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News Bucket

BSU to finish tennis facility Feb. 4

Police plan saturation patrol

The Ada County Sheriff's Office will conduct a saturation patrol around the Boise State campus this coming Wednesday (Jan. 22), 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Police will be watching for vehicle speeding and failure to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. They will ticket pedestrians not using the crosswalks. Every passenger in the front seat of a vehicle must be wearing a seatbelt. Anyone under the age of four and weighing under 40 pounds must be seated in a car seat and wearing a seatbelt. A speed-monitoring machine by the side of University Dr. will let drivers know how fast they are going; this will raise awareness to prevent accidents.

Professor looks at government's control influence

A new book by Boise State economics professor Charlotte Twight contends that Americans have been tricked into giving up their autonomy.

"Dependent on D.C.," chronicles the methods by which politicians have used big government to increase their power over our everyday lives.

Backed up by detailed research, Twight shows how Social Security, income tax withholding, federally funded education and federally mandated databases have weakened the personal privacy of ordinary citizens. She also shows how the costs and benefits of many of these programs are misrepresented, and how some are embedded in huge bills so as to be virtually undetected by the public.

As people become more and more reliant on government programs such as Social Security, she argues, they are less likely to seek reform. And that, she writes, shifts the preponderance of power to the government and away from the populace.

Volunteers needed for MLK day service projects

In order to support the effort to make Martin Luther King Jr./Idaho Human Rights Day a day of service, the Boise State Volunteer Services Board is sponsoring several service projects involving two local agencies that support diversity within our community.

All projects will be held on Monday, Jan. 21, in conjunction with the university's weeklong celebration.

"These are excellent events that will support Martin Luther King and his dream of a nation unified in its diversity," said Ryan VanderLinden, Volunteer Services Board assistant director.

To participate in a project, volunteers should call VanderLinden at 426-4248 or e-mail him at fvolut@boisestate.edu.

By Mary Margaret Rice
The Arbitrator

Weather conditions have delayed construction of the Steve Appleton tennis facility, which now is scheduled for completion Feb. 4.

Work began in July. Record Steel and Construction Inc. (RSCI), the same company working on the Recreation Center, is the contractor.

Completion originally was set for mid-January, but weather conditions made it necessary to extend the due date, said Boise State project manager and architect Doug Suddreth. The facility will open for use in April.

Micron Technology CEO Steve Appleton, a former BSU tennis player, generated the idea five years ago. He donated Micron shares and cash totaling more than \$2 million, the University raised an additional

"When it's finished, this will be the premiere tennis facility in the Northwest." - Boise State architect Doug Suddreth.

\$400,000, and planning and construction have been in the works ever since.

"When it's finished, this will be the premiere tennis facility in the Northwest," Suddreth said.

The majority of the building adjacent to the six courts is made of pre-cast concrete and brick.

The courts have been surfaced, a surrounding sidewalk has been partially poured, and the east and west sidewalks will be poured this week.

To house the large building, the

Opaline School and bell were moved from the site to the Stadium parking lot near the river.

Workers are planting about 40 trees, including flowering crabapples, non-bearing fruit trees, and low shrubs such as junipers.

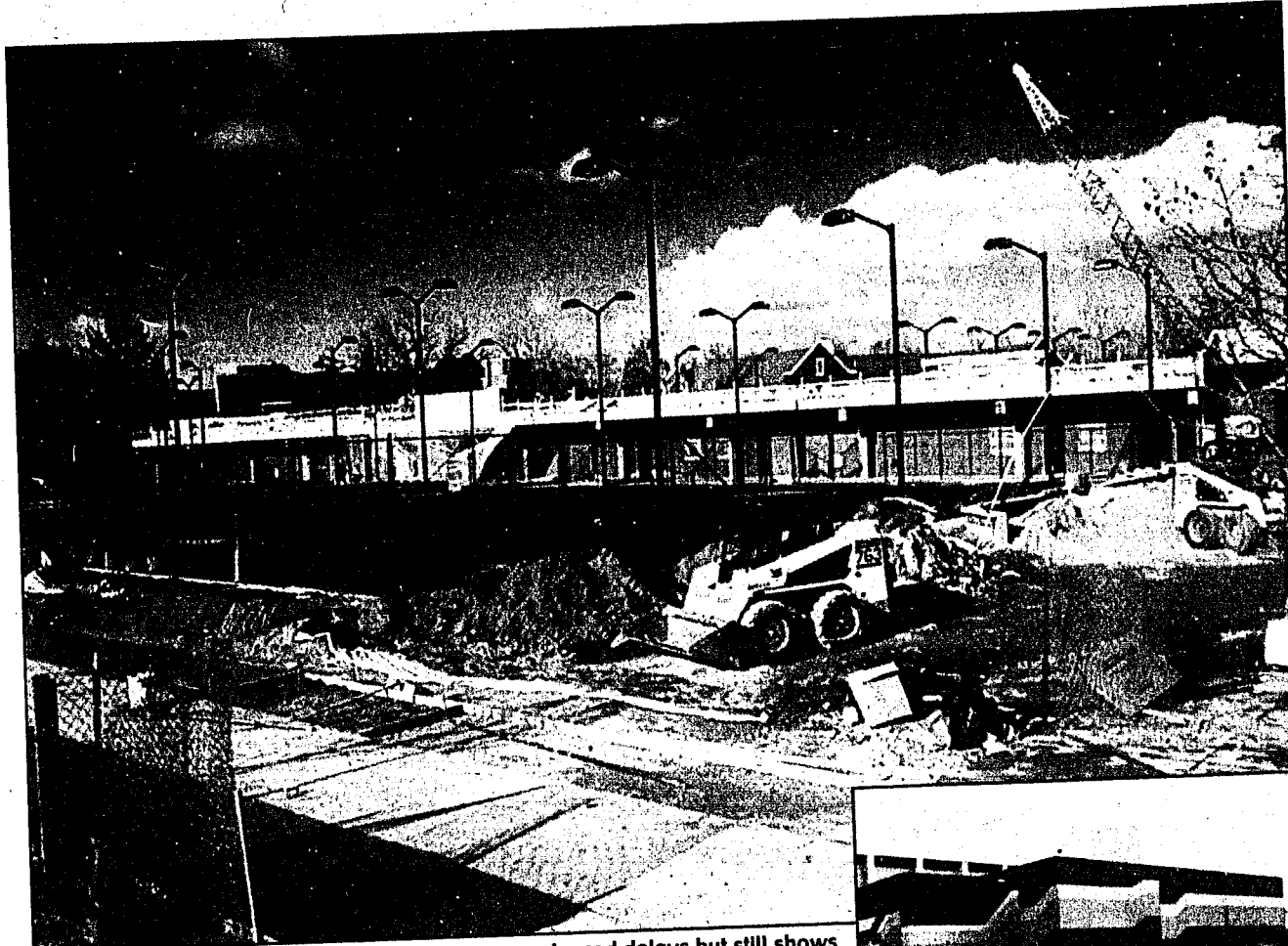
Two electricians have been installing light fixtures into the 48 light poles (eight per court). Their work will be completed this week.

The facility comprises two buildings, containing public restrooms, men's and

women's locker rooms, a varsity lounge and three offices for coaches, and stadium seating. Concessions are in the west wing.

A telecommunications room with a data line ties the computers into the campus.

Construction will end when workers remove a circular piece of plywood from the clock tower and the head electrician installs the clock.



The Steve Appleton tennis facility (above) has experienced delays but still shows progress since last August (right).



Photos by Ted Harmon, The Arbitrator.

You've got mail: But are you checking it?

By Andy Benson
The Arbitrator

Boise State has implemented a new student email system designed to improve the flow of information from the university to students, but according to administrators, students have yet to take

advantage of it.

The system was put in place last semester and is intended to serve as the primary means of communication to students rather than the old method of mass mailings. Fall grades serve as a good case in point. They are being distributed to students via the

new email system rather than the traditional mailings used in the past.

The only problem so far with the new system is a notable lack of use by students, despite a heavy promotional blitz last fall.

Dean of Enrollment Mark Wheeler said that student par-

ticipation is a must for the system to work.

"The overall success of this initiative depends on students checking their student email frequently," Wheeler said. "The university is sending important information to each student's account, and it's the student's responsibility to

read it and be informed." Another important benefit provided by the email system is the savings created by reduced mailings.

"If the university can shift more transactions from mail to email, it will help keep down administrative costs," Wheeler said.

The savings that can be realized with the Boise State email system are estimated at \$10,000.

Other advantages of the new system include:

Flexibility. If students prefer to use another email account, the system will allow them to have all messages forwarded to their preferred email address.

Checking student email is simple. Students simply go to BroncoWeb and log onto the email using their BroncoWeb username and password.

The email accounts provide the university with a quick, effective, and affordable way of keeping students informed on a variety of topics.

