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"Don't underestimate the expense required to run and maintain the house." During the past 10 months, I have been informally seeking advice from various sources on how to proceed with the house. Today, I want to share a number of key information.

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- **Future of the house**
  - Boise State President Charles Fein, who lived at the Langroise House for a time during his administration, confirmed that a president and his family live in one place for another reason. When I met with newly elected President, Vice-President and members of the student Senate on April 12, 2004, I asked a question about the future of the Langroise House, which I answered candidly and completely, I also disapproved in the same manner. The house is not being used for university practice on campus.

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College students prepare to grade into military

**BY BRIAN WOODS**

Knight-Knights Newspapers

BERKELEY, Calif. - Months after Andrew Vincent walks off the stage this May, proudly receiving a University of California diploma, he expects to go straight to work.

"I can't think of a better plan," says his midshipman in the UC Berkeley Reserve Officer Training Corps. "I want to graduate into the Navy," said the midshipman in an attempt to remain fiscally responsible. Nonetheless, its decision to sell the home and use the proceeds for student scholarships in the amount of $22,000 annually, a much less than the costs as estimated by the president to be utilized.

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The Boise State University Women's Center presents:

**FILM**
1pm: Jordan C, Student Union *Senorita Extraviada* produced by Lourdes Portillo
film and discussion about the rape and murders of the women of Juarez, Mexico

**FILM**
3pm: Jordan C, Student Union *Wrestling with Manhood* produced by Jackson Katz
documentary and discussion about "fake-stories" of pro-wrestling and the construction of contemporary manhood and the links to real violence.

**VIGIL**
8pm: Memorial Plaza/Quad *Remembrance and Actions for Social Change*
Featured speakers, poets and musicians. Send a message to the leaders of Juarez, Mexico to stop femicide (postcards provided).

Statistically 3300 Boise State Students have been sexually assaulted.
Opinion

Beware dodgy summer work opportunities

BY RICHARD "DOCK" RAPP Special to The Arbiter

The article "Applicant Scammed" recently appeared in this newspaper (by Blaine Pico) is your April 13 edition and gives some indication of the summer job opportunities that are available. I have seen many. While I commend Boise State for providing me with an excellent article on this subject, I am afraid that it fails for two important reasons:

1. The article fails to mention the considerable advantages that come with summer job opportunities, such as:
   a. The ability to work for a larger portion of the summer, which can translate into a greater income.
   b. The opportunity to gain valuable work experience.
   c. The chance to meet new people and expand your social network.

2. The article fails to highlight the potential difficulties that one might face when seeking summer job opportunities, such as:
   a. The possibility of encountering scammers or fraudulent job offers.
   b. The necessity of being cautious when providing personal information, such as social security numbers, birth dates, addresses, or any other personal identifying data.
   c. The risk of being subjected to unfair or discriminatory hiring practices.

In conclusion, while summer job opportunities can be beneficial, it is crucial to exercise caution and diligence when pursuing these opportunities. By doing so, you can protect yourself from potential harm and ensure that you find a job that is both fulfilling and rewarding.
Cultural Diversions illustrates Boise's musical progression

BY DANNY GENTRY

A&D

Let's take a look back, now back to the roots of pop—where Pop Rock was a Friday night at the local bar with friends. Young and wild, this kind of music was to be enjoyed as a means of progression. Nowhere in particular in the Northwest. It's hard to figure themselves to be a "progressive" northwest rock band. The closest they got to prog was "the band had to stop playing as a means of progression." Which was when the album almost closest thing they, get to prog. "Progressive" band. It's more like a band members hail from Minneapolis, Seattle, and Portland. Some of those parents listen to and a kid for the northwest sound, although far from the places or the Atarl-like key-boards. There is a lot of noise on this album, and not the good kind of noise that the crowd. The first selection, "Young Girl," was a six-year-old Mrican girl getting ready to go to bed and wasn't feeling too good. Other selections included word machines and guitar solos, which were played for Shadrack. Many of these tracks are not written and performed passing out their CDs: they are written and performed by their physicians to urinate. As I mentioned, are viewed as mere "comedy" songs in this circumstance. Get some rain up in the air, walk in the park. Make them feel sexy. If you stay with your partner wish that the partner's needs, wants, atmosphere is a must to keep a relationship strong. This couple needs to damenurere and hit upon the post-orgasmic experience. You must build a stronger relationship overall. Post-orgasmic experiences vary depending on the responses of time partners have been in- geber. They also vastly vary depending on the atmosphere. It can happen in the same time and hardly to- gether. Girls and women were the core experience to encompass diverse different qualities. Partnerships do not grow overnight; they take time and energy, often years to reach a level of trust. In a partnership, communication is a huge necessity. The knowledge of a partner's needs, wants, atmosphere is an integral part of a relationship. Some soundscapes are sometimes blocked from our per- ceptive. This is from the core that you can build a stronger friendship. These two foundations are crucial in this circumstances.
The Pixies win over Boise

