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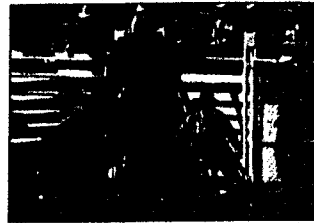
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## Panelists discuss U.S. foreign policy

### Survey: Reality differs from American ideals

By Jessica Adams  
The Arbitrator

The Snake River Alliance hosted a panel discussion in response to the recently released Pew Global Attitudes Survey titled, "What the world thinks in 2002."

International panelists shared their perspectives on U.S. involvement in sovereign countries.

Boise State student-at-large Ali Ishaq was part of the discussion titled, "How others see us: U.S. propaganda v. reality."

Ishaq, whose family emigrated to the U.S. 10 years ago from United Arab Emirates, accompanied four other panelists from Afghanistan, Iran, Columbia and Nigeria.

Martin Orr, BSU sociology professor, facilitated the dis-

cussion. Orr presented the survey results in an opening address.

According to survey, which interviewed more than 38,000 people in 63 languages and dialects, people around the world embrace things American and at the same time, decry U.S. influence on their societies.

Panelists agreed that international opinion of the U.S. is complicated and contradictory.

Ishaq said abroad there is both "love for American ideals and hate for American government policy."

"This huge chasm exists between American rhetoric and American action ... the problem is with the American government, not its people," Ishaq said.

Myriam Osorio, an Albertson College Spanish professor from Colombia, said the duality of American image is not surprising.

"Those who support war embraced colonialism, they loved American stuff and ideals, but the reality is

oppression. My friends at the university were skeptical about neo-colonialism," Osorio said.

"The only thing that pays is to grow cocoa leaves ... that is the most tragic part of the war on drugs ... the people are being abandoned by their government."

Panelists agreed the American government is also disconnected from its people.

Azam Houle, from Iran, said the majority of Americans are unaware of the extent of U.S. involvement



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overseas.

"It is amazing to think that this is a promotion of democracy," Houle said.

"America is not Pillsbury dough boy. Democracy is not a superstar."

Dayo Onanubusi, a criminal defense lawyer originally from Nigeria, said he had to question the Bush administration's motives for allocating support for AIDS in Africa.

"Africa is like a forgotten continent, I guess we should be happy about the president's financial sup-

port for AIDS," Onanubusi said.

"He's gonna send a bunch of money to Africa and make a whole bunch of black people happy. Now I have to question the political motives."

Yasmin Hamidi, from Afghanistan, said Americans only hear what the media tells them.

"What they don't know is that Afghanistan was bombed since 9-11. They don't know how hard it is to get even one meal a day," Hamidi said.

"Do you know how many Afghans are being killed? Do you realize how they are being killed?" Hamidi asked the crowd.

"I have to shut up my mouth because, what will happen to my family?"

About 150 people from different walks of life attended the Snake River Alliance panel discussion on Saturday evening at Lindsay Hall.

Boise Food Not Bombs provided a vegetarian meal. Local band, Big Blue Sky ser-

enaded guests.

The SRA Outreach Coordinator, Jeremy Maxand, said he came up with the idea for the panel because the U.S. government is pushing to improve their image abroad.

"I thought this would be a good opportunity to talk about the realities of U.S. actions abroad and the best way to do that is by talking to the people who have lived there," Maxand said.

According to Maxand, turnout for the event was much greater than expected. About half of the guests were SRA members and the non-profit group added 10 more members that night.

"People around the world are counting on decent, level-headed Americans to stand up for human rights and protest their government," Maxand said.

"People need to be outspoken about their viewpoints. Leaders are often not representative of the people. People need to communicate with those in power."

## Lecture series looks at consumption of porn

By Linda Cook  
The Arbitrator

Christian groups on campus conducted lectures this week that examined pornography and its affects on college students.

"The Power of Porn," a multi-media presentation, looked at the role of pornography and its affects on those who consume it.

The two-part series featured a lecture Tuesday with a follow-up session Wednesday. The sessions featured talks by individuals on the affects of pornography on their own lives.

Rick Schell of the Campus Crusade for Christ, one of the sponsoring organizations, said, "More money is spent on porn than all of the arts combined. More money is spent on porn than on the NFL, Major League Baseball and NBA combined. It's a 10 to 14 billion dollar-a-year industry."

Gene McConnell of Authentic Relationships based in Cincinnati is the producer and presenter. McConnell aims his programs at the college student.

"The #1 consumer of pornography is the college student. ... They are about to make choices that will affect the rest of their lives," McConnell said.

McConnell said he is concerned by how media images, particularly pornographic ones, affect how people view each other.

"About 98 percent of women are censored from the media because they don't have the right body shape or size. This reduces women to body parts."

The results can be deadly according to McConnell, who notes that one of every four college-age women struggle with an eating disorder, and even more having



Photo by Jeremy Branstad, The Arbitrator

Gene McConnell talks about the objectification of women, his own past porn addiction, and his daughter, who attempted suicide because she didn't feel beautiful.

problems with body image.

McConnell said that in addition to the images that surround them in young adulthood, many women have been affected by pornography much earlier.

"A woman sees what gets her father's attention. It's what she first learns about relationships. If he's consuming porn she learns that daddy values this."

Melissa Wintrow of the BSU Women's Center said

it's a complex issue and feminists have different views on the subject, including concerns about censorship.