Grades will be sent via email instead of the old method of snail mail.

Significant savings in administrative costs will be realized by switching to the student email accounts.

Student@mail.boisestate.edu is much more interesting than blas669@hotmail.com.

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Thu, January 15, 2002

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'Vagina Monologues' ticket sales begin today

By Matt Neznanski
The Arbitrator

Boise State will sponsor a production of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" beginning Feb. 8 and running through the 10th. Ticket sales begin today through Select-A-Seat.

Last year's production sold out before the performances began. All proceeds go to benefit the Women's Center programs for education and support of students.

The production comes as part of "V-Day," a national campaign to highlight vio-

lence against women to end abuse.

The V-Day organization coordinates a day on-or-around Valentine's Day as a specific focus for their efforts.

The V-Day cluster of events include: the Worldwide Campaign, the College Campaign, the International Stop Rape Contest, the Rape Free Zone Campaign, the Stand Up with V-Day and Lifetime Initiative and the Spotlight on Afghan Women.

"The Vagina Monologues" has been the centerpiece of these events

in recent years.

Melissa Wintrow, women's center coordinator, said the production is intended to raise awareness in the community, not to shock them.

A forum will be held Jan. 29 at 5 p.m. in the Student Union Bishop Barnwell Room to inform anyone about the purpose of the production.

"We invite people to attend the forum and the performance to listen to real women's stories about their own experiences."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention, one in six women in the United States has experienced an attempted or completed sexual assault, and the U.S. Surgeon General reports that battering is the leading cause of injury to women aged 15 to 44 in the United States.

"We hope that people will begin to talk more openly about these issues," said Wintrow.

Wintrow said being able to talk openly about sexuality and women's bodies helps disarm the negative self-esteem that comes from misinformation and affects

how women are treated by society at large.

The play is a series of 17 monologues based on interviews compiled by Ensler with hundreds of women.

Director Autumn Haynes hopes it will be a catalyst for increased understanding.

The cast consists of 24 local women - Boise State students, staff, and community members.

Tickets are \$5 for Boise State Students and \$10 for general admission, or \$4 and \$8 for the Sunday matinee.

News



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College graduates face worst employment market in years

By Arbiter Staff

JAN. 16
Boise State Day at Idaho Legislature. Sponsored by Boise State Alumni Association. Call 426-1698.

Comedian Tiny Glover, Student Union Jordan Ballroom. 7 p.m. Presented by Student Programs Board. Tickets at door: \$3 general public, free to Boise State students, faculty and staff. MOVED TO JAN. 30.

Walking Clinic, Learn the basics of fitness walking. The Pavilion entrance #2. 12-12:45 p.m. Call 426 1592.

JAN. 14-18
Welcome Back Week Activities, Student Union. Presented by Student Union and Activities. Call 426-1223.

Student Leaders Wanted, Applications available for the Volunteer Services Board Director, the Homecoming Chair, the Student Programs Board Director and SPB Coordinators. Call 426 1223.

JAN. 17
Bronco women's basketball at Fresno State.

Bronco men's basketball vs. Fresno State, The Pavilion. 7:30 p.m. Call 426-4737.

ASBSU Student Organization Financial Training, Student Union. Time: TBA. Call 426 1440.

JAN. 18
Bronco gymnastics at Fullerton with UCLA.

JAN. 18-19
"Anything Goes," Special Events Center. 8 p.m. Jan. 18; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 19. Presented by Idaho Dance Theatre. Tickets: \$10-\$22 at Select-a-Seat, 426-1494 or www.idahotickets.com

By Sudeep Reddy
The Dallas Morning News

RICHARDSON, Texas — Gurmeet Chadha will graduate from the University of Texas at Dallas this month with a master's degree in information systems, but she doesn't have a job yet.

"I'm applying very aggressively, but I'm not getting much response," said Chadha, 26, who also has an undergraduate business degree from an Indian university and a master's in business administration from an English school. "The market is slow, so it's hard to find anything."

Job-seekers of all ages are facing one of the bleakest employment markets in decades. But with a recession and continuing job cuts in many industries, college graduates without experience may have the toughest time of all, analysts say.

Employers expect to hire 6 percent to 13 percent fewer new graduates with bachelor's degrees in 2002 compared with the year before, according to a national recruiting trends survey by the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State University.

The news is even worse for students who will get master's degrees or doctorates this school year. Employers contacted by the survey say they expect to hire 20 percent fewer employees with new post-graduate degrees.

Engineering, computer science, and business students will have the most trouble in this recessionary job market, said Philip Gardner, the institute's research director.

The survey's one bright spot: Only 6 percent of companies said they will not hire at all during the current academic year.

"The IT companies that are still standing have some intentions to hire this year," Gardner said. "But it's going to have to go along with just the general recovery of the economy."

Some industries, especially those whose products are needed in the war against terrorism, expect to do more hiring next year than in 2001, said Mickey Choate, associate director for career development and cooperative education at the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD).

"With what's going on in the world, some areas like defense have increased their recruiting," he said.

UTD, like schools across the country, has seen fewer employers at its fall recruiting fairs, a time known for heavy interviewing and hiring.

"This past one was a little smaller than a year ago," Choate said. "We're optimistic that maybe in the spring the numbers will be back up where they were."

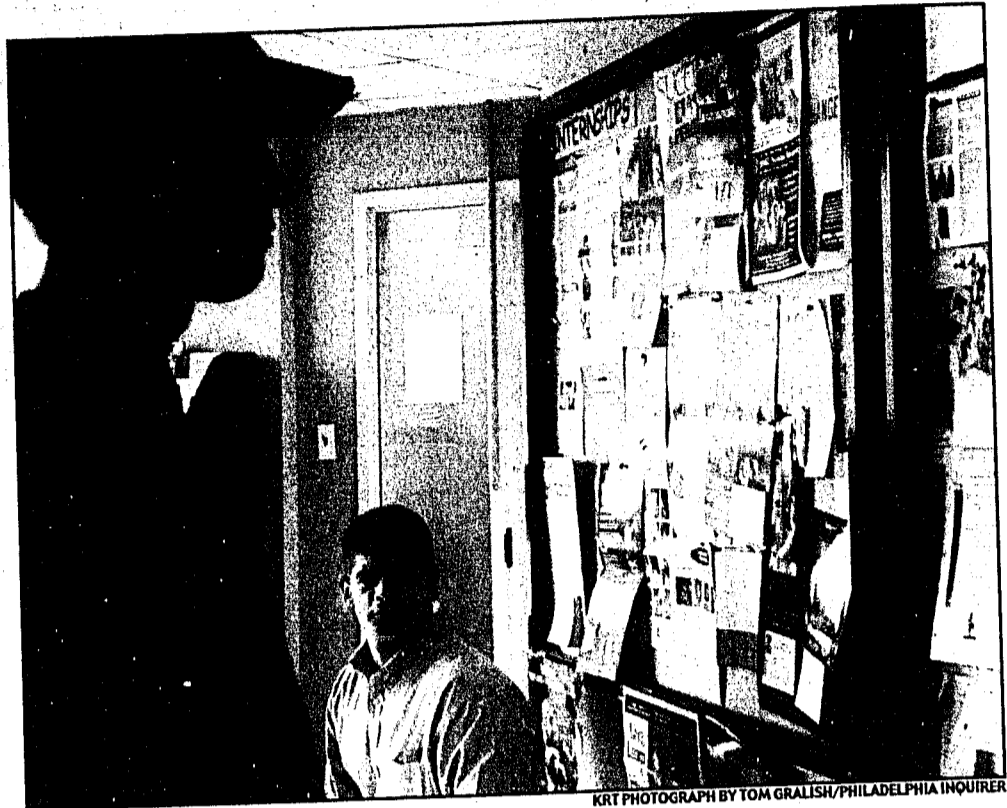
At the same time, employers are spending more time surveying UTD's online resume postings, Choate said. They are taking a closer look at candidates' resumes before contacting them for interviews, he said.

Kristen Pressner, manager of student sourcing and selection at Texas Instruments, said the company has hired "a few hundred" students this year despite the economic downturn.

Most of the hires are engineering students who have worked for the company as interns or through university co-operative programs, she said.

"There's still a really strong demand for students who have the skill sets that we hire," Pressner said. "We've scaled back our efforts, but we consider our relationships with professors, students, and universities critical for long-term success."

College employment counselors stress that 2002 graduates should follow many of the same tactics that recently unemployed workers must use: lots of networking and plenty of persistence.



College career centers are designed to help seniors find their first job. But this fall they've been swamped with calls for help from another group — alumni. La Salle senior finance major Jeremy Durkin checks the job listing & internship bulletin board.

They'll be competing with many spring 2001 graduates who still haven't found work, creating a labor market "backlog," Gardner said.

"You've got two classes in a row, plus some experienced people laid off. It's going to take awhile to clear the labor," he said.

