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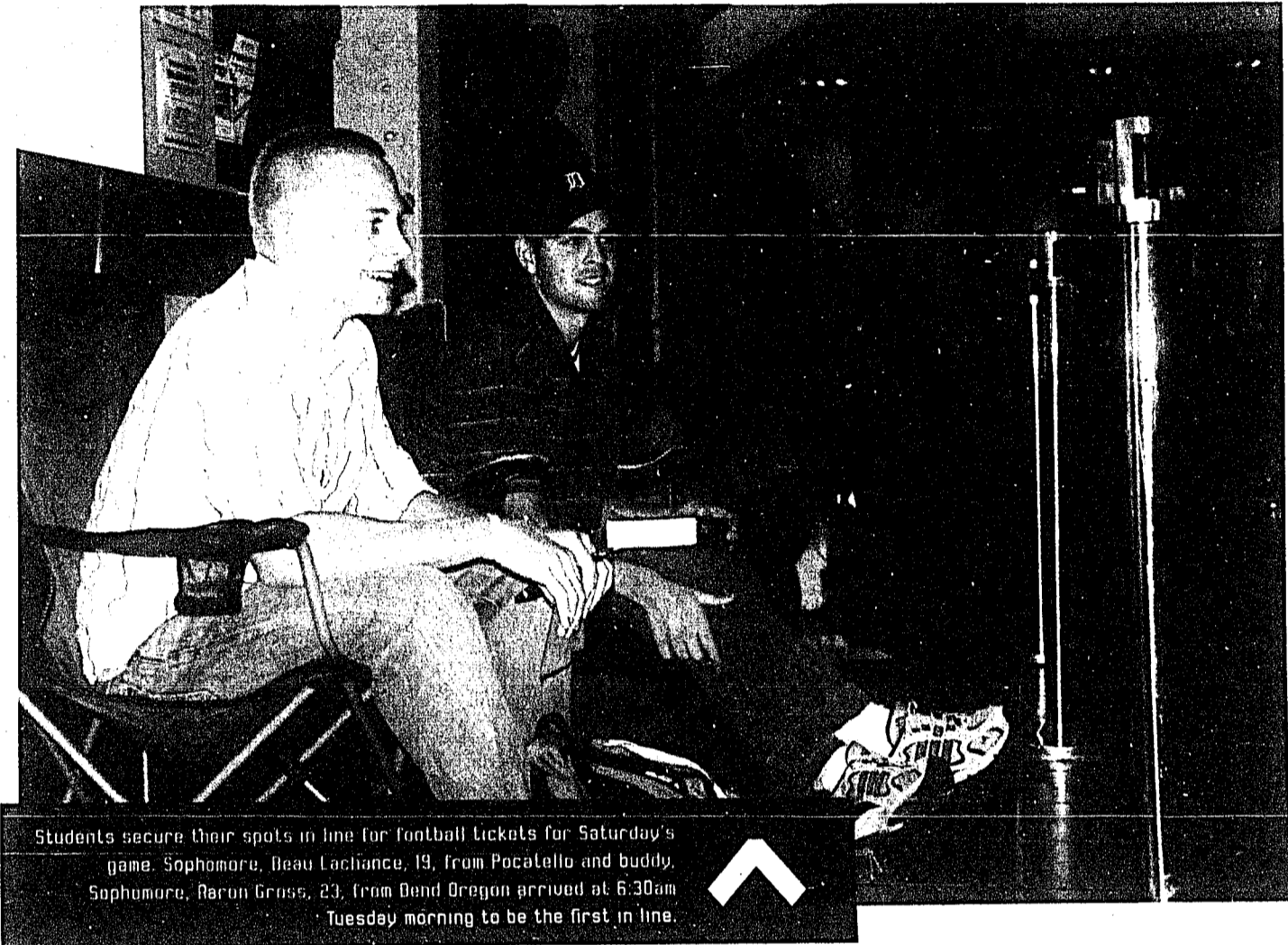
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Bronco fans early to rise



Students secure their spots in line for football tickets for Saturday's game. Sophomore, Beau LaChance, 19, from Pocatello and buddy, Sophomore, Aaron Gross, 23, from Bend Oregon arrived at 6:30am Tuesday morning to be the first in line.

Nader gives fiery speech on campus



PHOTO BY KRISTIN ADAMS/THE ARBITER

Ralph Nader speaks to a Sunday audience in the Special Events Center on current events and his democratic campaign.

RANDALL POST
News reporter

As part of an invite by the Campus Greens, independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader spoke in BSU's Special Events Center on Sunday, Aug. 8. Nader spoke about current issues such as the war in Iraq, the U.S. political system, corporate crime and health care in the United States.

"The Iraq quagmire was started by two chicken-hawks, George Bush and Dick Cheney, based on deceptions, fabrications, and lies," Nader said.

Nader said his ticket is the only one that offers a set date and complete withdrawal of U.S. forces in Iraq.

"We invaded Iraq for one word—oil."

Nader said the majority of American citizens now think the Iraq war was a mistake. He also said the war alienates the Islamic world and endangers America's security.

Nader continued by attacking the political system, saying the two-party system is rigged and is infiltrated with corporate interests.

"Bush is nothing more than a giant corporation disguised as a human being," stated Nader, claiming the Bush Administration's ties to corporations leaves them with no allegiance to the U.S.

Nader's campaign has run into obstacles trying to get on November's ballot. He lashed out at the Democrats for what he called obstructing the democratic process. Nader was denied the Oregon ballot because some of the required signature pages were not numbered.

Nader claims sabotage by Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury, who happens to be a democrat, stating the denial was laughable and the Kerry campaign could have a "Watergate" type scandal on their hands.

Nader proposed universal health care, calling for an end to the drug companies charging whatever they want for drugs the taxpayer has already paid the majority of the research for.

Nader continued by saying we must focus on rebuilding our infrastructure of highways, roads and libraries because of the Bush Administration's failure to do so.

Nader called for the end of the Electoral College, run-off voting, and the increase of minimum wage to a living wage.

Nader also attacked President Bush's assault on tort reform saying it, "...ties the hands of judges and jurors," and debunking the claim that the country is "litigation happy."

Nader also called for the end of commercial logging in National Forests, saying less than five percent of commercial logging comes from National Forests and more jobs come from recreational use of the forests than commercial logging.

Nader said John Kerry was the lesser of two evils but slammed Democrats for taking important issues off the table remarking, "Republicans go for the jugular, Democrats go for the capillaries."

Kustra campaigns for the future

BY GREGORY BUTTY
News Reporter

President Robert Kustra remembers with fondness the students he advised as president of Eastern Kentucky University. He remembers getting to know them, learning about the obstacles they faced as well as the successes they earned on their way to obtaining degrees.

"It was a very good experience," says Kustra. "I was able to get to know students up close and personal."

It was such a good experience that Kustra will again be advising a few undergraduate students, setting an example he hopes his faculty will follow. Kustra has encouraged faculty to participate in the Faculty Advising Institute and offers a stipend for those who complete it. Just one of many new initiatives Kustra spoke about in his State of the University address, he hopes better academic advising will help enhance students' experience at Boise State.

Another initiative designed to help students succeed will be a summer reading assignment for incoming freshmen followed by open discussions during orientation week. Kustra initiated a simi-

lar program at EKV, and thinks it sends a strong message about the importance of class discussions and reading assignments.

While Kustra is determined to enhance the undergraduate experience, he is equally determined to broaden BSU's role as a metropolitan university.

Just months into the second year of an aggressive presidency, Kustra is beginning the preparations for a capital campaign, what he hopes will be his signature accomplishment at BSU. The capital campaign will be aimed at raising enough money to allow BSU to grow into a major research institution.

"I consider this to be the most important responsibility or assignment that I will undertake in my presidency," says Kustra. "This is the signature of my presidency... in the last analysis, when I leave Boise State I hope that I can say I was successful in raising this large sum of money for a university that clearly deserves to go to the next level if it were only for the resources to do so."

Capital campaigns are organized efforts to raise enough money to satisfy the needs and goals of an organization. According to Kustra, a consultant will be hired to help as-

sess the financial needs of BSU for the next 15 to 20 years and to help facilitate the campaign.

While BSU's capital campaign is in the earliest stages, with a search for a consultant still in progress, Kustra is determined to raise the money necessary to help transform BSU into a first-tier, metropolitan research university.

"We will raise that sum of money. We will be doing this over a five year period, we will be aggressive about it, we will be disciplined about it," Kustra remarked.

The success of the capital campaign will hopefully provide the resources needed to realize the bold vision for BSU that President Kustra laid out in his Aug. 18 State of the University address.

Kustra hopes to elevate BSU from its current third-tier ranking (U.S. News and World Report, 2005) to a position of national prestige. He envisions BSU as a major metropolitan research university that plays a major role in the economic development of the state and the region, while still offering affordable access to a quality education.

One reason the capital campaign is so vital to the health and future of BSU is that state aid has failed to keep up with the growing needs of

Idaho's institutions of public higher education.

"The Idaho State Legislature has had a very difficult time holding on to this level of support that they once used to provide..." says Kustra. "We simply cannot afford to give up the public support that we have received traditionally from the state."

Because state funding hasn't met expectations, Kustra says retaining and recruiting faculty has become more and more difficult. To address this problem, he proposes a policy that would allow student fees to be used to pay faculty salaries. Currently, student fees are reserved for the maintenance and building of facilities and cannot be used to pay faculty.

Kustra says the policy will not cause a dramatic increase in undergraduate fees but instead allow the university more flexibility in offering graduate degrees.

"At the undergraduate level we must be able to offer the students of Idaho an affordable education," says Kustra. "We stand for certain public values... like access for all students who are qualified and affordable for students."

New library service answers inquiring minds

BY RACHEL PEREZ
News Reporter

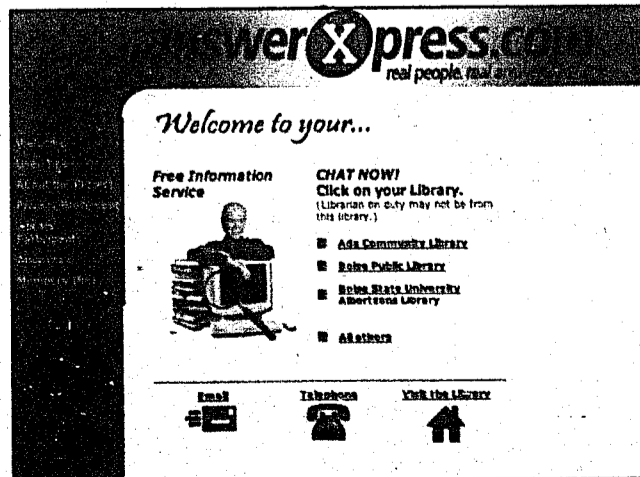
It's three o'clock in the morning and you're awake, desperately racking your brain for the answer to a question that could complete the ten-page paper due in the morning. AnswerXpress could be the solution. Anyone who needs that last bit of info for an essay, or for any questions keeping people awake at night, answerXpress is there to help.

