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# The Arbiter



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## Aging to be studied at new Boise State center

RANDALL POST  
News Writer

Boise State University announced the creation of an Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Aging as part of the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. The announcement was made in a "listening session" sponsored by Sen. Larry Craig (R-ID) on Oct. 18 in the Jordan Ballroom of the Student Union Building.

The center will be under the direction of the College of Health Sciences and the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs. University officials said that both colleges will provide education and training to the community and serve as a resource for faculty and students conducting research on aging.

The center is being built for two reasons:

1) People ages 65 and older are the fastest growing segment of Idaho's population.

2) The baby boomer population, people born in the U.S. between 1946 and 1964, is nearing retirement age.

Sen. Craig was in the Jordan Ballroom, listening to local senior healthcare officials as they expressed concerns over the future of senior citizens. Sen. Craig is chairman of the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging.

Jim Fields, director of South Central Idaho AAA, told Sen. Craig he wanted Medicare and Medicaid available to more people

and that seniors should have the opportunity to stay home longer with appropriate medical care, instead of living in nursing homes.

Brenda Shapy, director of the Blaine County Senior Center said seniors should have more options at senior care facilities instead of the typical activities of bingo, cards and quilting.

Shapy said there needs to be a change in the way of thinking and complete revision in identifying the role of senior centers.

"Baby boomers don't want or need the senior care of today," Shapy said.

Shapy called for an increase in funding to senior centers and urged policymakers to stop "looking through rose-colored glasses."

Shapy said the future senior must be independent and out of nursing homes as well as feel useful and needed. Shapy also said baby boomers should get the care they want and need not what we want for them.

Sen. Craig called Shapy's comments "very appropriate."

The session is one of three to take place in Idaho this week; one took place Oct. 19 at the Post Falls Senior Center in Post Falls and the other, today Oct. 21 at the Grand Teton Mall in Twin Falls.

According to university officials, initial funding for the center comes from a \$245,000 grant from the Administration on Aging in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The 2005 White House Conference on Aging will take place Oct. 23-26, 2005 on Capitol Hill.

Some of the center's goals are to involve retired seniors, students, faculty and staff as well as those from the fields of nursing, economics, social work, criminal justice, and health.

Boise State also hopes to support research on aging, with an emphasis on policy analysis and program evaluation.

The center aims to develop a graduate certificate in gerontological studies and provide non-credit education and training to rural and urban caregivers and service providers in health and policy areas related to aging.

## NEW SCULPTURE LOANED TO BSU

BY GRACE LUCAS  
News Writer

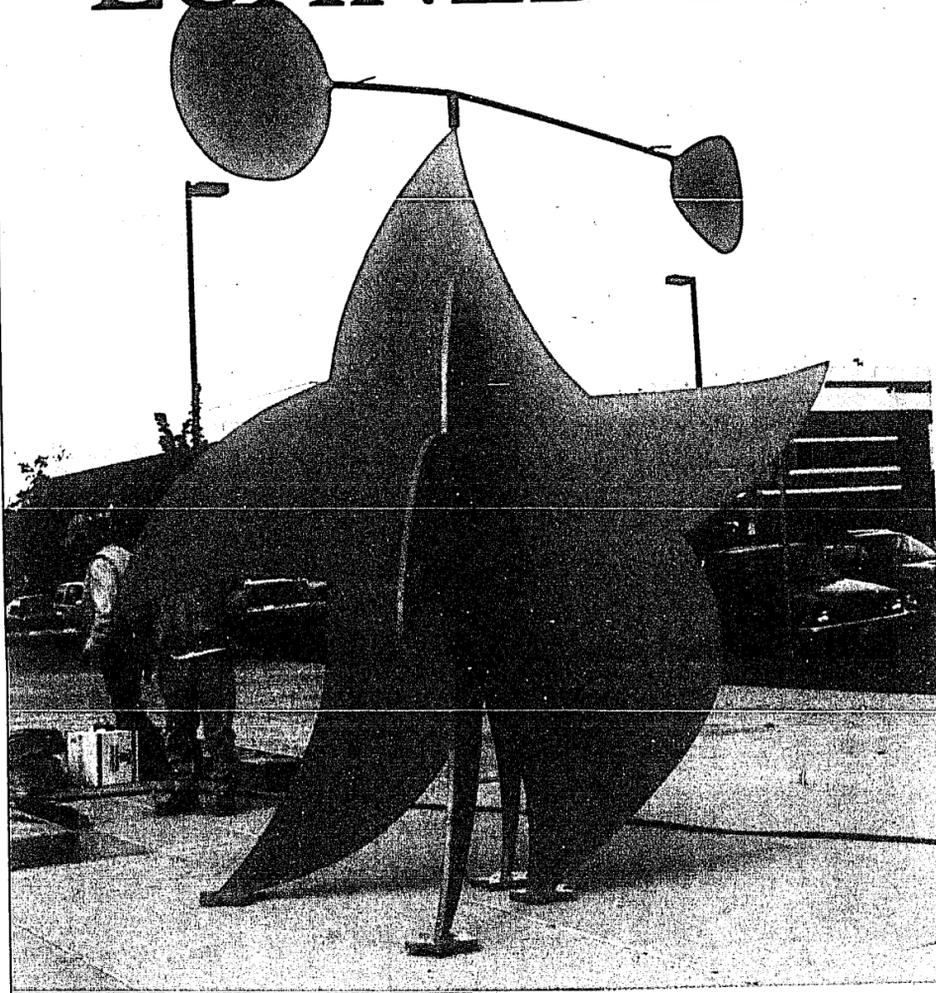


PHOTO BY MONICA PRICE/THE ARBITER  
Earlier this week, workers install a sculpture by Ketchum artist Robert Kantor in front of the Student Recreation Center. President Robert Kustra called the sculpture symbolic of BSU's rising national status.

Students and faculty welcomed the installation of a new sculpture this week in front of the Boise State Student Recreation Center.

University President Bob Kustra said the 3,000 pound "Rising Star" created by Robert Kantor is a sign of BSU's rising national profile.

"The artwork is a symbol of where we are going as an institution," Kustra said. He said he met Kantor a year ago at a fundraiser and later encouraged him to bring a piece to BSU.

Kantor, a Ketchum resident, said he creates his art based on his optimistic outlook on life. The piece is a 12 foot high, wind driven mobile to be loaned to BSU by Kantor for three years. It also has tinges of Bronco colors orange and blue, but Kantor said it's not a direct reference to the university.

"[The colors] are more symbolic to the viewer than there are to the artist," said Kantor. He said he chose the colors as a representative of the optimism that permeates most of his work.

Art professor Francis Fox said he was excited about the addition to the campus. "I think it is fitting that the name of the sculpture encapsulates a vision for BSU."

Others present at the installation shared the same view.

"We're the rising star, not only in Idaho, but in the United States," said Student Body President David Morriss.

Kantor's art has appeared in galleries in Idaho. The former graduate fellow at New York University is currently represented by the Ochi Gallery in Ketchum.

## Former U.N. Commissioner asks BSU to return \$4 million

### Robinson accuses Taco Bell of human rights violations

BY MONICA PRICE  
News Editor

Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and former U.N. Commissioner for Human Rights, spoke to a full-house on Tuesday in the Jordan Ballroom. Robinson spoke on globalization, human rights, and Taco Bell.

Robinson has been interested in human rights since childhood. She grew up with four large brothers and jokes, "I had to be interested in human rights."

Quoting Eleanor Roosevelt that human rights must matter at home in small places, Robinson jumped into the issues surrounding globalization. Capital, goods and services move across continents but labor is severely

restricted. "There is a disconnect that traps many people."

Not all restrictions should be lifted but there certainly needs to be changes, said Robinson. According to Robinson, millions in third-world countries will need jobs by 2030 in order to avoid chronic unemployment. "The European Union will need 70 million migrants to fill jobs by 2030," said Robinson. The two aren't talking frankly with one another. She said she has seen "more discrimination and xenophobia than I have ever known."

