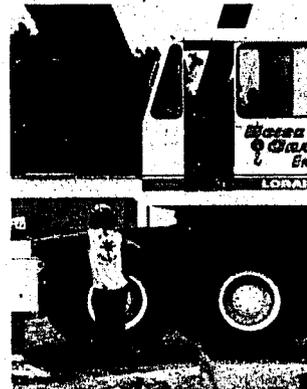
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## Parking

# New parking garage brings new rules

by John Threet

*the Arbiter*

Do not expect to park in the new parking garage at Boise State University with a bill larger than \$5. The meters will not accept them.

And plan ahead for how long you will need to park; over-parked vehicles receive a parking ticket.

Although you may pay your parking fee on any floor, each floor has a machine to accept payment.

And, if you do visit the garage, enjoy a new view of campus from the upper deck.

Bob Siebolt, director of Campus Safety, says between 1,100 and 1,200 vehicles per day used BSU's new parking garage during the first week of the fall semester.

Lines formed Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 28 and 29, as parking attendants temporarily collected parking fees. However, by Wednesday the new automated fee collection machines were operational.

Major use times for the new parking garage are 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and after 5 p.m. for night classes and special events.

For part-time and evening users, Siebolt said, the parking garage may prove cheaper than buying a general use-parking permit.

"The machines don't give out change; however, a dollar- and five-dollar changer will dispense coins on the first floor of the garage," he said.

Surface lots and the new parking garage were at 90 to 95 percent of capacity the first week of the semester.

This is normal for the first 10 days of the semester.

"Students are attending to the business aspects of financial aid and registration then, but by the end of next week we anticipate 150 to 200 parking spaces will regularly be available in the stadium parking lot" Siebolt said.

"Of course, the bus is free by showing a student ID card, and

the shuttle moves people for free on campus," he said.

Accepting change, one-dollar or five-dollar bills, VISA and MasterCard credit cards, the machines allow prepayment for parking. The minimum payment, 75 cents, buys one hour. Additional change buys increments over one hour. Eight dollars buys 12 hours of parking.

Upon inserting money, patrons are to indicate the parking space number. Then a clock on the machine indicates the expiration time for the money inserted. So, for instance, inserting 75 cents at 8 a.m. would cause the machine to display 9:00, indicating the patron will need to return to their vehicle by that time or risk a parking ticket.

One drawback to the machine system is the addition of extra money later will reset the expiration clock. For instance, if you decide you need an additional hour of parking, time and one hour still remains from your initial purchase, you will lose those minutes because the machine will recognize not an addition, but a new patron.

Parking enforcement per-

sonnel patrol the garage, electronically entering which parking stalls are occupied. If a vehicle occupies a space which has time expired, a ticket is issued.

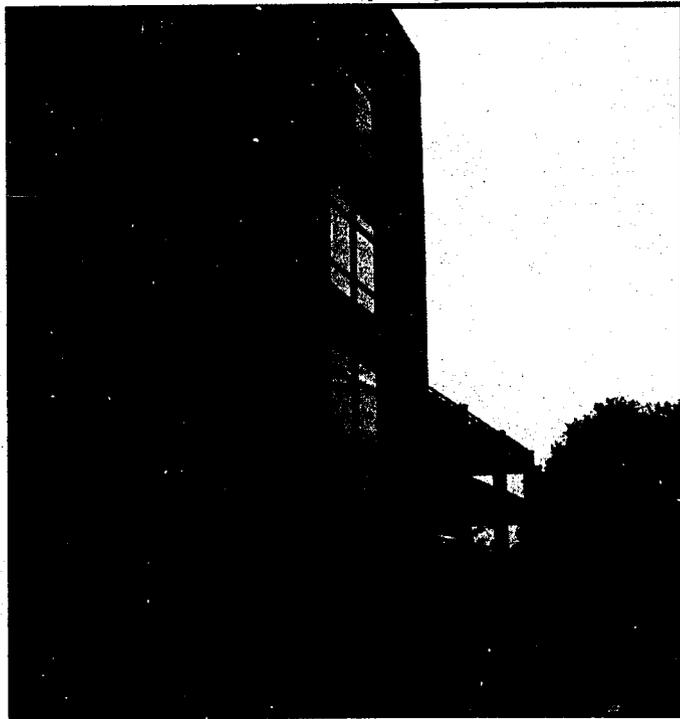
There is no gate or checker booth at the exit.

"Just think ahead to when you'll be done with classes and put that amount of money in. The machines are programmed for no refunds," explains Susan Finnegan, a special events parking attendant.

Finnegan notes, "It's been very busy. The first and second floors have been filling up, but there have been plenty of spaces still available on the upper floors."

A fellow parking attendant described the ebb and flow of traffic into the garage as "a river at times when people are rushing to make their class and a trickle in between."

Campus Safety had attendants on hand at the garage to help patrons with learning the new fee collection machines until Tuesday.

photo by: Daniel Wolf *the Arbiter*

## Cheap Question

# Bike, walk or SHUT-UP

Opinion by Megan Marchetti

*the Arbiter*

In the last few weeks several people have mentioned to me that I should write about the parking "problem" here at Boise State. The only thing I have to say is "SHUT UP!" Well, maybe not the only thing.

I live behind a big, blue-boxed-in corporate giant in the north end. That puts me about 12 blocks from Boise State. That is 18 Boise blocks mind you, not real city blocks. It takes me less than 10 minutes to ride my bike or 20 minutes to walk.

I decided to do a little research of my own today. This morning I got in my car and drove to school at 9 a.m. It took me eight minutes to drive to the park and station my car close the zoo. It took me another 10 minutes to walk from my car to the Multipurpose Classroom Facility. (Is that not the lamest name for a building!?)

So, if I had rode my bike I would have had close to 8 minutes to have a cup of coffee or 8 extra minutes of sleep. I also would have been able to wake up and get some exercise on the way to school. I would not have had to drive behind any soccer moms and read their lame bumper stickers or try to figure out what cryptic message was encoded in their license plate.

On bike, I am able to ride right through the red lights and stop signs and laugh at those who sat there, still groggy eyed, while I had the wind in my hair and a feeling of being unencumbered by a car and where to park.

There are many students who drive by my house in the mornings as I sit on my porch enjoying a fresh cup of coffee and the imperturbable morning air. I laugh to myself when I think that I do not have to leave for another 15 minutes and I will arrive not only in better spirits, but also before the students whizzing by in their automobiles.

What this whole parking "problem" comes down to is languorousness behavior.

(Translation: L-A-Z-Y.) I have been bombarded with letters from Boise State that contain bus schedules which, in case you STILL do not know, is free with your student I.D. card. In these "travel" brochures" are sign-up forms for car/van pools, park and ride lots and other alternatives to driving.

I do not know about you, but as a college student I do not need any more stress than I already have. Riding my bike not only alleviates the stress of driving, it helps release some of the pressures I already have. And it is FREE. Not only is it free the University has a program called "Back to BACICs" for those of you that need even more incentive than "free." Local businesses have donated prizes for a monthly drawing for those of us that utilize alternative transportation.

I do not want anyone to bitch and moan about how if something happens and they need to go home they will not have a way to get home quickly via the car pool. WRONG! If you sign up for the Commuteride program with the BSU Campus Safety Office you will qualify for a guaranteed ride home! If you have a genuine emergency all you have to do is take a cab home and Commuteride will reimburse you, all you need is a receipt from the taxi! AND it is permissible for up to 6 rides or 300\$ per year!!!!

There is absolutely no reason not to carpool, ride a bike, walk or hell, ride your roller-skates from 3rd grade. No bitching will be tolerated!

ASBSU and other organizations have done an AWESOME job promoting alternative transportation, and for it to work, we need to support these programs!

So, instead of whining about the problem, be a part of the solution.

(This concludes your community service message from the "Cheap Question.")



### Campus Briefs

## Library hosts piecwork quilts exhibit until Nov. 7

Albertsons Library is again hosting an exhibit of quilts by the campus quilting group Pieceworks. The quilts will hang until Nov. 1 on the second floor gallery space. For more information contact Gloria Ostrander-Dykstra at extension 3650.

## Author to discuss gender issues in classroom at free lecture

Nationally known education consultant and author will speak on gender issues in the classroom at a free lecture at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 18, in the Morrison Center Recital Hall.

JoAnn Deak, author of "How Girls Thrive: An Essential Guide for Educators and Parents," will talk about learning environments that bring out the best in students. Her lecture is geared to both parents and teachers. The event is sponsored by the Center for School Improvement at Boise State and ANSER charter school.

Tickets for each individual concert will be available for \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students, seniors and Boise State faculty, staff and alumni. Single event tickets may be purchased one month in advance at Select-a-Seat outlets or by calling 426-1766 or visiting [www.idahotickets.com](http://www.idahotickets.com).

## SMITC offers professional development activities

Throughout fall semester, the Simplot/Micron Instructional Technology Center will be offering a variety of professional-development activities for faculty and staff.

Focusing on the use of technology in education, offerings this semester include hands-on workshops, technology demonstrations, live-satellite broadcasts and facilitated discussions.

For complete descriptions or to register to attend an event, go to <http://itc.boisestate.edu> and select "Faculty Development."

-Compiled by Carissa Wolf

## Drainage project nears completion

Arbiter staff report

The torn-up areas of campus around the Albertsons Library parking lot, Communication Building, Student Union, Special Events Center and intramural field have been caused by a storm water drainage project.

This work is the first of many phases to address stormwater drainage issues on the campus related to the monitoring and control of pollutants discharged into the Boise River. The current project includes the replacement of corroded and collapsed corrugated metal stormwater drainage lines, installation of new manholes and restoration of the areas affected by the trenching and excavation work. Substantial completion of the project is expected this month.

## SUB parking closes for kiosk

by John Threet

the Arbiter

The newly reconfigured Student Union Building parking lot will be closed to parking Tuesday Sept. 5, until Friday, Sept. 8, according to the Boise State University Architectural and Engineering Services.

The closure will allow workers to install the booths, kiosks, gate arms and associated electronic controls wiring. After completion, the parking lot will function in the same manner as the current Administration Building parking lot, with the addition of another controlled outlet to allow faster exit from the Student Union parking lot after events.

## Fairs and open houses welcome students

### Volunteer Fair at Boise State to be Held Sept. 6, 2000

The Boise State University Volunteer Services Board will offer opportunities to help others through its annual Volunteer Fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, on the first floor of the Student Union.

Representatives of non-profit and community agencies will host booths and provide information about their volunteer needs. The fair is open to everyone in the community.

More than 30 organizations

including Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Idaho Food Bank, March of Dimes, State Parks and Recreation Department and many others will participate. Volunteer levels range from one-time projects to ongoing commitments.

This event is free. For more information call the Volunteer Services Board at 426-4240.

### Boise State organizations to host Open House

The Boise State University

Women's Center, Multi-Ethnic Center and the Arbiter student newspaper will host an open house from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7. The three groups share the Student Union Annex at 1605 University Dr., which underwent minor remodeling over the summer.

Peg Blake, vice president for Student Affairs, will speak briefly on the varied roles of the three organizations at 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and door prizes will be given away.

The open house will provide students, faculty, staff and com-



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munity members with an opportunity to tour the facility and learn what the centers have to offer the community. For the first time since their inception, both the Women's Center and Multi-Ethnic Center have a full-time professional staff including directors, a full-time secretary, student assistants and graduate assistants.