Through answerXpress, BSU students can receive free on-line assistance from a librarian, 24/7. The service is even available during holidays when most libraries are closed.

AnswerXpress can be found on the Albertson's Library home page, or at answerXpress.com. An e-mail address is required in case the librarian needs more time to find the information; they can just e-mail the answer later. A transcript of the session will be sent to the users by e-mail.

"AnswerXpress is extremely convenient. People can sit in their house wearing their pajamas and receive assistance from a librarian as if they were there in the library," said Elaine Watson, reference librarian at Albertson's Library.

Despite sophisticated software, the service is user friend-



ly. According to a recent survey conducted by the Web site, 65 percent of users say answerXpress is "very easy," and 25 percent say it is "easy."

Albertson's Library joined with Boise Public Library and Ada Community Library to share thirty-six hours a week of on-line time, putting local librarians in cyberspace. The 24/7 chat reference company covers the remaining hours, which is a network of over 300 libraries across the U.S.

Of the shared thirty-six hours, Boise State librarians cover thirteen, six of which are global. University libraries across the world are available through the

service, including England, New Zealand and Australia.

A convenient tool called the escort button is available to the librarians. The escort button enables librarians to plug into a user's computer so that whatever information the librarian finds will show up on the user's computer screen simultaneously.

Albertson's Library, Boise Public Library, and Ada Community Library were granted money to fund AnswerXpress, as well as computers, printers, and scanners for each of the libraries. The funding ends in November; however, each library will continue to fund it by themselves for an additional year.



Kerry's personality may be his biggest obstacle

Swing voters don't like Sen. John Kerry much, one recent poll suggests, and that's just the latest survey pointing to a stubborn "personality gap" he suffers versus President Bush. Some political analysts think simple likeability is the Democratic nominee's greatest challenge as the presidential campaign enters its two-month stretch run.

This phenomenon persists even though virtually every poll shows that a solid majority disapproves of Bush's handling of the Iraq war and the economy. Most voters also think the country is headed in the wrong direction.

But they don't much like John Kerry. "People seem to feel more comfortable with Bush," said Sherry Bebich Jeffe, a professor of political communication at the University of Southern California. "It has become a critical mass, and it's dangerous for Kerry."

JACKPOT!

Speaking of rockers in odd places, did you ever think you'd see an ultra-progressive band like R.E.M. playing a casino? It's like the Dead performing at Fort Knox.

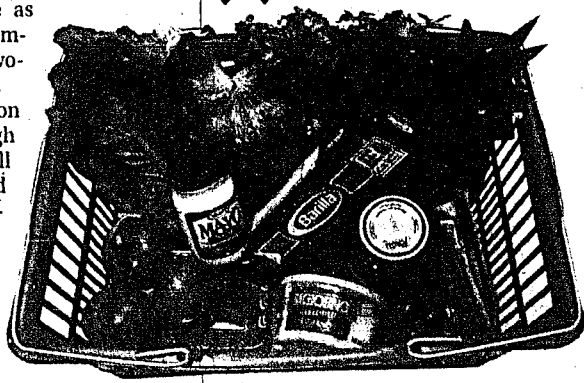
Well, don't bet against it, because on Oct. 30 Michael Stipe and the boys will crank it up in Atlantic City at the Borgata, that shrine to glitz and \$20 slots.

The show is part of R.E.M.'s 30-city tour to support the band's new album, "Around the Sun," due Oct. 5. The band has carved a few nights out of its schedule to participate in the politically motivated Vote for Change all-star tour. Tickets for the Mischief Night appearance go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. EDT, at the Borgata box office and Ticketmaster outlets.



Traces of toxic chemicals found in supermarket food, study says

WASHINGTON -- A wide variety of food in American supermarkets is contaminated with tiny doses of



toxic manmade chemical flame retardants, according to a new study of everyday groceries.

Samples of grocery stores' fish, pork, duck, turkey, cheese, butter, milk, chicken, ice cream and eggs were tainted with polybrominated diphenyl ethers, known as PBDEs, according to a peer-reviewed article in the journal Environmental Science & Technology.

Because this is a relatively new health concern, no one has studied yet if PBDEs are harmful to humans and at what levels, the Environmental Protection Agency's top toxicologist said. However, in animal tests they've harmed the nervous system, altered hormonal function and changed the development of reproductive organs. The federal government has ruled that one PBDE in large doses is a possible human carcinogen.

Wednesday's findings indicate that the group of chemicals, used in carpeting, electronics and furniture, is getting into people through their food and remains in the body for several years.

Industry officials said the amounts were too small to worry about.

In the study, scientists found the chemicals in 31 of 32 common and



name-brand groceries in three Dallas stores, which they said should be typical of most American supermarkets. Only nonfat milk came up clean. Scientists said animal fat was a big factor. The EPA convinced the two makers of PBDEs in America to stop producing two troublesome types of the chemicals by next January. But deca-BDE which the federal government has linked to cancer isn't banned because it's so crucial to fireproofing electronics.



Cultural Center Happy Hour

Cultural Center Happy Hour will be this Friday, Sept. 10. Weekly Happy Hour will be held every Friday from 3-5 p.m. in the Cultural Center on the second floor of the Student Union. Activities include games, karaoke, snacks, music, videos, dancing and more. For more information, call 426-5950.

Fifth annual Fiesta Idaho

Nampa, ID - The Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho presents the fifth annual Hispanic Fold Life Festival on Sept. 11 and 12, 2004 at Lakeview Park. Fiesta Idaho commemorates Mexican Independence Day (16 de Septiembre) and celebrates Latino traditions and culture. Two events, a kick-off dance on Friday, Sept. 10 and poetry session Sept. 11 will be held in the center's colorful building located across the street from Lakeview Park at 315 Stampede Dr. Events in-the park are free to the public, so enjoy live mariachi music, folk dancers, food, menudo cook-off, traditional games, crafts, and piñata breaking. Artwork from BSU students and Juan Martinez, BSU instructor/metal sculptor will be on display in the park.



Latino Photo Exhibition

The Cultural Center presents a one-man photo exhibition of Latino life by Claudio Beagarie from 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Friday, Sept. 13-17 in the Student Union Fireplace Lounge. The exhibit is part of Boise State's Latino Heritage Month. For more information, call 426-4317

"The Producers"

The biggest Tony Award winner in Broadway history comes to BSU's Morrison Center Sept. 15-19. "The Producers" is a musical comedy by Mel Brooks that USA Today calls "the funniest, most fearlessly irreverent thing ever seen on stage." Show times are 2 p.m. Sept. 16, 18 and 19; 7 p.m. Sept. 15, 16 and 19; 8 p.m. Sept. 17. Presented by Broadway in Boise. Tickets are \$30-\$65 and available from Select-a-Seat at 426-1494.



Cousin love

Web site: Cuddle International URL: www.cuddleinternational.org What's on it: Love is a strange, beautiful and mysterious thing. We find love in the most unexpected places: That enigmatic stranger in the elevator. Your best friend from ninth grade. Your cousin.

HOLD UP! My own cousin, you ask, gasping as you try to control the gag reflex rippling through your innards. Can love really be so powerful that it can nonchalantly dance across flesh-and-blood barriers? Oh yes, say the kissing (and horizontal-mambo-bumping) cousin brigade behind CUDDLE -- Cousins United to Defeat Discriminating Laws -- International.

Do go if: Every time you wrestled with your cousin when you were a kid, you were aware of a little sumthin' sumthin' happening between you.



Interesting: The Web site isn't really fun to look at, but the thought that these people exist is pretty fascinating. If you want to see what married cousins (and, yes, their kids) look like, check out the member scrapbook in their "interactive" page.

Beware: Bad mullets, ferret-loving goth chicks and sappy "how we met" stories abound.

Oops...I spit out my gum

E!Online is reporting that people on eBay are selling bubble gum that once graced the inside of the Britney Spears' mouth. The used gum is touted as a great buy because it supposedly contains Spears' DNA. According to E!'s report, prices have gone as high as \$3 mil. There is a slew of the stuff on sale, with the most expensive being a piece of gum a seller recovered after Ms. Spears spat it out of her limo in New York in December 2002. As of Thursday afternoon, it had received 15 bids, with the highest bid at \$14,000. The seller even has a photograph of Brit ejecting the gum from her mouth.

BUGGED OUT

If recent history has taught us anything, it's that no musician should go on the road without a stockpile of insect repellent.

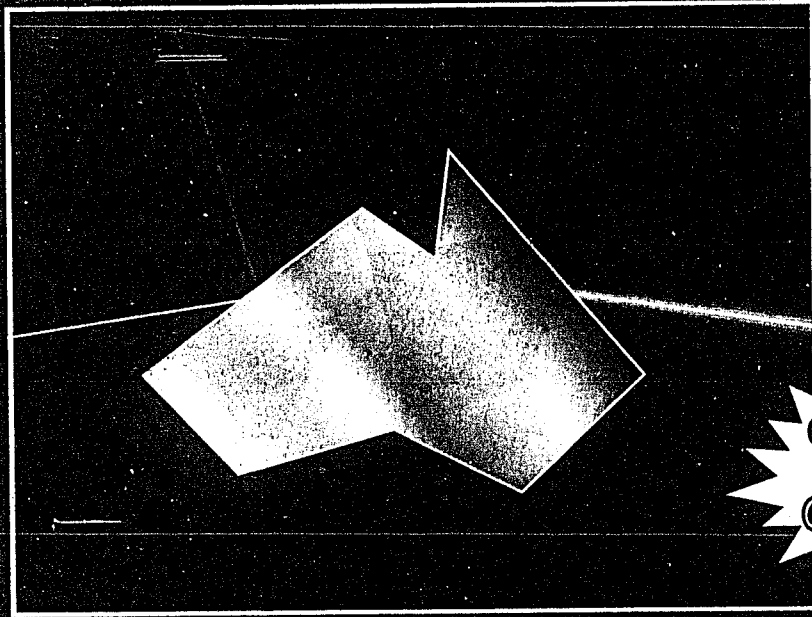
While performing this week at the DuQuoin State Fair in southern Illinois, song parodist Weird Al Yankovic was swarmed by a cloud of big green moths. Many of the insects nestled in Yankovic's long, lank hair.

Yankovic was touring to promote his recent CD, "Poodle Hat," which spoofs songs by Eminem, Avril Lavigne, Bob Dylan and others.

The performer made light of the incident, telling the crowd, "My band asked me if I could find a concert where we would be attacked by insects. I said I would see what I could do."