Robinson said corporate responsibility has become the new focus of the U.N with the role of business becoming more and more recognized as a global force for change. "The U.N. is interested in corporate social respon-

sibility," said Robinson.

Robinson has a message for global corporations, "don't be complacent in human rights violations in the countries you do business with."

With that, Robinson brought the topic of conversation to the issues surrounding the Taco Bell Arena. "I think it's a good story."

"I understand how strapped universities can be for cash... I have no doubt BSU could use the cash," Robinson said, adding that universities are places of ethics, it's up to the universities to offer solutions to the problems society faces today. It's encouraging that faculty and students have put forth resolutions to end the Taco Bell contract and return the 4 million dollars, said Robinson.

Robinson gave her own testimon-

ny to the slave-like conditions of the Immokalee workers in Florida. "I saw first hand the appalling living conditions." According to Robinson, workers are exposed to pesticides every day and receive no overtime pay. It takes 78 tubs of tomatoes to earn \$50.

"A number that I saw were living in containers.... windowless containers. Don't for a moment think Taco Bell isn't responsible," said Robinson. The Immokalee workers have modest demands, "they want decent working conditions and decent wages."

Robinson said there is still hope to help Taco Bell change its labor practices, "let's talk about possibilities." If BSU, in a principled way, returned the money and told Taco Bell they could not do business with them until they changed their ways, Taco Bell and Yum! Corporation might try to improve. "Human rights starts locally," said Robinson.

## 'MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour' takes input from Boiseans

### Top-rated news show discusses politics on campus

BY MARY GRACE LUCAS  
News Writer

The MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour, one of the nation's top-rated news shows, landed in Boise on Saturday to video tape a group of 117 community members in the Boise State Education Building. The group gathered to discuss political issues and create questions for a nationally televised forum to air tonight on Idaho Public Television at 7 p.m.

Boise is one of a handful of cities selected to participate in the

program. The "By the People" program is designed to include direct input from citizens around the country.

Chair of the BSU Department of Public Policy and Administration Jim Weatherby said Boise's gathering was a great success. "It exceeded all of our expectations," Weatherby said.

He also said event turnout was much higher than first expected and it was an interesting and unique experience. Most participants echoed Weatherby's senti-

ments. "I'm excited to be here because I'm hearing opinions from people from all walks of life," said Carole Howley of Boise. She said the conversation was balanced, but diverse. "People are valuing each other's opinions and there's a mutual respect."

The idea for the forum came after Sept. 11, when the producers of the MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour on PBS decided to create a dialog about complex national issues with viewer input as a cen-

terpiece. This will be the fourth such program and Boise's participants came in large numbers to be a part of the process.

"I was motivated by the opportunity to be politically involved. We don't have that opportunity a lot," said JaElla Hallam of Emmet. Hallam's group focused much of their discussion on the merits of pre-emptive military action and humanitarian-aid groups overseas.

The two main topics selected for discussion in Boise were na-

tional security and America's role in the global economy. Attendees were divided into groups of about 10 people. The goal was to formulate questions for a panel discussion later in the afternoon.

The highlights of Boise's discussion have been given to MacNeil/Lehrer Productions and will be an integral part of tonight's broadcast. Weatherby said Boise's group may have been more diverse than most other cities due to geography and city size.

"It made our experience a little bit more unique. It covered a less metropolitan area," said Weatherby. He also notes that the

number of attendees in Boise was high compared to other cities and so was the level of interest.

"They stayed all day. Nobody left," Weatherby says. Participants initially agreed to be a part of the group after receiving a random telephone call. Many said they were glad they decided to get involved.

"That means I'm still an optimist," Howley says. She believes these types of open discussions can bring about positive, workable solutions. She says she thinks these solutions can be delivered to authorities with the means to implement changes on a national scale.



### Bombings inside fortified Green Zone kill at least 5

BAGHDAD, Iraq—On the eve of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, Iraq's most-feared terrorist group claimed credit for setting off two bombs in the heavily fortified Green Zone, killing at least five people and injuring four American civilians.

The twin bombings were the first fatal militant attacks in the U.S.-controlled Green Zone, a compound of 10,000 U.S. and other coalition nationals and Iraqi employees that had been considered the safest place in Baghdad, if not all of Iraq.

A terrorist group led by the Jordanian-born Abu Musab al-Zarqawi claimed responsibility for the bombings.

American and Iraqi officials had predicted that militant activity would surge during Ramadan, as it did last year. The attacks remain under investigation, but officials said they thought the bombs were hand-carried into the 3-square-mile compound.

### Frozen DNA may help preserve endangered species

WASHINGTON—There is an international science project called the Frozen Ark, an attempt to preserve the DNA of thousands of the world's endangered species before they go extinct.

The scientists' goal is to salvage the rapidly shrinking biological record of life on Earth.

In the distant future, they may even try to resurrect vanished creatures. DNA, the genetic code for building all living things, theoretically could be used to reconstruct a simple animal like a beetle or a jellyfish, but likely not a "Jurassic Park"-style dinosaur.

"Despite the best efforts of many people and conservationists, hundreds of thousands of extinctions have taken place before the animals could be rescued," said British zoologist Ann Clarke, director of the Frozen Ark project. Another 10,000 species are expect-

ed to disappear in the next 50 years. "We aim to collect their DNA," Clarke said in an e-mail from her office at the Institute of Genetics at the University of Nottingham in England. "The loss of a species by extinction causes the irreplaceable loss of millions of years of evolution. If the cells and DNA are preserved, much of this information is saved."

Among the first species whose genes are in storage at the Natural History Museum in London are the scimitar-horned oryx, a Sahara desert antelope; the Socorro dove, which lives only on one island off Mexico; Australia's hairy-nosed wombat; and the yellow seahorse.



### Study links cell phone use to brain tumors

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—People who have used cell phones for at least 10 years may have an increased risk of developing a rare brain tumor, according to a study published Wednesday in the international journal Epidemiology.

A team of researchers at Institute of Environmental Medicine at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, found almost a four-fold increase of the tumors known as acoustic neuromas on the side of the head where the phone was most often held.

The work was done as part of the World Health Organization's cell phone research agenda, and experts in the field said it must be taken seriously and is likely to rekindle consumer worries about the risks of using the phones.

"The Karolinska researchers are respected around the world and this study will force health agencies to take a fresh look at mobile phone risks," said Louis Slesin, publisher of Microwave News, who has been covering the industry since its early days. "This study should put an end to the industry's call to stop mobile phone health research."

At least one past study conducted for the cell phone industry had also

suggested a link between the phones and this type of tumor. But cell phone industry officials on Wednesday said the Swedish research is just one study and that no conclusions can be drawn from it.

### Kerry accuses Bush of planning to radically change Social Security

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Sen. John Kerry accused President Bush on Sunday of crafting a "secret" plan to radically overhaul Social Security, an attack aimed at making seniors nervous and raising doubts about whether Bush can be trusted to level with the public.

"Just yesterday, we found out that the president told his biggest and wealthiest donors about his big January surprise. He's going to 'come out strong' to fight for his plan to privatize Social Security."

"This may be a good surprise for the wealthiest people and the well-connected in America, but it's a disaster for America's middle class," Kerry said from the pulpit of Mount Olivet Baptist Church, a predominantly black congregation in Columbus.

Kerry has developed a penchant for accusing Bush of secret plans, a theme that dovetails with charges about the distortion of prewar intelligence and echoes President Richard Nixon's "secret plan" to win the Vietnam War.

Recently, Kerry has managed to force the president to deny plans to bring back a military draft, for instance, but he's also opened himself to the charge of baseless alarmism.

"John Kerry's misleading senior scare tactics are just another example of a candidate who will say anything to get elected, no matter how false his accusations," said Bush spokesman Steve Schmidt.

### Politics weigh on annual Coming Out Week revelry

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The annual National Coming Out Week festivities on college campuses last week boast-

ed the typical student event fare: food, friendship and fun.