BY DANNY MCNICHOL

Twenty minutes after tickets went on sale last February, the Boise Civic Center was already sold out. Last February, the center was struggling but had managed to sell out its first years in the downtown civic arena. With the buzz around the center's concert series and hit television show "24," the center was starting to draw a crowd.

The occasion? Rock legends, The Pixies, were in town.

"The moment I was on time I walked into the Civic Center," said Black Francis, the band's lead singer. "It was like walking into a candy store. The crowd was overwhelming and the energy from the sound was amazing. I sang and danced with the audience, and it was hard to imagine the way to the stage. I couldn't move in the back, but the band's energy was amazing. I was only happy that the band was doing well.

The energy from the audience was incredible. The crowd was cheering and dancing, and the energy from the sound was amazing.

The Pixies played 20 songs, including songs like "where's my mind?" and "nervous." The band was composed of Black Francis, bass player Kim Deal, guitarist Joey Santiago, and drummer David Lovering. The band's energy was infectious, and the audience was engaged from the start.

The crowd was so enthusiastic that they were dancing and cheering long after the show ended. The Pixies' performance was a highlight of the year and a testament to the power of music.
Gay Marriage: A Civil Right. Is Idaho Ready?
May 11, Tuesday 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Student Union, Lookout Room

***Sponsored by: Cultural Center***

**Featuring:**
Jack Van Tasselberg, ACU, Fully Patelson, PFL, Chris, Jon Smith

**For more info contact: Dr. Lauren Trapman**
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**Overview:**
Gay marriage and the movement for gay rights in general have been controversial issues in recent years. Idaho has been a battleground state, with issues such as gay marriage and civil unions being debated in the legislature. This event will feature speakers discussing the current status of gay marriage in Idaho and the movement for civil rights for the LGBTQ+ community.

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**SolutionPro**

**Company:** SolutionPro

**Location:** Boise, Idaho

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**Overview:**
SolutionPro is a technology consulting firm specializing in software development and digital strategy. They have a track record of delivering successful projects for clients across various industries.

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The Boise State University Summer Program 2004 offers a range of courses for high school students interested in various academic fields. The program provides an opportunity for students to gain college credits during the summer months.

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**Starter Solutions**

**Overview:**
Starter Solutions is a technology consulting firm that specializes in providing digital marketing solutions to businesses. They have a proven track record of helping clients increase their online presence and drive more traffic to their websites.

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Pedro Martinez 'open to anybody,' even Dodgers

By BRIAN NASH AND BRIDGETTE Lipton Los Angeles Times

Boston Red Sox ace Pedro Martinez, who won the Cy Young Award winner who was baseball's highest salary pitcher at $17.5 million, is open to anybody in the future.

"I was going to keep my mouth shut about the negotiations," said Martinez, who is being offered a three-time Cy Young Award winner who has been traded for the Red Sox, "but I was negotiated by the Texas Rangers on Friday.

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They played around with the farm in Chester County, they searched for weeks for an appropriate name for their lush piece of Pennsylvania earth.

"I think we ought to call it Someday Farms," Pat Chapman said. "Someday about all the things we were bred with more than genetic forethought."

"I've dreamed about this my whole life," said trainer John Servis, 45. "I hoped one day I would end up in the famous Derby."