One of those recent graduates is Karen Baynham, who received a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies — business, marketing, and public relations — from UTD in May.

She worked at Richardson-based Nortel during her final months of college. But the job

was eliminated in September.

Since then, Baynham has been networking wherever she can, hoping that one of her connections will pay off in the coming months. "I'm working on getting all the relationships in line so that I've got a whole networking team working for me," she said.

Baynham spends about 10 hours a day on her job search, which includes scouring newspaper employment ads, making phone calls, and attending business forums and training seminars to gain new skills.

"It's hard work," she said. "Normally when someone networks as hard as I am, you'd be

led into a position quickly."

Vivek Garg, who is on track to earn a master's degree in accounting from UTD in the summer, started his search four months ago and has received three offers in the last three weeks.

Compared to his peers in computer science and engineering, Garg said finance and accounting graduates have had a harder time finding jobs in recent years.

Now the tables have turned. "I used to envy the computer science graduates," Garg said. "I guess everyone has his day."

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Academic freedom under attack since Sept. 11, some professors say U.S. caused terrorism

By Stuart Eskenazi
The Seattle Times

College professors are decrying a national report that criticizes them for criticizing the United States in the wake of Sept. 11, saying it reads like a blueprint for a blacklist.

The report, published by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, details more than 100 examples, including one from the University of Washington in Seattle, of what its authors interpret as a prevailing "blame America first" sentiment on college campuses.

The politically well-connected nonprofit alumni association founded in 1995 by Lynne Cheney, the vice president's wife, believes American students are graduating without a proper appreciation for what makes America great.

"We were struck by the moral cleavage that exists between the intellectual elites and mainstream America," said Anne Neal, the group's vice president. "At a time when we are defending our civilization - and that's what this war on terrorism is about - we wanted to alert university trustees that it is incumbent upon them to make sure U.S. history and the heritage of Western civilization is fairly transmitted on their campuses."

But some professors identified in the report say singling out those critical of the U.S. government smacks of a thinly veiled witchhunt. The council says its goal is to broaden the dialogue on campus, but critics say the report strikes at the heart of academic freedom and could stifle political dissent.

Critics also point to the early 1950s, when the anti-communist hysteria of McCarthyism swept the country, ruining careers and wrecking lives.

The council's report, published last month, "was intended to scare people and have a chilling effect, particularly on junior faculty who are more likely to be intimidated," said David P. Barash, a tenured UW psychology professor named in the report.

"I have taken to call their acronym, ACTA, as standing for 'Arbitrary Committee for

the Talibanization of America, or Academe," because they are certainly trying to inhibit freedom of speech and freedom of thought," Barash said.

Others are more concerned that the report will be used to pressure college trustees to adopt a required curriculum of U.S. history and civics that has a decidedly nationalistic bent.

"That agenda is serious, too, because it has to do with what gets taught," said Barbara Foley, a Rutgers University English professor quoted in the report. "This report is another installment in the Lynne Cheney culture wars."

The concept of academic freedom has been a hot topic in university faculty lounges as professors struggle over how to teach about the aftermath of Sept. 11 and what led to it.

Some professors say they are obliged to teach their perspective of the tragedy - that they believe U.S. policies engendered the hatred that led to the terrorism.

The council believes biases against the U.S. government taint lessons and are dangerous influences on students.

The council's 38-page report begins by stating that since Sept. 11, a vast majority of patriotic Americans pledged their support to President Bush and backed the use of military force in Afghanistan.

It then lays out contrasting examples in academia.

"(An) administrator at Central Michigan University tells students to remove patriotic posters - an American flag, eagle - from their dormitory on the ground that they are 'offensive,'" the report states.

David Price, an anthropology professor at St. Martin's College near Olympia, Wash., and a critic of the report, said the pro-war position of the U.S. government is influencing the amount of dissent on campuses.

"There are certainly pressures for faculty and students who have opposing views to perform self-censorship when talking about politics," he said. "We certainly have a long history in the country of there being consequences for speaking out against the govern-

ment."

Price has written a book that lays out a plethora of evidence on FBI intimidation of anthropologists who advocated racial equality during the McCarthy blacklisting. In an article published in the leftist newsletter CounterPunch, Price calls the council report "a prototype of a neo-McCarthyist blacklist for our new hot war."

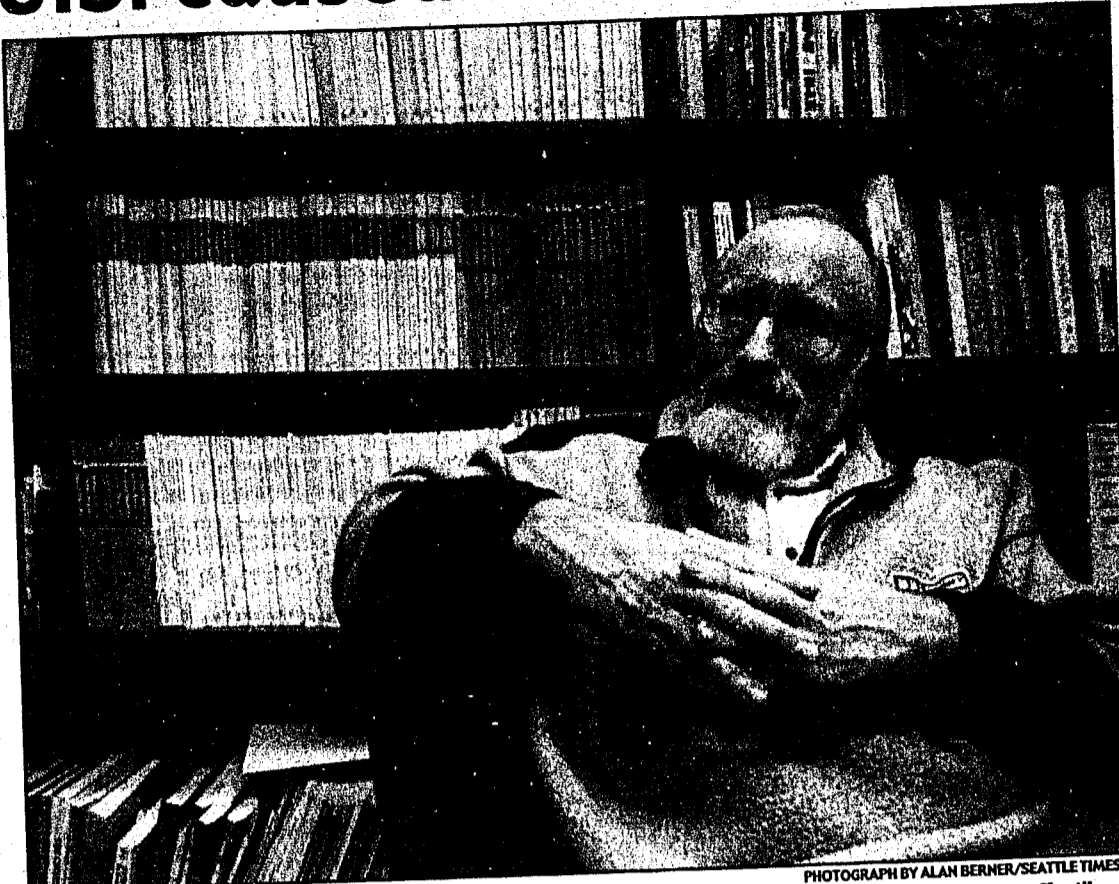
Barash is not intimidated by his inclusion in the report and said that his administration has been supportive. The council's report lifted a sentence from an article he wrote for the Chronicle of Higher Education, published shortly after Sept. 11.

"Many people consider the United States to be a terrorist state," Barash wrote. The single sentence is out of context with the rest of his article, Barash said. He wrote it while expecting the U.S. to respond to Sept. 11 in violent and indiscriminating ways that would have been counterproductive.

"I have been anti-war for as long as I can remember," he said. "But the irony is that this is the war for which I feel most ambivalent. I'm being fingered for not being patriotic when I'm not sure at all that I am opposed to this war."

The council report, when originally issued, identified faculty, students and campus speakers by name. But the council removed the names a few days later in a revised report now posted on the group's Web site: www.goacta.org.

The council also excised two of the 117 examples it



Professor David P. Barash says a national report was "intended to scare people and have a chilling effect" on college teaching.

originally laid out, including one by George Borts, an economics professor at Brown University.

He said he called the council to complain that his statement about the CIA was misinterpreted as critical.

"I told them I felt like I had been killed by friendly fire," said Borts, who supports the council's objective of offsetting a perceived trend toward political correctness in higher education. But he brands the report a heavy-handed blunder.

"No one should have the license to hunt unpatriotic speech," Borts said. "My feeling is the report, as first issued, started in that direction. And it backfired on them."