Wintrow said many feminists also distinguish between pornography and "erotica," with erotica being defined as sexual material but lacking coercion, violence or degradation.

McConnell believes "soft-core pornography" can be a gateway to the more extreme or illegal forms, but he says

the majority of users will not take it to the level of violence.

"But everyone is affected," he said.

"We live in a pornographic culture."

McConnell said he does not advocate censorship. "I'm not here to tell them they're bad for consuming this. I'm just saying lets take an honest look at what it is."

In the past year, McConnell said he has spo-

ken to 40,000 college students. His presentations have taken place in sororities, social science classes and women's studies classes.

At BSU, in addition to Campus Crusade for Christ, the program is being co-sponsored by Baptist Campus Ministries, Interservice Christian Fellowship and the St. Paul's Catholic Student Group.

## Non-traditional enrollment surges

### Budget woes put cap on services

By Vicki Parsley  
The Arbitrator

Boise State Spring 2003 enrollment is up 5.4 percent from last year.

In January 2001, the Treasure Valley began to see an increase in company layoffs.

According to Idaho regional labor market analyst Jennifer Pirtle, the record enrollment in the schools around the state suggests a number of people left

the labor force to further their educations.

"The data shows that between 2001 and 2002, there was a decrease in the number of persons employed and an increase in the number of persons unemployed; the two numbers do not match because a number of persons may have left the labor force for a variety of reasons," Pirtle said.

Pirtle said people stop looking for work after a while if they cannot find work or after their unemployment benefits run out and they are forced to make other decisions.

They often move to other areas to search for work and

they can go back to school to improve their work skills.

According to Mark Wheeler, dean of BSU Enrollment Services, non-traditional students are returning to college in record numbers to increase their job skills. At the same time, the recession increases the financial woes of educational budgets.

Wheeler said Boise State has been growing steadily since 1995. But until a couple of years ago, growth averaged about two percent per year. In the last two years growth has averaged 4.6 percent. That's over 800 additional students each year.

"Certainly the economy

has been part of the reason that enrollment has grown so rapidly the last few years. It's tougher to find jobs so people are coming to the University and retraining. We did see a bump in the numbers of 25 to 40 year olds this year, which is most likely due to the poor job market," Wheeler said.

Beginning in fall '03, new admissions standards go into affect.

Wheeler said the result will make degree-seeking admission to BSU undergraduate programs the most competitive of the public universities in the state.

"But we're putting mechanisms in place to grow at a

more manageable rate, preferably around two percent per year again. In large part, the pace we can maintain depends on the resources the State makes available to us," Wheeler said.

"Given that resources aren't keeping up with demand, we're starting to focus those limited resources on the students who are most likely to benefit from them."

In the past three years, the BSU Canyon County Center has experienced major impact from enrollment growth.

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## RELAX

### Seniors can land good jobs with patience

By Katherine Tiernan  
The Greyhound  
(Loyola College-Maryland)

In a recessed economy with a current hiring slow down, many college seniors and recent graduates are having difficulty finding the job of their dreams right after graduation.

But while the job market is weak to say the least, employment opportunities do exist, according to CreSaundra Sills, director of career development and placement.

"People have to look at more options and not be so selective," Sills said.

According to the National Association for Colleges and Employment, the hiring rate for new college graduates in the Northeast is down 11 percent, compared with a 7.4 percent drop in the South, and 7.7 percent in the Midwest. Hiring is up 3.3 percent in the West, but Sills cautions that those numbers might be skewed because of several large companies based there that are doing a lot of hiring. Overall the national hiring average is down 5.5 percent, and the national unemployment rate currently stands at 6 percent, according to the National Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The few jobs graduates are getting are what many would consider a jumping-off point, Sills said. While that job may not lead a student directly to his or her career path of choice, the job is more likely to be somehow related to the student's field of interest. The job a student finds now is just that: a job, not a career.

"Basically I am just looking for anything right now to get some real world experience and then maybe go to grad school," Mitch Novoa said, a senior finance major. Sills also said that to find jobs, it is important for students to look at companies and regions of the country that they would not have considered before.

"I am more open to opportunities that I wouldn't have been in the past," Novoa said.

"Like in non-finance or just the finance field."

Sills said the class of 2003 is "savvier than most." The number of students attending workshops, signing up for on campus interviews and attending job fairs is higher than any class before, perhaps because they are in a state of panic over the grim reality of the current job market.

# News

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## Campus Shorts

### Midwest

#### Community colleges going for class with national rankings

CHICAGO - Long cast as higher education's neglected second-tier, community colleges have never had national magazine rankings or big guidebooks that help students - and the schools themselves - see how they measure up.

Now, some higher education experts hope to change that through a national survey measuring, for the first time, just what students get from two-year colleges.

The survey, by the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin, creates a national benchmark for community colleges, allowing them to compare their effectiveness against their peers.

Researchers are also cataloging characteristics of the students and painting a picture of the pressures, financial woes and other obstacles facing nontraditional students flocking to community colleges. These students, older working adults with families, immigrants and the poor, present huge challenges for community college leaders.

Traditional measures of success for four-year colleges - retention rates, graduation rates, how selective the college is in the admission process - often don't apply to community colleges, whose mission is based on open access.

Instead, the survey uses other measures to gauge quality, such as how challenged the students feel, the time they spend with professors and the level of support they get from the college staff.