But in this election year, with the culture war over gay civil rights raging in neighborhoods, churches, state legislatures and Congress, some of the events offered a political edge, too.

The theme this year: "Come out. Speak out. Vote."

In a 2003 poll, 77 percent of gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgender people considered themselves "out." But only 32 percent talk to their parents about public policy issues, and 46 percent talk to their siblings about such topics, a Human Rights Campaign Foundation survey found.



### BSU Astronomy Club hosts lunar eclipse viewing

Treasure Valley residents are invited to view a lunar eclipse through powerful telescopes beginning 6 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 27 at Boise State University. Faculty and members of the Black Holez astronomy club will be on hand to answer questions. Admission is free, although a \$2 donation is encouraged to help raise money for the purchase of new telescopes.

The observation session will be held on the roof of the Education Building, located just east of the Morrison Center. Take the elevator to the seventh floor and the stairs to the roof. Pay parking is available at the parking structure on Brady Street and University Drive.

Global clusters, nebulas and galaxies are some of the other objects in the night sky that will be visible through the telescopes. If inclement weather forces cancellation of the event, signs will be posted at the entrance to the Education Building. For more information, call the Student Information Desk at 426-4636, or call Jessica at 841-5401.

### Not such a good idea after all

Taking advantage of a bad situation, a woman sold rocks to rioters during two nights of civil unrest in Benton Harbor, Mich. She made about \$70, charging \$1 for small stones and \$5 for large ones.

She stopped when someone hit her with a rock.

### Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble...

A young woman in Madrid tried to cast a spell like her hero, the fictional wizard Harry Potter, by cooking up a mixture of water, oil, alcohol and toothpaste on her stove. She accidentally burned down her house.

### May the force be with you too... goodbye

A man in Ohio was fired for using the computers at work to help in the search for extraterrestrial life.

His ex-boss said, "I understand his desire to search for intelligent life in outer space, because obviously he doesn't find it in the mirror in the morning."

### Uh, yeah, your ride is here now

A naked man was discovered in the ladies room of a California synagogue. He told police he was "waiting to catch his rocket ship."

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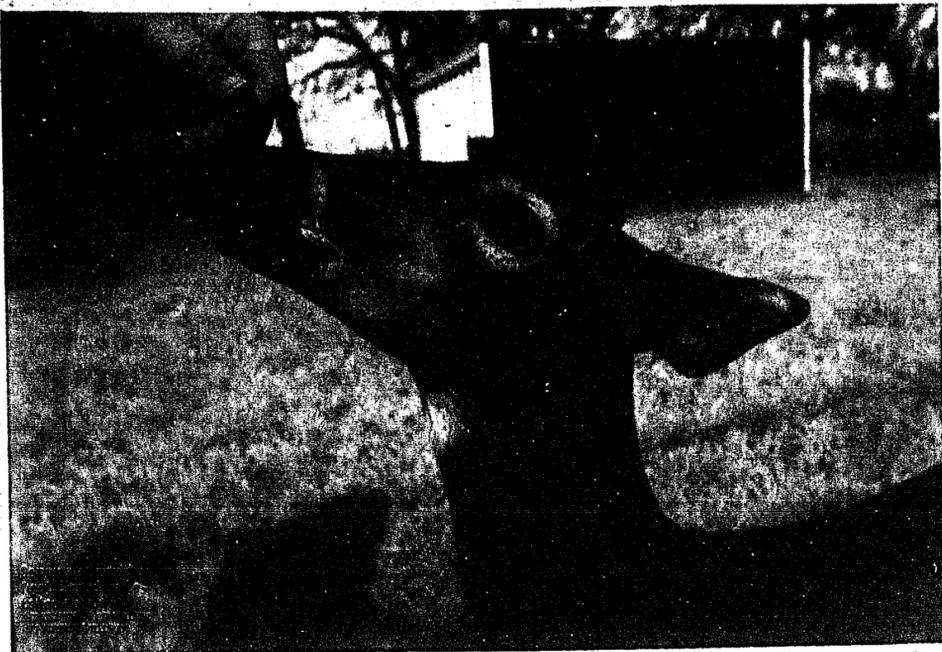
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## HUNTING DEER IN OWYHEE COUNTY

### Most Common Mistakes And How To Avoid Them

1. Failure to immediately validate and attach a tag. No matter what the circumstances, immediately validate and attach a tag to the animal.
2. Failure to leave evidence of sex. The easiest way to deal with this is to simply leave the head attached.
3. Waste of game. Wasting an animal is totally avoidable. Plan ahead and pack enough ice and coolers. Don't hunt too far from your vehicle and know where you are going to take that animal after the hunt.

BY MICHELLE SELLS  
Outdoor Columnist

On my first deer-hunting trip I asked my husband, son, and friends, Jerry and James, to take me to their secret hunting spot. All four are experienced hunters and I knew I could count on them to help me find my deer. There is no substitute for the voice of experience, and I have learned a lot from all of them in the past. I was ready to give this a try.

I met them after school on opening day about 7 p.m. They had gone ahead to set up camp and scout the area. When I arrived, I enjoyed a simple dinner of venison (from the year before) and a cold beer. We played cards and laughed until the early morning and fell asleep listening to the coyotes howl.

4 a.m. came before I was ready and we all got up and had a small breakfast of coffee and doughnuts. It was so cold that the coffee felt and tasted wonderful. We filled our pockets with granola bars, piled on the layers and headed out.

My adrenaline was already pumping. I was so excited that I kept getting ahead of the group while we walked. We split up, my husband and I going one way and Jerry, James and my son going another.

My husband and I chose a spot

behind a huge clump of sagebrush, on a hillside, opposite the rim rock, about 500 yards from a small spring. Then it was time to wait.

I hunkered down behind the sagebrush and waited for the sun to rise. I had been told that all I needed to know to hunt for deer is that they water in the morning. I figured it wouldn't be long until my first deer hunt would come to a successful conclusion. Unfortunately, things don't always work out and after about an hour, the adrenaline rush had subsided and the cold started to get to me.

After awhile the rocky ground felt as if it was frozen to my butt despite my 15 layers of clothes. I was no longer shaking with anticipation but shivering instead.

A gorgeous Owyhee County sunrise came and went, and still no deer. With the help of the sun I eventually warmed up. Still we watched and waited.

At about 10:30 a.m. two deer crested the hill to our left. I grabbed the binoculars. There was a four-point and a two-point. The two-point was the animal we had been waiting for but he was still too far off for my SKS. A quick conference with my husband resulted in a decision for him to take the shot. The deer were not heading toward the water hole

but toward the rim rock instead and the 7 mm my husband was carrying was much more likely to get the job done.

He carefully took aim as I held my breath. The first shot went right over his head and the deer started to run for the rim, the second shot passed just behind him and he disappeared. It was over in a matter of seconds.

We figured by this time in the day the deer had already visited another water hole nearby and were feeding somewhere. The weather had warmed up dramatically so we decided to walk some ravines.

We walked up and down hills, along the rim rock and through the ravines. We saw several deer but nothing that we could legally shoot at. By this time the sun was beating down and the temperature had climbed to 80 degrees. I was broiling in my layers of clothing. We decided to head back and find the others.

We found Jerry and started to make our way back to the truck. I was exhausted and soaked with perspiration. It couldn't have been more than a few minutes before I was out cold.

I woke up to my husband shaking my shoulder and telling me that he had found another small group. Jerry jumped to his feet, I groaned and rolled over, I was

done for. The two rushed off in the truck and I went back to sleep. A few minutes later my son and James showed up with the four-wheeler. We decided to head back to camp.

At about 1:30 Dan pulled out of the campsite. Jerry had got his deer and they needed the four-wheeler to pull him out of a ravine. James and Dan took off to help, one with the truck and the other with the four-wheeler. About two hours later the triumphant hunters returned with a beautiful two-point.

By this time it was almost 4 p.m. and Jerry had to get back to town for school. He proceeded to load his deer and four-wheeler into his trailer. Just as he finished a Fish and Game Officer pulled into camp.