Neal, the group's vice president, said the revision was made because too many people focused on the names instead of the message. The report is intended to broaden the dialogue on campuses, not inhibit it, she said.

Barash, however, said if

that really is the council's goal, it could achieve that by promoting the expression of its own viewpoint on campuses rather than "impugning the patriotism of those who disagree with them."

The council describes its overall mission as promoting academic freedom, excellence and accountability.

Cheney is the council's chairwoman emeritus, joined on the governing board by U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, former Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm, former Cabinet Secretary William Bennett and Nobel laureate Saul Bellow.

It advances its agenda by lobbying governors to initiate higher-education reforms and offers to train college trustees on governance. The council also encourages governors and trustees to adopt required curriculum on American history and civics.

Neal pointed out that the council came to the defense of a tenured University of New

Mexico history professor quoted in the report who was threatened with discipline by his administration. Richard Berthold had told his class Sept. 11: "Anyone who can blow up the Pentagon has my vote." He later apologized.

Members of the New Mexico Legislature demanded his resignation and threatened to cut the university's budget unless he was fired. The university handed down its discipline for Berthold on Monday: a reprimand.

"Our support of him should underline that we support academic freedom," Neal said.

"We believe faculty members have a right to speak their mind just as we have a right to speak back and criticize. I've been struck by those who have responded with vitriol to our report. Are they saying we can't criticize them or hold them accountable for their statements?"

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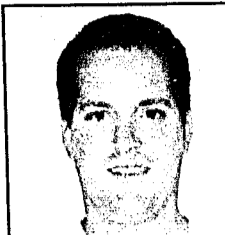
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Healthy competition would improve Boise State's services for students

There are many people on campus that loathe capitalism. These people, who I call leftists, advocate socialism. These same leftists would agree with me that monopolies are bad because they discourage research and innovation.

We disagree on the point that I believe ALL monopolies are bad, while socialists would argue that state-owned monopolies are okay because the government does not have an interest in harming the people. To prove how wrong this line of thinking is, I point to the mighty Department of Education, more specifically, Boise State University.

Education is a business. As



From Right Field
By Jerel Thomas

it stands right now, the government holds the monopoly on the business of educating people. Let's look at the results of the state-owned monopoly of education. Idaho ranks around 49th in teachers' salaries.

At Boise State, which has the monopoly on educating people around here, we see tuition hikes every year and get poor service from the bookstore. Our professors (even the leftist ones) are underpaid while King Ruch receives thousands of dollars in bonuses each year.

We students (or customers, if you will) are constantly ignored and harmed because we do not have a viable choice

of schools here in the Treasure Valley. We go to BSU because it is the only economically feasible option available to us.

Compare the education we are getting by a state-owned monopoly to how Microsoft treats its consumers (I will just pretend that Microsoft is really a monopoly). Microsoft was said to harm the consumer by giving away the Internet Explorer browser with Windows.

Yes, that evil monopoly of Microsoft harmed consumers by giving away hundreds of dollars of free software with the purchase of their \$89 dollar operating system (Windows 95). It would seem that private sector monopolies outperform state-owned monopolies.

What can be learned from this? What BSU needs is a healthy dose of competition. The Treasure Valley needs another institution of higher learning to open. This is the single best way to shrink the ballooning BSU budget, lower

student fees, and get better service at the bookstore.

If a new college opened, it would raise the demand for qualified teachers. BSU would be forced to raise teacher's salaries in order to retain them. As it stands right now, BSU does not face any local competition for their employees. Micron and HP pay their engineers quite well because they both compete with each other for the best people. A qualified engineer gets to be courted by both companies, each trying to out bid the other. Professors at BSU must take what is given to them because BSU is the monopoly.

The bookstore would be forced to offer better service if they were faced with a competitor. There are many University bookstores that guarantee at least a 50 percent buyback of all textbooks sold. They do this because they are faced with competition and need to lure customers (students) into their store in order

to stay in business. Again, the BSU bookstore gets away with screwing over students because we have no other place to go.

Perhaps the biggest reason why the BSU monopoly needs to be broken up is because of wasteful spending and rising student fees. BSU is the only business I know that gets a 7.9 percent budget increase and still has to raise their price to make ends meet.

The administration abuses students knowing that we have no other option. If we could all enroll in a different college, BSU would be forced to make changes to lure us all back. Most likely they would start with price. King Ruch would have to lower admission to be comparable to the rival college. King Ruch would have to cut the administrative costs of the University. Perhaps if there were competition we would not have spent over \$85,000 on a lame logo.

Of course, the powers that

be and King Ruch do not want competition because they know they would lose. The King would forfeit his multi-thousand dollar bonus. Administrative people would have to find real jobs where they did something besides being rude and telling students all the answers are at BroncoWeb. Yes, competition would bring better customer service at a lower price.

It is time to bring an end to all monopolies, even the state-owned ones. People who advocate socialism are advocating that all industry be run like BSU. They want bad customer service, inflated prices, and poorly paid employees. This is what socialism, or state-owned monopolies, gives us.

Socialism turns every industry into BSU. Next time you pay your 15 percent tuition hike, just remember how great being a leftist is.

America and Israel; on the same page

By Shane Dale
Arizona Daily Wildcat (U. Arizona)

TUCSON, Ariz. — In the days following the release of the now-infamous Osama bin Laden footage, in which he took joy in the destruction of Sept. 11, Palestinian newspapers across the Middle East, Pakistan and elsewhere made little reference to it.

This disturbed me; I hoped that newspapers in every Islamic country in the world would have quickly condemned the remarks of bin Laden and his associates. The fact that they did not should be troublesome to all Americans, Muslims included.

Like the rest of Islamic people, the vast majority of Palestinian Muslims are interested in nothing but peace. Unfortunately, those people are not the ones in positions of power at the moment. Those in control will settle for nothing short of the destruction of the

state of Israel.

Additionally, it is important to keep in mind that if one-tenth of 1 percent of Muslims take part in terrorist activities, that still leaves more than a million people. This is no small threat, as America learned four short months ago.

But don't take my word for it. Just ask Israelis what they've had to put up with for more than 500 years.

Since their nation was created along the West Bank in 1948, Israelis have endured assault after violent assault by Palestinians who feel that, in accordance with their religious beliefs, the land Israel occupies rightfully belongs to them.

As a result, the Palestine Liberation Organization and its president, Yasser Arafat, do little if anything to destroy terrorist organizations living within their community. And the little they do is to appease the Western world. As former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said

over and over, Arafat has two messages: one for his own people and one for the rest of the world.

Arafat faces a double-edged

included.

Essentially, his hands are tied. If he hadn't had decades to rectify the situation before now, I'd almost feel sorry for

Since their nation was created along the West Bank in 1948, Israelis have endured assault after violent assault by Palestinians who feel that, in accordance with their religious beliefs, the land Israel occupies rightfully belongs to them.

sword. He is in control of a 50,000-person strong police force, but if he uses his power to shut down terrorist organizations such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad, he will be overthrown. If he does not use his power to help take down these groups, he will be sharply criticized by the rest of the world, especially those who help fund his weapons arsenal. America

him.

But Arafat has neither the ability nor the desire to end Palestinian terrorism. He will arrest members of terrorist groups to make us happy but set them free the next day with nothing more than a slap on the wrist in an effort not to draw too much heat from his own people. This is no longer tolerable, nor should it ever have

been.

Israel has attempted to negotiate peace with Arafat's people in the past more than once. It has been willing to sacrifice more of itself than any of us might be able to imagine, and yet, it has never been good enough for the PLO.

A couple years ago, another former Israeli Prime Minister, Ehud Barak, was prepared to make a deal with Arafat that would have, at one point, trimmed Israel down to nine miles wide. Arafat flat out turned it down.

Granted, Israel is not 100 percent in the right, nor is the PLO completely in the wrong in this tired dispute. But Israel does not send suicide bombers to nations occupied by Palestinians to blow up buses and malls with innocent men, women and children inside. When Israel responds by force, it is in self-defense. Like it or not, Israel is a nation-state, and it has the right to defend its borders and its people.

America wouldn't put up with the likes of Mexico's, France's or England's demands for land reacquisition, and we sure as hell wouldn't be frightened into giving it up as a result of domestic terrorist activity. In this light, we shouldn't hold Israel to a double standard. Israelis have been victims of suicide bombings for decades. Americans would not stand for being violently pressured into giving up its land, and neither will they.

If someone instigates a fight and proceeds to start punching and kicking you, you can't just curl into a ball and cover your face; you have to fight back. You have a basic human right to defend yourself. America knows this and is currently practicing this most basic of philosophies in defense of its people.

America is finally beginning to discover the truth: We never had any business telling Israel that it did not have that same right.