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Idaho outdoors

Stanley beckons as the Sawtooth gateway

BY MICHELLE SELLS
Outdoor Columnist

Stanley is a tiny town that proclaims itself "The Gateway to the Sawtooths." The Sawtooth Wilderness Area is famous nationwide for its beauty and attracts a million visitors annually. The good news is that this destination is only about 2.5 hours from Boise, easily accessible, and offers a myriad of outdoor opportunities.

The waters in and around Stanley are the traditional spawning grounds of the Chinook and Sockeye salmon and while it is no longer possible to fish for those giants in these waters other fishing opportunities are plentiful. Idaho Department of Fish and Game regularly stocks Stanley Lake, Cape Horn Lake, Kelly Creek Pond, Pettit Lake, Alturas Lake and a portion of the Salmon River with Rainbow trout.

Brook trout are also plentiful here. Frenchman Creek, Beaver

Creek, Smiley Creek, Upper Marsh Creek, Valley Creek and Yellowbelly Lake are all an excellent bet, if this is your prey of choice.

All trout prefer deeper, slower moving water. Undercut banks and the backside of trees submerged in the water are an excellent place to start looking. IDGF has made fishing particularly easy in this region by stocking the areas that most often bring visitors such as campgrounds. If you are interested, just tune your radio to 1610 AM for stocking schedules.

Alturas Lake offers great camping as well as fishing. There are three campgrounds located here, Smokey Bear, North Shore and Alturas Inlet. These campgrounds are all on or very near the lake at an elevation over 7,000 ft. There are over fifty tent sites, twelve trailer sites, vault toilets, and water in all three campgrounds. Alturas Inlet Campground also offers 4 physically challenged access



A portion of a historical Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) project remains just above the Sunbeam Hot Springs on the Salmon River.
PHOTO BY MICHELLE SELLS/THE TRIBUNE

campsites.

Alturas Lake offers another feature worth mentioning, a white sands beach. Whenever the weather is warm this beach is packed with families of sun lovers. Children and adults love swimming in the clear, clean cold water. Sandy Beach Picnic Area is nearby and can be reserved if you so choose.

The choices of recreation mentioned here, are just a small representation of what can be found in the Sawtooth Valley. If you are interested in spending some time in the Stanley area I would highly recommend that you start by making a phone call to the Stanley Ranger Station or the Chamber of Commerce. The staff are locals who delight in sharing their knowledge and passions with visitors.

Important Information:
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From Zohar's account of the symbolism of her logo.

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Boise State student group sponsors "Books for Israel" drive

BY KYLE GORHAM
Opinion Editor

Boise State's Criminal Justice Honor Society (Alpha Kappa) is holding a book drive today to benefit students in the nation of Israel who lack English reading books.

Students wishing to donate to the cause can bring books to marketing booth 1, located on the first floor of the SUB. Volunteers will accept donations Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Monetary donations are also accepted to cover the cost of shipping the books, which is estimated to be \$1 per pound.

Alpha Kappa is sponsoring the drive on behalf of the "Books for Israel Project" - created by two Israeli sisters in response to the loss of funding for English reading books in the country. In 2000 the Israeli government cut funding for the books, citing the nation's security situation as a financial drain, leaving students from Kindergarten to high school without adequate reading books.

The grass roots project is comprised of unpaid volunteers and even lacks offices or a bank account. Likewise, the project has

no tax identification or tax status and makes no profit of any kind.

Boise State Alpha Kappa member and Flagship coordinator for the project in Idaho, David J. Lynch, said the drive is the first of its kind in the state.

"The reception of books from Boise State students assures them (Israeli students) that the students of Boise State want them to continue to learn and eventually become participants in the peace process of their country."

"The reception of books from Boise State students assures them (Israeli students) that the students of Boise State want them to continue to learn and eventually become participants in the peace process of their country," he said.

Lynch read about the need for English reading books in Israel and decided to take action. Since April of this year he has shipped over 100 pounds of books at his

own expense. However, Lynch didn't mind.

"The absence of monetary contributions from others will not keep us from mailing these books," he said.

Students in the Criminal Justice Administration Department as well as Dispute Resolution classes are participating in the drive, and invite Boise State's student body to join them in the cause.

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The food industry really frosts me

BY LENORE SKENAZY
New York Daily News

Do you think American food can get any more disgusting?

I mean, once Hellmann's has introduced Bacon & Tomato Twist mayonnaise—basically a liquid BLT you schmear onto bread (or lettuce, if you're doing Atkins)—it's hard to imagine anything less wholesome and natural unless we're talking Michael Jackson.

Which we're not. Because while everyone else is railing about pasty-faced alleged ped-

Squeezable
bacon.
Suckable
cookies.
What next?
Pepsi
pellets?

Clearly, plain old hot chocolate just wasn't cutting it. Nor was hot chocolate with bunny-shaped marshmallows, another Nestle's beverage. No, Nestle's marketing mavens must have realized it was losing the entire demographic of Americans who want to quaff piping-hot pulverized candy bars. And so ... now they can!

Similarly, Chips Deluxe, a Chips Ahoy clone, has a new spinoff featuring mixed-in, mashed-up peanut butter cups. The chips are still there but now must compete for precious dough space with the candy chunks.

And speaking of cookie-candy hybrids, check out the ultimate: Ritz Bits S'mores sandwiches. These are graham-cracker-flavored mini-crackers glued together with a cream filling of marshmallow (clearly edging out grains as the new base of America's food pyramid) and chocolate. Each sandwich is then stamped with one of the Simpsons:

Marge, Homer—even Lisa, who you'd think would refuse to let herself be appropriated this way.

But in the food biz, there is no shame. Everything old is new again, usually by virtue of extra icing or a dusting of sour cream 'n' onion flavoring.

If, God forbid, we are what we eat and we eat what they're trying to sell us, then perhaps we are as dumb as these instructions on an Oscar Mayer Lunchables Nachos package would suggest: "Dip chips into cheese and salsa." As my Ritz Bits cracker/cookie/candy/Simpsons/S'mores snacktime character might reply: "D'oh!"

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Take, for instance, Nestle's Butterfinger hot cocoa mix.

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Minimum wage an insult to Americans

BY ESTHER TOLSON
Columnist

The current minimum wage is by no means a living wage. The national minimum wage is \$5.15 per hour, which works out to \$892 per month and \$10,712 per year. Only twelve states have chosen to pass minimum wage laws in excess of this amount. It should come as no surprise that Idaho is not one of the twelve. The minimum wage is not indexed to inflation, so if it is not raised by Congress periodically—it is actually falling.

It has been seven years since the minimum wage has been increased. According to Jared Bernstein, senior economist at the Economic Policy Institute in Washington D.C., the only period longer than this lasted for nine years during the Reagan Administration, until even George H. Bush realized they could not ignore the poor eternally and signed an increase in 1990.

Historically, Republicans and Democrats have worked together to raise the minimum

wage in reaction to inflation. So why the current refusal on the part of Bush and Republicans to stand up and call for Americans to pay their fellow Americans a wage that does not require public assistance to survive on? Why would the party that so adamantly despises social welfare programs want to ensure their continued need?

Consider this statement made by Donald R. Deere, associate director of the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University:

"Passing a law that forces people to earn a minimum amount in order to work seems a cruel policy in an already cruel world."

Cruel to whom? The employees who will be making more money? The reasoning behind it is about as backward as the so-called "right to work". The excuse that Mr. Deere and other Republicans have used to justify blocking numerous proposed increases to the minimum wage is that raising the minimum wage will

result in loss of jobs and harm the poor folk we are purporting to help. Others claim that it would ruin small businesses. Unfortunately, statistics do not support this claim.

Oregon voters enacted an increase that brought the minimum wage up from \$4.75 to \$6.50 in three phases ending in 1999. According to Jeff Thompson of the Oregon Center for Public Policy, the increase has brought "raises to former welfare recipients and other low-wage workers without job losses." A recent study conducted by the Fiscal Policy Institute also disputes the asserted unhealthy affect on small businesses. The study found that between 1998 and 2001, the number of small businesses—those with less than fifty employees—grew twice as quickly in states with higher minimum wages. Employment also grew 1.5 percent more quickly in high minimum wage states.

I would have to agree with Franklin Roosevelt on the issue,

"No business which depends for existence on paying less than living wages to its workers has any right to continue in this country. By living wages I mean more than a bare subsistence level—I mean the wages of a decent living."

I used the calculator provided on the AFL-CIO Web site, www.aflcio.org, to see what life would be like for my family of four if my husband and I both worked forty hours per week at the current minimum wage. After entering our current basic needs, I overspent our monthly budget by \$860. After taking away clothing, healthcare, and any food away from home I still overspent by \$515. We could not even cover mortgage, food, utilities, transportation, and child care at this wage. Forget saving for retirement and sending our children to college.

We all know what a decent living consists of. It is an embarrassment that despite our wealth as a whole, we are not providing all Americans with the opportunity to earn one.

letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

In her article, Esther Tolson gives a free pass to corrupt politicians by putting the blame solely on the U.S. merchants who hire illegal aliens.

It so happens that not so poor Mexicans and others are sneaking into the U.S. braving the desert because of the bounty of social services and privileges that the corrupt U.S. politicians are offering illegals. Over 9,000 illegals are sneaking in daily through our borders. U.S. citizens who live by the border hear them run through their land by the hundreds at night. They camp in the desert in groups of one hundred or more while

they wait for their coyotes to be smuggled into our cities. They leave behind tons of trash mixed with human waste. U.S. volunteers who pick up this trash, report finding clothing of excellent quality and even used Mexican airline tickets! Because coyotes want to make as much room as possible in their vehicles, illegals are forced to leave behind their possessions. The attraction is not just the low paying jobs, but the U.S. taxpayer-subsidized free health care, education for their children, free school breakfast and lunches, help with the rent, food stamps and even HUD's down payment to buy a house with low interest mortgage. The list is long. Politicians are bend-

ing over backwards to attract cheap labor for their bosses, the U.S. merchants. Meanwhile, taxpayers pick up the tab.

Haydee Pavia
Laguna Woods, CA

Dear Editor:

Bravo to Esther Tolson for writing about the difficult and timely subject of illegal immigration. Of all the hundreds of articles I have read about this subject, I rarely see one with such a clear, straightforward answer to the solution. Along those lines please also consider the following:

I am an employer in Chico,

Calif. and have watched the numbers of illegal immigrants increase dramatically over the last ten years. The Federal government requires all employers to check various documents or a combination of documents to verify whether newly hired employees are eligible to work. This requirement is called the I-9 Employment Verification process and the reason given in the I-9 manual for this is "Employment is often the magnet that attracts persons to come to or stay in the United States illegally." So in theory, if people cannot get jobs we shouldn't need any other kind of interior enforcement.