The officer was polite and friendly. He asked questions about where he had got his deer and how long ago. The officer informed Jerry that he had to issue him a ticket for not immediately tagging his deer. Jerry's mouth fell open. In all the excitement he had made the classic mistake of failing to validate and attach a tag.

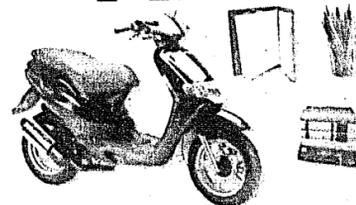
A funny thing, I came out to try a new experience and learn something from my friends. I ended up learning from a Fish and Game Officer and my friend's mistake.

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## Two men, two visions, revealed

Knightrider/Tribune News Service

Forget the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth. Forget CBS' Texas Air National Guard forgeries. Forget the negative ads from hypercaffeinated 527 committees. And forget most of the speechmaking at the two political conventions. Instead, cherish this year's three presidential debates between Sen. John Kerry and President George W. Bush. Like the first two debates, Wednesday night's rounder in Arizona showcased rugged but revealing politicking between two men who don't much like each other.

With the debates past, voters can reflect on the wealth of information they've learned from these three clashes about what does (and, unfortunately, doesn't) distinguish these candidates:

Their differences on national security issues have come sharply into focus. Kerry puts more faith in diplomacy, summit meetings and international alliances to help protect America. Bush won't cede as much trust; he believes in a more self-reliant America that isn't deterred when the world chooses not to engage.

Kerry is on record as saying he would respond - a revealing choice of words - aggressively to terror attacks. Bush essentially says he would continue to take the battle to terrorists overseas - pre-emptively and with casualties - rather than have those fights on U.S. streets.

On Iraq, Kerry appears eager to declare success and withdraw troops. Bush appears eager to defeat the insurgency and stabilize Iraq for the long haul. Kerry talks about chaotic conditions in Iraq. Bush talks about squelching terrorist fanatics by aggressively spreading freedom.

Voters saw Kerry turn often to turf that's perilous for him - given his contradictory positions on Iraq - by attacking Bush for launching the war Kerry voted to authorize. Just how perilous that turf is came clear in the second debate, when Kerry said, "I do believe Saddam Hussein was a threat." He then accused Bush of being preoccupied with Iraq, "where there wasn't a threat."

During the debates, then, Americans have been able to peer into each man's soul. Bush is decisive and unapologetically stubborn - too much so for some voters. Kerry has been struggling for two years over what he thinks about Saddam Hussein - too long for other voters.

Don't look for Bush or Kerry to make the hard choices necessary to begin balancing the government's checkbook. The nonpartisan Concord Coalition says Bush's taxing and spending proposals will grow the deficit by \$1.33 trillion over the next decade; Kerry's proposals, including a massive health program, would grow it by \$1.27 trillion. In their second debate, Kerry blasted Bush for engineering the country's first wartime tax cut. Kerry then added: "I want to put money in your pocket. ... I have a proposal for a tax cut for all people earning less than the \$200,000." No profiles in courage here.

And don't look for Bush or Kerry to admit that he really can't create gobs of new jobs in a complex economy that has 130 million of them. Presidents don't create jobs; small businesses and big companies do. And yet, as Newsweek economics columnist Robert Samuelson succinctly put it last month: "Where (Kerry and Bush) agree is the presumption that presidents can deliver prosperity. Politicians, the press and the public all buy into this notion. Unfortunately, it isn't even a half-truth. More like a sixteenth. A president's policies do affect the economy. But they're just one of many influences. The others (including the business cycle, technology and the Federal Reserve) usually dominate." Amen.

Wednesday night, Bush and Kerry again each clung to the fiction that he'll be a better Jobs Fairy than the other guy. Bush has correctly claimed that his tax cuts stimulated job creation, and Kerry has correctly claimed that those tax cuts raised the federal deficit. Bush wants to make the tax cuts permanent; Kerry wants to raise taxes on high earners. Voters can pick their poison. But, again, presidents don't create jobs.

Having watched them for 4 hours, voters now know that Kerry is more adept at criticizing Bush's record than he is at articulating affordable solutions that have a snowball's chance of getting through Congress. Equally maddening for debate buffs: Bush never admits a mistake.

Listening to Kerry parse tax policy is to know who has the bigger brain. To listen to Bush talk about faith and family is to know who has the bigger heart.



## Draft bill used as a sick political tool

BY KYLE GORHAM  
Opinion Editor

Whoa baby, there really is no end to the mischiefousness of those silly Republicans.

The recent defeat of a democrat-sponsored bill to reorganize and reinstate the draft was soundly beat to a pulp in the U.S. House of Representatives. Yes, smashed like a jack-o-lantern by ill-tempered juveniles on a post-Halloween rampage. Since its defeat, Republicans have touted themselves as the savior of America's youth at the hands of a vicious Democrat bill. Sounds about right doesn't it?

But let's see it for what it really is - underhanded and maliciously executed political buggery at the hands of the Republicans, and here's why.

The stagnant bill was pushed to a vote just recently after sitting in committee since early 2003. For nearly two years the bill received little attention and discussion in the house. Why then was it miraculously pushed to vote by Republican house member John McHugh (R-NY) now? McHugh stated that recent rumors of draft reinstatement prompted him to bring the matter to a vote, although draft rumors have been

the real reason for the coincidental vote was traditional election time bitch-slap politics. By keeping the bill in committee until the election nears, Republicans were assured a political atom bomb to drop at a time when it would do the most damage.

circulating since the war in Iraq began. No, the real reason for the coincidental vote was traditional election time bitch-slap politics. By keeping the bill in committee until the election nears, Republicans were assured a political atom bomb to drop at a time when it would do the most damage. For a bill that could have been voted on over a year ago, the timing of its vote cannot be a coincidence, nor the party involved in pushing it to a vote. It's cheap-shot politics at its best, but likewise sickening to see a sensitive national subject used like a prostitute.

The bill was initially drafted in

defiance of the Bush administration's push to war with Iraq. Its sponsors first hoped that the bill would create dissent on Capitol Hill toward the war, as well as public outcry. The bill was also intended to distribute the responsibility of "defending" our nation against Iraq equally if the war began. Of course, the true intention of the bill is stifled amidst Republican banter.

The Republicans used the bill to paint Democrats as both the source of draft rumors, and as a party hell-bent on sending America's youth to Iraq. This seems ironic since most Democrats were,

and still are, against the war and a draft. The Republican's use of this bill to gain political favor is shameless. It's like using an anti-war protestor as a battering ram to break down suspected terrorists' doors.

Even our own U.S. representative, C.L. "Butch" Otter (R-ID), has jumped on the fun bus for some self-serving politics.

"None of us need the distraction of a few fear-mongers playing on the public's emotions to advance their own agenda," he said.

Are you talking about yourself and fellow republicans Butch? The only agendas being advanced are your reelection hopes by using the draft as a tactic against Democrats instead of as an issue. Playing on the public's emotions? It seems the public is on the ass-end of this political joke.

Politics during an election year seem to always get nasty in America - candidates' reputations are smeared in the stink of an opponent's best B. S. on both sides of the party system. Democrats are guilty of bad politics as well, but turning Americans' legitimate concerns about the draft into a seedy political pat on the back is a shot below the belt.

## Letters to the editor

Dear editor:

I write today regarding the "Chihuahua Named Co-Mascot" piece on the editorial page of the Oct. 4 issue of the Arbiter. It doesn't make a difference if it was labeled as "faux news;" it is not justified because the author was titled a "satirist" - this piece was out-of-bounds.

I respect The Arbiter and its role as an independent student newspaper, but this piece was insen-

sitive and inappropriate. If this response means I don't have a sense of humor, I'm guilty. It was not funny.

As a campus community, we must each strive not to perpetuate misconceptions and labels. Instead let's be proud of our increasing diversity and respectful to our fellow students.

I expect better from our student newspaper and its columnists.

Peg L. Blake, Ph.D.