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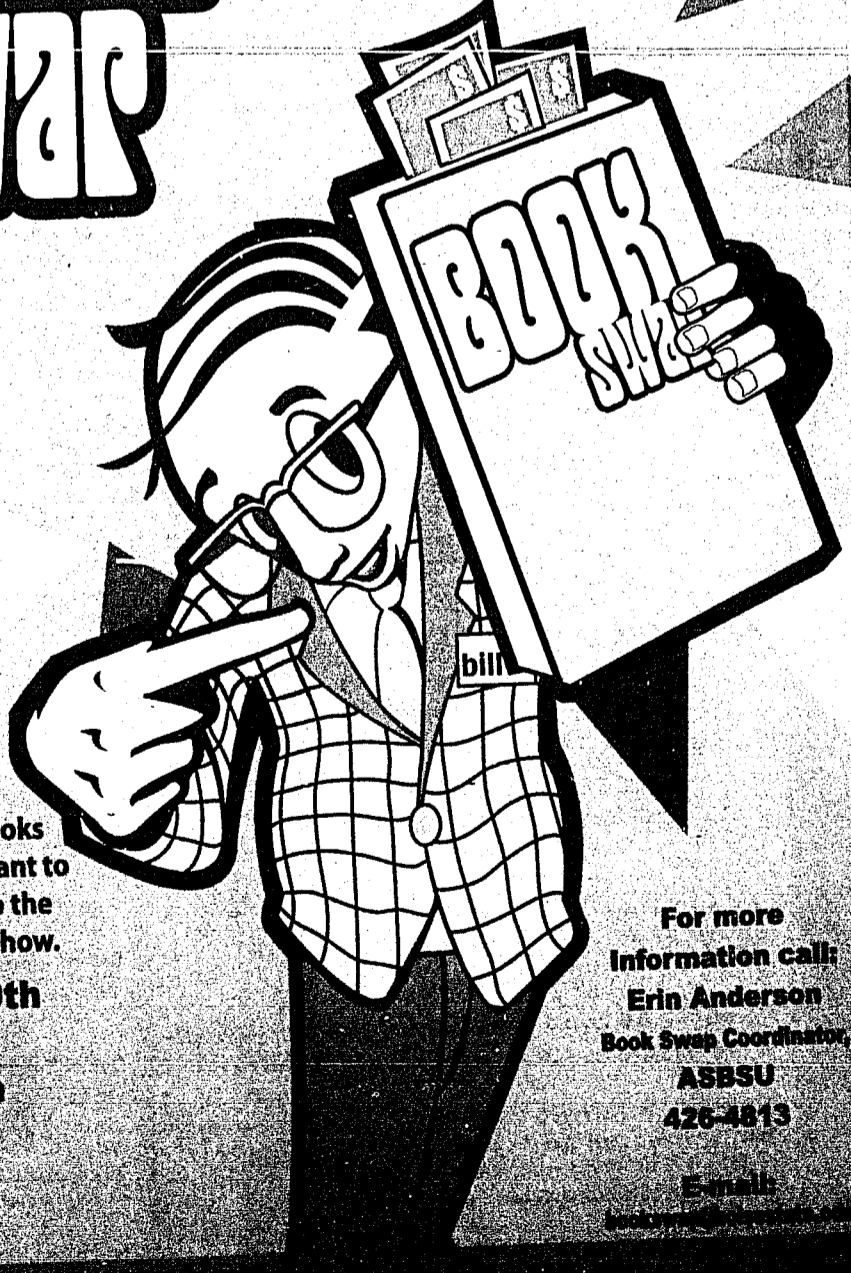
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Sports

Is it just me Sporting world gone mad

By Darrin Shindle
Sports editor

Is it just me, or when you're watching sports do you sometimes just scratch your head and wonder what the world of sports is coming to? It seems to be happening a lot lately and I'm wondering why.

The reason that this came to my mind was recently when I was watching Sports Center one night and I saw that the fans at UCLA rushed the court when they beat then number one Kansas. What is this all about?

UCLA is one of the most storied programs in all of sports, not to mention that they were ranked number 13 at the time of the "upset." That was ridiculous. Rushing the court is meant to happen when number one Kansas travels to Po-dunk University and they upset them, not a university that has won the national championships that UCLA has won.

I can just see coach John Wooden just cringing as the fans rushed the court. He was probably wondering what happened with sports also.

But after I say all of that, I have to say that at least they have fans that actually come and watch their games. Here at Boise State you can come to a game halfway through the first half and still get a front row seat. And if we were to have an upset like beating a top 10 team, the security at the Pavilion wouldn't let anyone rush their precious floor. We wouldn't want anyone to get excited about a big win.

A friend of mine had a good idea; we should just move the rest of the games this season over to the Bronco Gym. That way we might have a sellout every now and then, and I'm sure the atmosphere would be a lot better.

Another thing that I really noticed over the break was while watching all of the college bowl games, I noticed how much woofing and talking was going on. And I'm not just talking about after touchdowns and good plays. It happens after every play.

A running back gains 3 yards and jumps up and acts like he just broke it for an 80-yard touchdown. Or even better is when a receiver makes a catch for a good amount of yards and the defensive back makes a tackle and he jumps up and gets in the receiver's face like he just lit him up and made him drop the ball. I just keep thinking "you just got burnt and you're talking?"

Don't get me wrong, I'm all for players getting excited about the game and showing that excitement. That makes the games that much more fun to watch. But after every play someone has to talk to someone else about how great they are, even when they get beat. Act like you've done it before.

But maybe it's just me.

Schottenheimer exits, Spurrier moves in at Redskin Park

By Warner Hessler
Daily Press

ASHBURN, Va. — Marty Schottenheimer took the high road out of Washington on Monday, thanking Redskins' owner Dan Snyder for the opportunity to get back into coaching after a two-year layoff and saying the team has enough talent to win the NFC East Division title in 2002.

He also left town with \$10 million, the full amount of his four-year contract, for 54 weeks of work.

Later Tuesday, former University of Florida coach Steve Spurrier will drive down the streets of gold leading to Redskin Park and become the team's fourth head coach in 13 months.

Spurrier, who accepted the job late Sunday afternoon, has a contract that will pay him \$25 million over five years.

Snyder was not at the training facility Monday, but he sent a prepared statement praising the successful, offensive-minded college coach he tried to hire last season before turning to Schottenheimer.

"Steve Spurrier will bring a supercharged, exciting and dynamic brand of football to our great fans," Snyder said. "His ability to energize players and teams in unprecedented."

Spurrier, who compiled a 122-27-1 record at Florida over 12 seasons, is scheduled to arrive in Washington in the afternoon, sign his contract and appear at a press conference at 6 p.m. Last week, Spurrier said he would like to see how his pass-happy attack that averaged 35 points per game, 310 passing yards and 460 yards in college would work on the pro level.

"I'm intrigued to see if my style of offense, my style of coaching, can be successful at the NFL level," he said. "I need to find that out before I completely hang it up."

The final part of the puzzle, the hiring of a general manager who would report to Snyder and be a buffer between the coach and owner, may take time. Retired Green Bay Packers' general manager Ron Wolf went on record Monday afternoon saying he

wasn't interested in the job, and another possible candidate, general manager Rich McKay of the Tampa Bay Bucs, is said to have removed his name from consideration.

A source in San Diego who is familiar with the team said negotiations with former Redskins' general manager Bobby Beathard appeared to have broken down. Beathard, the source said, was close to accepting the job Saturday but backed away for undisclosed reasons.

Pepper Rodgers, the Redskins' vice president of football operations and whose relationship with Spurrier may have played a role in getting him to Washington, said the team is considering "a lot of guys on the GM list" and that a final decision will "take time."

Tim Ruskell, Tampa Bay's director of player personnel who was scouting director of the USFL's Tampa Bay Bandits in the mid-1980s when Spurrier was the coach, is believed to be one of the leading candidates.

Schottenheimer, who owns a home near Charlotte and is expected to talk to the Carolina Panthers later in the week about filling their vacant coaching position, spoke with the media for about 40 minutes Monday morning before returning to his office to pack up his belongings.

He confirmed reports that his refusal to give back control of personnel matters to Snyder as the reason the owner-coach relationship, which seemed so strong when he was hired Jan. 3, 2001, blew up after the first year of his four-year contract.

"Dan Snyder and I have agreed on many things," Schottenheimer said. "The issue we could not resolve, however, involved selecting players who would make up the Washington Redskins' roster. I have great respect for the privilege of ownership. However, the opportunity to determine the composition of the roster was the most important element in my decision to accept this position."

"Dan and I have a different perspective in regard to how you manage the personnel side, and Dan's the owner. I think stability enhances your opportunity to be successful,

but Dan Snyder is owner of the Washington Redskins. He is entitled to make whatever decision he chooses."

When he hired Schottenheimer last January, Snyder said: "This is Marty Schottenheimer's organization from a standpoint of the final word. This is something he needs to have."

A team source said Snyder had two reasons for going back on his word.