"I've dreamed about winning the Derby since I was a boy," said Roy Chapman, who said he was so excited when the telephone rang early Wednesday morning that he almost spilled his oatmeal. "I was in the bathtub."

"I just galloped horses. But I never would have won without a horse," the owner and trainer said, quietly. "They gave me a chance to prove myself."

BSU's Spring Graduation Celebration is May 14

COURTESY OF BSU NEWS SERVICES

Boise State University President Bob Kustra and the university deans and vice presidents are cooking up a celebration for Boise State's graduates. Kustra and the other administrators will be the barbecue chefs at the eighth annual Spring Graduation Celebration sponsored by the Boise State Alumni Association from noon to 2 p.m. on Friday, May 14, at the Student Union North Parking Lot.

In addition to the barbecue, the celebration will include live music by the High Street Band, children's games, a jump house and other festivities. Participants can spin the Wheel of Games to win free prizes such as raft rentals, massages, a yoga mat, a stability ball, stainless steel coffee mugs, a free Alumni Association membership and more.

Free to graduates, the event is a chance for graduates and their families to visit with favorite professors, take pictures with friends or just enjoy the sunshine. Graduates can pick up two free tickets at the Student Union Information Desk, at the Alumni Center at 1173 University Drive, or at the alumni table in the Bookstore on May 3 or 4. Additional tickets are $5 and children under 10 are free.

The Alumni Association sponsors the barbecue every year and it usually draws more than 1,500 people. In case of rain, the event will be moved inside the Student Union Building. For more information, call 426-1698.

Old-fashioned networking is crucial to finding a job

BY ERIKA D. SMITH
Knight Ridder Newspapers

In the same way an introductory e-mail will never replace a firm handshake, blindly sending out resumes will never replace old-fashioned networking. About 70 percent of all jobs are obtained through networking — the process of building relationships with others in a chosen field.

That's an important statistic at a time when so many people are looking for work. But even in fields that are booming, such as corporate fraud investigation, networking is crucial.

"Networking is pretty much the only way that you get referrals and keep going," said Stephen Nolde, president of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners' local chapter. "It's one of those things where you make your own luck."

Indeed, luck has little to do with landing a job. It's about networking, and that's a skill — one that many people haven't mastered yet. Career counselor Carla Owens teaches Kent State University students...
New degree replaces MBA as a ‘sure thing’ for job security

BY JENNIFER TOBIA
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

So you have a college degree. Unfortunately, so do you and millions of other people in America.

Four years of an undergraduate education hasn’t cut it for a while. Two decades ago the solution was to get a Masters of Business Administration; in the 1980s and ’90s, the MBA was seen as a sure shot to economic success and security.

It no longer guarantees a job after graduation. Admissions officials speculate that the grim job outlook has led many potential business school applicants to either wait until the economy shows further improvement or give up the idea of earning an MBA.

Enter the Professional Science Masters. The most common route science majors have taken in the past is to continue their education and research in academia for years, either by attaining a Ph.D. or going to medical school.

As the economy rebounds there will be high demand for science-trained professionals, but ironically as a shortage of potential hires, mostly because very few students in the U.S. major in the sciences (except for those who want to go to med school). With the MBA lacking the appeal and power to impress as it once did, the PSM is on the verge of becoming the next way to guarantee employment, as it is multi-faceted, working on both a business and science level.

The PSM degree seeks to outsource-proof science and math graduates by typically mixing graduate level science or math with business, law and communications courses, creating a highly trained professional. It’s very “flexible and portable” says Sheila Tobias, a Harvard graduate and the PSM program’s outreach coordinator.

Tobias dreamed up the concept of the PSM in the mid-’90s when she was conducting research for her book “Rethinking Science as a Career,” and found to her surprise that all the master’s degrees awarded in the U.S. each year – about 460,000 of them – fewer than 3 percent were in math or science. “In the science and tech sectors, the PSM is a better fit than the MBA,” Tobias said, “because it typically offers more technical content than the MBA, more business basics than the science Ph.D., and more information technology than both.”