Why is this not working?

Because the Federal government does not require any verification that the documents the employer is given are real. The employer only has to believe they are real. Over ten years ago I found my first obviously fraudulent identification and have made it part of my regular procedure to check and verify all social security numbers with the Social Security Administration. It isn't 100 percent but I have been shocked to discover how many newly hired employees where using fraudulent numbers.

A social security card is very easy to counterfeit. Imagine if all documents were subject to verification? We don't hire people that haven't had previous expe-

rience and references. You would be surprised to know that many of the people that had worked for other employers had been doing jobs that where not the typical jobs that are usually described as "jobs nobody else will do".

I absolutely believe illegal immigrants compete for and take away jobs from legal immigrants and citizens alike and that they also provide an oversupply of labor which keep wages lower than they otherwise would be. This isn't something I read in the L.A. Times. This is something I have observed everyday in my workplace.

Jacki Headley
Chico, California

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culture

Art in the Park to raise funds for B.A.M.

MICHAELA G. HEALIN
Culture Writer

The Boise Art Museum (BAM) is presenting the 50th Annual Art in the Park celebration this Friday through Sunday, Sept. 10-12, in Julia Davis Park. The First Art in the Park took place in 1954 when local artists showcased their artwork on a clothesline strung from the Boise Art Museum (then called Boise Gallery of Art) to a tree in Julia Davis Park. Today, over 265 artists and 35 food vendors come together to create the largest single fundraiser for BAM. Although admission is free, there are a few incentives for making a purchase. 20 percent of the proceeds from art and food sales that BAM receives are used to bring outstanding visual arts, educational programs, and activities for children to the Boise community throughout the year. Also, remember to enter your receipts for a chance to win the raffle for roundtrip tickets from Southwest Airlines and Bogus Basin passes.

Need more BAM after exploring the creative work provided by the different artists? Then be sure to check-out the sounds of Stacy Board and her acoustic guitar from 6-8 p.m. on Friday night and jazz in the garden with the Frim Fram Fellas from 5:30-8 p.m. on Saturday night in the Sculpture Garden Pub. The Pub is also your place to find a cold beer or glass of wine. Go ahead and follow your temptations.

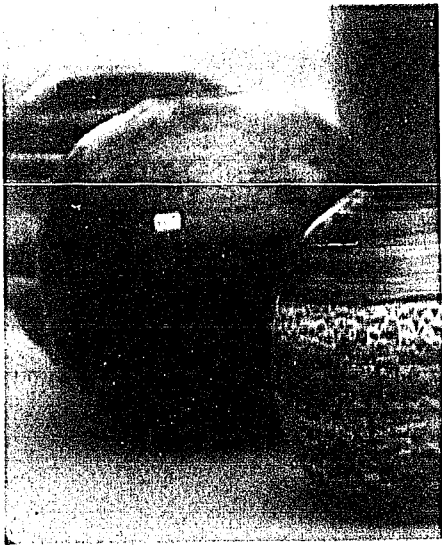
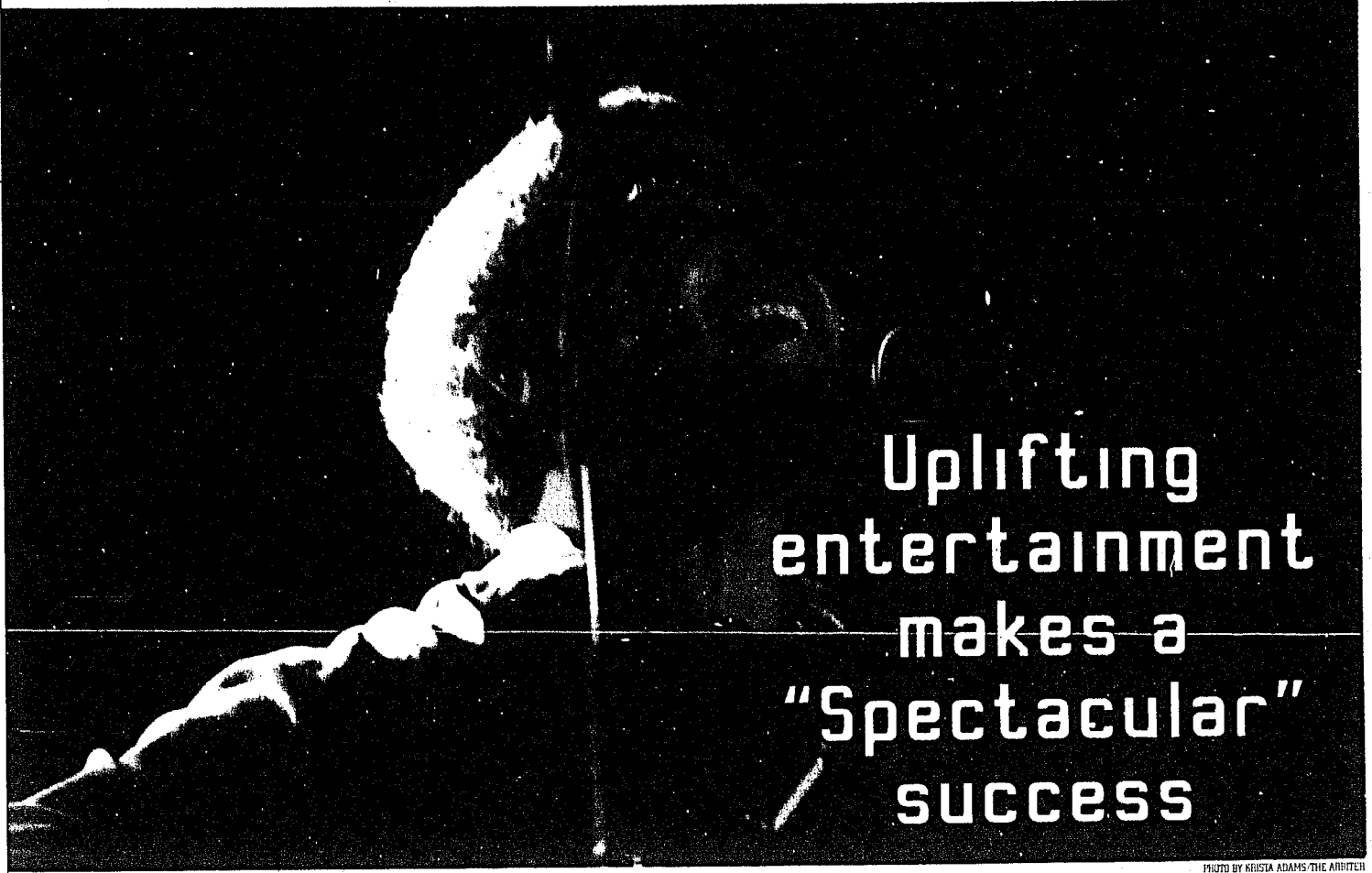


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Uplifting
entertainment
makes a
"Spectacular"
success

PHOTO BY KRISTA ADAMS/THE ARBITER

Kalai playing at the centennial Amphitheatre Friday night.

TREVER ALTERS
Culture Writer

While the Broncos marched their way to an outstanding victory last weekend, there was something else spectacular taking place on campus. It was the Latter Day Saint Student Association's "Institute Spectacular." Every September, the LDSSA kicks off the school year with a big activity that usually involves fun, music, and an uplifting message. This year was no exception.

Nearly 400 students gathered Friday night at Julia Davis Park for a large picnic style dinner, and then headed over to the amphitheatre behind Albertsons Library for a concert. Kalai played a two-hour set that was marked by his outstanding music and strong, powerful voice. Kalai also told several jokes that did not seem to appeal to the otherwise captive audience. Many fans left the concert saying they loved Kalai's music, but they did not care for his sense of humor. Kalai, who had never previously played in Boise, said he liked the city and is planning to

play here again in October. Kalai has a unique style of acoustic blues and folk music. While his music was not necessarily "LDS music," it was an awesome chance for the LDSSA to host a free concert with great music. Kalai already has a strong following in other mountain states, and his manager said they hope to continue to strengthen his following in the Boise area as well.

Though the activities began Friday night, the Spectacular seemed to be built around Saturday's Bronco game. Just like many other student organizations, the LDSSA gathered for a tailgate party and barbecue. This tailgate party was different though - there was lemonade instead of alcohol. Many of the students there had just returned from various service projects around the valley. Part of the Spectacular was to get involved in the "Super Service Saturday" that BSU organizes every month.

The LDSSA's Institute Spectacular finished on Sunday night with a powerful performance from singer Jenny Phillips. Phillips, from Utah,



Jenny Phillips sang in the Jordan ballroom Sunday night

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performed with nine other singers. They also shared a video and spoken word. The group brought an uplifting message relating pioneer lives from over a century ago to today. Phillips said that if pioneers could struggle through overwhelming hardships and loss of loved ones, then surely she could find a way to see her own trails in a positive light. She encouraged all those in attendance to maintain a similar perspective on life. Phillips has been sharing this message in various venues throughout the world, and she is currently

translating her music into other languages so that she can reach more people. She has recently become the most requested LDS performer.

Dan Housely, vice president at the LDS institute, promised that there would be many more activities all year long including a free "friendship feast" every Friday. "The institute is on the corner of University and Juanita," he said. "Everyone is always welcome to come sit in on a class, hang out, or just see what is going on over here."



PSEUDO-PARTYING WITH STEVE-O

DAN MCNEESE
Culture Writer

When I was twelve I started reading a skateboard magazine called "Big Brother." It was 1994 and skateboarding wasn't as popular as it is today. Back then the magazine displayed less in the way of skateboarding and more in the way of the sub-culture lifestyles that skateboarders endorsed, namely partying. One of the partiers "Big Brother" showcased was a charismatic alcoholic named Steve-O. A self-proclaimed clown, Steve-O, made a living for himself by jumping off the multi-level structures he scaled, playing with fire and being an all-around party nui-

sance. Throughout the years the magazine covered drunk and disorderly stunts from Steve-O along with such no-names as Johnny Knoxville and Chris Pontius. With staff members Rick Kosick and Jeff Termain, Big Brother made a huge impact on the skateboarding community. It was the same group of hooligans, along with Bam Margera and the CKY guys, that formed the stunt show "Jackass." As a pre-pubescent male I fell in love with the idea of being a drunk and disorderly skateboarder for a living. Steve-O, having become the greatest pro-active slacker of our generation, has made a living out of being just that. Now with another hit show on MTV, "WildboyZ," Steve-O is still at the top of his self-declared profession making a jackass out of himself. Coming to the Big Easy this Saturday, Sept. 11 for a

drunken symposium, I thought it would be the perfect time to sit down for a Steve-O interview.

DM: Are you stoned right now?

SO: I am very stoned right now.

DM: How many times a day do you smoke pot or drink?