One, he needed to remove control of the scouting department, the college draft, and final say on personnel decisions relative to the salary cap from Schottenheimer to make the GM's position attractive to candidates for the job.

Two, the source said Snyder is a hands-on owner who "didn't have any fun" this past season with Schottenheimer having the final vote on all personnel decisions.

The end came Sunday afternoon when Schottenheimer refused to relinquish control and Snyder received an agreement by phone from Spurrier. Schottenheimer was summoned back to the training facility around 7 p.m., and was fired.

"It was a difficult decision for Marty because he had poured so much into the season," said Tom Condon, Schottenheimer's agent. "I believe he would have continued as head coach if he had given up the final say in personnel matters."

"The bottom line, though, is Marty didn't want to change the deal. He wanted to continue to go along with it."

And, Monday morning, he remained steadfast in his belief that he was on the right track with a team that started 0-5 and finished with eight victories in the last 11 games.

"It was my belief that our way would have been the most successful way to do that," he said, "but it's Dan Snyder's team."

"I appreciate the opportunity Dan gave me, and I recognize he feels differently now than he did a year ago. In this business, there are two roads, and the only one I know to take is the high road."

Stadium names take on added meaning after 9-11

By Bob Moran
East Valley Tribune (Mesa, Ariz.)

It took 9-11 to remind us what football stadiums mean to the nation.

One of the positive developments from that horrific day was the Chicago Bears' decision (for now) not to rename renovated Soldier Field for a corporate sponsor.

The deaths of thousands of Americans and foreigners in New York City and Washington, D.C., the declaration of war against our terrorist enemies, has brought into focus just how special a country we live.

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We should never forget these heroes.

Which is why so many football stadiums around the country are dedicated to veterans.

What other place but a football stadium can so many Americans of different social status, ethnic backgrounds, religions, and races come together in peace and harmony?

The military can bring together the same group, but

its purpose is to, let's be realistic, kill other human beings.

After World War I, stadiums for this growing sport of college football were constructed to honor the veterans from the country's first world conflict.

World War I ended in November 1918. Less than a year later plans were made to build Soldier Field with a staggering capacity of 100,000.

The first game was played in November 1924 with Notre Dame defeating Northwestern.

But the stadium was dedicated, fittingly enough, with the year's Army-Navy game in November 1927.

Soldier Field, though, was not the first soldiers field to host a football game.

The leadership and fans of the University of California built Memorial Stadium two years after announcing in 1921 it was constructing a facility to honor World War I veterans.

According to the Cal football media guide, when Cal's leadership announced the plan, more than \$1 million was raised in a month. That's 71 percent of the total cost.

In today's market that would be like private dona-

tions totalling \$235 million being raised in a month to build the \$331 million Cardinals stadium.

Do you think money could be raised that quickly today? But that's how strongly Californians felt about honoring those who died in a cause of democracy.

Memorial Stadium was finished just in time for the Golden Bears to beat Stanford in November 1923.

Memorial Stadiums are sprinkled throughout the country: Oklahoma (World War I), Illinois (World War I), Nebraska (Civil War through Vietnam), Indiana, Kansas (KU student World War I dead), Missouri, Jackson State (Mississippians from all wars), North Dakota, Arkansas, Clemson (World War II), and Wyoming. Because of what, or who, these stadiums represent, some ethical questions have been raised when a name change is suggested.

When it was initially proposed that Memorial Stadium at Texas take on the name of legendary coach Darrell Royal there was some opposition.

As big a name as Royal is, is he more important than the 198,520 Texas veterans of World War I?

Texas handled it as well as it could. In the same year (1996) the 1924 stadium was renamed Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium the school held a Veterans' Recognition Day to "insure the memory of those who fought valiantly to preserve freedom."

Florida, on the other hand, sold out to money.

Florida Field was dedicated to the memory of World War I veterans in October 1934, four years after it was built.

But in 1989, the stadium's name was changed to Ben Hill Griffin Stadium at Florida Field to honor a lifelong Gator benefactor.

The school encourages the media to use Griffin Stadium as the home of Gators. Many of the old-timers refuse and for tradition sake write and say Florida Field.

The name change has added significance now. A booster has no business being considered more important than war veterans, no matter how much money he's given.

Neither does a Chicago-based Fortune 500 company. We had forgotten that.

Until 9-11.

Two Broncos place first at Aggie Invitational

Bronco Sports Information

DAVIS, Calif. — Collin Robertson captured the championship in the 149-pound weight class, and Bart Johnson did the same in the heavyweight division, as the Boise State wrestling team completed a long seven-day road trip at the 16th Annual Aggie Invitational on Saturday (Jan. 12).

Robertson defeated unattached wrestler Matt Gentry 10-7 in the 149-pound championship match as the Bronco junior won five straight matches in this single day tournament. Bart Johnson won the heavyweight title when his teammate, Boe Rushton, had to default the match because of an injury.

The Aggie Invitational was the end of a week long road trip which saw the Broncos lose at Arizona State University on January 5 (Saturday), before posting four straight dual match wins over Cal State Fullerton (Jan. 8), Cal Poly (Jan. 9), San Francisco State (Jan. 10) and Fresno State University (Jan. 10) — all on the road. Boise State's overall dual record for the season is 4-3, and the Broncos are 2-1 in Pac-10 Conference matches. There was no team scoring in the Aggie Invitational.

Three Bronco wrestlers finished runner-up at the invitational. Jesse Brock lost his championship match to Urijah Faber (unattached), 5-3; Pat Owens was defeated by Imad Kharbush of Stanford, 8-6; and Tony D'Amico lost by a major decision to Mauricio Wright of San Francisco State, 16-3.

Junior Nathan Ploehn placed third when he posted a 4-2 decision over Brennan Corbett (unattached).

Boise State's top nationally ranked wrestler, Ben VomBaur did not compete in the Aggie Invitational. VomBaur is ranked sixth by InterMat at 125 pounds.

The Bronco wrestling team will host its first home match of the 2001-02 season on Saturday (Jan. 19) against Portland State University. The dual will start at 2:00 p.m. in Bronco Gym.

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Watson kicked off Gamecocks after marijuana arrest

By Steve Wiseman
Knight Ridder Newspapers

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Derek Watson's latest brush with the law cost the star running back his South Carolina football career on Monday and will send him back into the court system. After the junior running back's arrest in Greenville, S.C., on marijuana possession charges over the weekend, USC football coach Lou Holtz permanently dismissed Watson from the team Monday.

Upon learning of the new charges, Barney Geise, chief prosecutor for Richland and Kershaw counties, said Watson is no longer eligible for Pretrial Intervention he entered last August after being charged with simple assault and battery.

That case, which stemmed from an incident last May 7 in which Watson punched a female USC student in the arm, now returns to the courts where Watson faces a maximum penalty of 30 days in jail and a \$500 fine on the misdemeanor charge.

"I feel badly for Derek, but he clearly understood that if he chose to do certain things, he would no longer be a part of the USC football team," Holtz said in a statement. "I truly care about Derek as a person."

Watson, who was unavailable for comment Monday, was arrested early Saturday in the parking lot of a Greenville nightclub and charged with simple possession of marijuana, Greenville police spokesman Lt. Mike Gambrell said.

Watson and Antwan Andre Galloway, 21, of Pendleton, were arrested when narcotics officers said they saw one of the passengers in Galloway's car, later identified as Watson, filling a cigar shell with marijuana.

Holtz met with Watson in Columbia on Monday morning and first decided to suspend Watson indefinitely. But after a review

of the police report, USC athletics director Mike McGee and Holtz spoke again and decided on the harsher penalty.

"We received information from the Greenville police this afternoon that, although Derek still has legal rights, makes this course of action pretty clear," McGee said.

The marijuana arrest is Watson's fifth disciplinary problem in the last 14 months.

On Dec. 21, 2000, Watson wrecked the car of teammate Teddy Crawford at 3 a.m. on I-126, according to police

"I feel badly for Derek, but he clearly understood that if he chose to do certain things, he would no longer be a part of the USC football team," USC football coach Lou Holtz

reports. At the time, Watson blamed the accident on a blown tire. He was charged with driving too fast for the conditions and driving with a suspended license.

Last February, Watson threatened a referee during an intramural basketball game. The USC student court and Holtz both disciplined Watson, although no details were released.

On May 7, Watson was charged with simple assault and battery following an incident with 19-year-old female USC student Richelle R. Beard, who said Watson punched her in the arm.

Watson was not allowed to attend summer school and was suspended from the football team all summer.

Holtz reinstated Watson to the team in August and Watson was allowed to enroll in school

for the fall semester. Geise allowed him to enter the pre-trial intervention program, which allows prosecutors to drop charges if the defendant successfully completes a program that can include counseling, community service and drug and alcohol testing.

On Monday, Geise said Watson's marijuana arrest was one of several factors that led to his termination from the program.