The event will serve as a recommitment to create an inclusive learning environment on campus, one that is sensitive to issues of gender and culture, and serve as resources to the community as Boise State continues to grow in national reputation.

The event is free and open to the community. For more information, contact Women's Center Coordinator Melissa Wintrow at 426-4259, or Multi-Ethnic Center Coordinator Tam Dinh at 426-4317.

**Career/job fair to be held in SUB Oct. 18**

The 2000 Career/Job Fair, hosted by the Career Center, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 18, in the Jordan Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Last year approximately 125 representatives and about 2,000 students attended the fair.

The fair is an excellent opportunity for college students to establish contacts and network with employers, discuss internship opportunities, obtain information to solidify career choices, learn about the job market and career opportunities, and discover tips on what can make them more marketable upon graduation.

Although the fair is intended for all college students, some employers will also be recruiting graduating seniors.

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## Congressional candidate reaches out to students

by John Threet

*the Arbiter*

**F**irst District candidate Linda Pall kicked off the congressional race on campus Friday, urging legislators to cross party lines to support students.

Hailing from Moscow, Idaho, Pall, a Democrat, has a solo law practice there, is president of the city council and is an adjunct professor of Business Law and Business at nearby Washington State University.

At a press conference in the SUB, Pall called for congressional action to increase the partnership between the federal government and American families to ensure every student seeking higher education has the financial ability to do so.

"Congress adjourned for their summer recess without completing work on the important spending bills for federal education funding," she said.

"Overall, if we are to make higher education accessible and affordable (we must) break the cycle that perpetuates low-income jobs, low economic status and lack of education," she said.

Pall said her campaign is reaching out to students and asking them to take back their education, "to make it a right, not just a privilege."

Pall urged congressmen to help states, institutions, families and students, "from low-interest Perkins loans to GEAR UP, an early intervention program that focuses on an entire 6th or 7th grade class to prepare them for education."

"Boise State is a great example of how affordable education for students has made the difference, especially with an aggressive work-study program and career opportunities in the active economy of the Treasure Valley," Pall said.

"Students at Idaho's colleges and universities have the opportunity this fall to mobilize a powerful grass roots force," she said.

Education benefits the entire community and nation, raising the pool of taxes as the citizenry becomes more educated, she said.

"I am the product of higher education," said Pall. "When my family hit Ellis Island, they went to the 42nd Street library for their education."

Pall emphasized the need for increased federal investment in research.

"I'm concerned about scientific research, for instance research in criminal justice, sociology, the social sciences.

Pall refused to advance negative comments about her opponent, Republican candidate Butch Otter.

Other issues Pall focused on included expanding the availability of health care and insurance, increasing minimum wage, natural resource utilization and protection of the environment.

Pall invited students wishing to work for her campaign to contact her by e-mail at [linda-pall@moscow.com](mailto:linda-pall@moscow.com).

*First Congressional District candidate Linda Pall stopped to talk with students outside the SUB on Friday.*

photo by: Daniel Wolf  
*the Arbiter*



## Minors must have parent's consent for abortion

Judge Williams says yes and no on Idaho's new law

by EvyAnn Neff

*the Arbiter*

**T**wenty-nine states across America have some form of parental involvement laws for abortion, requiring teens either to notify or have their parent's permission before having an abortion. Friday's Federal Court decision confirmed Idaho as one of the states with a parental consent law for now.

On June 26 Planned Parenthood of Idaho Inc., the ACLU, and Glenn H. Weyhrich, M.D., filed a motion for preliminary injunction against Idaho's parental consent law, four days before the law was to go into effect. United States Magistrate Judge Mikel Williams granted a temporary restraining order keeping the law in limbo until he made a decision on the preliminary injunction. On Friday, Sept. 1, Judge Williams made the decision to say yes and no to Idaho's parental consent law.

Judge Williams ordered three sections of the Idaho law to be preliminary enjoined. This will put these sections of the law on hold until the plaintiffs take further action. Judge Williams' decision upholds the law's main purpose. Minors in Idaho are now required to get parental consent or a judicial bypass to obtain an abortion.

Even though Planned Parenthood does not agree with requiring parental consent for abortion, the organization is happy with Judge Williams' decision. Nicole Prehoda with Planned Parenthood says: "We are very pleased with [Judge Williams'] thoughtful consideration of all of the arguments. And it's clear that the legislature went too far in restricting a woman's access to abortion."

Prehoda says the battle against the parental consent law is not yet over. She says Planned Parenthood and the ACLU will review the decision

before they decide how to proceed with their case.

The three sections that the judge placed a preliminary injunction against don't affect the main function of the legislation. Drafters of the legislation are also happy about Judge Williams' decision.

"I am elated! Pro-life people had a very good day in court," says Idaho House member Bill Sali. Sali was one of the original drafters of the parental consent law.

House member Sali says he's happy with the decision because most of the statute is now enforceable, even with the preliminary injunction in place. He says the ruling shows all the hard work that has been put into the legislation has paid off for Idaho.

The injunction, however, will relieve part of the "undue burden" that the initial law placed on all women. The parental consent law originally required that all women seeking an abortion in Idaho have to present positive identification. No other state's parental consent legislation has as strict of stipulations as Idaho's.

The testimony of Elena Rodriguez, farm workers services coordinator for Terry Reilly Health Services, helped Judge Williams decide to bring the injunction against the positive identification requirement. Rodriguez has 35 years of experience working with Hispanic women in Colorado and Idaho. She testified that through her experience she learned that a majority of migrant farm workers who come to Idaho can't produce positive identification. She also testified that the positive identification requirement would make it very difficult for these women to get an abortion.

Sali disagreed with the judge's decision about the positive identification: "With respect to positive ID, I think

the judge got a little confused with the numbers he was working with, but we didn't have all the evidence that we will have in the trial." Sali says the identification requirement is important to the parental consent law. He says a doctor must look at identification to determine whether the woman seeking an abortion is a minor.

Judge Williams also placed a preliminary injunction against the section of the legislation that would allow doctors to be criminally prosecuted for performing abortions outside the parental consent law stipulations. Dr. Glenn Weyhrich testified that the emergency abortion stipulations in the parental consent law are too vague and would leave doctors open to criminal prosecution. The injunction of this section will not allow for criminal prosecution of doctors performing emergency abortions on minors.

Judge Williams also placed a preliminary injunction against the law's venue restriction. The venue restriction would require minors to file their petition for judicial bypass in the judicial district they live in. Judge Williams says this section does not give a minor the flexibility she needs to preserve her confidentiality. This ruling will allow minors to file their petition in any district court in the state.

Judge Williams' order will not be the last word on Idaho's parental consent law, even if both sides are happy with his decision for the moment. A permanent ruling on Idaho's parental consent law is yet to be decided. For now, however, minors will have to involve their parent or the courts in their decision to have an abortion.

Higher Education

## D.C. students get cut rate at any public university

by Amy Argetsinger

WASHINGTON — It was so close — just three subway stops away from home. But for Adeyinka Akinladenu, the University of Maryland was simply not a realistic option.

It didn't matter that it was a public school, considered a great bargain for in-state residents. Living just blocks across the District of Columbia line, the young Nigerian immigrant would have had to scrape together nearly the equivalent of private school tuition — more than \$12,000 a year — to attend.

Until now. A new \$17 million federal program is dramatically altering the landscape of higher education choices for thousands of city students. Beginning this fall, students from Washington will be able to pay in-state rates at any public college or university in the country, with the federal government making up the difference. More than 2,400 students have signed up so far.

The House of Representatives will debate whether to continue funding the fledgling program at its current level. Yet the grants are already poised to transform District residency from a major handicap — with only one public institution, the University of the District of Columbia — to a one-of-a-kind advantage for the college-bound.

"You used to have one choice. Now you have a thousand," said program director Laurent Ross. "People are taking advantage of it."

The D.C. Tuition Assistance Grant Program was championed last year by congressional and community leaders as a way to encourage more families of all income levels to stay in or move to Washington. Although it remains to be seen whether that goal is being achieved, it is clear that more District students are already setting their sights farther afield as they apply to college.

The University of Maryland and George Mason University are expected to see a significant surge in the number of D.C. residents in their freshman classes this fall, according to early estimates by the city. So will Virginia State University in Petersburg and Norfolk State University, both historically black public institutions.

The new program is already having an effect. Norfolk State has experienced a nearly threefold increase in the number of D.C. students who have applied — from 112 last year to 305 so far this year. Although the program includes public schools in any state, only one college from beyond Maryland or Virginia ranked among the top 20 choices: Delaware State, which has long drawn a large contingent from the District.

*Amy Argetsinger is a reporter for the Washington Post. Article reprinted with permission.*

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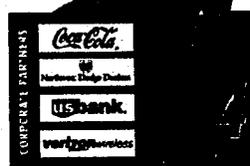
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### Campus Holdup

## Student strives for intellect, integrity, and intensity

by EvyAnn Neff

*the Arbiter*

Vital Statistics

Name: Imran Ali

Age: 21

Major: Political Science

Classes have just resumed at Boise State and Imran is already worried about finals. However, he is looking forward to scintillating discussions in class this semester. Imran is juggling a couple of jobs, a full school schedule, and still manages to be actively involved with campus organizations. He pays his way through school with a forensics scholarship and with the financial aid of his parents.

Environmental Politics has been Imran's favorite class in college. If he could meet anyone, dead or alive, Imran would like to meet Zack de la Rocha, lead singer of Rage Against the Machine and political activist in Los Angeles. He would like to discuss: "[de la Rocha's] views on social stratification and inequality of wealth across America." Imran would like to share a message from Kurt Angle: "There's three i's in life, intellect, integrity, and intensity. It's true, it's true."

### The Club Hop

## Debate pushes students to think on feet

### Boise State hosts national debate tournament in spring

by EvyAnn Neff

*the Arbiter*

Speech and debate are academically enriching activities, says Brooke Baldwin, president of Pi Kappa Delta Idaho Epsilon Chapter. "It gets a group of people together to discuss and debate political and philosophical questions," Baldwin said. The organization also competes in speech and debate tournaments around the nation.

This semester there are over 15 students competing for the speech and debate team and they are still looking for new recruits around campus. The PKD national tournament will be held at Boise State during the schools spring break. The last two years Boise State has placed fourth at the PKD national tournament.

Baldwin said hosting the national tournament will be an enriching experience: "It will teach us not only to compete on a national level but also to host a national scale tournament." This will be Boise State's first time holding PKD nationals.

PKD members contribute to the community by speaking at schools across Idaho. They encourage students to get involved with speech and debate, and do demonstration debates and speeches for many high school classes.

The group holds two high school tournaments at Boise State every year, and members provide judging services for those and at many other debate and speech tournaments. Members of the club also are expected to contribute service outside the debate field, and have participated in many community service events.

Baldwin said debate teaches excellent research skills and lets students put the information they learn in class to use in a practical manner. She encourages anyone to get involved in debate because of the life skills it provides: "It teaches us to think on our feet, and communication skills that are important to any field that you choose to go into."

For more information on Pi Kappa Delta contact Professor Marty Most in the communication department at 426-1920.