Vice President for Student Affairs

Dear Editor:

I'm very concerned that President Bush and his policies have pushed this nation closer to needing a draft.

Iraq has bogged down so much of our army that if we actually had to fight a war of necessity instead of a war of fantasy, we'd be in trouble. Our armed forces are stretched to the breaking point.

Bush's war of choice has left us completely without choices when it comes to any further military action that may be necessary. His reckless rush to project American power has instead resulted in the negation of American power.

Yes, Bush says there won't be a draft. What has he been right about so far?

If Bush still can't admit that Iraq was not a real threat, and fighting the war was any kind of mistake, then why should voters

believe that he would not make the same mistake again? And if he does go after still another such country, by again trumping up some threat that isn't there, how can the draft be avoided?

History is full of surprises. In a time of war, another one can break out as well. What army do we have to fight it with?

William C Stosine,  
Iowa City, IA

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# FIGHT

### No ESPN Gameday, but a big game nonetheless as the Bulldogs come to Boise

BY TREVOR HORN

The larger conferences with storied histories between their rivals in October and November with Saturday is the Western Athletic Conference's version of the big time rivalry. Fated rival Boise State vs. #2 WAC comes in to battle the undefeated Broncos at 6:15 p.m. in Bronco Stadium at 8:15 p.m.

Three weeks ago this game was being touted as the game of the year. Two non-BCS schools looking as if they would be battling each other undebated on the blue turf for not only what could be the WAC title, but a chance to bust up the BCS party and look for a bid to the East

Coast. But, as fortune would have it, the Bulldogs are in the midst of a two game losing streak and are looking to bounce back after opening their WAC schedule at 6:25 p.m. the first time since joining the conference in 1992.

The all time series is tied at three games apiece but the Broncos have the Bulldogs' number the last three seasons, including a 31-17 victory at Bulldog Stadium last year.

After beating Washington and Kansas State on the road to begin the season, head coach Pat Holt and the Bulldogs looked like they were the team to beat in the WAC. But it's the Broncos and their coach, season who are undefeated and are still in the hunt.

The Broncos have just as much on the line, if not more, than the Bulldogs coming into the game. In the midst of three different winning streaks, the Broncos

hope of a BCS bid live and die with each game. The nation's longest current winning streak at 17, a 22 game game winning streak and a 21 game conference winning streak all are on the line.

Going back to the BCS bid, the best standing for the bowl championship series came out this week. The Broncos are ranked 10th, two spots higher than either of the human polls. The BCS does not account for margin of victory, but rather the strength of schedule, so the one point victory over BYU and the three point win over Tulsa do not factor.

An unofficial source from the Broncos stated that sophomore tight end Derel Schomigan did practice this week, and by his performances, could be in the lineup if needed.

On Monday afternoon, TJ Arce and Tyler Jones were named conference players of the week following Saturday's victory. Arce caught nine passes for 111 yards and two scores, to lead the Broncos' fourth quarter comeback, and received off play of the week. On Sp

cial teams, senior kicker Jones kicked his first ever game winning field goal against Tulsa, and also committed on all six of his extra point attempts during the game.

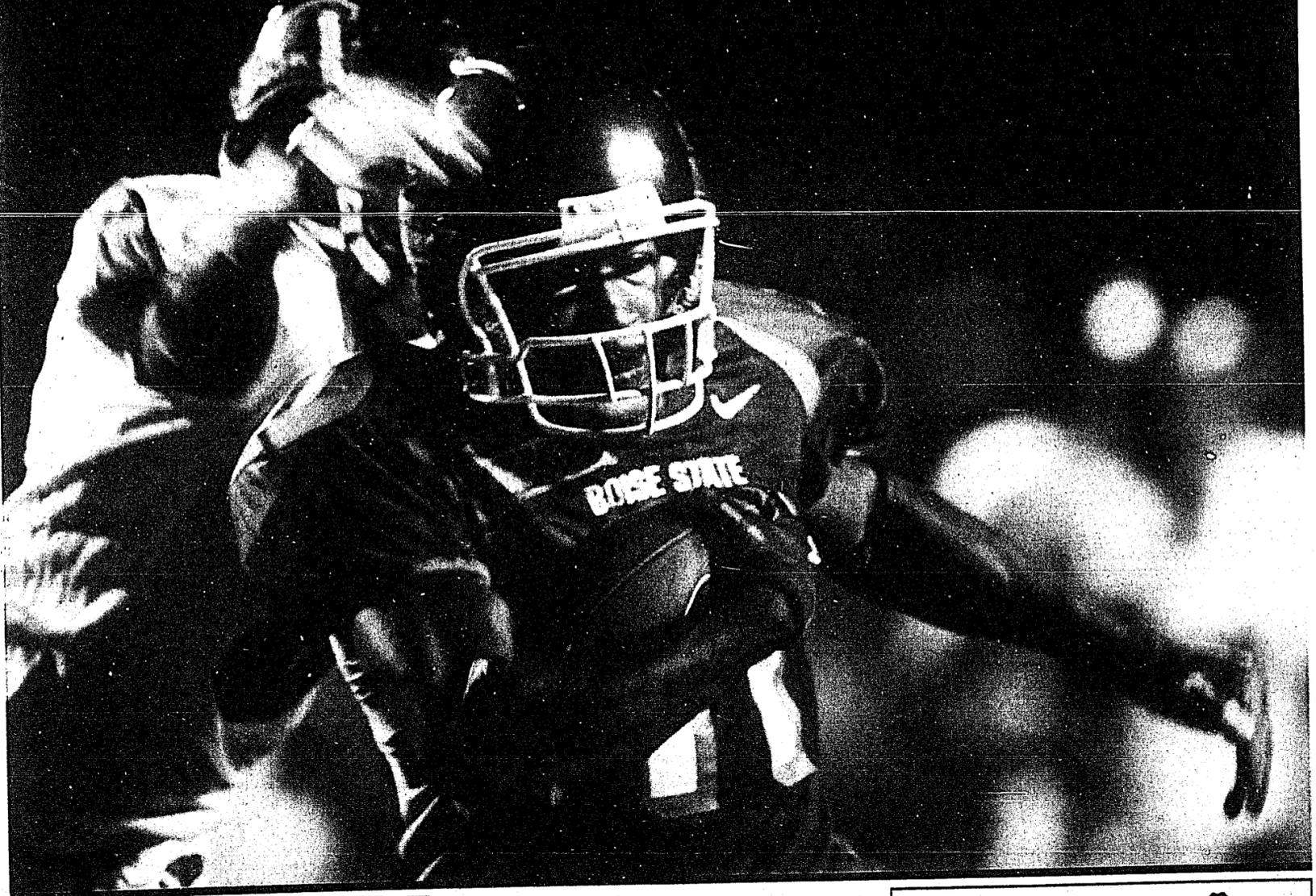
The game starts at 8:15 p.m. local time at Bronco Stadium Saturday night and will be televised nationally on ESPN2. The Broncos will once again be putting their perfect record of ESPN televised games on the line. The team is holding strong at 11-0.



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# USC No. 1 in 1st BCS; Miami slips in front of Sooners at No. 2

BY MIKE HUGUENIN  
The Orlando Sentinel

There was no surprise Monday at the top of the first BCS standings, but there was a surprise at No. 2.

USC, which has been atop the media polls since the preseason, is first in the first BCS release of the season. But Miami, which is third in one poll and fourth in another, is No. 2 in the BCS, with Oklahoma third. The Sooners are the No. 2 team in both polls.

Also of interest is the team at No. 7, unbeaten Utah. No non-BCS league team ever has played in a BCS bowl, but if the Utes finish in the top six of the BCS, they are guaranteed a slot.

One thing to remember: The only BCS standings that really matter are the last ones, which will be released Dec. 5. Teams first and second in the final BCS standings meet Jan. 4 in the Orange Bowl.

"I think it's obviously very early. It's important that there not be an overreaction to this poll," said BCS coordinator Kevin Weiberg,

who also is commissioner of the Big 12.