Like the masters, the PSM is a two-year commitment. Dissuaded by the time required to get a Ph.D., Tobias wanted to appeal to a specified audience: the creative scientist who sought an alternative to the Ph.D. The appeal of the PSM rings true: 40 percent of students are women while most of the nine hundred students enrolled are under 25.

“‘I’m a suit and tie world of the MBA graduate is not for everyone, especially not for scientists who feel much more comfortable in lab coats,” Tobias said.

Her theories about the PSM’s appeal have been proven accurate, with enrollment and expansion growing rapidly. When the PSM debuted in 1997, six universities offered the degree. In 2004, 45 institutions are offering it and in 2007, a projected 105 campuses will. The first crop of 80 students graduated in 2002, and 400 more will graduate in May. Said Tobias: “Our graduates go onto careers in consulting, bioinformatics, working for startups and patent lawyers, it is quite multi-faceted.”

The program differs depending on the institution, but must meet the following qualifications: It must be two years in duration; all science courses must be graduate level; an internship or equivalent must be incorporated; and a set of advisors in business and the faculty must meet regularly to speak about the needs of the PSM.

Networking

Networking doesn’t have to be hard. It doesn’t require attending fancy dinner parties to mingle. But it does require some initiative.

For students and out-of-work alumni just getting started, Owens recommends building a list of potential contacts. They can be relatives, colleagues from an old job, professors, classmates, friends, your dentist, or even your yoga partner.

Once you talk to each person and figure out if a networking relationship is appropriate, you can send them resumes and cover letters. It’s also important to keep in touch as time passes.

“"You’re getting your name out there," Owens said. "you’re mingling."

Another way to feel out a list of contacts – as well as the direction of your own career – is to do an informational interview.

Job hunters should call a contact already working in their desired field and set up a time to talk. Informational interviews are not job interviews, and shouldn’t be treated as such.

The goal is not to sell yourself. It is to learn as much as possible about the contact’s job and decide if the field is right for you.

Owens said she often recommends informational interviews for alumni who have lost their jobs.

“A lot of them are taking this time to refocus their careers,” she said.

Just as many alumni are renewing ties to professional organizations. Some held their memberships lapse after graduation and are joining again to do some networking.

Nelder said building contacts is more than just an added benefit of joining the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, it’s one of the organization’s main goals.

“Networking is essential in my line of work,” said Nelder, founder of Investigative and Forensic Accounting Services LLC.

Knowing that’s true for many fields, Brian McCullough, president of Resumewriters.com, decided to take networking one step further – to the Internet.

The company’s new site, Wherearethejobs.com, is built on the idea of using friends, and friends of friends, to find a job.

It differs from the likes of Monster.com and Careerbuilder.com because users do more than post their resumes or send them to random employers. Wherearethejobs users are required to post one lead job to join the Web site. They also must build their own community of job seekers by urging others to join for free.

Right now, McCullough’s Web site covers all of North America and has 10,000 users – nothing compared to Monster’s 25 million and Careerbuilder’s 7 million. Wherearethejobs only launched in mid-January, though, and is still being developed.
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When Seneca McRae graduates from college this spring, she worries she'll have to accept a job as a low-paying payroll clerk.

Even with a business degree from Fort Valley State University in Georgia, a competitive job market means that students like McRae may have to lower their expectations.

"I have one friend who graduated as a computer and information systems major, and she's working as a flight attendant," McRae said.

Unless they're in a growing sector such as health care or education, this year's college graduates may have a hard time finding a job in their field, experts said.

Though some say the nation's economy has rebounded, that hasn't necessarily translated to more jobs for newly minted graduates.

Applications to law schools, one of the traditional bellwethers to gauge how the employment market looks, shows that many graduates are choosing to ride out the "jobless recovery" in graduate school. Giles Kennedy, director of law admissions for the University of Georgia School of Law in Athens, said applications for the fall class of 2004 are at a five-year high.

"It's a fairly established fact that applications to law school increase when the economy sours," Kennedy said.

This year, 2,870 applications came in for an estimated class size of 210. Compared to the fall 1999 class, when only 1,680 applications came in, that's a 70 percent increase.

Despite the mixed news about the economy, companies are continuing to recruit on college campuses. Mercer University's career fair had 73 employers participate, up from 55 last year.