Ask Nic Machiavelli

## Wasp makes spider weave wicked web

by Griffin Hewitt

**A**s a public service, *The Arbiter's science and technology reporter, Griffin Hewitt, has offered to unravel the mysteries of muons, parasites, quantum mechanics and anything else that has you scratching your head. If you habitually ditched those Area III courses, have no fear, Hewitt can bring you up to speed.*

Wasps are a disliked creature as it is, but now they will be on everyone's hit list.

A female member of the species of wasp *Hymenopimecis* stings a *Plesiometa argyra* spider while it is suspended in its web. The wasp paralyzes the spider temporarily and lays an egg on its abdomen. For the next few weeks, the spider goes on spinning webs, business as usual, right? Unfortunately for the spider, as the egg hatches, the larva begins sucking the spider's body fluid. The larva then constructs its own cocoon and induces the spider to spin a twisted tent instead of a web.

As the story goes, the wasp larva ends up eating its spider host. Creepy.

And now for your baffling scientific questions:

**Q.** I keep hearing about muons, what are they?

**A.** I don't know who you're listening to, but muons are one of three fundamental particles (the other two being electron and tau) having a mass of .11. So in other words they're small.

**Q.** What is the smallest car ever built?

**A.** Most people think that the smallest car constructed was that one with the door in front that resembled a refrigerator, but that's not true. A Japanese team built the smallest car more recently it was measured to be smaller than a grain of rice.

**Q.** How many species of parasites are there in the world?

**A.** To be honest, scientists aren't sure about the exact number of parasites in the world. However, they do estimate that parasites outnumber all other living creatures - four to one.

**Q.** What is Blue Gene; what does it do?

**A.** Blue Gene is the proposed

supercomputer that IBM announced they would be creating on Dec 6, 1999. The supercomputer, when complete, will be 2 million times more powerful than any of today's desktop PCs. Blue Gene will be used to model the folding of human proteins. It's said to be capable of performing more than one quadrillion operations per second or one petaflop.

**Q.** Is there anything in the field of quantum mechanics that you can actually see, or is it all theory?

**A.** Quantum dots, discovered in the early 1980s, can easily be seen by physicists (with the right equipment of course). The dots are usually less than 10 nanometers across, and the best part - they glow and you can play connect the dots!

*Send your questions about science and technology to Griffin Hewitt at nic\_machiavelli@boisestate.com or drop inquiries off in the Nic Machiavelli drop box in the Student Union Building.*

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U-Students

## Student beats tow company in court

by Devra Wanetik

The Lantern (Ohio State U.)

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** - Randy Clinger considered himself lucky. It was July 11, and according to a tow truck operator he had just spoken to, he could park in the lot of the abandoned Burger King at High Street and Lane Avenue while he took his two young children into Arby's for lunch.

When Clinger, a graduate student in Education Policy and Leadership at Ohio State University, and his sons, a 3-year-old and 1-year-old, emerged from Arby's, his car was gone.

Though there were no towing signs and no signs marking the lot a no-parking area, CAMCAR Campus Towing had removed Clinger's newly-purchased 1987 Saab 900 Turbo from its space and left him stranded, Clinger said.

Clinger found a sign bearing only a phone number and decided to call it.

"Without it, I wouldn't have known where to get my car," he said.

When he called, "They hung up on me three times," Clinger said. When he finally got through, a woman told him he'd "better bring \$77 in cash or you're not going to see your car again."

Clinger asked them where he could pick up his car.

"They didn't tell me," he said. Clinger eventually found his car at the CAMCAR Campus Towing lot

behind the Shell Station at Kenny Road and Lane Avenue, where he said he found his car damaged.

Tom Dean, an employee at Krieger Ford body shop, estimated the damage to Clinger's car to be \$2,719 and said it looked as if it had been damaged by a person.

"Because with something like that, there'd be a lot of scrapes and scratches, if it was hit, or run into an object, such as a tree or a post," Dean said.

"When my car got dinged, that was the straw that broke the camel's back. I was almost willing to swallow the \$77 and let it go," Clinger said.

He dropped his children off at home and went right to the police department to file a report. In the report, he expressed his anger at the way in which he and his car had been treated by the company that he believed had towed him illegally. He also said he had been set up by the first tow truck operator who had told him it was OK to park there, and that one of his children's medicines had been left in the car.

Clinger's case was scheduled to be heard at the small claims division of Franklin County Municipal Court, but when no one showed up in court to represent the towing company at the Aug. 15 hearing, Clinger said they lost by default and he was entitled to the \$3,035 he was suing for.

When *The Lantern* inquired why they chose not to represent themselves at the trial and for any com-

ment on the issue, CAMCAR Campus Towing manager Patrick Schick said, "I have no comment," and hung up.

If he doesn't receive his settlement, Clinger and his lawyer plan to seize a tow truck.

"We're actually going to tow one of their tow trucks and have it sold at auction. I thought that would be sweet justice," Clinger said.

Gary Newbold, Clinger's attorney, was unavailable for comment.

Since the incident, Clinger has decided to start a group on campus to look into the different towing companies, learn their policies and monitor them to make sure they aren't taking advantage of naive college students.

"From my understanding, a lot of people have been illegally towed and I would love to start this group, the Campus Coalition for the Rights of Student Drivers," Clinger said.

Clinger, who received his undergraduate degree from OSU in 1991, thinks someone needs to look out for the younger students who may not be aware of their rights. Clinger hopes that students will rally with him to start the coalition.

He would advise students not to park in the lot between Arby's and the abandoned Burger King. The lot now has many towing and no-parking signs which, according to Clinger, is "just another admission of guilt."

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## Tech prof publishes numerous articles

Donald Winiecki of the department of instructional & performance technology has had the following articles and chapter accepted for publication:

"Reconstructing Learning: Talk-In-Interaction in the Online, Asynchronous Classroom" in "Handbook of American Distance Education"; "Help-Desk 101: Keeping Customers Happy While Managing Conflicting Expectations and Performance Goals" and "Designing Computer Software to Minimize the Need for Employee Training" in "Performance Improvement."

In addition, Winiecki was the keynote speaker and session presenter at the Title III Distance Learning Conference at Columbia Basin College in Pasco, Wash.

## Seddon takes health career in many directions

Carol Seddon of the department of health studies attended the American Health Information Association summer symposium in Minneapolis.

At the conference she was a participant in coding discussion groups and the AHIMA publications meeting. Seddon wrote an article titled "Medical Terminology and the Excretory System for Mountain Echoes, a newsletter for the Idaho Health Information Management Association. She also presented a medial terminology workshop for the Area Health Consortium of Treasure Valley.

In addition, Seddon was invited by Davi-ellen Chabner, author of "The Language of Medicine", to serve as a web site consultant for teaching and learning strategies regarding medical terminology instruction.

## Bixby publishes textbook

Management professor Michael Bixby co-authored a new edition of the textbook, "The Legal Environment of Business." Bixby was the lead author and wrote about 60-65 percent of the chapter material. The textbook was recently published by Prentice Hall Bixby also wrote and presented a paper titled "Will Copyright Law Still Exist in the Internet Age? Napster and Other Recent Cases" at the national meeting of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business in Baltimore earlier this month.

## Kinesiology Prof. contributes to study of sports injury

Kinesiology professor Linda Petlichkoff completed the pilot life skills curriculum and taught several modules to participants at the Earl Woods/First Tee National Golf Academy last month at Kansas State University. Petlichkoff also co-wrote the article "The Relationship of Belt Rank and Self-esteem and Ego in Taekowndo" in the *Journal of Martial Arts Studies*. She was also a contributor to an article titled "Psychology of Sports Injuries," which was published in the newsletter "Sports Science Exchange Roundtable."

research & scholarship

# Broncos strut their stuff æ smother Lobos early

by Pete Erlendson

*the Arbiter*

If the Broncos had first game jitters against the New Mexico Lobos Saturday night just think what the defending Humanitarian Bowl champions will do once they rid themselves of those nasty pests.

The Boise State football team (1-0, 0-0) beat up on the Lobos (0-2, 0-0) in Albuquerque, N.M. 31-14 in front of 22,090 shocked fans.

The Broncos beat New Mexico last season in Bronco Stadium 20-9, but did it using a trick play.

Boise State is in fact in the Big West conference, a lower tier conference, while UNM is in the Mountain West conference æ a much more elite conference in the west.

Weren't the Lobos a bit numb after BSU went up 28-0 in the first half?

"The whole thing we were focused on is everybody said we were going to come out and make mistakes because it was the first game and we just said we're not going to be scared because it's our first game," said BSU head coach Dirk Koetter. "I didn't think we were nervous. To come out and execute like we did in the first half for our first time out of the gate I'm just very, very proud of our guys."

On BSU's second drive 1999 Big West Offensive Player of the Year Bart Hendricks lined up in shotgun formation. The senior called his own number with the quarterback option up the middle and in for the touchdown and the Broncos first score of the 2000 season.

Sophomore tailback Brock Forsey ran up the middle for a 2-yard TD, capping off a 10-play, 64-yard BSU drive that took 4:11 off the clock.

Forsey finished the game with 98-yards rushing in 19 attempts.

The Centennial High graduate also did double duties as kick-off returner.

The special teams looked like a unit that had a full season of playing time together under their belts. They put awesome blocks on their UNM counterparts.

Senior safety Shaunard Harts caught a BSU punt on the 1-yard line to place the Lobos in their own end zone.

Virtually everything went BSU's way in the first half.

Hendricks mishandled a snap, then picked up the ball and completed a rocket pass to sophomore wideout Andre Banks.

During the same drive a 9-yard Hendricks to Banks connect landed BSU with another six points.

With the Bronco defense already holding New Mexico scoreless thus far, Harts intercepted UNM's Jeremy Denson and returned it for a 34-yard touchdown.

BSU was up 28-0.

UNM running back Jarrod Baxter broke for a 32-yard touchdown run with 1:19 in the second quarter to finally give the Lobos their first points.

Sophomore kicker Nick Calaycay booted a 42-yard field goal with five seconds in the first half to put the Broncos ahead 31-7.

"We got off to a great start," said Koetter. "Our defense set the tone and we did a good job of executing in the first half. The

second half, unfortunately, we didn't play as well on offense and our defense was on the field way too much, but I think our defense did a real nice job."

The third quarter could be described as a three-in-out, as neither team was able to sustain a drive. Boise State and New Mexico combined 0 for 11 on third down attempts.

The only points scored in the second half was from a one-yard TD by New Mexico's Holmon Wiggins.

"Shaunard Harts and Quintin Mikell played fabulous all night. I thought our defensive line, (especially) Bradly Phillips made some really good plays early," said Koetter.

Phillips finished with five tackles and 1.5 sacks.

While the offense looked unstoppable in the first half, the Broncos couldn't get anything going in the second half. But coach Koetter is happy with the



photo by: Ted Harmon the Arbiter

end result.

"The number one goal for our team is to win the game. When we can come on the road and get a win against a Mountain West Conference team, it's our opener and they're second game. We'll never turn down 31-14."

Next up for the Broncos is the Northern Iowa Panthers. The Panthers smashed their opponent Morningside 47-14 on Aug. 31.

Northern Iowa has traditionally been a division I-AA powerhouse.