SO: It's not really HOW many times a day I do it, I just stay stoned all day.

DM: How does it feel to have made a career out of being an alcoholic?

SO: I am proud of what I accomplished. [Giggles] you know we're all going to be dead so I find it important - to me - to some how... live on.

DM: Have you ever been to rehab?

SO: YEAH. My mom looked me up in rehab when I was twenty. I am 30 now so that was kind of a

long time ago.

DM: So did any one try to "12-step" you?

SO: Well yeah, I was in rehab. I tried to show everyone my stunt videos - I had like four of them back then - and they confiscated them. I was like, I'm going to be rad one day. Those assholes.

DM: You started making those videos in hopes that someone would pick you up?

SO: They were mostly skate videos. Even if I couldn't continue to skate I still wanted to make videos of partying. That and partying, it's all kind of the same thing. Dude, I had been making videos for about five years when I was in rehab, so about fifteen years now.

DM: That's around the time you started drinking?

SO: I started drinking pretty

See Steve-O [page 7]

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So, anyway...

BY TRAVIS ESTVOLD

Maybe you can help this columnist overcome his problems.

I have come to the conclusion that when people have problems that they can't seem to fix, they should tell as many people as possible about them so they can truly get a good beat on what they are dealing with.

That being said, I'm now going to talk about all of my problems from the last couple of months. If any one of my four or five readers would like to write in what they think I should do about my troubles, or comment on what I've already done (poorly) to solve them, I would be more than happy to listen.

PROBLEM 1:

I nearly died today by narrowly avoiding running a red light I hadn't seen. I notice that I often ignore posted traffic signs and signals, most notably ones governing speed limitations, but also traffic lights, and then only those that are at current times red. I'm not sure what I can do to make this problem go away, but thus far I have tried eating while driving, talking on my cellular phone and turning my music up obnoxiously loud.

PROBLEM 2:

I interrupt people a lot. I have difficulty believing this is my fault. If people would just be quiet more often, then I would scarcely even have an opportunity to cut them off. I'm beginning to think that my poor listening skills might somehow

very well be intertwined with my interrupting problem, but I don't know how that's possible. To date, the method that seems to be helping me quit interrupting best is when prompted for conversation by anyone I meet, I immediately sigh deeply and say, "This had better be good." People have seemingly responded well, and I find that my interruptions have decreased dramatically, though perhaps only because far fewer people desire conversation with me now.

PROBLEM 3:

I can seem to find no motivation to do schoolwork of any kind. As soon as I start any evening or weekend assignment, I'm immediately interrupted by shouts of "Travis! Travis! Travis!" from the kitchen. I then have to stop what I'm doing and go see what the problem is. Invariably, it always works out to be food from the fridge calling out my name. And if I ignore it, the shouts only get louder. So to appease the situation, I have to eat something to make sure my leftovers don't yell the rest of the night. Often times I have to get up four or five times to quiet the raucous refrigerator. My most successful method for beating this problem has been watching movies until 3 a.m. I'm not sure how that helps, but I typically feel far better afterward.

So, anyway, if you can help me with... Wait wait wait. Did I say these were problems? I think I must have crossed up my info. This was just a list of things I do all the time. These aren't problems. Never mind, you guys.

Local poets mend a breach in Boise

JANA HOFFMAN
Culture Writer

Professor Scott Abels, a current Poetry graduate student at BSU, says his poetry is "...a conversation that responds to my book shelf, really..." His poems are also a response to the American world around him, being "...very distinctly American. I think that certainly still a big part of being an American is thinking about one's own individuality, so that comes out in my poetry a lot... I am thinking a lot more about politics and maybe articulating our idea of America and freedoms that we may or may not have, that we may or may not used to have had."

Poets and politics are good friends often times. Rough political waters have birthed many great poets in history. Politics attempt to define and direct human behavior, but exclusively in the managerial sense. If only we all behaved and shared like we should, then we wouldn't need the pesky institution. Unfortunately, our behavioral choices affect the next guy for good or bad. So we need to have government, but the good news is that we've got to have poets as well. They have the power to reveal the humanity behind political jargon. Often times it is difficult to swallow the message of poetry, yet, how noble it is to challenge our conventions.

Let's be real. Some people like poetry, some don't. Yet, undeniably, where there is intellect there is art. They naturally spring forth from one another. So it is fair to say that the residents of any community should be concerned about the art community, and where it is headed. It is kin to taking consideration of environmental abuse. The least environmentally-minded person would admit that littering is a negative thing. The least-art-minded-types must also admit that history proves art to be an intrinsic part of humanity, and thus, it holds significance for all of us. Poetry is an art form



Jeanna Huff reads her poetry at the first Monday night reading at the Library Coffee House in Meridian. PHOTO BY RACHAE SWANDECK/ARTIST

that deserves platform. Now the question posed: is poetry getting its deserved platform, and in the best way possible?

"We are talking about poetry in the community as if it is versus poetry in the University, and that might be. I remember when Joshua Beckman was our visiting writer two years ago, he met all of the poets of the University—and there are some very good poets in this university. And he said, 'Okay, I know all of you—who are the poets in the community?' And I am not sure that anyone knew how to answer that question," said Abels when asked about a possible breach existing between academia and community poets. So, maybe the answer to the posed question is that it is getting platform—some factioned platform.

Poets submersed in academia are readers of poetry. They spend countless hours mulling through its depths. Community poets, on the other hand, often times do not consider it to be the focal point for their learning, but rather personal experience and passion drive their writing. Mia Wright, a graduate student at BSU earning a MFA this spring said, "The thing that I really love about poets in the community that sometimes can get lost in some people that are sort of studying the theory of it and looking at it in a more academic setting is this serious enthusiasm for anything having to do with poetry, like anything at all. So they see something with poetry in it and they don't think about who is going to be there, they just go."

Where there is lack of enthusiasm about community poetry events in the academic world, it isn't about a lack of passion for the art. Elitism may be the issue. "When you have decided that you are serious enough about any subject or any art form that you are going to formally study it, and then you come into contact with people who kind of just do it for fun; maybe it's about not taking the people as seriously who don't take the poetry as seriously as you do," said Wright. But not every artist takes the academic approach to their studies and their form. Academia is one approach, and a good one, but hopefully those eating from its hand are willing to share with those who have taken the other approach. The art isn't simply for the artist, it is a community enricher.

Brandon Follett, a slam poet, who also recently published his first chap book said, "What I've also noticed is the whole homogenization of poetry, meaning that to be a successful poet, there is only one way to do it [higher education]. If you look at poets from like before the 1970's, they didn't have to go through any MFA program to be called a decent poet and get their stuff out there."

In reference to education, elitism is understandable. Time spent on study of any subject, be it through a university, or through personal study, commands some respect. Those that have taken the time have much to offer. Though true, there must be a way for poets of the university to better connect with poets outside of its walls; not for their own good, but for the enrichment of our community. Forums, people, and concepts have yet to be discovered amongst us. If the gap among poets could be bridged, a larger group of people might be reached with poetry.

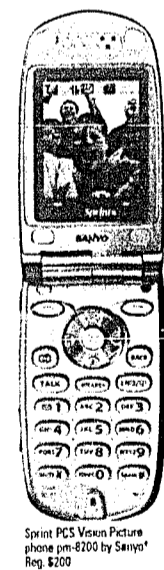
Poet Jeanna Huff is a proactive community member attempting to make poetry more accessible to everyone. She organizes poetry slams that take place every third Monday at the Funny Bone Comedy Club, she leads the all ages poetry club meeting Sundays at 3 p.m. (also at the Funny Bone), and recently partnered with the Library Coffeehouse in Meridian hosting poetry readings, every Monday night except Slam Monday. She is perplexed by the breach among poets and wants to raise the decibel on the "diverse voice of poetry" among us, to increase the attitude of, "If there's poetry, I am there."

Every good thing has its beginnings, and most often they are the humble sort. Every person in art has their beginnings as well, and they are those who need to meet others who pushed through the preliminary open range of "where do I begin?" And, "How can I learn more?" There is gleaning to be done. In academia, gleaning of passion for community apart from itself, and among poets sprouted from the street, gleaning from the in-depth discipline and studies of poets in the university. Here's to humble beginnings.



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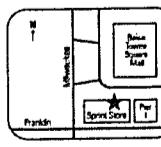
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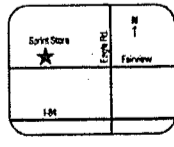
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BY SETH MERRITT AND OLIVIA LINN
Special to the Arbiter

"Driving a car is the most polluting act an average citizen commits"
(www.nutramed.com/environment/cars.htm)

Welcome to Fall 2004 at Boise State! As a quick intro, Seth Merritt and I, Olivia Linn, will be working in ASBSU as your Conservation Coordinators this year. Our goal is to make conservative lifestyles easier and more accessible to you! In doing so, we hope you stay tuned to our up and coming weekly articles which will help educate you on ecology efforts across campus and in the world.

This week we feel that it is a good time to say that parking on campus is, well... it's frustrating. This is a problem and will continue, until further notice, to be a problem. Until then however, here are some great ways to ease that frustration and help our earth.

Biking is an excellent solution. Understanding that not everyone lives a lifestyle which ac-

commodates biking to school, there are still many that live within several miles of campus and it's those that we encourage to invest a small amount of time and money in fixing up an old, or buying a new, bike. If yours is in working condition - ride it!! Get yourself a lock and a flat kit and fly! Do we need to mention the benefits of this lifestyle? Heart health, aerobic exercise, lower overall carbon monoxide emissions, fun, global consciousness, self-confidence, BETTER PARKING!!! Perhaps most encouraging would simply be the prospect of zipping from one appointment to another effortlessly with the wind in your hair, give or take the occasional curb huck. (Please note that World Cycle at the corner of 8th and Idaho, downtown Boise, offers a 10% commuter discount card.)

Also available across the city to all is the bus-commuter system. For those of you who didn't know it already, BSU staff, faculty and students may ride these city busses for free. Just stop by the parking office, located at 1001 Lincoln on the corner of Lincoln and University, and pick

up a sticker for your campus ID card.

This system, ValleyRide, (which, by the way, runs on natural gas therefore reducing emissions) is also currently upgrading its routes throughout the city. This means that there could be a new bus line running just outside your front door. If you are interested in checking this out, log on to the ValleyRide's website at www.valleyrides.org for info on routes and schedules.

When the moment comes that you are tired of parking fees and circling the lots for 30-40 minutes before scoring a space. If you've been feeling guilty or even mad as you sit in an idling car, oozing exhaust, waiting for your turn to park, then please consider one of these earth-friendly alternatives. Alongside reducing ozone depletion and taking hold of better health, you'll be saving yourself a lot of time.