#### More college students giving textbooks a pass

ST. LOUIS, Mo. - More

than a week into Ron Mozelewski's introductory economics class, only about half of his students have bought the assigned book. Mozelewski says that's the way it's been for several years in his classes and those of some of his colleagues.

And they're worried about it.

So is the National Association of College Stores, which estimates that about 20 percent of undergraduates nationwide aren't buying the books their professors expect them to have. In surveys, only about 42 percent of students have told the association they think textbooks are necessary.

The association is running a test campaign on 18 campuses to bring the situation to the attention of faculty members.

"Faculty believe that having textbooks correlates with student success," said Laura Nakoneczny, spokeswoman for the group.

No question that many students are put off by cost. The price has been rising rapidly as publishers have updated content, printed books on better paper, added color and graphics and, in some cases, packaged them with compact discs.

Gary Shapiro, a senior vice president of Follett Corp., which operates 680 stores on 550 college campuses around the country, puts the average price of a college textbook today at \$72.83.

### West

#### More schools incorporate training for jobs in homeland security

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Three years ago, area colleges and universities hustled to create courses that would prepare students for jobs in the booming high-tech industry.

Now, with the tech econo-



A handmade cross has been erected on the spot where remains of one of the Columbia astronauts was found near Hemphill, Texas on Monday.

my in shambles, higher education has shifted its focus to one of today's hottest sectors: homeland security.

Trade schools, colleges and universities are offering new programs in everything from preventing cyber-attacks, to crime scene investigation - valuable for tracking down terrorists. The classes will target those in security-type jobs, as well as those interested in learning the skills.

Take Colorado Technical University, which recently unveiled certification programs, degrees and courses in fields such as computer security and criminal justice.

The university, which has 1,800 students enrolled at its Colorado Springs campus, tailored the new programs around the needs of law enforcement, the military, local governments and the private sector.

"After Sept. 11, we re-investigated what we needed to do to meet the demands of employers," said David Leasure, vice president of academic affairs at Colorado Tech.

"We asked employers what kind of people will they be looking for, what skill sets are they going to need, where will the jobs be?"

The federal government has made it clear homeland security is a top priority, earmarking \$38 billion this year to prepare for and protect the nation from terrorism. That's nearly double the homeland security budget in 2002.

#### Durex conducts Internet survey about condoms

LINCOLN, Neb. - How long would you wait before jumping in the sack? Durex recently posed questions like these and others in an on-line survey to find out about condom use in young adults.

Durex Sex and Relationship Educator Sari Locker, who helped decipher the results of the survey, said the results are more trustworthy than a face-to-face interview because most people placed in a situation with this topic are less likely to be honest.

Locker also added that while some of the results were expected, there were a few that she found surprising.

For instance, another survey taken recently found that 52 percent of college-age people were sexually active by the age of 18.

On the other hand, the survey found that 92 percent

of their respondents were getting lucky by age 18.

Another statistic she said she found surprising was that when women were asked why they had sex for the first time, 12 percent gave an answer of "to get it over with."

The majority of men however, when asked the same question, said they had done the deed "because they had the chance."

Only 17 percent of respondents said they would be honest with their partner about having an STD. Sixty-six percent of those surveyed used condoms as their main method of contraception.

Locker said Durex was surprised when the results showed that despite the fact people are more sexually active than ever, all respondents indicated they would eventually stop using condoms.

Exactly half said they would stop either at marriage or after their partner had been tested for STD/HIV.

News shorts are compiled by Brandon Fiala from KRT and U-Wire news services.

## News Bucket

### Higher Ed Coalition offers lobbyist training

For students worried about educational funding, fee increases and Idaho politics in general, the Higher Education Coalition is training students how to lobby to effectively influence Idaho politics.

HEC will meet Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. on Feb. 5, 12 in the SUB Jordan C Ball Room.

If you can't make it, but are interested in learning how to lobby or influence politics, BSU College Democrats will meet with you at a later.

Democrat students are currently sitting in on House and Senate committee meetings throughout the week in an effort to show legislatures that students do care about their education.

If you would like to join them, call Lea at 284-6537.

### Cultural Center presents Black History Month

BSU's Cultural Center, in conjunction with Student Programs Board, Student Involvement and the Women's Center, will present musical performances, a film and a lecturer and comedienne in celebration of Black History Month in February.

The commemoration will extend into March and include the following events:

- Feb. 12 Nada Brahma
- Feb. 19 Boise State Big Band
- Feb. 22 Marian Anderson String Quartet
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## Roe vs. Wade should be overturned



By Jared Kenning  
The Arbiter

The central issue surrounding the abortion debate is whether a baby in the womb is a human being, or simply has the potential to become a human being.

If the baby is a human being, then abortion would clearly be murder, clearly be wrong, and we could all agree that Roe vs. Wade should be overturned.

The debate usually falls under the when-does-life-begin question. Pro-choice people point out that the baby isn't fully human, and that even a single sperm cell carries all the biological characteristics of life. Is spilling

your sperm murder?

Pro-life folks look at biology and say: basic nervous system at five weeks, heart beat at six, all major organs present at eight, and able to survive if born two months early. Of course it's a human. But there is a side, not strictly biological, that should be looked at: When does personhood begin? Inside the womb or outside the mother?