Greenville police said detectives saw three individuals sitting in a 1975 gold Chevrolet on Saturday at 12:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Salsatheque Night Club on Pleasantburg Road in Greenville.

Gambrell said detectives, riding in an unmarked vehicle, pulled up next to the car and saw Watson filling the cigar shell with a substance from a small, clear plastic bag. Field tests later showed the substance to be marijuana.

Gambrell said Watson slid the bag down his right leg to the floor board when officers approached him, but was cooperative when he was asked to get out of the car. Approximately 8.5 grams of marijuana was confiscated from Watson.

Another 2.4 grams was found on Galloway. Both men were ticketed on the misdemeanor charges. They weren't taken into custody.

They face \$497 in fines and have a Jan. 30 court date in Greenville.

In three seasons with the Gamecocks, Watson ran for 2,078 yards and scored 19 touchdowns. Watson would be eligible to play this fall if he transfers and is accepted into a lower-level school.

The deadline to apply for the NFL draft was last Friday, so Watson would have to petition for the league's supplemental draft this summer. If he went undrafted, he could sign with any team as a free agent.

Duke assistant returns after scare

By Catherine Sullivan
The Chronicle (Duke U.)

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — The Duke women's basketball team's most recent victories against N.C. State, Clemson and Wake Forest have featured some inspired play by the No. 7 Blue Devils. Not surprisingly, the first of these three impressive wins against the Demon Deacons Jan. 6 marked the return of assistant coach Joanne Boyle to the Duke bench.

Considering what Boyle has been through in the past several months, her mere presence on the sideline likely gave the Blue Devils an additional reason to play well.

On Nov. 28, 2001, when most Duke students were just returning from Thanksgiving vacation, the women's basketball team received a shock: Boyle had been hospitalized with bleeding in her brain and was in serious condition.

"I was out running that day, and when I came back and took a shower, I felt like I had a knife go through my head," Boyle said. "I tried to think that everything was OK, but then my body just started acting really weird; I can't explain the feeling."

"I knew I needed help and by the time I had made it up to the women's basketball office, my arms were flailing and I just started to throw up violently. Within minutes I was slurring and could not get any words out. By the time I was at the hospital, I could not walk, talk or move my arms."

An angiogram at Duke Hospital revealed that Boyle was suffering from a potentially deadly arteriovenous malformation, or AVM, in her brain; a similar condition caused the death of former track star Florence Griffith Joyner.

The AVM was caused by a genetic disorder in which Boyle was missing certain capillaries in her brain. As a result, her arteries were feeding blood directly to her veins, and this prolonged pressure caused the eventual bleeding in the brain.

During her month-long stay in the hospital, Boyle was under the care of top surgeon Dr. Allan Friedman, largely because of the efforts of last year's graduate and All-American point guard Georgia Schweitzer.

"Georgia had worked with Dr. Henry Friedman, who is an oncologist here, and Dr. Allan Friedman, who is the surgeon, when she was at Duke," Boyle said. "She is very good friends with Henry, so she contacted him and he got Alan to take my case. I would have never had Allan if Georgia had not made that initial contact."

Not only did Schweitzer use her pre-medical experience to help Boyle, but she also has used her basketball skills to help the team during Boyle's absence.

Duke coach Gail Goetsenkos asked Schweitzer, who plays for the WNBA's Minnesota Lynx, to be an assistant coach in charge of scouting and working with the guards for a temporary period of time.

"When Coach G asked me to help out, I said yes right away," Schweitzer said. "Obviously, I wish that the circumstances had been different and Joanne had not been sick, but I didn't even need to think about my decision."

The situation worked well for Schweitzer, a pre-med student at Duke, who had been planning to come back to the University in January to work in the hospital until May 1, when she is scheduled to return to the Lynx.

Although her hospital work

has been put on hold, Schweitzer has been invaluable to the young Blue Devil squad, especially point guards Vicki Krapohl and Krista Gingrich.

"I have been able to give Vicki and Krista a lot of little tips, especially leadership-type things," Schweitzer said. "I might tell them when they should slow the game down or pass ahead. I also let them know that it's their job to control the team, and they have to be the first one after someone makes a mistake to tell her that it's okay."

With the gradual return of Boyle, Schweitzer continues to play an important role on the team and will remain in charge of scouting during January while Boyle tries to limit her travel and regain her strength.

"Georgia has so much to offer, especially because she just graduated last year," Boyle said. "She has added another dimension to our staff and acts as a liaison between the coaches and players. The players respect her so much, and that's so important in this profession."

Despite the emotional turmoil caused by Boyle's illness and the recent departure of reserves Crystal White and Rometra Craig, the Blue Devils have responded in impressive fashion, losing only one game in Boyle's absence (to No. 2 Tennessee) and building a 6-0 ACC record after the transfers were announced.

"The players have dealt with a lot recently," Boyle said. "They could have responded by feeling sorry for themselves or by regrouping and becoming even closer. Fortunately, they have responded well to the challenge, and their strength as a group has helped me and touched me during my recovery."

Boise State names the new women's head golf coach

Bronco Sports Information

Boise State athletic director Gene Bleymaier announced the hiring of Lisa Wasinger as Boise State's new women's golf coach today. Wasinger replaces Beth Bindner who stepped down effective Jan. 19. Wasinger begins her new duties at Boise State next Tuesday, Jan. 22.

"I am very pleased that we have someone with Lisa's background and

experience joining the staff," Bleymaier said. "She will be a real asset to our program."

Wasinger spent the last year and a half as the assistant coach at Idaho. While at Idaho she served as both men's and women's assistant coach and was responsible for recruiting, as well as managing travel, camp and tournament budgets.

Wasinger graduated from Gonzaga University in the Spring of 2000. While at

Gonzaga, she was the Bulldogs' 2000 Female Athlete of the Year and was a first-team all-West Coast Conference choice in 1996 and a second-team choice in 2000. A native of Oak Harbor, Wash., Wasinger was a three-time tournament winner for the Bulldogs.

Wasinger replaces Bindner who stepped down after two and a half seasons as the Broncos coach.

NFL Playoff Schedule

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Oakland 38, N.Y. Jets 24
Green Bay 25, San Francisco 15
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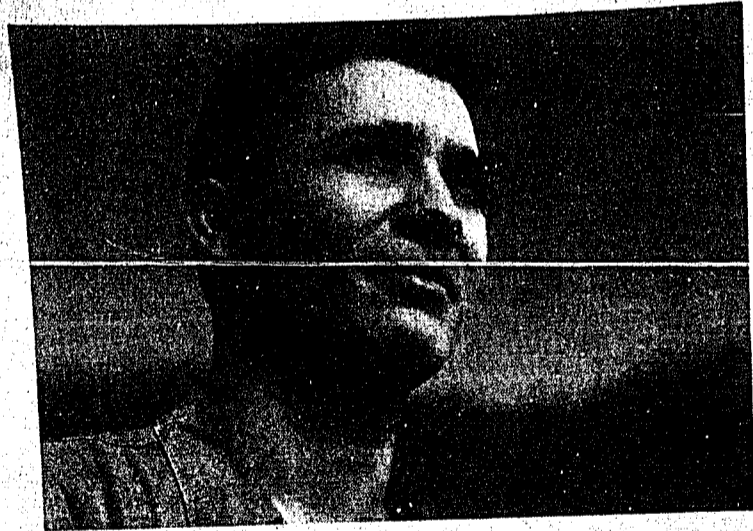
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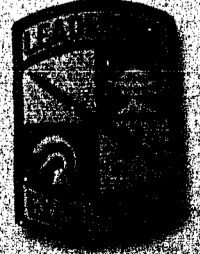
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Local film debauches the West

First feature for both directors

By J. Patrick Kelly
The Arbiter

When Boise filmmakers, Mark Bangarter and Chase Church, decided to co-direct a full-length feature film, one thing was for sure: they were both feeling a little naughty.

Their collaboration, *Rodeo Queens* features rodeo competitions, beer drinking, zany small town rivalries and, of course, a whole slew of transvestite rodeo queens.

The film is originally Church's brainchild, although Bangarter wrote the screenplay. Church, a Boise State graduate, is producing the film.

Rodeo Queens is a "fractured fairy tale" about a small cow-punch town called Paradise, Idaho. Many of the exterior shots were filmed in the desert east of Boise, near Black Creek's Road. The film is due to be completed in late spring.

For Bangarter, a mixed-media artist and former art instructor at Boise State, *Rodeo Queens* is his introduction into the world of full-length feature color filmmaking. His three other projects are short films, dealing with the darker side of human emotion. Church assisted on all three films.

Bangarter's first two films, *Suicide* and *Seven Balls*, are shorts, shot with black & white 16mm film. He said they are stylistically similar films that border on the fringe of existentialism.