The BCS formula was tweaked in the offseason, and there are only three components now: The Associated Press' Top 25, the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll and six computer ratings. In the computer ratings, a team's high and low scores are tossed out, and the four middle scores are used to find the average.

Each component counts one-third.

Removed from last year's formula were strength-of-schedule, team record and quality-win components. In addition, results from the two polls formerly were averaged to come up with one overall poll number.

While strength of schedule no longer is a separate component, all six computers have a strength-of-schedule factor in their rankings.

This week, Miami is ahead of Oklahoma because the computers love the Hurricanes, or at least love them more than they love the Sooners. Oklahoma is fifth in the computers, behind USC, Miami,

The Broncos are ranked 19th in the AP poll, 16th in the coaches poll and 10th by the computers. Boise is thought of more highly by the computers than, among others, California, Georgia, Texas and Purdue.

Auburn and, the biggest surprise, Utah.

USC is first in four computers, second in one and third in the other. Miami is first in one computer, second in four and third in the other. Oklahoma's computer rankings are first, fourth, fifth, fifth, eighth and 10th.

Oklahoma Coach Bob Stoops said there's no reason for anybody to get too worried at this stage of the season.

"It really makes no difference

where anyone is ranked today," he said. "There is too much of this season left to play for anyone to get too worked up about this now. The bottom line is that you have to go out there and win your games."

There are seven unbeaten teams in Division I-A, and six of them are in the top seven in the BCS standings. The other is Boise State, which is 14th. The Broncos are ranked 19th in the AP poll, 16th in the coaches poll and 10th by the computers. Boise is thought of more highly by the computers than, among others, California, Georgia, Texas and Purdue.

Never in the six-year history of the BCS have three schools in the final BCS top 10 finished unbeaten.

The lone Big East team in the BCS top 25 is West Virginia, which is 20th. But the Mountaineers get no respect from the computers: None of the six have WVU in the top 25. WVU's BCS ranking comes from its position in the media polls (tied for 15th in AP, 14th in the coaches' poll).

## Boise State Lacrosse takes 2nd at home field tourney

BY JEREMY RASMUSSEN  
Sports Editor

The Boise State men's lacrosse team hosted the largest lacrosse tournament in the Northwest of the year this past weekend. The Gem State Invitational began on Friday with 11 teams and was played throughout the weekend until the final two teams squared off in the tournament championship game Sunday afternoon.

Boise State made a strong home stand as they picked up victories in each of the first four tournament games to pit them against the University of Utah in the championship game. BSU knocked off Nevada-Reno 5-3 in the tournament opener on Friday night. Next up was Central Washington University in a mid-day match-up on Saturday. BSU overpowered the Wildcats from CWU 7-3. Just a few hours later, the Broncos took out the Vandals 8-5. Sunday, Boise State clinched their spot in the tournament championship game with an 8-2 blowout of the other Washington team in the tourney, Central Washington.

To cap off the successful weekend for the team, the Broncos faced off with Utah for the Gem State Invitational title. Utah had blown out Whitman College (9-2), Western Washington (9-1) and squeaked by Montana State (10-8) before going into the final against the Broncos. The home team held its own in the final, but Utah pulled out the 7-4 vic-

tory for the title. The Broncos had to settle for second place. Here are the game scores for the weekend:

- Game 1: University of Nevada-Reno (3) vs. Boise State (5)
- Game 2: Central Washington University (3) vs. Whitman College (7)
- Game 3: University of Nevada-Reno (8) vs. Western Washington University (2)
- Game 4: University of Montana (4) vs. Montana State (9)
- Game 5: Boise State (7) vs. Central Washington University (3)
- Game 6: Utah Valley State College (5) vs. Whitman College (4)
- Game 7: Montana State (7) vs. University of Nevada-Reno (4)
- Game 8: University of Montana (5) vs. Utah Valley State College (6)
- Game 9: Boise State (8) vs. University of Idaho (5)
- Game 10: Western Washington University (1) vs. University of Utah (9)
- Game 11: University of Nevada-Reno (4) vs. Central Washington University (3)
- Game 12: Montana State (8) vs. University of Utah (10)
- Game 13: Utah Valley State College (5) vs. University of Idaho (4)
- Game 14: Whitman College (3) vs. Western Washington University (5)
- Game 15: Boise State (8) vs. Western Washington University (2)
- Game 16: University of Utah (9) vs. Whitman College (2)
- Game 17: University of Idaho (2) vs. University of Montana (8)
- Championship Game: University of Utah (7) vs. Boise State (4)

# The NHL might be locked up, but there's plenty of hockey to go around

BY AMBER FUGER  
Sports Writer

Hockey fans can look forward to twice the action this weekend as the Idaho Steelheads open their season on Friday and Boise State's club hockey team opens their season Saturday afternoon. Boise State will host Walla Walla College Saturday Oct. 23 at 1 p.m. in the Bank of America Centre and again at 11 a.m. on Sunday Oct. 24 at Idaho IceWorld.

Boise State's head coach Brian Copeland anticipates great competitive hockey this weekend. Walla Walla opened their season against the University of Idaho, and they are 1-1 on the season. Boise State went 8-6-2 last season along with beating Walla Walla twice 9-3 the first time and later

in the season 9-5.

"We have a young, talented team and I expect them to do quite well this weekend," said Copeland.

The team's 2003 best defensive player D.W. Cook returns for his third season with Boise State as team captain. Assistant team captain and the 2003 team's most valuable player T.J. Stanton returns for his third season with Boise State. "T.J. has really been stepping it up in practice," said Copeland. The team's 2003 most inspirational player, Jesse Ellis, returns for his second season with Boise State. Goalie Jesse Walker is also playing his third season with Boise State and has been progressively improving his game with every practice according to assistant team captain and 2003 rookie of the year Robert Glover.

Other returning players include Bill Blackadar on defense, forward Craig Bock, center Marc Irvine, Aaron Labarbera on defense, forward Jake Misner, forward Cody Proctor, and forward Bobby Sloper. Boise States rookie play-

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ers include Andrew Mullet, Andrew Vissotski, Rick Manning, CodyHeer, and goalie Jason Wormington. With 20 on-ice practices, the team is prepared and excited to start the season. "We have been playing great as a team and we are ready to get on the

ter play influences better game performance, said Copeland. Dedication from each individual player is the key element in the team's performance. The main goal heading into the 2004 season is to play as a dedicated team.

Walla Walla will be the first team Boise State plays in the Bank of America Centre. Walla Walla looks to bring some tough competition to the ice this weekend against Boise State. As for the rest of the season Boise State will face off against some tough teams. Eastern Washington has one of the best hockey teams in the west and will host Boise State Oct. 29-30. Montana State presents a great rivalry for Boise State and any games played between these two teams are destined to be intense. Utah teams like Brigham Young and Weber State draw a large home crowd. Boise State will play both BYU and Weber in Utah on the same weekend in November.

Ticket prices for Saturday's game against Walla Walla will be \$5 for adults, \$4 for children under 16, and \$3 for students.

ice and start playing games," said Glover. Boise State will have to focus on the emotional aspects of the game in order to win this weekend. "We have to keep our heads in the game and stay out of the penalty box," said Copeland. The Boise State club hockey team is financially supported by outside sponsors. Funds have increased this year which means more practice time. More practice means better play and bet-

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# National championship, Heisman Trophy races remain a puzzle

BY WENDELL BARNHOUSE  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

In 45 days, the 2004 regular season will be history and we'll know who is playing in the Orange Bowl for the national championship.

Thus far, the season has presented too many mysteries and not enough clues. Southern California and Oklahoma have remained No. 1 and No. 2 in both polls, but both teams have showed flaws.

The first week of the Bowl Championship Series standings didn't help clear up the national championship picture. Thanks to a stronger showing in the computers, Miami debuted at No. 2, knocking Oklahoma to No. 3.

"It really makes no difference where anyone is ranked today," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said.