I argue that personhood — with all the value any human being walking on this planet holds — is present in babies before they are born for the following reasons:

1. Babies show a great deal of personality — a key characteristic of any individual. A friend of mine said of her daughter, "Catherine has been contrary from conception. She refused to be found when they looked for her heartbeat. Right before I was about to give the final push, she tried to go back and refused to come out. Finally, with coaxing, she came. And she's been contrary ever since." Most mothers have similar stories.

2. Babies show an amazing desire and ability to com-

municate, which signals their need not only for other people, but their need to express themselves. When my wife was pregnant with our daughter Hana, I would often talk to Hana and most times she would come to my voice and kick where my mouth was. Whether she was telling me to shut up or saying hi, I'm not sure, but it was a beautiful form of communication and expression.

3. Babies also show strong signs that they have feelings and emotional needs — like all of us. Psychologists and other doctors have done studies on fetuses and many claim that it is possible to deprive the baby emotional-

ly if the mother ignores the baby.

The fact that some people claim the arbitrary moment of passing out of the vagina to be the moment personhood starts perplexes me. Why? Is the pain of the passage a kind of initiation into life? The oxygen flowing through the nose?

This is weak reasoning to justify burning babies to death with concentrated salt, or cutting them up with a sterile scalpel, or sucking their brains out before the last push that would bring them into this world.

But what about the coat-hanger abortions and the in-the-alley-done-by-the-school-janitor abortions,

which are bound to happen if we make abortion illegal? One might ask this. Yet, does giving a killer a machinegun with a silencer in exchange for a dull hatchet make the crime less horrible?

Babies show an incredible amount of personhood in the womb, just at a different developmental stage. This does not mean they aren't human. We use terms like embryo and fetus to dehumanize them but we should use these terms — just like we

say infant, adolescent, adult — as a name for and a right to life.

Perhaps the one characteristic babies in the womb don't share with us is that of choice, but only because it has been taken away from them, not because they don't desire it.

Babies are people and deserve the right to life that we all claim to hold in high esteem. Roe vs. Wade should be overturned.

When does personhood begin? Inside the womb or outside the mother?

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## Human rights need retooling

By Penny Tomlinson  
Student

I am taking a risk. This risk involves a subject so taboo and so full of emotion that people have rioted and murdered because of it. It is that of human rights.

This is going to take a twist I know you're not going to like. In asking why racism is still alive, I want to discuss the absurdity of human rights and the damage this political dogma has done to today's society.

I am white. I am female. My husband is white, but as suggested, he is not female. I have more rights than he has. I find it disgusting that by simple virtue of my gender, I will have more job opportunities in this world than he ever will.

Some women might say that I should appreciate those feminists who have rallied so I might have competitive wages. I frown on them.

I am grateful for those women who led the suffrage, but some feminists have taken this too far. Can you even imagine a day when someone rallies for the white Christian male? There would be an outcry.

People would call on the court system to say it was unconstitutional. But the feminists stand up there with their vagina power and cry: "Unfair! I have been suppressed since the caveman

age when I was forced to be the gatherer and bear his children! No more!"

I see attitudes like this and look at my husband who struggles not to step on anyone's toes and stays out of the way. He sees a feminist at his work and whimpers as she calls him things like "a good boy." He is aware that if he were to say anything like that to her, he would most likely lose his job.

Yes, I realize that some women have to work to support families. Some choose to work. That's great. But do we have to take this so far as to be better than others? I thought human rights were about equality, not about being better.

Take racism for instance. Idaho is predominantly white. I am not native to Idaho. In fact I'm not native to anywhere. I'm a military brat. I was fortunate to mingle with many people from other races. I have even been the subject of racism myself. In my experience, racism is caused by ignorance.

I have never met a truly educated person who is racist. I don't mean educated in the sense of a university education. I mean educated in the sense of a mother slapping you around for thinking you are better.

I was participating in an internship two years ago when a black girl accused the white girls of bossing all the blacks around. Another intern, who happened to be black, put her in her place. Just because I was white didn't mean I was bossing others around.

We were all peers. And most of us realized that. It was a strong teamwork environment and we couldn't have anyone thinking they were better. The girl who made the racist comment alienated herself so much so that she ended up not finishing the internship.

Everyone was grateful when she and her attitudes were gone. We wanted to become closer. Pointing out that we were different colors made that difficult.

I want to point out I use the word black because I also use the word white. I'll use African-American when others start using English-American, German-American or Italian-American.

Everyone can probably be accused of being racist or anti-equal opportunity. Unfortunately, hubris is an innate human quality; the human race is full of pride and we always want to be better than someone else.

The Pilgrims came to America for human rights. Unfortunately, they also thought they were better than others. Through the years they thought they were better than the Irish or the Italians, who in turn thought they were better than others. And the daisy chain continues.

America is too diverse for this. I believe we should take the focus off black and white. I'm white. You're black. Can't it rest at that? I have brown hair. You have blonde. Race is no more than what we make it.

**HUMAN RIGHTS EMPHASIZE EQUALITY.**

Let's take the emphasis off of how oppressed and different we are. In the long run, we all suffer from the same thing — being human.

Maybe we could even make some room for the white Christian male.

He sees a feminist at his work and whimpers as she calls him things like "a good boy." He is aware that if he were to say anything like that to her, he would most likely lose his job.