His third film, *Hole*, a 15-

minute black & white short, was shot digitally on video. All of Bangarter's black & white footage shows his love affair with the expressionistic German and Russian filmmakers of the early 20th century.

"Foreign films are visually beautiful. They're not this... Kick me in the ass, quick flash action. They're more philosophical. They're more interested in the composition of the images," Bangarter said.

Bangarter looks at filmmaking from a purely artistic viewpoint.

"I like to build to a beautiful composition, like a painting. I look at the film format exactly the way you would look at a painting. I want the negative spaces to speak real strongly, and the positive images to do the same."

Church, on the other hand, has a penchant for the absurd antics of notorious filmmakers like Ed Wood and John Waters, who both used cross-dressers in their films.

"This project represents trash art based on what I have learned from these two masters," Church said.

"Several of our [Bangarter and his] friends volunteered to take female roles to fill out the cast, and they were so excited to be part of the project that playing a female role didn't bother them."

The last scene shot for *Rodeo Queens* was at the Sands Motel on State Street. Evidently, right after Bangarter called action, an actor portraying a sheriff, banged the butt of his



From left to right: The Sheriff, Lula, Chase Church (Producer), Paw Paw, Indian Girl. Foreground: Fawn.

Photo courtesy of Chase Church

Bangarter and Church's film chronology:

Suicide, 1998, a five-minute black & white film, shot with a 16mm motion picture camera. Written and directed by Bangarter. Church assisted on the project.

Seven Balls, 1999, a 25-minute black & white film, shot with a 16mm motion picture camera. Written and directed by Bangarter. Church assisted on the project.

Hole, 2000, a 15-minute black & white film, shot digitally on video. Written and directed by Bangarter. Church assisted on the project.

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Weekly Horoscope

January 14-20, 2002 By Lasha Senluk

By Linda C. Black
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Today's Birthday (Jan. 17). All is not as it appears this year. The more you learn, the more interesting life becomes. Just when you think you have it all figured out, something else changes. Might as well get used to it. Don't take anything for granted. Pay attention!

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - You're good at moving quickly. You see what needs to be done, and you do it. But don't trust that impulse now. Proceed with caution. What you see on the surface isn't all that's going on.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - What would you have to do to get that promotion? If it's something you wouldn't feel good about, don't do it. But don't turn down an opportunity just because it's a stretch. That goes for whatever challenge you're contemplating.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - All of a sudden you're running into problems. Something that looked like a sure thing could go sour. It's harder to get your message across or to make the sale. Just wait a while. Things are changing. Pay attention.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - Something you were hoping for is still just beyond reach, and something you were worried about doesn't materialize. Stop focusing so hard on what might happen and enjoy what you've accomplished.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 - It may be difficult to explain to a loved one why he or she can't have a treat. Expenses are running a little higher than anticipated. Promise a special, affordable adventure on Saturday.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - You and an older person - your boss, teacher or one of your parents - has been way too strict. You wouldn't mind normal rules, but this is excessive. But who listens to you? This older person might, with somebody else on your side.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is a 6 - You're scrambling to keep up. You're working overtime, and nothing is going right. You're running into all sorts of glitches, and there's only one more day to make your deadline. If only you'd worked instead of playing the first part of this week. Nah, it would have been this way anyway.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - You're luckier with love now than you are with money. You can promise your sweetheart the moon, but save the fancy presents for some other time. Give each other encouragement instead, and dig in. You can weather a financial setback.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Things at home may be a mess, but conditions are shifting in your favor. By this weekend, everything will seem possible again. You will have solved this puzzle.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Hit the books! You'll learn that something you were worried about can't hurt you at all. You might decide to start avoiding something else.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Stay pragmatic for a little while longer. Close the deal, and get it all down in writing. Take care of business.

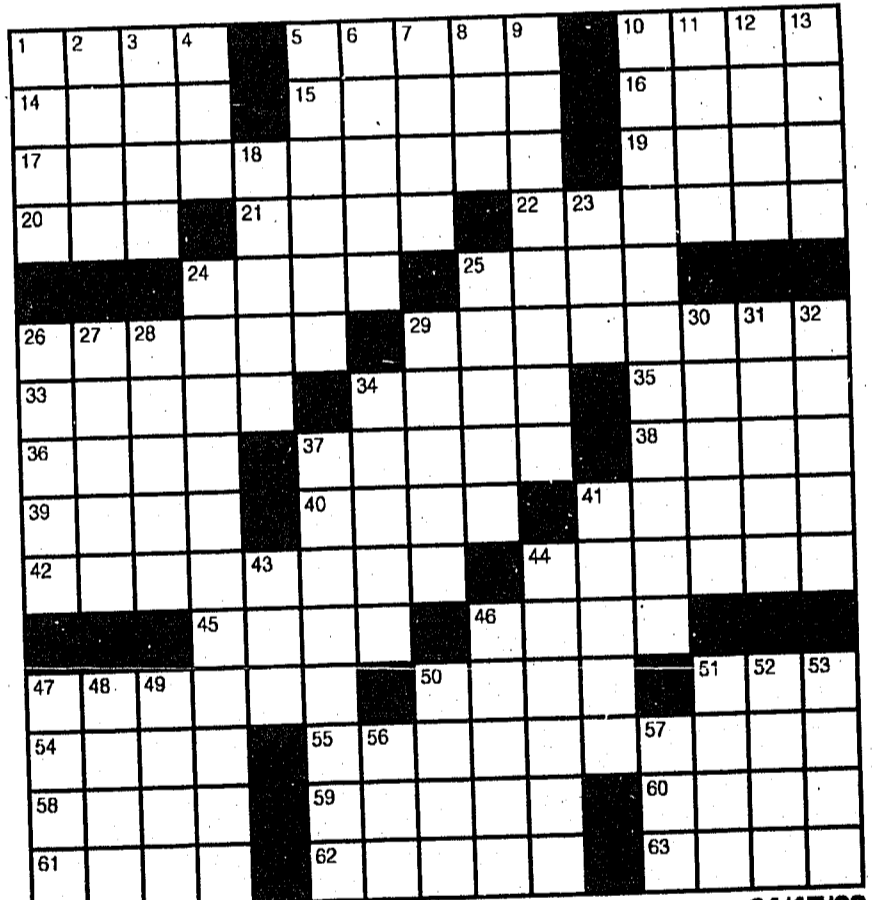
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Is something happening that you don't agree with? Is an authority figure trying to push something through? Something that affects your life? Don't just sit there. Make lots of noise!

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- ACROSS**
- Unflappable
 - Ancient Yemen
 - Toll House cookie morsel
 - Star State
 - Christmas tune
 - Take on
 - Rude
 - Way off
 - Chairman
 - Stick with a stick
 - Northern weasel
 - Gratuities
 - Dreary
 - Shoves
 - Supervisor
 - Like a rainbow
 - Car on call
 - Gossipy Barrett
 - Skiers' ride
 - Savory jelly
 - Assumed a reclining position
 - Container weight
 - CD alternative
 - A la
 - Ground troops
 - Swindle
 - Prickly plants
 - Caramel-topped custard
 - North or South follower
 - New Mexico art colony
 - Afore
 - Light beige
 - Pronunciation mark
 - Give off
 - Boss of Tammany Hall
 - Science magazine
 - Base cafeteria
 - Easy touch
 - Cheer (for)

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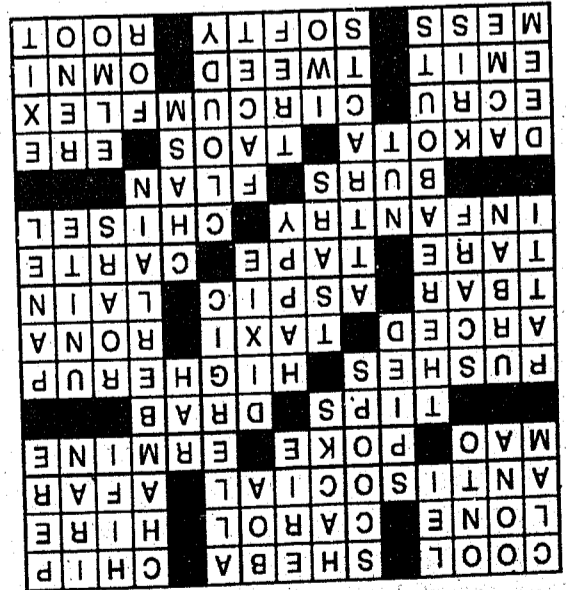


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- Hypersensitive
- Sovereign's chief steward
- Pre-stereo sound system
- Persia, now
- Pierre's father
- Caught sight of
- College cheer
- Near that place
- The South
- Singer Smith
- Citified
- Table runner
- Delighted
- Comments from Simba
- Form a bond
- Judging committee
- Winter Palace rulers
- Captivates
- Abbyss
- Kernel
- Overcast



- Aspect
- Consider
- Highest point
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