The Heisman Trophy race also is muddled. Oklahoma's Adrian Peterson is making a run at being the first freshman to win the award. Purdue's Kyle Orton, USC's Matt Leinart and Texas' Cedric Benson also are in the running. OU quarterback Jason White, the defending Heisman winner, has been steady, but not spectacular.

There are seven undefeated teams heading into the home stretch - USC, Oklahoma, Auburn, Miami, Wisconsin, Utah and Boise State. And seven teams that were in The Associated Press preseason top 25 are not ranked - Ohio State, Kansas State, Clemson, Missouri, Maryland, Oregon and Minnesota.

## TROPHY HUNTERS

Based on their play in the first half season, here are the winners of the major awards:

**Heisman:** Adrian Peterson, Oklahoma  
**Davey O'Brien (quarterback):** Kyle Orton, Purdue  
**Doak Walker (running back):** Cedric Benson, Texas  
**Biletnikoff (wide receiver):** Braylon Edwards, Michigan  
**Outland (interior lineman):** Marcus McNeill, Auburn  
**Lombardi (lineman):** Dan Cody, Oklahoma  
**Butkus (linebacker):** Derrick Johnson, Texas  
**Thorpe (defensive back):** Antrel Rolle, Miami  
**Nagurski (defensive player):** Antrel Rolle, Miami  
**Groza (kicker):** Mike Nugent, Ohio State  
**Guy (punter):** Matt Payne, BYU

## LOOKING AHEAD

The games that will help determine conference champions and national title contenders:

**Oct. 23:** Fresno State at Boise State, Michigan at Purdue  
**Oct. 30:** Oklahoma at Oklahoma State, USC at Washington State  
**Nov. 6:** Oklahoma at Texas A&M  
**Nov. 13:** Georgia at Auburn, Utah at Wyoming, Miami at Virginia  
**Nov. 20:** Auburn at Alabama, BYU at Utah, Wisconsin at Iowa, Florida at Florida State  
**Dec. 4:** Big 12 Conference Championship Game (Kansas City, Mo.), Southeastern Conference Championship Game (Atlanta), USC at UCLA

## HITS AND MISSES

Some of the highs and lows so far:

**Team hits:** Wisconsin, Utah, Auburn, Texas A&M, Oklahoma State, Boise State, Navy

**Player hits:** Adrian Peterson,

Oklahoma; Reggie McNeal, Texas A&M; Jason Campbell, Auburn; Kellen Clemens, Oregon; Vernand Morency, Oklahoma State; J.J. Arrington, California  
**Team misses:** Clemson, Ohio State, LSU, Kansas State, Maryland, Oregon, Rutgers

**Player misses:** Charlie Whitehurst, Clemson; Darren Sproles, Kansas State; Chris Rix, Florida State; Walter Reyes, Syracuse; Justin Vincent, LSU

**Three best games**  
**Miami 41, Louisville 38:** The Cardinals walked into the Orange Bowl and played the Hurricanes off their feet, taking a 24-7 first-half lead. In the second half, a battered and bruised Brock Berlin helped Miami score 34 points to rally to a season-saving victory.

**USC 23, California 17:** The Golden Bears deserved to win. They outplayed the Trojans on both sides of the ball, but special-teams snafus led to 16 USC points. Cal quarterback Aaron Rodgers was outstanding, tying an NCAA record by completing his first 23 passes. But with a first-and-goal from the 9, Rodgers went 0-for-3 in trying for a game-winning touchdown.

**Wisconsin 20, Purdue 17:** One play, one fumble, one return for a touchdown changed everything. Purdue appeared to be running out the clock, and Kyle Orton appeared to be strengthening his grip on the Heisman Trophy. But a fumble on a rollout was recovered by the Badgers' Scott Starks, who returned it 40 yards for a game-winning touchdown that kept Wisconsin undefeated and handed Purdue its first loss.

# Rice trade prompts Al Davis to speak up

BY DARREN SABEDRA  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

ALAMEDA, Calif. - The trade that sent wide receiver Jerry Rice from the Raiders to Seattle on Tuesday was significant enough for Oakland owner Al Davis to hold a rare news conference, this one by phone.

Davis spoke on a number of topics, ranging from Coach Norv Turner to the team's 2-4 start.

The highlights:  
 On quarterback Kerry Collins' struggles: "It's disappointing. I think he can come back and do the things we want, and we can be very tough on offense."

On whether Rice's unhappiness became a distraction: "It's not a distraction for me because these things are very simple. But it was a distraction for the coach. It wasn't intended on anyone's part; he just didn't deserve it. He's new. But it was there."

On the end of Rice's record streak of catching at least one pass in a game last month: "The thing that happened in the Buffalo game was tough on all of us. I'll never forget Rich Gannon saying to me afterward, 'God, I'm trying to win the game. I wasn't even thinking of Jerry Rice catching the football.' I said, 'Listen, I understand.'"

On whether he would have released Rice had a trade not happened: "No, for two reasons. No.1, it wouldn't be right to do that to him."

"No.2 - and it's not a factor, but it is true - if you release a player and he's a vested veteran and has been with you since the first game, he is under a no-cut contract. You have to pay him through the year, no matter when you release him."

On whether the Raiders are rebuilding: "I had hoped to have never used that word - and I still hope not to use it because I still see the season is not out of reach."



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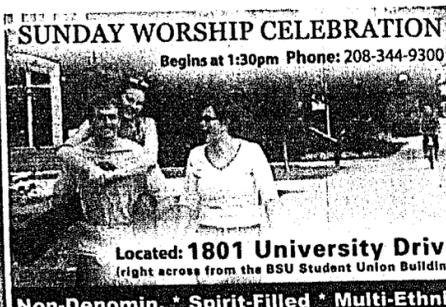
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# Will Miami Hurricanes fans give Brock Berlin a break?

BY OMAR KELLY  
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

CORAL GABLES, Fla. - If Brock Berlin could write a love letter to Miami's fans he'd probably start by asking what more he has to do to make them love him.

Yes, he's part Florida Gator, joining the Hurricanes after transferring. He undoubtedly takes a lot of responsibility for keeping Miami out of the national championship picture last season with erratic play.

And he believes he can be a better quarterback in Miami's pro-style balanced offense, not the shotgun.

But Berlin and his family - his biological one and his UM teammates and coaches - are hoping that his four fourth-quarter, come-from-behind victories and continued improvement will help silence his critics, particularly those who routinely boo him on his home field, and prove he's worthy of their loyalty.

"You want your fans to love you. They are your fans. You love to play in front of your home crowd and in your home stadium, but you can't control anything they do," said Berlin, who has completed 60 percent of his passes for 984 yards and eight touchdowns while limiting his turnovers to three interceptions.

"It's not fun, not fun for your family. I hate it for them to have to hear some of those things. But it's part of the game, part of being a quarterback at a big university, especially one with a lot of tradition," said Berlin, who has a 139.3 efficiency rating that's second best in the Atlantic Coast Conference. "For me, I just keep on plugging along."

He wants love but will settle for respect. His teammates feel he has earned it.

Berlin rallied Miami back against Florida, West Virginia and Florida State.

And last Thursday he contributed a heroic second-half performance, completing 12 of 14 passes for 179 yards and two touchdowns in the third quarter alone, despite a serious chest injury in the second quarter. That overcame a 17-point first-half deficit in UM's 41-38 win over Louisville.

"We have a whole lot of confidence that Brock can pick this team up no matter how far behind we are or how bad things get. He's done it before," said receiver Roscoe Parrish. "He's proved he's a warrior."

Berlin is 16-2 as a starter at Miami, winning .888 percent of his games. His winning percentage is fourth among college football's returning starters. (He's behind USC's Matt Leinart (18-

1), Utah's Alex Smith (15-1) and TCU's Tye Gunn (10-1).)

But at Quarterback U, the expectations are higher, and Berlin knows he still has work to do to earn the respect that Ken Dorsey, Vinny Testaverde, Steve Walsh, Gino Torretta, Jim Kelly and Bernie Kosar eventually got.