Boise State has played Northern Iowa once before back in the first round of the 1990 I-AA playoffs. BSU beat UNI here in Boise 20-3.

"Northern Iowa would be the equivalent of playing like a Montana," said Koetter. "And if you don't remember Montana gave Idaho everything they wanted last year."

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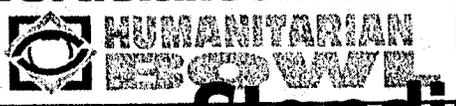
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Idaho	0	0	0	0	0	1	20 44
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Utah St.	0	0	0	0	0	1	16 38

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2000 Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
Sept. 2	at New Mexico	31-17 W
Sept. 9	Northern Iowa	7:05 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Arkansas	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Central Michigan	11:00 a.m.
Sept. 30	Open	
Oct. 7	at Washington State	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	Eastern Washington	3:05 p.m.
Oct. 21	North Texas	3:05 p.m.
Oct. 28	at New Mexico State	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 4	at Arkansas St.	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	Utah St.	1:05 p.m.
Nov. 18	Idaho	1:05 p.m.

Pete's Picks

The only prediction I was wrong about last week was the New Mexico St. - South Carolina game. I said NMSU would win, well, I was wrong. One note of mention was my BSU - Lobos prediction. I picked the Broncos to win 31-17. Boise St. won 31-14.

Big 12 member Oklahoma will scrunch Arkansas St. New Mexico St. has a bye after losing to South Carolina and helping end Lou Holtz's 21 game losing streak. North Texas will lose to Texas Tech. Utah St. will beat Southern Utah. Though Montana is a super powerhouse in the I-AA ranks and even with the Grizzlies giving Idaho their moneys worth in last years meeting, the Vandals will soundly beat Montana.

Northern Iowa may be described as a division I-AA powerhouse, but the fact is BSU is a member of the I-A. The Broncos provide more scholarships and they also have better talent than UNI. Boise State should annihilate the Panthers, but if BSU takes UNI lightly (which the coaching staff won't allow) it could get ugly. BSU will win 46-10.

Pete's Player of the Game

Senior safety Shaunard Harts finished fourth on the team in total tackles with 64. Now after one game in the books, Harts is tied with sophomore Quintin Mikell for the 2000 total tackle leader at nine a piece. The six-foot Pittsburg, California native also had one quarterback sack, intercepted a pass and then returned it for a quick six points.

The Bronco defense has established itself early in the season. The defense should dominate its opponents.



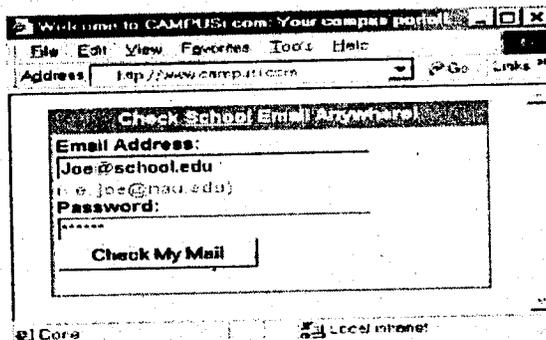
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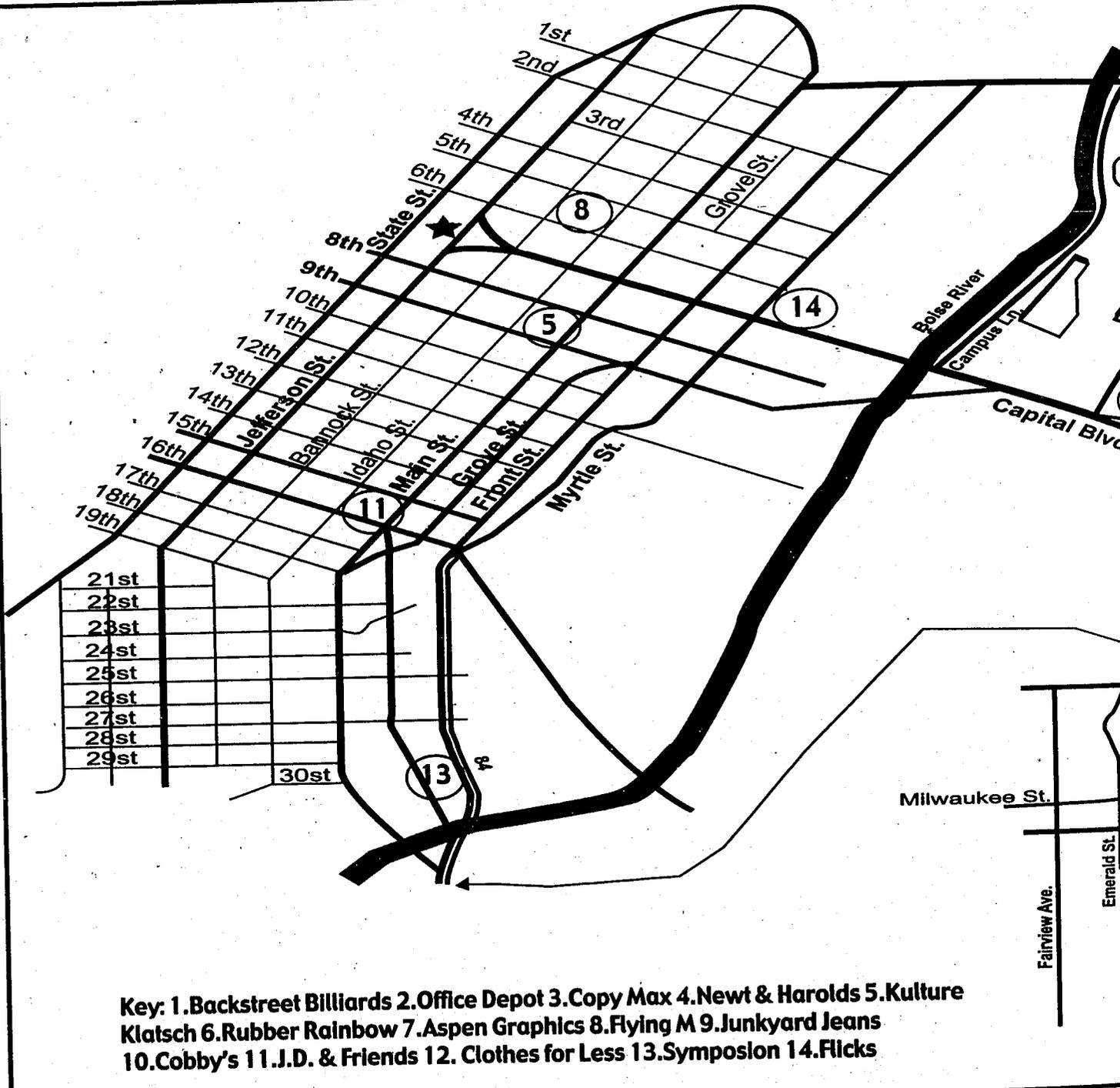
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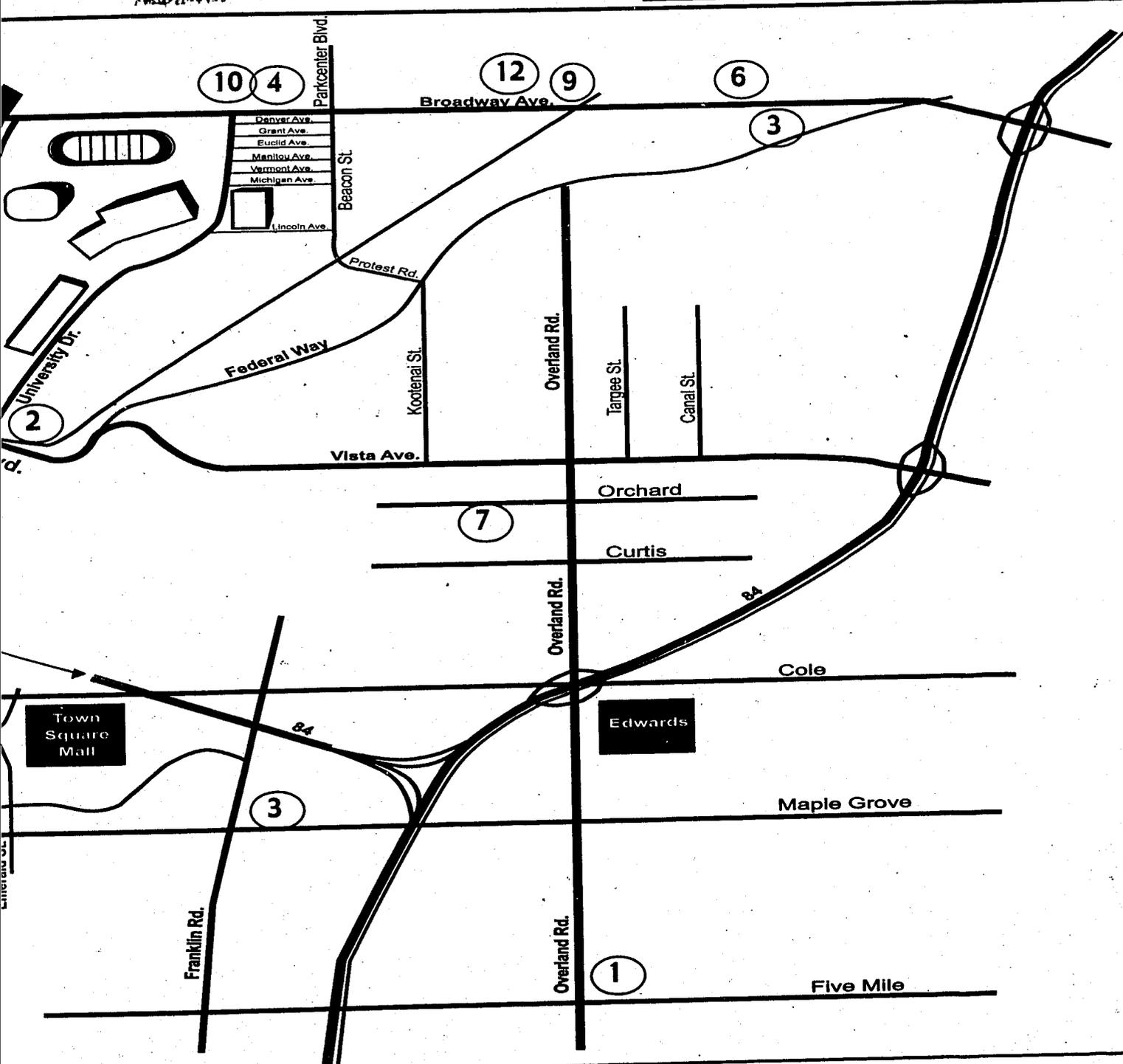
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## Minimum wage hike would benefit women, working students

Analysis by Daniel Wolf  
*the Arbiter*

There was a time when a worker could support a family of four off minimum wage and only work 40 hours a week. That was the purpose of a minimum wage when it was implemented after the Great Depression.

Today, people earning the minimum wage could not even support themselves, let alone a family.

Today, the minimum wage is more like a slave wage than a livable wage.

Even with the low unemployment rates that have prevailed since the late 1990s, the U.S. economy still continues to create low-income jobs. For many workers this is not enough to make ends meet.