Geico, which has 9,600 employees at its Macon site, sends representatives to colleges across the Southeast to recruit graduates for the company's professional development program, said recruiter Madie Queen. The company expects to add at least 485 employees in Macon this year across the different departments.

"Typically, we meet with college career services departments, set up information tables on campus and schedule on-campus interviews. We also sponsor events, like a graduation breakfast at (Georgia College & State University) and an 'intern for a day' program at UGA," Queen said.

For students set to graduate this spring, whether or not they have a job offer in hand seems to depend on two things: their field and their contacts.

Ann Loyd, director of counseling and the career center at Macon State, said accounting students also have been successful in finding jobs.

"We have a co-op program with Robins Air Force Base, and there are lots of requests for accounting majors," Loyd said.

For students who are having a more difficult time in the job market, Loyd recommends lowering expectations a bit.

"Take a job, even an entry-level job, that's similar to your field. To expect a six-figure job right out of school is pretty unrealistic. I'm still waiting for that," Loyd said.

Mercer student April Thompson, an electrical engineering major, chose to attend graduate school at Michigan State University to learn more about the field of biomedical imaging.

"Some of my classmates are still having a problem finding a job. But a lot of them are tired of school and just ready to get into the work force," Thompson said.

Mercer Career Services assistant director Mary Roberts said some students are having a hard time gaining acceptance to competitive graduate programs. Others are finding it difficult to get a job in their fields, she said.

"We don't have as many consulting firms recruiting on campus as we used to," Roberts said.

Roberts said the counselor students to tap into the "hidden job market" by networking and completing internships.

"I think it's important that students make themselves as competitive as possible," Roberts said. "Do internships in your field. A high GPA is required. Get involved in campus activities."
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Many of the Boise State graduates already have determined the fateful question of “now what,” some still don’t know.

But whatever the decision is, each individual will face some serious life changes. To ease the transition, The Arbiter has compiled a list of suggestions to help move into the real world.

1. Set a purpose and make sure it is different from your goals. Having a good job and earning $70,000 a year is not a purpose. Doing something you enjoy is. Having three kids is not a purpose. Being a good parent is. Owning a Lexus is a goal. Helping the poor is a purpose.
2. Don’t fear the working world. The worst part of it all is finding a job. But the best you can do is get a nice chunk of work experience under your belt in your field of endeavor. This means sticking it out in a position that per chance doesn’t thrill you for a minimum of a year.
3. Most jobs are going to require you to interact with other people. The better you do this, the faster you’ll move up the ladder of success. This doesn’t mean ass kissing, though flattering the boss a little never hurts. It mainly means good communication, avoiding conflicts and resolving those conflicts that do arise.
4. And of all these things, perhaps the most poignant is to remember college life and those that helped you through. Also, recall the phrase that has lifted the hearts of generations of students if you ever feel nostalgic: “No more classes, no more teachers’ dirty looks.”

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RISING COLLEGE COSTS HURT MINORITIES

BY ROBERT STEINBACK
Knight Ridder Newspapers

While the U.S. economy increasingly demands a college education to attain financial success, the cost of getting that education has risen beyond the reach of many low-income and minority families—and that's a worrisome prognosis for America's long-term economic health.

That's the core message of a report that Miami Dade College President Eduardo J. Padron wrote to influence Congress as it contemplates reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, which provides $60 billion in student financial assistance. The bill's supporters say it is unlikely to be approved in an election year, although money for financial aid would be available under existing legislation.

Given projections that most new U.S. schoolchildren by 205 will be Hispanic, Padron argues that America must begin thinking of access to college as it regards high school diplomas: As a right everyone deserves regardless of ethnicity, heritage or income level.

"If it is not taken care of in a relatively short period of time, we're going to be seriously impacting the future of the nation," Padron said.

"Minorities will constitute the largest percentage of the workforce and we're not educating the workforce at the level we need to."

That lack of educational opportunity will also affect how well the workforce is able to fund pensions for baby boomers, he said.

Failure to adequately educate the next generation will impair productivity, said Antonio Flores, executive director of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

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