Next week's article: The Best Student Bikes- A Personal Review

Steve-O [from page 5]

young. I come from a long line of alcoholics. I like to consider myself a "pedigree alcoholic."

DM: What is a "pedigree alcoholic?"

SO: Ya know, it's not in my blood, it is my blood. Like everyone in my family is a bunch of drunks. The show I'm gonna do there [at the Big Easy] is nothing more than a horrifying display of alcoholism and self-mutilation.

DM: Is the show just consisting of you?

SO: I am not sure who all is on the show. I know there might be some animal wranglers, some snakes and maybe some alligators. I don't want to say for sure because I don't know. I don't know really who will be with me but it will be an alcoholic train wreck.

DM: You went to the University of Miami, right?

SO: Briefly. I actually graduated from Barnum and Bailey Clown College. Had I not have graduated from Clown College there wouldn't have been one damn college graduate in all the Jackass cast members!

DM: Speaking of "Jackass," I've seen very few "Jackass" alumni give props to "Big Brother" [Skateboard Magazine] for starting you guys out, sans you.

SO: Well, I mean, exactly. It was [Jeff] Termain who was the driving force who put everything together. In fact he grew up with Spike Jonez helped things out. One call to Spike and it was a

done deal. Absolutely though. I don't think Johnny Knoxville would deny the roll "Big Brother" played.

DM: Wasn't the first episode of "Jackass" just some of the "Big Brother" videos?

SO: Yeah, and Bam [Margeria] footage from the CKY's. They went straight to "Jackass." Everything Knoxville did except

for two things were from "Big Brother". It all made it on there except for getting hit by a car and him shooting himself with a gun. "Big Brother" had a chance to step up and take something like that on but they passed it off. We ended up dealing with what MTV had for standards.

DM: Is that why "Jackass" is no more?

SO: Well yeah. We started doing the show and kids started showing up in hospitals with broken bones and stuff. We were too wild for them. That's how the movie came about because we could do what we wanted. Like the Censors at MTV wouldn't let us puke on TV anymore.

DM: How many times have you been to the hospital?

SO: Um? Like 12 times I think?

DM: Because the "Jackass" movie was an actual movie, did you get insurance from the Screen Actors Guild?

SO: Yeah. It was an underground movie at first, we kept it low key but then a picture studio picked us up.

DM: Do you have any words of advise for aspiring young idiots?

SO: Yes, I do. It takes a big man to cry...it takes a bigger man to laugh at him. I got a joke too.

DM: Oh Yeah?

SO: What has 9 arms and sucks?

DM: I give up?

SO: Def Leopard!

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Jack Johnson

climbs from album contributor to record label owner

ROSS RAIHALA
Knight Ridder Newspapers

In 1999, laid-back rapper G. Love gavelaid-back surfer-singer Jack Johnson his first break—he included Johnson's track "Rodeo Clowns" on the G. Love & Special Sauce album "Philadelphonic."

Five years later, Johnson is returning the favor—releasing Love's latest disc, "The Hustle," on his own label, Brushfire Records, and taking Love on the road for a tour.

But Johnson isn't about keeping score. "Really, it's as much a favor to me," he said during a phone interview from Lake Tahoe, Nev., the first stop of the tour. "It's a chance for me to hang out with my friends. It's fun for everybody."

Also on the tour is fellow Brushfire artist Donavon Frankenreiter, another pal whose album boasts guest spots from, yes, Johnson and Love.

Indeed, it's one big, happy, hippie family for Johnson and friends. And it's that laid-back sense of community that turned Johnson into a surprising, beneath-the-radar success.

The Hawaii native, who took to surfing as a toddler, eventually decided to make films about his beloved sport rather than attempting a career as a

pro surfer. On the side, he wrote simple, acoustic tunes based in the blues and reggae—songs to sing around the campfire each night—to accompany the surfing films.

Tapes of Johnson's music began circulating among surfers worldwide. After Love's "Rodeo Clowns" became a minor hit, Johnson found he had a career as a musical performer.

In 2001, Johnson released his breezy debut, "Brushfire Fairytales," which went on to top a million in sales. By the time of last year's follow-up "On and On," Johnson had formed his own label, distributed by Universal, and started signing his buddies.

"I never dreamed of being a record-label guy—it just sort of worked out that way," Johnson said.

"It's all just run by a group of friends. We have total control over the whole creative side of things and Universal just distributes what we give them. And on the promotion side, it's really easy. It's just us going out and touring, getting our crew together and goofing off."

After the current tour wraps up, Johnson plans to start recording his third studio album, due for release in the spring.

Johnson will also continue

work on music for the big-screen version of "Curious George," due in 2006. In a bid to stay true to the spirit of the books, the film will be animated by hand—as opposed to computer—and stars Will Ferrell as the voice of the Man in the Yellow Hat. As Curious George doesn't speak, Johnson's songs will act as the monkey's de facto voice.

"It's a challenge, because I've never had success sitting down and trying to write a song," said Johnson. "It's always just been more of a natural thing for me. But this is a fun challenge, and since it's a kids' film, that makes it easier."

The film's producers have provided Johnson with stripped-down, sketch-like, black-and-white animated scenes to which he matches his music.

"It's jumpy and raw," he said. "It's really neat. I wish the (final) movie could come out like that." It helps, too, that Johnson has a 6-month-old son who provides plenty of inspiration.

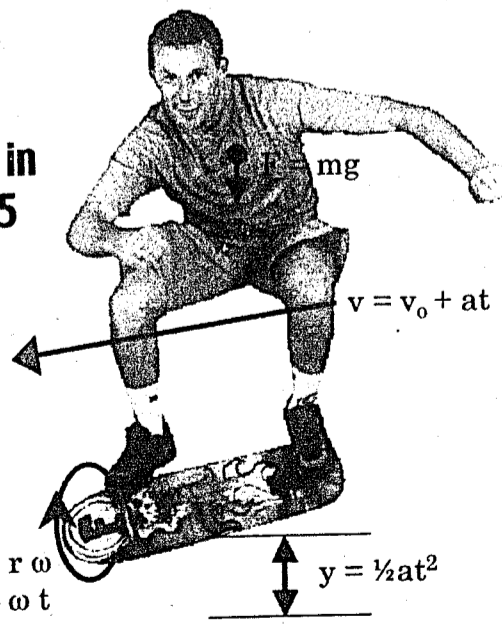
"Oh man, I love hanging out with him," said Johnson. "He loves music. I put drumsticks in his hands and he sits there, pounding on drums. I love to sit around and play goofy little kid songs for him."

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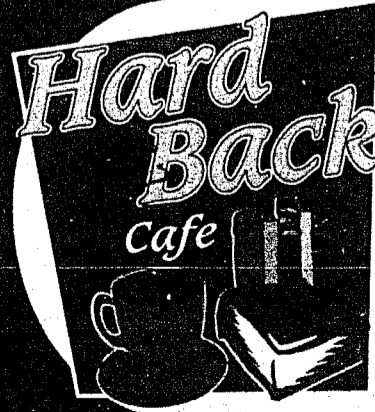
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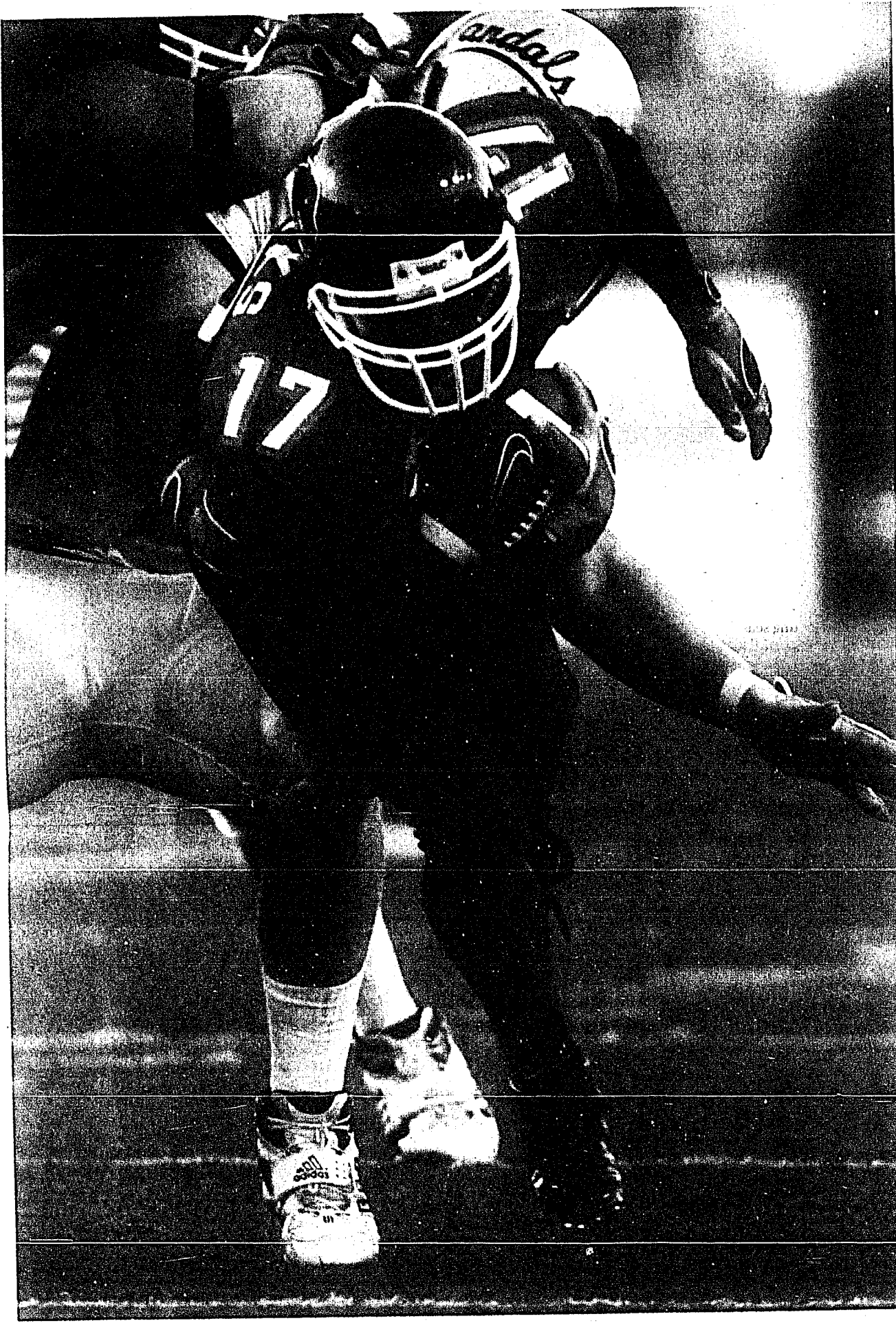
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BSU looks to extend nation's longest winning streak



BY TREVOR HORN
Sports Writer

Less than a week after a stellar all-around performance against an Idaho team that looked over-matched, the Broncos will host Oregon State tomorrow night at Bronco Stadium. The game will be nationally televised on ESPN at 8:05 p.m.