An estimated 10.3 million workers would benefit if the minimum wage were increased to \$6.15 an hour. Women would benefit most from a minimum wage increase. Almost a million single mothers under the age of 18 would directly benefit. This would help push them out of poverty.

According to the Economic Policy Institute, half of the benefits of a minimum wage increase to \$6.15 would go to workers in households with annual income of less than \$25,000. In fact, 18 percent of the benefits would go directly to the households with less than a \$10,000 annual income. And another 32 percent would go to households with an annual income between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

The benefits of the increase would help working families at the bottom of the income scale. Although households in the bottom 20 percent of the income range received only 5 percent of the nation's income, 35 percent of the benefits of the 1996-97 minimum wage increase went to these workers. The majority of the benefits — 58 percent — from the 1996-97 increase went to families with working, prime-aged adults in the bottom 40 percent of the income distribution.



# This Arbiter stands for workers

Editorial by Carissa Wolf

Writer and pundit Norman Solomon proposed America celebrate Business Day instead of Labor Day. That's right, a day for business, just business and nothing else.

He suggested we reserve one day of the year for business to flaunt its profits and multi-million dollar deals. The media could spend the whole day making heroes out of billionaire-investors and provide extensive coverage of Wall Street. To celebrate the day, Bill Gates, Warren Buffet, Donald Trump and politicians could march arm-in-arm through New York City.

The next day, and for the remaining 364 days of the year, reporters would resume their coverage about the "real lives" of America's workforce. Public Television would continue airing the "Nightly Labor Report," and National Public Radio would provide hourly "labor" updates.

Solomon's proposal seems a little radical. But does the media really provide a balance of per-

spective? Do news organizations really report on what happens in people's everyday lives? How many students have stock options? How do business buy-outs and investment plans affect the Boise State University student? Perhaps the information we receive is a bit skewed.

Labor Day was born, in 1882, at a time when the balance of life was askew. Little of workers' time and money went to feeding themselves and their families, and to relationships and personal endeavors. When Labor Day was born, people worked 14 to 16 hours a day. If they produced 1,000 widgets during that time, the value of perhaps 360 of those widgets went to them. The rest fed the owners of capital.

In real terms, that meant workers lived 20 to a room in dark urban tenements, sleeping in shifts while the other two people sharing their bed were at work. There was no Social Security, and a workplace injury made you a burden to your family for the rest of your life.

They worked in dingy factories under dangerous conditions.

Life is still very much askew — work places are just cleaner.

The contributions and struggles of workers who preceded us are often discounted or denied. The stories of those who fought for fair working conditions and solidarity among laborers remain curiously absent from history discourses in public schools. Newspapers dedicate entire sections to the booming economy, stock options, business deals and corporate profits. For the worker, news organizations offer "help wanted" pages.

Today, union membership is the lowest since the 1950s. Right-to-work laws make organizing difficult, and workers are often divided, tired, and defeated. Today's worker reads about the booming economy. Yet, somewhere, somehow, the boom passed many people by.

More and more people must

work multiple jobs to make ends meet. Field-workers stoop for hours in fields only to receive a less-than-minimum wage. Many workers still put in countless hours on the job, only to earn a fraction of what they produce. Corporate profits are up, but a minimum wage is worth less in today's dollars than it was when the minimum standards were first implemented.

Today, students can no longer rely on a summer job to pull them through the school year. More students than ever are borrowing exponentially-increasing amounts of money to make ends meet while they prepare, and sometimes pray, for something better — a better wage, a better work place, a better life. Often, the tired worker finds it easier to turn on the TV and forget about the long day that yielded little pay than to do something about it.

In honor of the laborers and activists who fought for an eight hour working day and humane working conditions, and in tribute to the workers who sweat, sacrifice, toil and leave their lives and families for hours a day to feed the machine that fuels the economy, *The Arbiter* presents the first of a year-long series about work and labor history.

We invite you to share your stories and reflections with us. *The Arbiter* is, after all, talking about you. You are the ones who keep our world running. You fill our stomachs, clothe our backs, shelter us from the rain and clean up our mess. You are the ones who give your time and talents to teach others, to care for others. You are the ones who produce so others may reap.

For your time you often receive little pay and little thanks. But this year, *The Arbiter* celebrates your contributions. This year, *The Arbiter* says thank you.

*The average person in the U.S. holds 9.2 jobs from age 18 to 34. More than half these jobs were held between the ages of 18 and 24.*

—Source: U.S. Department of Labor

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# Drunken lechers, flatulent bosses

## All part of a worker's day on the job

by Jim Towell

*the Arbiter*

*"My boss farts a lot...he drinks a lot of Mountain Dew, he calls store meetings so that he can fart and everyone else can smell it, and that's the only time he calls store meetings," said Matt Arriola. Matt's job isn't exactly representative of all workplaces in Boise, but in the spirit of Labor Day, Matt and others reflected on their work, their bosses, drunken men, low wages and why they sometimes love what they do after they punch in at the time clock. Arbiter labor reporter Jim Towell asked workers around town about the good and bad of their days at labor. Towell found more tooth decay and beer than solidarity and unification. —the Editor*

"I love what I do," says Shawn, who installs neon signs such as the ones you see above fast-food restaurants all over town. He likes being able to work outside, and being his own boss. Shawn's attitude toward his job was fairly indicative of almost all the people I interviewed. In fact, out of nine workers doing various jobs, only one mentioned that he was the least bit dissatisfied with his occupation.

Even though most of these people weren't exactly ready to turn in their two-week notices, they did have some interesting facts to share with me. Apparently, Boise has a big problem with old men engaged in various unscrupulous activities. Taylor Davidson, who works at Moxie Java on State Street said, "We have a lot of dirty old men who really harass the girls here."

Karen Anderson, who also works at Moxie Java said, "There's all these old guys who come in...they call, they hang

outside the door..."And the problem isn't only limited to establishments that sell coffee. Ray Price, who works at Taco Bell on Fairview, also says, "A lot of drunk people [come in] at night...it's kinda cool."

Eric, who works at CD Merchant, also told me he gets a lot of drunk patrons, and Matt Arriola, who works at Columbia Paint, says the worst thing about his job is working with "old grumpy men" who are "bad influences."

I also work behind a counter at Cobby's, and I can say, I too have had numerous encounters with drunk old men while on the job. Some of these were only humorous, and some involved broken beer glasses and vomiting. Interestingly enough, none of the people I interviewed mentioned public nudity, or topless dancers as a problem. Maybe the Boise City Council should pay more attention to the rampant outbreak of cantankerous old men and drunks roaming our streets.

I also found that while most of these people were satisfied with their jobs on the whole, they weren't necessarily happy with the wages. Asked if he was paid well, Matt replied "not really." Eric answered the question with a flat-out, "no." The Moxie Java waitresses received minimum wage, as did Ray, who cited the low pay as the reason he was going to quit.

With the exception of Matt's job, which requires a good amount of strength and some mechanical skills, none of these positions require any sort of education, or are particularly labor-intensive.

Shiann Burnside, who went to tech school for nine months to become a dental assistant, makes \$12.50 an hour, which is \$7.35 more than the minimum

wage. Education pays.

But Shiann also has to endure patients with such severe tooth decay that they almost make her throw up on the spot, so there are some trade-offs.

So what would make these people come to work every day, amidst nauseating tooth decay, lecherous drunks, asphyxiating flatulence, and the promise of a small paycheck? Judy Ryan, who works at Global Travel in the mall, likes to "help people go to unusual destinations." Matt says it's, "the free shirts, socks and Dickies" he receives from his employer. Eric says that he likes helping people find CDs. Shiann, Taylor, and Karen all said "it's easy." Slackers.

So, if you forgot over your Labor Day weekend, please take some time to remember those people who pour your coffee, mix your paint, clean your teeth, put the beans in your seven-layer burrito, defend themselves from your intoxicated uncles, and arrange your travel plans. And on a serious note, give a thought to the migrant workers, who are working long hours this time of year, some for below-minimum wage pay, to harvest crops that keep you living.

*The 1999 workplace injury and illness incidence rate is the lowest reported since federal data collection began in the early 1970's.*

— Source: U.S. Department of Labor

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## Boise hosted one of most famous labor trials

by Kara Janney

*the Arbiter*

Across the street from the Idaho Capitol Building is a statue erected in memory of former Idaho Gov. Frank Steunenberg. He was killed in 1905 by confessed assassin Harry Orchard. Orchard implicated Big Bill Haywood and other union leaders for commissioning the murder of Steunenberg.

Steunenberg was elected largely by the Populist vote; thus many miners trusted him and hoped he would support their right to organize and strike. However, during the Coeur d'Alene mine wars, miners were violently striking against the companies. The miners actually shut down the mines with guns and manpower.

Steunenberg declared martial law, and called in the 124th regiment to "bullpen" all men in the area who were not affiliated with the mining companies. Miners were not the only men who were locked up; doctors, lawyers and people of all occupations were hoarded into bullpens and fed only water and bread. As a result, six men died.

After Steunenberg ordered martial law and called in the military, his relationship with organized labor was never the same. The miners felt betrayed and looked down upon by him.

Five years after Steunenberg was out of office, Orchard planted a bomb by the gate to Steunenberg's house in Caldwell. Hours after being injured by the explosion, Steunenberg died. When Orchard was arrested, he fingered Haywood and other union leaders as responsible parties in the crime. Haywood was kidnapped in Colorado and smuggled across state lines to stand trial in Idaho.

Haywood, a famous and effective organizer, was the secretary-treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners. Haywood, Charles Moyer and George Pettibone were all arrested for the murder of Frank Steunenberg. All three men were affiliated with the WFM.

"Big Bill" founded the "Wobblies," otherwise known as the Industrial Workers of the World. Haywood was loved by workers and union sympathizers, yet hated by the mining companies and anti-union government officials.

After a moving defense by the renowned lawyer Clarence Darrow, a Boise jury acquitted him of murder on July 30, 1907. Orchard died in the Old Idaho Penitentiary.



# Economic snapshot: Income inequality persists despite boom times

Analysis by Sam Garcia  
*the Arbitrator*

While news of the flourishing economy fills many with a sense of prosperity and security, we cannot avoid the warnings that go along with it.

For instance, to survive and create opportunities for oneself, obtaining a college degree or two is necessary to make the money needed to maintain one's place amid America's high standard of living.

This is becoming harder to afford because college is not

free. According to recent trends, the income gap between the rich and poor is steadily becoming wider. In the meantime, the ones benefiting from our economic boom are becoming fewer and wealthier, while the poor populations become poorer and larger.

Recent analysis from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and the Economic Policy Institute shows that despite tight labor markets and the continuing of strong economic growth in the United States, income disparity between states is significantly

higher in the late 1990s than in the late 1980s.

In two-thirds of the states, the gap between incomes of families in the bottom 20 percent and the top 20 percent grew wider between the late 1980s and the late 1990s.

Also, in three-fourths of the states, the income gaps between the middle fifth and the top fifth of families grew in the last 10 years.

Meanwhile, inequality between low- and high-income families declined significantly in only three states.

Using a state-by-state analysis of income trends, the Economic Policy Institute used the latest United States Census Bureau data to measure pre-tax changes in incomes among low-, middle- and high-income families in each of the 50 states during similar points in the business cycle from the late 1970s until recently.