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# Sports

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## Bronco gymnasts score big in Cedar City

The Boise State gymnastics team scored 193.6 to Southern Utah's 193.825 on Tuesday. The Broncos return home to prepare for another road trip this coming weekend. Boise State will compete at Cal along with Cal State Fullerton and UC Davis this Sunday.

On Tuesday night the Broncos' highlights included a first place tie for Bronco teammates Breanne Holmes and Heidi White on beam with 9.925's. Holmes and another Bronco teammate Kea Cuaresma also scored 9.775's on vault to tie for second. Holmes and yet another Bronco teammate, Stephanie Stewart, score 9.8's on bars to tie for third on that event.

Boise State's Tiffany Putnam scored a 9.85 on floor to take second. Putnam was named the conference's athlete of the week for her performance last week against Cal in Boise.

Southern Utah's Sheena Shaw won the all-around with a 39.15 (9.7 on vault, 9.85 on bars, 9.8 on beam, and 9.8 on floor).

— Bronco Sports Information



## Men's Basketball

### Thursday

Nevada at Boise State @ 7:30 in the Pavilion

Hawai'i at Louisiana Tech

SJSU at SMU

Fresno State at UTEP

### Saturday

Fresno State at Boise State @ 7:30 in the Pavilion

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# Broncos face Nevada, former Bronco standout

## Men's basketball to battle with WAC's top two teams

By Phil Dailey  
The Arbiter

The Boise State men's basketball team is coming off a rough southern road swing losing to Louisiana Tech and defeating Southern Methodist in overtime on last Saturday night.

Tonight in The Pavilion, the Broncos welcome Nevada, and on Saturday night take on conference front-runner Fresno State.

Back on Jan. 11, the Broncos (10-9 overall, 4-5 Western Athletic Conference) dropped a road loss to the Wolf Pack (11-8, 6-2), but look to avenge this loss against the conference's second place team.

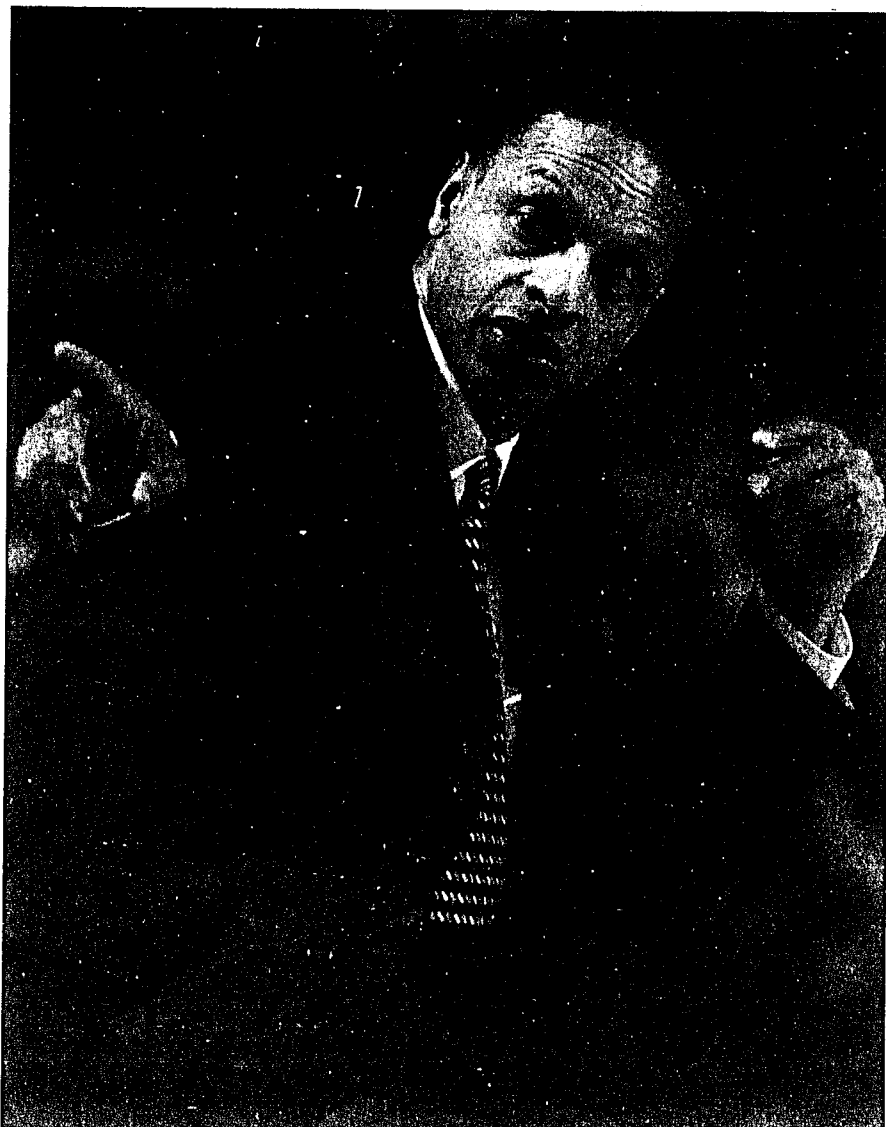
Nevada could be considered the biggest surprise of the season, and with the coaching of former Boise State player Trent Johnson, are right where they need to be in order to win their first ever WAC championship.

Much like the Broncos, Nevada is a relative newcomer to the WAC, joining the conference back in 2000, one year before Boise State.