Last week, sophomore Jared Zabransky took the helm as the signal caller for the Broncos and showed early why he was chosen as the starting quarterback. Zabransky scored three rushing touchdowns in the first quarter en route to a 65-7 drubbing of the Vandals in front of a record crowd of 30,944 at Bronco Stadium.

"I thought he played well," Broncos Head Coach Dan Hawkins said about Zabransky, who also passed for 234 yards. "We had all the confidence in the world that he would."

Along with dousing the quarterback controversy, the Broncos cleared up another offensive question mark. After rushing for 105 yards against the Vandals on 14 carries, Lee Marks is now alone at the top of the depth chart at the starting tailback position. Last week the Broncos listed Quinton Jones, Jeff Carpenter and Marks' names at the top of the chart. To go along with an impressive 40-yard run that almost broke the ankles of one Vandal defensive back, Marks had eight more carries than Carpenter and Jones combined.

"He is probably the most elusive guy that we've had here," Hawkins said. "He's tough to tackle."

And in other position battle, Mike Dominguez is now listed as the starting right defensive end. Dominguez split duty with Tim Volk last week, but Hawkins made the decision even though Volk had more total tackles than Dominguez and recorded a sack. When asked about the change, Hawkins said it was due to experience more than anything else.

Following the opening day victory, senior defensive co-captain Chris Carr was awarded WAC Special Teams Player of the Week honors with his efforts returning punts for the Broncos on Saturday. Carr returned five punts and set a school record with 137 yards including a 62-yard return for a touchdown.

On paper, tomorrow night's game is poised to be one of the biggest in school history for the Broncos. Combining with a Miami (OH) loss to Michigan last week, the win over the Vandals gives the Broncos the longest win-

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ning streak in the nation, with 12 wins. The Broncos also hold the nation's longest home win streak at 19 games.

Additionally, the Broncos are a perfect 9-0 in games televised on ESPN or ESPN2. And on the opposite spectrum of that, the Broncos are 0-9 versus PAC-10 teams all-time.

For the first time ever, Boise State student section seats were sold out in one day. Students were camping out hours before the ticket office opened on Tuesday, and the general public tickets have been sold out for tomorrow night's game since August 23.

Oregon State will be coming to town after a heartbreaking loss to the defending national co-champion LSU Tigers. OSU fell 22-21 in overtime. Place-kicker Alexis Serna missed three extra points in the game, including one that would have forced a double overtime Saturday night.

"I thought he was great," Oregon State Head Coach Mike Riley said regarding Serna at practice Monday afternoon. "He will battle back for it."

Beaver's senior quarterback Derek Anderson was in top form against the Tigers, throwing for 231 yards and three touchdowns. Anderson passed for 4,058 yards last season, and needs only 2,046 to pass Jonathon Smith as the school's all-time leading passer. Succeeding Stephen Jackson at tailback is Dwight Wright, who rushed for 85 yards last week.

The Broncos moved up one spot in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll to 26th just 10 points behind the 25th ranked Oregon Ducks. The Beavers are two spots behind the Broncos, not moving in the poll despite the loss.

5 quick facts on Oregon State:

- 1] Oregon State has one of the toughest schedules in college football. Along with being in arguably the strongest conference in the nation top to bottom, the Pac-10, they also are the only team to face both of the 2003 defending co-champions, LSU and USC.
- 2] Beaver Head Coach Mike Riley spent four years coaching in the NFL, three years as head coach of the San Diego Chargers and the other as an assistant coach with the New Orleans Saints, before returning to coach OSU.
- 3] Last year's star running back at OSU, Steven Jackson, became the first player in Oregon State history to leave for the NFL Draft early with a year of eligibility remaining. Davis was drafted 24th overall in the first round by the St. Louis Rams.
- 4] Oregon State doesn't have a winning series record against any of the other Pac-10 teams. The closest is a 39-46-3 record against Washington State.
- 5] The only WAC team with a winning record against the Beavers is Fresno State. The Bulldogs have a 8-5 series lead.

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2004 NFL pre-view

BY JEREMY RASMUSSEN
Sports Editor

As the great Vince Lombardi once said, "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." The 2004 NFL season is set to kickoff tonight on ESPN as two of the 32 teams in the National Football League begin their quest to do just that: win. Off-season transactions and pre-season injuries ran rampant these past few months and have caused quite a buzz throughout the sports world.

Players both leaving and switching teams, quarterback controversies, contract holdouts, and long-term injuries have made for some interesting predictions for the upcoming NFL season.

Lets start with the AFC. The defending Superbowl champion Patriots look to be the slight favorites among some tough competition. The Pats have managed to stay injury free through the pre-season and have only improved on the roster that took home the Lombardi Trophy back in February.

AFC
East: Patriots
North: Ravens
South: Colts
West: Chiefs
Wild Cards: Titans, Bengals

NFC
East: Eagles
North: Packers
South: Panthers
East: Seahawks
Wild Cards: Cowboys, Vikings
(Falcons if Vick was healthy)

Superbowl
AFC Champ: Ravens
(if Boller pulls a Trent Dilfer of 2001)
NFC Champ: Eagles
(finally take some pressure of McHabb and Andy Reid)
Winner: Ravens (defense wins championships)

under head coach Dick Vermeil. New defensive coordinator Gunther Cunningham will have the task of improving the Chiefs' defense, their biggest, and some might say only, flaw last season.

The Baltimore Ravens own the league's best defense hands-down led by the 2003 Defensive MVP Ray Lewis. The Raven defense was only made better with the recent addition of "Primetime" Deion Sanders. The deciding factor in whether or not Baltimore can make it to the end of January is second year quarterback out of California Kyle Boller. The Ravens also owned the league's most productive running game last year when Jamal Lewis rushed for over 2,000 yards, but Boller will need to help give the offense a push if the Ravens want to go places this year.

The Indianapolis Colts will also be a top contender to knock off the Pats. Led by last year's co-MVP Payton Manning and his favorite target, Marvin Harrison, the Colts bring one of the league's best offenses to the table.

In the NFC the additions of Terrell Owens and "the Freak," Javon Kearshe, give the Philadelphia Eagles the nod as the favorites. After three straight years of disappointment in the NFC title game, this could be the year the Eagles make the Superbowl. Former Pro Bowl defensive end, Hugh Douglas, will return to the Eagle defense, and if he can return to his form of three years ago, Philly will be tough to fend off.

The defending NFC champion Panthers along with the Seattle Seahawks will be the teams to give Philadelphia all they can handle. Much like the Pats, Carolina has done nothing but improve a solid, proven team. With Jake Delhomme, the tandem backfield of Stephen Davis and DeShaun Foster, and a quality young defense, the Panthers could very well send the Eagles home early for a fourth straight season.

The Seahawks, under head coach Mike Holmgren, are another considerable threat to take a shot at the title this year. Matt Hasselbeck threw for 3,841 yards in 2003 with 26 touchdowns. With Hasselbeck under center, Shaun Alexander in the backfield, and another solid young defense, the Seahawks can't be counted out either.

These seven teams sit at the top of the power ranking to start the season and are being thrown around in predictions on what's to come in this year's post-season - with no two teams standing solo above the contenders. Above are my picks for the playoff teams, conference champs, and Superbowl champ.

Boise State Tennis to host an open tournament and FUNraiser

BY AMBER FUGER
Sports Writer

The Boise State men's and women's tennis teams will host an open tournament this weekend at the Appleton Tennis Center. Fans and team members alike can suppress their appetite for tennis starting tomorrow. Montana State, Weber State, and BYU are among the teams that will participate in the three-day tournament. The tournament finals will be held Sunday 1 p.m. Following will be a Boise State Tennis clinic and games with BSU tennis team members and coaches at 4 p.m. at Boise Racquet and Swim Club. Immediately following the clinic, fans, team members, and coaches will get a chance to wind down and enjoy some gourmet barbecue for a fee of \$25 per person.



Coach Greg Patton

Men's head coach Greg Patton isn't referring to the upcoming events as a fundraiser. No, he prefers FUNraiser. "It is all about giving the tennis community a chance to meet the team members," said Patton. Not only will the event provide the community a chance to get to know the team but there will also be a few prized possessions auctioned off at the barbecue. A tennis lesson from an astounding tennis phenomenon will be among the items auctioned as well as a few t-shirts signed by professional tennis players including one signed by Andy Roddick.

If that isn't enough to stimulate curiosity about the event, the introduction of the new additions to the tennis team ought to do the trick. The men's tennis team signed three freshmen and one transfer from St. Louis. Freshman Luke Shields out of Grand Junction, Colo. is one of the top American juniors in the United States. Eric Roberson is a freshman out of Sacramento, Calif. Roberson has won four Junior Championships and is ranked 32 in the nation for boys 18s singles. Brent Werbeck is the third freshman out of Austin, Texas. Werbeck is one of the top talents in Texas.

Kaika Jobe is the fourth new addition to the men's tennis team. Jobe is a transfer from St. Louis where he played the number one spot. Jobe is a Hawaiian native and will be playing his senior year as a Bronco. Coach Patton describes Jobe as the "Kahuna-Hawaiian prince," because of his wonderful spirit and amazing talent.

According to the top collegiate newsletter, College Tennis Online, Boise State men's tennis has had the "top recruiting season in the nation." Coach Patton responded to the statement with enthusiasm regarding the depth the new recruits will bring to an already solid team.

The FUNraiser and tournament will provide Patton the opportunity to show off his new additions and his returning line-up. Another new addition to the men's tennis team is the new assistant coach Morgan Shepherd. "We are excited about the addition of Coach Shepherd. He has been the dynamic leader (executive director) of the Idaho Tennis Association for the past four years," said Patton. Former assistant coach Jared Burnham has recently been named the head coach of the men's tennis team at Weber State. "We will greatly miss Jared. We are all so happy that he has been named head coach at this Big Sky School," said Patton.

A new season with fresh faces is just what the Broncos need to make their vision of becoming one of the top ten teams in the country a reality. Patton and the Broncos did in 1997 and are prepared to do it again in 2005.

First-year players make major impact during opening week

BY BLAIR KERKHOFF
Knight Ridder Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Missouri coach Gary Pinkel recently asked his quarterback whether he could have played as a true freshman. Keep in mind that Brad Smith started as a second-year, or redshirt, freshman and was spectacular in his debut against Illinois.

"He said he couldn't even imagine playing as a freshman," Pinkel said.

That's how difficult it is to play college football, especially quarterback, when high school graduation was only three months earlier. And that's why the invasion of the impact rookies was the story of college football's first weekend.