Their report found that in all but five states, the gap between average incomes of the wealthiest 20 percent and middle-income families has expanded steadily from the late 1970s to the late 1990s.

In the late 1990s, the average income of families in the top 20 percent of the total distribution of income for the United States as a whole was \$137,500. This is more than 10 times more than the earnings of the poorest 20 percent of the nation's families, who had an average yearly income of \$13,000.

In nine states - Arizona, California, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island and Texas - the average income of the poorest fifth of families is 11 times less than the average income of the richest fifth of families.

From the late 1970s to the late 1990s, the incomes of families in the wealthiest 20 percent of the income distribution have grown in 47 states. The average growth exceeded \$34,000 (in 1997 dollars) after

inflation adjustment. The average incomes of the upper fifth of families in 31 states ballooned by more than 30 percent over the past 20 years.

During this same time, the average incomes of the poorest fifth of families decreased in 18 states. For some the decline was very steep. The average income of the poorest fifth of families fell \$3,900 in Arizona, \$2,900 in California, \$2,200 in West Virginia, and \$5,600 in Wyoming.

To give you a better illustration of this disparity consider: Five percent of the highest-income families in New York gained nearly \$108,000 per family, while the lowest-income 20 percent of New York families each lost \$2,900.

Furthermore, over the 1990s, the average real income of wealthy families grew by 15 percent, while the average income for low- and middle-income families remained the same or grew by less than two percent. This is not enough to make up for the decline in income during previous years.

There are several contributing factors for this rise in inequality and the large, and growing, income gap in most states. The growth of wage inequality is a primary cause of the growth in income inequality. The decline of manufacturing jobs and the expansion of low-wage service jobs, globalization, immigration, the lower real value of the minimum wage, fewer and weaker unions and changes in tax policy are a few contributing factors generally identified with the increase of wage inequality.

Persistent low unemployment and increases in the minimum wage in recent years have fueled wage gains at the bottom. As a result of this, there has been a slight lessening in wage inequality between the rich and poor. However, growth of the income gap between the middle class and the high-wage workers continues.

Furthermore, the recent wage growth for low-wage workers has been far from sufficient to counteract the 20-year-long pattern of declining or stagnant incomes.

At all levels of government, there is an important role to be played in fighting back against the growth of income inequality. In particular, the role of state governments has increased. A few areas where states and federal lawmakers can attempt to moderate the growing income divide are through policies such as raising the minimum wage, reforming regressive state tax systems, expanding unemployment insurance and implementing a wide range of support networks for low-income families.

Liz McNichol of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the co-author of the report, suggests, "As the administration and financing of government programs continue to be shifted from the federal to the state level, state policy-makers must be prepared to shoulder additional responsibilities for pushing back against growing income inequality. They have the resources to do so, thanks to the current economic expansion producing booming revenues. The question is whether they have the will to do so."

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**Guest Opinion**

Reading Friday about the Kootenai County sheriff's captain who gave press credentials to undercover federal agents, I was reminded of that old Idaho political maxim: It is easier to ask forgiveness than to seek permission.

The Associated Press reported Sheriff's Capt. Ben Wolfinger suggested undercover agents for the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms obtain media passes so they could blend in better with photographers covering the Coeur d'Alene Aryan Nations trial. Neo-Nazi skinheads had gathered in the city last week to support the Aryan Nations in a lawsuit intended to bankrupt them.

Sheriff Rocky Watson revoked media credentials for the agents, whom the AP reported were on the scene wearing photographer vests, glasses, hats and camera equipment.

Wolfinger reportedly said, "I was surprised it became an issue."

That is not surprising in a state where legislators bar

reporters from caucus meetings, scoffing at the meager fines imposed under the Idaho Open Meetings law and asking the taxpayers to pay the legal tab to defend them against even that.

It is not surprising in a state where legislators, caught red-handed appointing political partisans to the "non-partisan" committee that sets their salaries, in direct violation of the committee's enabling statute, said, essentially, "What are you gonna do about it?"

That is not surprising in a state where legislators don't have to have permits to run for concealed weapons and can't get speeding tickets during the legislative session.

There is a climate in Idaho, at least among the political elite, that says, "Hey! It's hard enough to get good people to run for public office without the media picking on us on every little thing. Cut us some slack!"

The problem is, every time we cut them a little slack, we erode the media's ability to stand in for the people and make sure those "good people" in public service don't play favorites

with state contracts, don't sell state resources to their buddies at below-market rates and don't create cushy new jobs for their friends and relatives.

Bending the rules to give media credentials to government employees whose purpose is not to disseminate information but rather is to spy on potential "enemies of the state" undermines the media's ability to play watchdog.

What can we tell Third World freedom-fighters who say they won't talk to us because they know we really are spies for the CIA? How can we report on the concerns of the skinheads if they are afraid to talk to us? Whether or not you agree with the skinheads, it is often safer to let them tell their story than to let them seethe until they explode into violence.

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**Letters**

**Wouldn't mom be proud!**

Last week's ironically captioned Humor column featured a "journalist" bemoaning our school's lack of a party reputation. The piece went on to request anecdotal submissions of "party exploits." I've heard some amusing kegger tales myself; maybe we'll see a few. Judging by what we all know of wild parties, the more honest ones might sound something like this: "I slammed 23 Tequila Fannybangers! I passed out and woke up pregnant!" "My ex-roommate can't seem to get the vomit stench out of his carpet!" "Frankie's a real ass when he's tanked! The cop maced him!" "Those two little girls on the sidewalk are finally out of intensive care, but at least there's still a dent in my bumper to prove what a great time I had!" Other popular intoxicated topics might focus on making enough noise to offend the neighbors, alcohol poisoning, really crappy GPAs, gang rapes, whiskey and crack-what a combo, the couch is on fire, AA meetings, or, from the older students, liver and brain cell damage. Ha ha! What fun! Wouldn't mom be proud!

When I came to BSU last year I was impressed with this overall impression: Generally satisfied students striving for a good education without a lot of the immature noise and idiocy that plagues those coveted party schools. This impassioned yet poorly conceived call to arms by: "Mysterio" (Whoa. Imaginative, dude.) is an abrupt reminder of just how lousy our school could become. Sure, we could develop a reputation as the school that appeals to the lowest common denominator, and attract the derelict element from all over the country. (Then maybe they'd settle here permanently Oh joy.) On the other hand, with a little more effort, maybe we could become the school from a smallish state that challenges bigger states' best efforts in engineering, music, athletics, etc. Imagine applying for a job or another school, handing over a BSU diploma that demands respect. Now imagine shyly handing over a diploma that indicates you graduated from the Armpit of the West. The choice is ours, really. Should we make national headlines with 'AWARD-WINNING [your major here] DEPARTMENT'? Or should they read 'BSU LEADS NATION IN DUI'?

*Scott Cameron*

**Rant**

**We haven't had choices, we haven't had justice**

by Jason Shaw  
*Special to the Arbiter*

I too, would vote for a Republican if I was a millionaire, but I'm not. I mean, you have to vote for someone who represents your interests, don't you? Isn't that what "representative" democracy is all about? Last time I checked the top one percent had financial wealth equivalent to that of the bottom 95 percent. Do these people in the top one percent get to cast more votes than the rest of us?

Why are the Republican and Democrat candidates who are corporately funded right from the start, through the primaries, conventions, campaigns, and throughout their terms in office, getting elected year after year? Every year it's the same old infuriating story: same old pandering to voters, same old

handful of issues. Same old corporate sponsors. Same old of lies that millions of American voters fall for every single election year. How much longer are we going to elect corporate puppets who have more strings attached than Pinocchio and whose noses grow longer and longer the closer we get to election day to run our country and ignore our concerns? No wonder 100 million eligible voters didn't go to the polls last in 1996. We haven't had choices, we haven't had justice.

Corporations are running this country and are too powerful. Labor unions are at their lowest level of membership in 60 years, have been weakened by NAFTA, and the WTO, and have lost their collective bargaining power since all a company has to do is threaten to move to Mexico to get them to

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**Letters**

**KTVB accurate and objective**

In the Aug. 30 edition of The Arbiter, the Idaho Media Project wrote a cover page story titled "Church, State, and Media". Several months ago KTVB had a chance to meet the two IMP leaders, and we had high hopes that they were serious about the tenets of journalism and promoting accuracy and objectivity. We welcomed and encouraged their input. Unfortunately, their story lacks two important journalistic ingredients, accuracy and objectivity.

Their story is just that, a story. It is poorly researched and littered with inaccurate statements. It reads more like a George Orwell novel. As an example, they imply that KTVB is working against Idaho Public Television when in reality we enjoy a positive and supportive relationship. KTVB donates money to Idaho Public Television and we have long-

standing business partnerships. We also have a history of working together on programming. We are outspoken in our support of Idaho Public Television and we have publicly defended its 1st Amendment right to program KVID. It appears that the Idaho Media Project is not prepared to extend that same courtesy to KTVB. There are so many other fundamental inaccuracies in the story that it is unproductive to address each one.

The Idaho Media Project lacks objectivity. The associate director of the Idaho Media Project recently organized the Statehouse rally to promote drug legalization. The IMP is upset that KTVB donates community service time to raise awareness of the real dangers of drug abuse. In my conversations with them, they have been vocal in their opposition to drug education in the media. We respect their right to free speech, but we are also disap-

pointed that their pro-drug beliefs cloud their ability to remain objective and fair toward KTVB. Having rights, and doing what's right, are often different things.

The Idaho Media Project also confuses journalism with community service. They are different things. KTVB sets and maintains the gold standard of journalism in the State of Idaho. All of our journalists are expected to research and tell the truth while remaining objective, fair, balanced and free from outside influence. KTVB journalists do an excellent job and in return they have earned the trust and respect of the majority of Idaho's people.

*Doug Armstrong  
President & General Manager  
KTVB NewsChannel 7*

## From the Editor

Last month, *The Arbiter* did not exist.

Last May, *The Arbiter* as we knew it, dismantled.

Left in the wake of a staff that transferred, graduated or burned out, were two graphic designers hungry to create, a photographer eager to shoot, two dedicated writers, an ambitious classified advertising manager and a general manager with a lot of hope.

Left were seven alumni and a newly appointed editor, who shared a passion for keeping this community newspaper alive.

Left was the opportunity to create a new kind of community newspaper.

Since we published our first issue, 36 new people joined our ever-growing staff. Our task: to create a new media, reflective and representative of our readers.

We want to provide you with news you can use, intelligent analysis and commentary, unique sports coverage and lively entertainment.

Mostly, we want to serve you.

But we cannot do this alone.

*The Arbiter* is in the process of defining itself. We are asking ourselves what a student newspaper should be. We are asking what and how should we serve our readers. We want to know what is important to you. To serve you, we must first try to understand you.

Over 15,000 of you roam the campus each week. Yet, we know very little about you.

We do know that only 45 percent of you are enrolled full-time. We assume this means most of you have multiple lives. We assume many of you have families to care for and/or work full-time jobs. We assume many of you are in school to improve yourselves, your life or your financial prospects. We see full parking lots and assume many of you drive. But these are just assumptions.

We can conduct surveys and polls. We can check data from enrollment services and institutional research. But sometimes quantitative data tells us little about what you are thinking, what you are concerned about, what you are feeling. To serve you, we must understand who you are, not just what you are.