Through the leadership of Johnson, the Wolf Pack are having their best season since its Big West days back in the late '90s.

Johnson played at Boise State from 1974-78 helping the Broncos to an NCAA-tournament appearance as well as earning Big Sky All-Conference honors his senior year.

Nevada is coming off its



Former Boise State basketball player Trent Johnson and the Nevada Wolf Pack play the Broncos tonight in the Pavilion.

biggest wins of the season last week as they defeated Hawai'i and conference front-runner, Fresno State — both games played in Reno. "Were continuing to play better each time out," said Johnson about his team's

efforts against the Bulldogs. It's widely known throughout the WAC that Nevada's Kirk Snyder is the main man for the Wolf Pack, but against Fresno State Garry Hill-Thomas gave Nevada a boost.

"He really takes the ball to the basket," Johnson said. "Inside 17 (feet) he's a pretty good player." Hill-Thomas scored 26 in the win against Fresno State. Even though Johnson is now the head coach at

# Bronco gymnast making name in all-around

Tanya Dobson  
The Arbiter



Standing at a mere 5-foot-2-inches, sophomore Carla Chambers is dominating Boise State gymnastics

this season. Chambers has succeeded finishing in the all-around at every meet the Broncos have competed in this year.

"I've been in the all-around since I started and

my goal is to stay there," Chambers said.

Chamber also has many other aspirations for herself and the team this season, which include keeping healthy, improving at every meet, a bid to regional and then on to nationals.

"As a team, we've accomplished a lot at each meet that is going to help us on our way to regional and from there hopefully on to nationals," said Chambers.

For the team to make it to nationals they must place in

the top two as a team at regional. The team qualifies for regional through the scores they receive at each meet. Individual team members can qualify on their own by placing first or second in their event. However, this year Chambers would really like to see the team go as a whole.

"We just need to remain positive after every meet."

For Chambers however, success is nothing new. Last season as a true freshman,

Chambers was Boise State's Gymnast of the Year and one of the team's top all-around competitors. She was named to the Western Gymnastics Conference all-conference team for floor exercise where she took second with a score of 9.9. Her career high in the all-around was a 39.2, which took place March 16, 2002.

"Carla's awesome. She's got spirit, focus and a real team leader," said head coach Sam Sandmire.

In fact, Chambers, origi-

Nevada, he still enjoys making it back to Boise.

"It's a special place," Johnson said.

"There will always be a place in my heart for Boise."

If playing the second place WAC team wasn't enough, on Saturday the Broncos take on the first place team, Fresno State (15-4, 8-2).

Like Nevada's Johnson, Fresno State head coach also has ties to Idaho.

Ray Lopes played his college basketball at Albertson College of Idaho where he helped lead the Coyotes to consecutive district championships.

In his first year as head coach for the Bulldogs, Lopes has this years squad over-achieving.

This season was to be of a rebuilding year for Fresno State after losing three players from last year's team to the NBA Draft. But it's been anything but a rebuilding year as the Bulldogs sit a top the WAC with only two conference losses.

The only knock on the Bulldogs this season is their inconsistency on the road.

All four losses have come on the road against respectable opponents, which include No. 11 Oklahoma State, Washington State, Hawai'i and last week to Nevada.

Lopes and the Bulldogs realize what Boise State is capable of after already knocking off Tulsa and Hawai'i in The Pavilion earlier this season.

"They are good, they're finding ways to win," said Lopes about the Broncos.

"They have a lot of guys who can score."

Game time for tonight and Saturday is at 7:30 p.m.

## Athlete of the Week

Tiffany Putnam



Bronco sophomore Tiffany Putnam was named the Western Gymnastics Conference Athlete of the Week.

Putnam, from Arlington, Wash., scored a 9.7 on bars, a 9.65 on beam and a 9.925 on floor. Her floor routine's 9.925 took first on that event against California on Friday evening in Boise. Her scores also contributed to a season high team score for the Broncos of 194.875.

The Boise State gymnastics

team has a busy week scheduled for this coming seven days. Next Tuesday the Broncos will compete at Southern Utah University, a Western Gymnastics Conference opponent for the Broncos. Boise State then returns home for a few days, before heading to California on the weekend to compete on Sunday, Feb. 9 at California along with Cal State Fullerton and UC Davis.

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## Classical guitarist to perform at Boise State

By Justin Prescott  
The Arbiter

Classical guitarist Jason Vieaux is famous worldwide for his perfection in technical ability and the musical charisma to match.

His winning combination has taken him all over the world, including an upcoming spring tour of Japan and Malaysia.

His current tour is bringing him to Boise for the second time.

Joseph Baldassarre, music professor and guitar teacher at Boise State, describes Vieaux's program as accessible and varied.

The pieces Vieaux will play range from Baroque to modern, including works from Mozart and Bach as well as from 20th Century composers such as Manuel Ponce and Ian Krouse.

On Vieaux's proficiency Baldassarre said, "There are only a few people who can claim that."

Vieaux's first appearance in Boise was in 1993 on a tour after he won the 1992 Guitar Foundation of America international competition. He was the youngest guitarist to ever win the first prize.

In 2002, Vieaux was chosen as a National Public Radio "Performance Today" Young Artist in Residence, which resulted in his performance on national radio.

Vieaux is currently head of the Cleveland Institute of Music guitar department.