Freshman quarterbacks started for Tennessee and Michigan and guided their storied programs to victory. The Vols' Brent Schaeffer became the first freshman to start at quarterback for a Southeastern Conference team

since 1945 and helped Tennessee beat Nevada-Las Vegas 42-17.

When Schaeffer wasn't taking snaps, another 18-year-old freshman, Erik Ainge, was.

Michigan's Chad Henne was a surprise starter in the Wolverines' 43-10 victory over Miami, Ohio. A sore arm kept announced starter Matt Gutierrez on the sideline, and coach Lloyd Carr started Henne.

Louisville's Brian Brohm didn't start the Cardinals' 28-0 victory over Kentucky, but he entered the game on the third series and directed Louisville's first touchdown drive.

Not so successful in debuts were two more freshman quarterbacks, Joe Fields of Syracuse, whose Orange lost to Purdue 51-0, and Air Force's Shaun Carney. The Falcons were drubbed by California 56-14.

"I had butterflies," Schaeffer said. "But being a freshman, that's no excuse. You just have to play."

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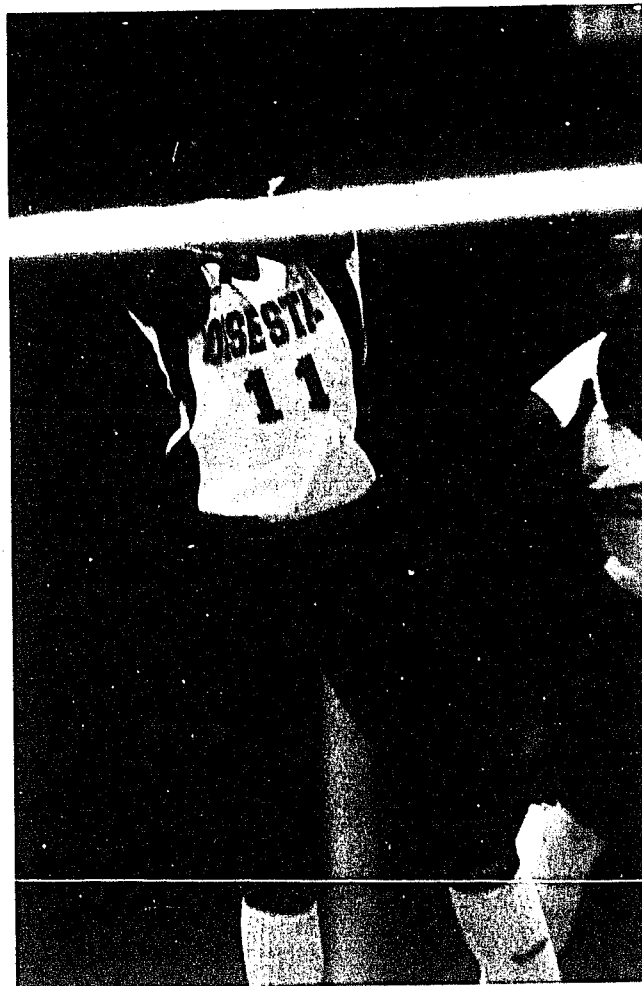
Bronco Volleyball opens with record-breaking start

BY JE Y'RIME TOYE
Sports Writer

In an effort to make their presence known in the WAC, the Boise State volleyball team started off the season with a feat that had not been accomplished since 1979 - a 4-0 start. After a victory in the season opener, the team hosted the Bronco DoubleTree Club Invitational last weekend where Gonzaga, Weber State, and New Mexico State met for the weekend tournament with the Broncos on their home court. The Lady Broncos stole the show in front of the home crowd as they made their way past each of the three teams one by one.

The Broncos entered the weekend two days after a 3-0 sweep of Albertson College in the first game of the season last Wednesday. Gonzaga was the first to fall victim to Boise State's play as the tournament began Friday night. The Bulldogs lost in four games to the Broncos, 3-1. Sophomore Cameron Flunder led the way with 23 kills and five blocks. The tournament was wrapped up Saturday with a double-header for each team. In BSU's morning match, the Broncos dominated Weber State with a three-game shutout. The team then followed it up with a 3-1 win over New Mexico State bringing the successful weekend to a close.

Flunder's performance in the long weekend for the Broncos earned her honors as the Western Athletic Conference Volleyball Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 6. Flunder racked up 57 kills and 13 blocks in the weekend's tournament. This marks the first time a Bronco has won the WAC honor since joining the



conference.

Tomorrow night in Bozeman, Montana State will host Boise State along with Dartmouth, Buffalo, and Portland in the 10th Annual Holiday Inn Classic. Montana State will lead off the tournament in a match with Dartmouth. The Broncos will then return to their home court next Tuesday when they play Idaho State at 7 p.m.

The Broncos' own WAC Player of the Week Cameron Flunder helps the team get off to an impressive 4-0 start.

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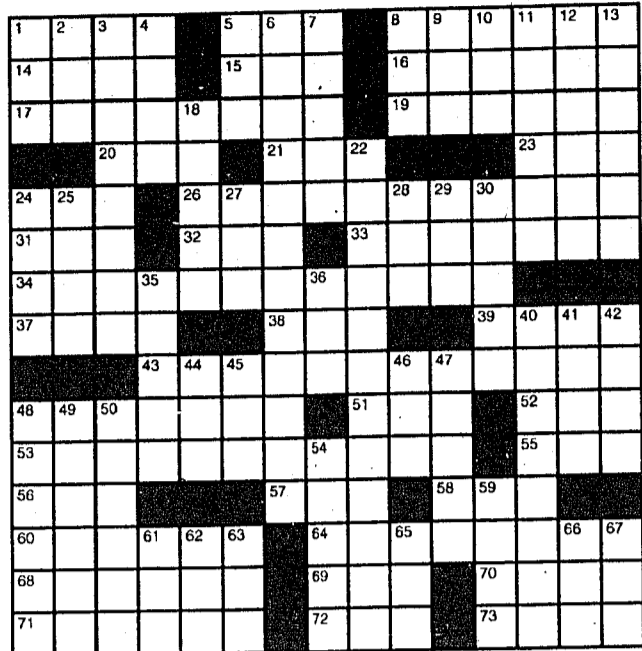
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Crossword

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1 Schusses
5 Silly billy
8 Wild goats
14 Closely confined
15 "___ Loves You"
16 Capital of Saudi Arabia
17 Traction
19 Order of business
20 Time period
21 Real profit
23 Melodic tune
24 Shell propeller
26 Reproved severely
31 Play on words
32 Hairstyling product
33 Searches for booty
34 Trip planners
37 Mall event
38 Salton or Caspian
39 Church part
43 New York borough
48 Treading the boards
51 Ex-QB Marino
52 Tattered cloth
53 Mirage
55 ___ of consent.
56 Evergreen
57 Give in to gravity
58 Free
60 Inventor Gray
64 Greasy spoons
68 "Lettin' It All Hang Out" autobiographer
69 Make up facts
70 Norway capital
71 Exhausts
72 L. Michaels' show
73 Loch of legend

DOWN
1 Hot spring
2 Actor Berry
3 IRS element
4 Roil
5 Pose questions
6 Valueless currencies



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Solutions

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O T S O E I T T U V D U H
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S E X E I S S V S I K S

7 Passover dinner
8 Levin or Gershwin
9 Expansive
10 Give the once-over
11 Coleridge's palace
12 Formed whirlpools
13 Broken pottery
18 Barracks boss
22 Repeatedly
24 Makes a decision
25 Emanation
27 Slithery fish
28 Player's piece
29 El Prado display
30 Like a twangy voice
35 Goddess of the hearth
46 Singer Janis
47 Type of drum
48 Puts forward
49 Pin to a wall
50 Rank indication
54 Highlanders

45 Earlier
59 Press
61 ___ Clemente
62 Newman film
63 Gore and Haig
65 ___ Aviv-Jaffa
66 Golfer Ernie
67 Mayday!

horoscopes

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Today's Birthday (Sept. 9). Your strong point has always been service, but this year you will discover that some jobs are best done by somebody else. Learn how to delegate and manage.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 5 - Nobody said it was going to be easy, so don't kick yourself if it's not. Slowly and carefully is your best motto if you want to win at this game. Now don't just sit there; get busy.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is an 8 - Keep reading even if what you're study doesn't make sense yet. Over the next couple of days, you'll begin to understand. Re-reading two or three times is OK.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a 4 - Your assignment is to hold onto as much of the loot as you can. The temptation to go through it fast could be powerful, but you can fight it off. Save up enough to buy something that will last for many years.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is an 8 - They say you can tell a lot about a person by the company he or she keeps. In this case, others can tell about you by the subject you're studying. It looks good on you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 5 - A bureaucrat can help you funnel more money into your pockets. Don't see those folks as the enemy. At least one of them wants to help you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is an 8 - The compliments you've been gathering might threaten to go to your head, increasing your confidence and sense of self-worth. Let it happen.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 4 - If you're wondering how to increase your fortunes, think of unusual ways to provide services for caregivers. Make their lives easier, and prosper.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 7 - A contact who lives far away can make a great connection that will bring you new information and a new friend.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 5 - Not much will be coming into your pocket for a little while, but you could get a hook into some nice benefits that will pay off later. That's a good idea.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is an 8 - Another's encouragement gives you the boost to get on over the top. Believe in yourself as strongly as another believes in you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 6 - Stick to the routine, and the work gets done with minor annoyances. You have big dreams, but it's not quite time to quit your day job yet.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is an 8 - An emotional connection should be noticeable for you now. But just because you are kindred spirits doesn't mean you can simply race off and do whatever you feel like. Discipline is still required.

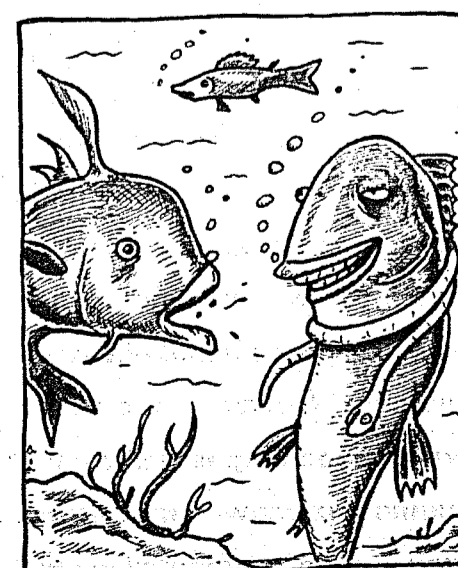
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People who were NOT awarded Salesperson of the Month.



Queer Eye for the Homeless Guy



"Dude! That scarf is off the hook!"



"You know what, Susie? Everybody thinks they be pimp, but they just frontin."