Please communicate with us, so we may serve you better.

Send us your letters, send us your news tips, tell us what you want to see investigated, tell us when we suck. We want to listen to you.

*The Arbiter* invites you, our readers, to discuss what is important to you and what is important for us to cover. The first *Arbiter* Reader's Discussion Group will be held Friday, Sept. 15 at 4 p.m. Location to be announced in next week's issue. Everybody is welcome.

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shut up and forget about improving wages, working conditions, and quality of life.

So many people want the welfare system dismantled. But if so, let's make sure we include corporate welfare in these cuts. There's nothing I hate more than my tax dollars being spent on bailing out no good, lazy, mismanaged companies. The two major party candidates don't address these issues because their minds are elsewhere. They're too damn busy taking care of these corporate donors and special-interest groups. There are hundreds of programs shoveling subsidies and bailouts (our tax dollars) to these crooks. Instead of dumping more money into the war on drugs (let's stop treating drug users and abusers as criminals and support them with treatment, just like we do with alcoholics) let's begin a war on corporate fraud, crime, and welfare. No neighbor is allowed to inflict violence on another neighbor, so why are corporations exempt?

Makes you wish for an alternative, doesn't it? Enter Ralph Nader, Green Party presidential candidate, long time consumer advocate (he helped make seat belts and air bags mandatory in cars), and the man the Republicans are afraid to debate. Contrary to what the two-party duopoly would have us believe, the Greens are not leftist liberal radical extremists. Our issues are majoritarian ones: civic responsibility, decentralized government, livable wages, strong labor unions, universal health care, especially for children (like damn near every other "western" nation has), an end to the logging of national forests, saving family farms, ending the drug war.

When I was working at the Green Party booth at the fair, someone passed by and said he doesn't vote, because it doesn't matter anyway. Well it does matter. Otherwise we don't have a democracy. Democracy by definition is self-rule. I want changes made, so that's why I've gotten involved. You can too. I am working to establish the Green Party as a registered student organization here at school.

If you're interested in the fight for progress, email me at [bsugreens@yahoo.com](mailto:bsugreens@yahoo.com). If you don't want to get involved, you'll still see us around campus making it easy for you to register to vote, trying to get Nader on the ballot in Idaho and into the national debates as is only fair, and spreading the word that we can take back our government.

Check out [votenader.org](http://votenader.org) and [idahogreens.org](http://idahogreens.org) for more information. We have a rally scheduled on the Capitol steps at noon on Sept. 9.

If I had a gun, I wouldn't shoot myself in the foot. Nor will I shoot myself in the foot at the polls on Nov. 7.

Keep it bottled up until you explode, or write it down. As a public service, the *Arbiter* accepts rants (and raves) on all subjects. Send submissions to the *Arbiter* at 1910 University Drive, Boise, Idaho 82725, or e-mail rants to [arbiter@email.boisestate.com](mailto:arbiter@email.boisestate.com). The *Arbiter* does not solicit rants from any group or individual. The *Arbiter* seriously considers all submissions. The *Arbiter* currently publishes all submissions. Rants are edited for spelling, length and clarity.

# Def Leppard coming to town Sept. 7

by Nicole Sharp

*theArbiter*

My first serious experience with music came when I was in seventh and eighth grade, and I was smack dab in the middle of the 80's. I remember a few things: The Smiths and the Cure were developing a black wearing, whinny, yet sophisticated youth. You either liked Duran Duran or Michael Jackson. Billy Idol's video "White Wedding" was a bit disturbing and strangely magnetic. It was at this time that parents were starting to become overly concerned about their children who were hanging up posters, listening to music and emulating bands with names like Poison, Slaughter, Guns-N-Roses, Judas Priest, Cinderella, and Def Leppard...bands we snicker at today and refer to as 'Glam' bands.

I remember their stunts, their long hair and tight pants. Bands that were controversial back then. There was a time when you couldn't spray a can of Auquanet without hitting a big hair band. If you heard, 'The People's Tour' has already blown through town....a venue that included Poison, Slaughter, Dokken, and Cinderella.

Well, now it's Def Leppard's turn.

In 1977, a group of four guys from Sheffield, England opened for AC/DC in the U.K. Def Leppard signed with Polygram/Vertigo Records right after that. They moved quickly to the U.S. when they learned that their big hair, tight pants, and leopard skin shirts were better received here. And better received they were. The band's first big success in the U.S. came in 1981 when their video for "Bringin' on the Heartache" came out.

But Def Leppard was about to travel a road filled with major bumps. In 1984, the drummer Rick Allen was in an accident and lost his left arm. As a part of his therapy he started playing a special set of drums merely six weeks after the accident. I've heard it said that Rick Allen made the greatest comeback ever when he rejoined the group after his accident. Even today, no one compares to his one-armed drumming abilities.

In 1987, Def Leppard released the album "Hysteria". The album produced seven singles including "Pour Some Sugar On Me" and "Love Bites."

It was the song "Love Bites" that some say started the rock ballad trend. It seemed that after the release of the song, every Glam band had one love ballad. One chance to pull out the acoustic guitars and get in touch with their "romantic" sides.

In September 1989, Def Leppard played the MTV Music Video Awards, the last show they would play with Steve Clark. He left the band in 1990 to get help with his alcohol problem, but he was found dead in his apartment in 1991.

Def Leppard bounced back to release two more albums and tour. But in 1996, they released "Slang" and the album wasn't received well. The group borrowed from the new alternative style that was slowly rising, but their fans didn't care for the sound. And Def Leppard was slowly becoming known as an 80s hair band, and to the mass market they were becoming more and more of a laughing matter, part of music history.

But it seems that to Def Leppard this was just another speed bump. Between 1998 and 1999, the band went back into the studio and made a new album doing what they did best. "Euphoria" was released and hardcore fans are beside themselves. It seems the Def Leppard they've loved all along is back.

On Sept. 5, at 2 p.m., Def Leppard was inducted into Hollywood's Rock Wall in southern California. The inductees to The Wall have been deemed bands that have made a significant contribution to the rock and roll art form, and all inductees have been chosen by their peers.

It seems Def Leppard has paid its dues and are reaping the rewards. I saw a picture of the band recently and all I could think was that they looked like Matchbox 20 or the Goo Goo Dolls as they lounged around on a sofa. But I've been reassured that their metal ways are still intact, their amps turned up, their guitars in tune. And when Def Leppard tours, they still sellout venues, rocking with the same intensity they're known for. If you want to see it for yourself, Def Leppard will be at the Idaho Center, Sept. 7th.

# Anthony Hopkins to kick off \$5.4 million fund drive

**Funds to renovate Armory, setup professional theater company**

by Beth Schmidt and Mike Winter  
*the Arbiter*

Sir Anthony Hopkins, Olympia Dukakis, Patricia Kempthorne, and a host of other dignitaries are planning for a new heritage of theater in Boise.

Hopkins will visit the Morrison Center on Sept. 30 to help kick-off a \$5.4 million fund raising drive that would transform the National Guard Armory on Reserve Street into a multi-use theatrical complex to realize the vision of Sandra Cavanaugh, founder and artistic director of the New Heritage Theatre Company.

"This is going to happen," says Cavanaugh confidently. Her fund raising team, which includes Velma Morrison and Bea Comstock, has set a deadline of Dec. 31, 2001 to have the funds raised and the new building ready.

"We already have a significant portion of the amount in hand," Cavanaugh explained. The exact amount will be announced at the Hopkins event (see side bar). Cavanaugh concedes that it may take longer, "but that's our goal...before the end of next year."

When it does open, the New Heritage Theater Company will comprise a full-time, professional theatre company and several educational divisions, each with its own name and all with an emphasis on Idaho and the Northwest.

"The point is to keep Idaho falent in Idaho, rather than see Idahoans go elsewhere for performance opportunities," said Cavanaugh, an Idaho native. "We made a special requirement for our Board of Directors. They must be Idaho natives and residents or former residents."

The NHTC corporate bylaws stipulate that the artistic, technical, and administrative staff also must consist of Idaho natives, residents, or former residents by at least three-fourths. This includes actors, directors, playwrights, designers, stage managers, and the faculty.

"We saw the desperate need for more theatrical facilities in Boise. Almost all theater companies in our area have struggled to find space for their productions," Cavanaugh said.

She went to the city of Boise for help, and help it did. The City Council voted unanimously to lease the Armory on Reserve Street to them at a rate of \$1 per year for 75 years.

With the collaboration of architect Art Albanese, of ZGA Architects and Planners, and Steve

Wensel of Wensel Construction, the armory will undergo extensive renovations. ZGA and Wensel, who are donating their services, are committed to retaining the architectural integrity of the landmark building.

The new NHTC home will house two theaters seating 519 and 250. Five classrooms, three rehearsal studios, 11,000 square feet of shop space, including a scene shop, properties shop, costume shop, and sound studio will be included in the structure.

The facilities will also be available for lease to other performing arts groups.

The New Heritage Rep (repertory) theater will be the year-round, fully professional Equity company. Throughout the year there will be six main stage productions and three or four studio productions. The resident assemblage of actors, playwrights, administrators, and craftspeople will work together season to season. The productions will include classic plays, neglected works of the past, contemporary plays, and the development of new plays.

"The repertory company is the heart and soul of New Heritage, and that will allow us to offer all our other programs to the public," said Cavanaugh. "We will also offer conservatory, studio classes, workshops, and two educational outreach programs."

The New Heritage conservatory will be a fully accredited, post-graduate, two-year professional theatrical training program. In the first year students will receive rigorous training in acting styles and techniques, voice, text and character, stage combat and more. Classroom study will be the main focus.

During the second year students will perform in at least two New Heritage Rep productions in addition to classroom study. Classroom work will be put into practice under the direction of the students' teachers. Directors, playwrights, designers, and stage managers will also be admitted to the conservatory.

If the conservatory is too advanced for some, The Studio is another option. NHTC currently offers classes at their temporary location in the Pioneer Building in Old Boise. Students of all levels, novice to professional, are able to choose from a list of evening and weekend classes, all taught by theater professionals. Included in The Studio studies are acting technique, scene study, audition technique,

voice, acting for the camera and more.

The faculty of NHTC believes the following, according to their mission statement: "The arts can touch the spirit and heal in a way nothing else can. Through theatre, young people learn communication skills, discipline, an understanding of collaboration and teamwork, and gain a positive outlet for their confusions, concerns, hopes, and dreams."

An educational outreach activity called The Response Program will begin in February, 2001, modeled after a successful program that Cavanaugh developed in Iowa. The Response Program is a unique way to bring issue-oriented plays to children, teenagers, and young adults. Part scripted, part improvisational, and part audience participation, the Response program allows young audiences to deal with real issues that affect their daily lives. Response is designed to teach character traits such as personal responsibility, ethics, and decision-making.

"This is a wonderful way to allow our youth to debate their

concerns with their peers," said Cavanaugh. "College-aged actors will perform for the high school audience, and high school actors will perform for the junior high audience. All the shows will be very interactive and tailored to the targeted age group."

Cavanaugh is proud of the fact that both the Studio and Response programs are starting a year ahead of schedule.