He has played as a concerto soloist with the likes of the Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland Pops, the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia and the Auckland Philharmonic.

Aside from touring to



Jason Vieaux and his guitar.

Photo courtesy of Boise State News Services

such places as Spain, New Zealand, Nepal and India, Vieaux has released six recordings, one of which has sold over 30,000 copies.

Of Vieaux's performance the Virginia Gazette wrote, "His ability to make his instrument sing is developed

and refined ... Expectedly, Vieaux's interpretations left nothing to be desired except a return visit."

Vieaux will perform at the Morrison Center Recital Hall on Sunday, Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students

and seniors.

Tickets are available at Old Boise Guitar located at 525 Main St. in Boise, at the BSU Music Department office, by calling David Boehlke at 344-0258 or at the door.

## Fund-raiser seeks to continue fringe theater

By Tammy Sands  
The Arbiter

Spontaneous Productions is known for its fringe theater, the theater that nobody else will touch. They are the only company in town with rights to put on *The Rocky Horror Show*, for example.

Theater at Spontaneous Productions strives towards expansion of local culture, diversity and education to inspire tolerance and respect for all community members.

Or, simply put in the company's mission statement, "to push the envelope a bit and do shows other people won't do."

Spontaneous Productions is a non-profit organization that works year round, performing several full-length plays, improvs, one-acts and musical reviews.

Actors, staff and board members are all volunteers in the community. Three fund-raisers are put on each year in an effort to continue fringe theater in Boise.

*Hollywood Nights*, a musical with nine performers, is the theater's upcoming fundraiser.

The play offers a relaxed cabaret-like atmosphere or piano bar feel. Director Robert McDiarmid will act as the host, introducing singers and chatting with the audience.

Slated songs include: "Where do I Begin" (the love theme from *The Godfather*), "The Way You Look Tonight," "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on my Head," "Under the Sea," "Theme from *Jaws* and more.

This show features the musical talents of Tomilyn Venaglia, Kelsey Robertson,

Jeff Wells, Jenny Moore, Brandi Hohen, Fred Genton, David Severtson, Alyssa Kelly and Bert Allen.

The age of the performers range from 12 to 50. Two of the eight performers have not sung since high school and two are still in high school.

They have all been working for three hours a night for the past month getting ready for the show, not to mention personal rehearsal time.

Each singer will perform a solo and also perform with each other as well.

This performance is not slanted to appeal to a gay or straight audience. A variety of songs are mixed together to create a fun show with something for everyone.

"This show is for all ages and all music lovers," said Robert McDiarmid, director of the show.

McDiarmid, who is performing a solo for *Hollywood Nights*, is one of the producers at Spontaneous Productions as well. He also works at BSU in news services and as Webmaster for the BSU's homepage.

"I love working with alternative material," McDiarmid said.

McDiarmid said Spontaneous Productions is different from any other theater in Boise because "it's fun before it's theater."

*Hollywood Nights* will be performed on Friday and Saturday evening, at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be available for purchase.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15. For more information, contact Spontaneous Productions at 368-0405.

Coming soon to Spontaneous Productions ... Spontaneous Productions is scheduled to open Harvey Fierstein's *Torch Song Trilogy* directed by Scott Stewart on Feb. 14. This play, which won the Drama Desk Award, an Obie and a Tony Award, is considered the birth of mainstream gay theater.

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## 'Valparaiso' is a dark multimedia experience

By Tammy Sands  
The Arbiter

Boise Contemporary Theatre transformed Fulton Street Theater into a thought-provoking multimedia-filled world for *Valparaiso*, a post-modernist play written by Don DeLillo, the winner of the National Book Award and a Pulitzer Prize Nominee.

DeLillo's pen creates a surreal world where an ordinary business trip becomes a flight into the glaring light of

celebrity. A world where nothing remains unseen and nothing is left unsaid.

*Valparaiso*, directed by Matthew Clark, takes DeLillo's twisted view of talk show-televized revelations and routine airline announcements, creating an atmosphere of anxiety and ambiguity that lingers in the audience until the last word is spoken and the lights finally go down.

*Valparaiso* leaves the viewer with more questions than answers and is left wide

open to multiple interpretations.

Michael Majeski (John O'Hagan) travels to the wrong Valparaiso - there are three cities in existence with this name - becoming a celebrity in the process.

Majeski questions his identity throughout this journey, "Some stranger had crept inside, like surreptitiously, to eat my airline food. Or someone had been superimposed on me, a person with my outline and shoe size but slyly and fundamen-

tally different ... Why am I?"

His wife Livia (Jodeen Revere), obsessed with her exercise bike and plastic cigarettes, finds Michael's experience quite amusing, but her childlike psyche never allows her to see the truth.

Suddenly, the audience becomes a part of the show in the second act, which takes place live on the Delfina Treadwell talk show.

Teddy Hodell (Justin Ness), Delfina's assistant, brings the audience back into the play, after intermission,

with his humorous and boisterous personality.

Ness performs his character flawlessly, leading the audience from a confused state of awe to a calmer atmosphere of comfort.

It is Delfina Treadwell (Janet Haley) who finally gets the truth out of Michael on her talk show, creating closure for the audience.

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Biker Boyz (PG-13)									
Confessions ... (R)		★							
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Final Destination 2 (R)									
The Guru (R)									
A Guy Thing (PG-13)			●	●	●				
The Hours (PG-13)		★	★						★
The Recruit (PG-13)									

G All ages admitted  
PG All ages admitted, parental guidance suggested  
PG-13 Parents strongly cautioned, some material may be inappropriate for children under 13  
R Restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or guardian

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	Local critic	Chicago Tribune	Dallas Morning News	Detroit Free Press	Maine Herald	N.Y. Daily News	Orange County Register	Philadelphia Inquirer	Seattle Times
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Barbershop (PG-13)		★	★						★
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Bourne Identity (PG-13)		★	★					★	★
FearDotCom (R)		●	●						
Master of Disguise (PG)		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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## Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Feb. 6). You'll be passionately curious this year, exploring all sorts of hidden nooks and crannies. Romance doesn't look bad, either. You won't pick the right path every time, but this ought to be interesting!

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 9 - You're looking very good, and your friends can't help but notice. Enjoy yourself immensely, but don't gossip. It's beneath you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - Make those home improvements that you've been contemplating. Don't put up with an uncomfortable situation any longer. You can find a way.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - You'll be most successful with the help of an inquisitive partner. If you can find someone who's also magnetic, forceful, dynamic, good-looking and a team player, perfect! You score!

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - You may not think you're up to the task that's landed in your lap, but others think you'll do it well. Allow yourself

to be well compensated, too.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 10 - You're ready to set the world on fire, but take time to draw up a plan. A little technical expertise will also help a lot. If you need it, get it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - A situation that at first seems like an awful mess could be a blessing in disguise. Don't just sit there. Create!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 9 - You're on a roll, but there's still work involved. You make it look easy, but deep inside you know it's a matter of skill.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - The more you finish now, the closer you get to a nice bonus. Don't spend it before you get it, though. Not even for something that would make the job easier.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 10 - You're on a roll! Using your quick wit and lightning-fast reflexes, you wow the fans and steal the show! Don't get nasty, though, or it'll cost ya.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - Go ahead and rip out the thing you don't like, and replace it with something you do like. The peace of mind you achieve is worth the

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - You're the brains behind the operation, so make sure that you keep the others on course. Harness their enthusiasm in order to easily get what you want.

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I CAN SEE BY YOUR EXPRESSIONS THAT MY DOCTOR IS MUCH BETTER THAN YOURS!

THE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS MAKE ME HAPPY, BUT I WORRY THAT IT'S NOT GENUINE HAPPINESS.

ASK YOUR DOCTOR FOR A DRUG THAT CURES WORRYING. THEN YOU'LL HAVE IT ALL.

IT MIGHT MAKE YOU GROW AN EXOSKELETON, BUT YOU WON'T CARE.

MY MEDICATION MAKES ME CAREFREE AND HAPPY, BUT THE SIDE EFFECT IS AN EXOSKELETON.

REMEMBER THE OLD SAYING - "BEAUTY IS ONLY BONE DEEP."

BUT ENOUGH ABOUT ME. I DON'T WANT TO LOOK SHELLFISH.

## Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Tony or Oscar
  - 6 Discontinue
  - 10 Active sort
  - 14 Printer type
  - 15 Customary time
  - 16 Puzzle cube inventor Rubik
  - 17 Sheer physical strength
  - 19 Verdi opera
  - 20 Infrequent
  - 21 Coit product
  - 23 Soft-shell clams
  - 27 Duplicates
  - 28 Made an incision
  - 29 Shah's capital
  - 31 Restaurant request
  - 32 Horn or Cod
  - 33 Arrests
  - 36 Tip of a wingtip
  - 37 Shims
  - 40 Kauai souvenir
  - 41 Deneb or Polaris
  - 43 Fall cleanup tool
  - 44 Spruce juice
  - 46 Change postal maps
  - 48 Light rubbing
  - 49 Perpetrate
  - 51 Balcony features
  - 53 Mrs. Peel, e.g.
  - 55 Wind resistance
  - 56 Dog in "Peter Pan"
  - 57 "Do unto others..."
  - 62 Abbr. on an envelope
  - 63 Toledo's lake
  - 64 Hummer's instrument
  - 65 For fear that
  - 66 Watched closely
  - 67 Not quite right

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- DOWN
- 1 Priest's robe
  - 2 Armed conflict
  - 3 Sun Devils sch.
  - 4 Go back over
  - 5 Visionaries
  - 6 Blacksmith
  - 7 Rocky outcrop
  - 8 Cry of pain
  - 9 Sermonizer
  - 10 Expressionless
  - 11 Adam's legacy?
  - 12 Provide with a trait
  - 13 Colorful equines
  - 18 Savage or Couples
  - 22 Neither's companion
  - 23 Openings for coins
  - 24 Seer's deck
  - 25 Affectionate terms
  - 26 Pile maker
  - 30 Duel tool
  - 32 "Thief" star
  - 34 Entity
  - 35 Carries a tune
  - 38 Woman with a patron
  - 39 Colombo's land
  - 42 Leftover piece
  - 45 Witty saying
  - 47 Daring move
  - 48 E-mail ancestor
  - 49 Manmade waterway
  - 50 Shaped like Mr. Dumpty
  - 52 Put two and two together
  - 54 Actor Calhoun
  - 58 Creative answer?
  - 59 Israeli gun
  - 60 Alamos, NM
  - 61 Goddess of the dawn