NHTC eventually plans to offer another education program called RISK. Intended for at-risk youth, young artists between the ages of 10 and 18 can attend classes taught by professionals within the company. The difference is that RISK is entirely funded through grants and private donations. There is no cost to the students.

In addition, an intensive, three-week TNHTC Summer High School gives juniors and seniors the chance to train with professionals in a workshop atmosphere.

A native of Boise, Cavanaugh is a director, actress, teacher, and playwright. She is a graduate of the National Shakespeare Conservatory in New York, as well

as the National Theatre of Great Britain's acting program in London. She received her MFA in Directing from the University of Iowa, as well as receiving the Iowa Center for the Arts Fellowship. She has directed more than 40 productions from Shakespeare to Neil Simon.

Currently Cavanaugh is working on a musical based on the life of Joan of Arc with Australian composer Lisa Taylor. In her spare time Cavanaugh is a singer with the local Boise band OSR.

To find more about The New Heritage Theatre Company, their theater opening dates or class dates and times, please visit them at their new offices on the mezzanine level of the Pioneer Building of Old Boise at 6th and Main, which is donated rent-free by Old Boise, LLC. You can also call New Heritage at 381-0958, or visit their web site at [www.newheritage.org](http://www.newheritage.org).

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wars-for-oil; the motorist is out on the make; whether she is on her way to work, the mall, or whatever, she grapples with the hurly-burly of a sprawling American landscape. Every commute offers its own unique study of our great land, and when a cruiser pulls into a BSU lot, he brings with him an immense diversity of "where-the-rubber-meets-the-road" experience. This is doubly true of our SUV driving population, whose vehicles are capable of transporting them both on and off road—and I, for one, believe that if we cannot award American Studies credits to these outstanding individuals, the least we can do is offer them honorific enticement of drive-thru registration.

In short, my thinking on the parking question has changed so dramatically that I find it impossible to envision a four-year school without a good, four-story facility. Those whiners who are complaining about being charged by the hour to park in a structure built with student fees would do well to remember that the best metaphor for a safe, convenient, good-looking garage is not the library, which lends books to students in good standing; but the radio station, which appropriates student funds for the greater good. And it is a good-looking garage. If the new facility lacks the food, beverage, and entertainment options of its downtown competitors, it pleasantly disrupts the former squalor of the Morrison Center lot; if it lacks ambitiously spirally "up-ramps," its see-through chain-link and wide avenues of approach will make it easy for security personnel to "eighty-six" skateboarders. And best of all, it's got all that bright, blue trim—a cool color, that will provide a welcome sense of relief during all of the greenhouse-hot days that are sure to come.

Conrad McSwell is a 1992 Boise State University graduate of history. McSwell is a self described "crypto-conservative," and still refuses to drive a car, except for medicinal purposes.

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## Arrival of fall also brings new entertainment season

by Mona Morrison

*theArbiter*

The beginning of each school year inevitably kicks me into edgy anticipation. I'll confess to feeling envious of youngsters whose school shopping includes 64 colors of Crayolas, Prang watercolors, and a pink eraser.

My own trips to the BSU Bookstore prove more expensive and far less fun than in those Crayola days, but my curiosity is piqued by the pricey plastic-wrapped texts, and I scan their pages in hopes of finding exciting tidbits tucked between the covers.

A sense of melancholy and nostalgia also seep into my mind this time of year. Nights are cooler, and come more quickly each week. Autumn is just around the corner— a time for dying leaves, fading colors, and eventually the stinging frosts of November. Those of us touched by Seasonal Affective Disorder are acutely aware of the decrease in daylight, and we prepare to hunker down for the long spring.

The silver lining to winter's grayness is blessedly timed to arrive just as we round September's bend, and that is our burgeoning performing arts season that kicks off this month. It is surely more than coincidental that regions which endure the harshest climates also spawn such a large percentage of the world's best orchestras, artists, and composers.

For example, if Russian winters were less than brutal, would Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, and Shostakovich have given birth to the same masterpieces? Would the Bolshoi Ballet make us catch our breath to see how long a human body can float in the air just the same? I think not.

Luckily, Boise winters are nothing compared to Moscow, Russia's, but they still harbor enough nastiness to provoke artful passion in our city. If you have any doubts, you should avail yourself of the Finishing Touches Dress Rehearsals of the Boise Philharmonic, which take place right on our own campus Morrison Center each Saturday morning before a subscription concert. The Dress Rehearsals cost a few dollars for students, and make great fodder for all of you Intro to Music students who are required to churn out reviews. Better still, support your own fellow students' efforts, and make use of the numerous Theatre Department and Music Department offerings. What better way to prove your sophistication and impress your dates, (while spending a mere three dollars!) than to attend Del Parkinson's Faculty Artist Series piano recital on Sept. 8th Lynn Berg's vocal recital on Sept. 29th? There are tons of opportunities to escape bleakness into aural beauty - November's calendar, for example, lists 19 events from the Music Department and five performances in the Theatre Arts Department. This 2000-2001 season, we have opportunities to see "HMS Pinafore", a frothy, comic operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan, a joint production by the Theatre Arts and Music Departments. Also on the agenda are "The Memorandum", a "dark and lacerating satire" by Vaclav Havel, "Twelfth Night" by good old Will Shakespeare, guitar recitals, percussion ensemble bacchanals, chamber music, band, orchestra, and choir concerts, and the list is building to this day.

The always superb Gene Harris Jazz Festival will herald spring's voluptuous arrival, and in case you miss everything else this concert season, redeem your souls by attending this invigorating celebration of world-class talent. A quick trip to the Music Department or the Theatre Department will give you schedule and pricing information on what's coming up.

Lest I neglect our Student Union Classic Performance Series, Rob Meyer and his Performing Arts Committee hire outstanding talent on our behalf, and always presents a varied season. Why not take advantage of what our own fees provide? It's always worth your time away from the tube. Drop by your Student Activities office; they have schedules of the fun to come. I most probably will survive another winter season. So will you. Here is my invitation to you: join me in the audience, make the most of some long, hoary nights, and indulge in the creative work of our friends. See you there?

## Review

# Punkers Avail, Rancid both rock

by Jim Towell

*theArbiter*

### Avail "One Wrench"

One of the very few bands in any genre who consistently put out great records that are similar enough not to alienate old fans, yet each unique enough to remain exciting is Avail. "One Wrench" is definitely no exception.

Avail recently jumped ship from Lookout Records, and signed with Fat Wreck Chords (whose roster of bands is much more similar to Avail than Lookout's), as well as changed drummers, but the music hasn't been affected at all. This album contains more angry, fast, up-tempo punk rock songs than 1998's "Over The James," but they still retain the emotional content and anthemic quality Avail are known for. Tim Barry continues to be one of the best lyricists in the punk rock world, with his straightforward, extremely honest

approach. His vocals genuinely convey emotion and energy without coming across as forced or sappy in the slightest.

More than anything else, this is what sets Avail apart from most bands playing hardcore punk today. This may sound sacrilegious to some, but if there is one band that has carried on the banner of Minor Threat as far as musical intensity, honesty and devotion to social issues in their lyrics, it'd be Avail.

### Rancid-self-titled(2000)

The first song on every Rancid album is generally, the fastest, loudest, and in my opinion, the best. These are always followed by melodic, and often ska-tinged songs that are still good, but never grab me like the first track. So, it's no surprise that the first track on Rancid (their second self-titled album), "Don Giovanni" is fast and frantic as hell. But the next song, "Disgruntled" keeps the same

pace, and so does the next—in fact, about 90 percent of this album could be lead-off tracks to Rancid albums that have yet to be recorded, which is just fine with me. The big skull and crossbones on the cover should have tipped me off. I was honestly bored with their last album, "Life Won't Wait", which was certainly ambitious, but lacked energy, and I simply can't handle that much reggae in one dose. But it looks like Rancid have worked through their obsession with ska and reggae, and put out an album that flat-out kicks ass. There are a few songs that are a bit tamer than the others, most notably "Radio Havana", but they're not enough to spoil the fun. Bassist Matt Freeman also takes over lead vocals on a couple of tracks with his deep, gruff voice, which sounds a little out of place. But it's a comical, if not slightly endearing addition to a pretty damn good album.

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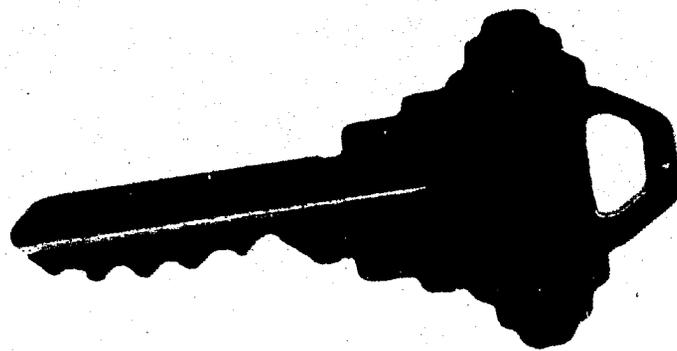
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# Your Horrorscope

Just like baking soda on acid!

by Mark Holladay  
Generally Confused

Well, last week I insinuated something insightful and possibly thought-provoking....

**Scorpio: (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)**  
You could be studying now!

**Sagittarius: (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Oh, for a muse! Saj', you really need to find a resourceful confidant.

**Capricorn: (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Evil spelled backwards is live. Your name spelled backwards is obscene in 32 countries.

**Aquarius: (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Jell-O shots are easier to take

if you warm up the solution before injection.

**Pisces: (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
Don't worry, you won't get lice at the movies, \$4.95 is way too expensive.

**Aries: (March 21-April 19)**  
Stop smoking with hypnosis! You're old enough to smoke alone now without any therapeutic help.

**Taurus: (April 20-May 20)**  
Owning a La-Z-Boy has nothing to do with white slavery.

**Gemini: (May 21-June 21)**  
If you were running hours naked through a wet towel con-

test in the desert, would you really want a Snapple?

**Cancer: (June 22-July 22)**  
A brain is a terrible thing to waste. Store properly in airtight containers!

**Leo: (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
For an eggciting time this week wear a pair of white colored contact lenses.

**Virgo: (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Don't think of being mugged as a bad thing. Think of it as an opportunity to meet new people.

**Libra: (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
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# Top 10

## The Top Ten things cancer and dying patients will do instead of taking marijuana:

by Mark Holladay  
amused@collegeclub.com

- 10.) Huff paint
- 9.) Pay for euthanasia
- 8.) Take heroin
- 7.) Take cocaine
- 6.) Kill themselves
- 5.) Take crystal meth
- 4.) Take crack
- 3.) Suicide bomb selected members of the Supreme Court
- 2.) Take Pez
- 1.) Take marijuana

Sorry, no new crossword this week. Here are the answers to last weeks crossword.

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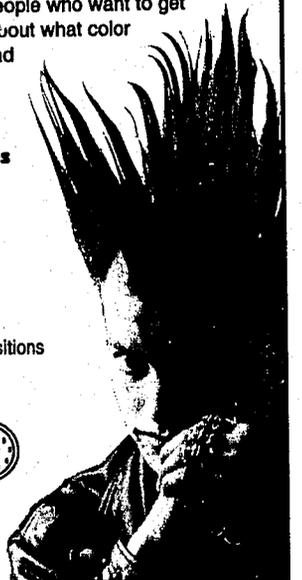
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