"We're spoiled," coach Larry Coker said. "As coaches we're spoiled. We expect to win every game. Our fans expect to win every game. We kind of have, 'This is the scenario how we expect to win it.'"

Asked if he thinks the fans will ever embrace Berlin, Coker said, "I think it depends on the end result. If he has a good year they'll look back and say, 'This guy is pretty good.'"

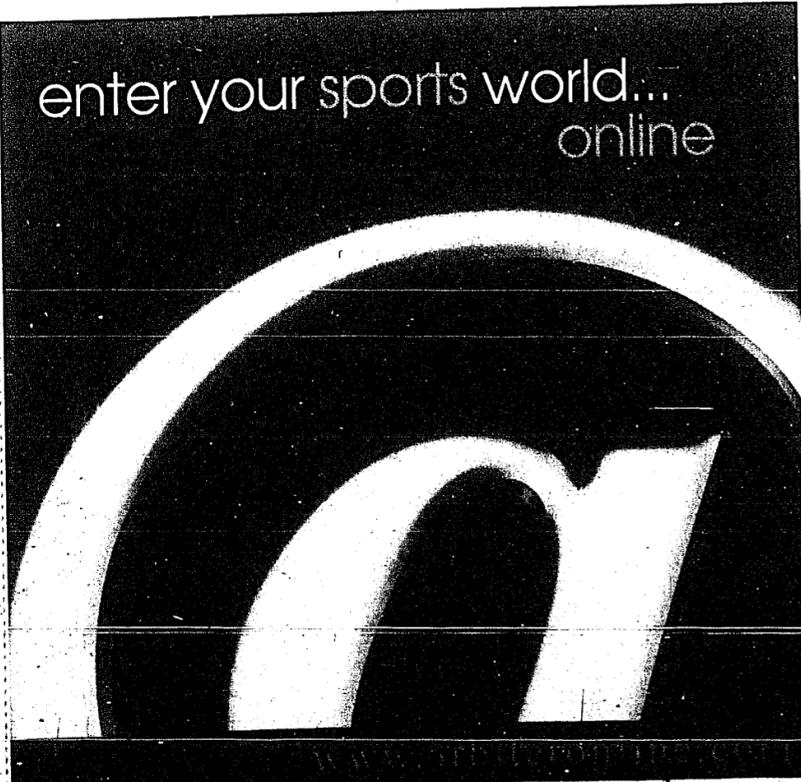
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Linebacker Leon Williams had the cast removed from his broken hand and has resumed his role as middle linebacker.

Tackle Rashad Butler has a splint on a finger on his right hand.

Junior receiver Sinorice Moss, who was held out of last week's game because of a hamstring injury, practiced and is expected to play Saturday at North Carolina State.

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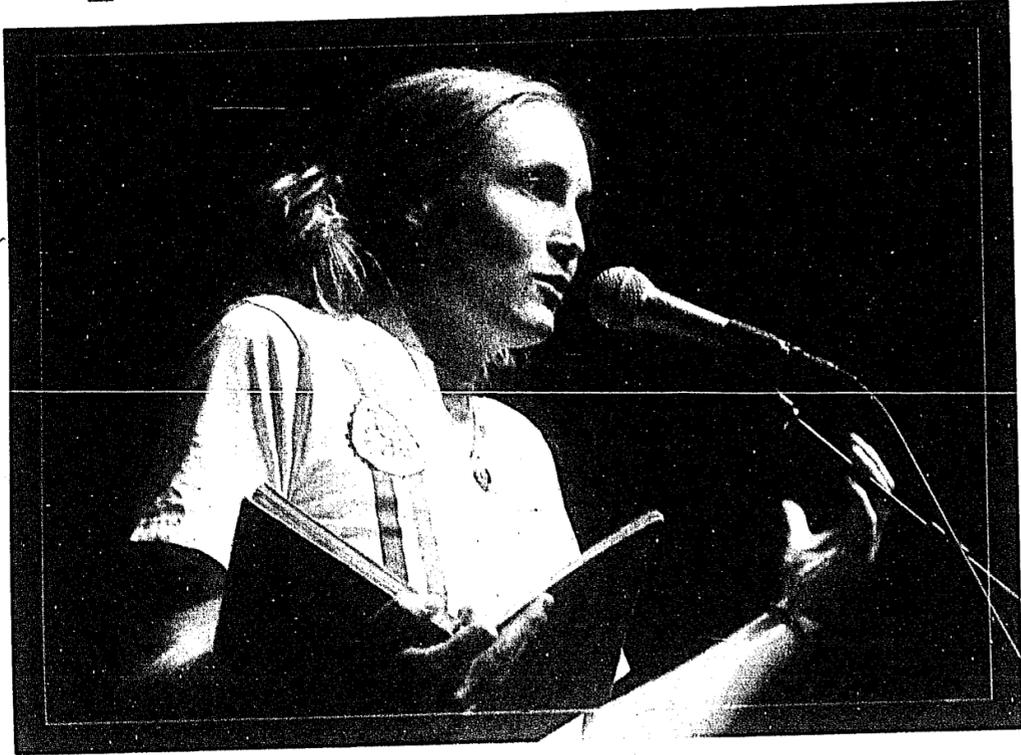
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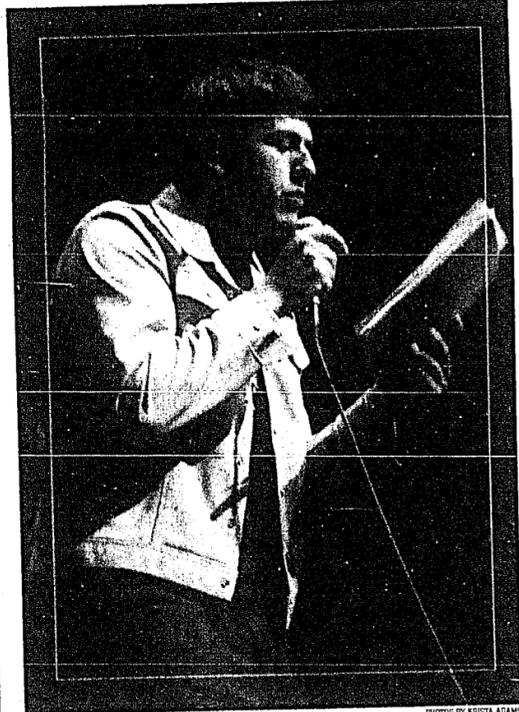
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## Typewriter inspires prize-winning poem



JANA HOFFMAN  
Culture Writer



PHOTOS BY KRISTIA ADAMS  
[ABOVE] Casey O'Leary received second place in the Poetry Slam contest judged by audience members in the Student Union's Special Events Center. [Below] Jon Vonk won the first place prize at the Poetry Slam

Jon Vonk, current Boise State poetry slam champ, has a strange love, a deep obsession, a magnetic attraction to his typewriter. In fact, he pecked out a winning poem on his newly scored Remington at the Flying M the day before he awed an audience with a passionate performance chalk full of heavy breaths, half-moans, and a bit of quivering. The poem's title: "Typewriter Fetish."

Vonk was one of seven poets who competed Friday, Oct. 15 in the Special Events Center for cash prizes in the Boise State Poetry Slam, hosted and held once every semester by Student Activities.

When asked about his animated performance of "Typewriter Fetish," Vonk said, "I was possessed by the evil demons, the type writing demons — I don't know. I just felt the spirit of the typewriter." The poem won him the round and ultimately the first place cash prize of \$100.

About 25 people attended the slam, five of whom volunteered to judge the poets' words and presentation thereof. The slam consisted of three rounds. Each poet presented one poem, one to three minutes in length. All were welcome to participate in the slam, but to win money participants had to be "fee paying Boise State students."

Clad in corduroys and curly, pig-tailed golden locks, second place winner Casey O'Leary seared the crowd with descriptive images of nature, the politics of an independent woman, and meaty emotion. When asked what fuels her poetry she said, "Injustice in all of its forms is really what stirs me up, and love of the natural world I guess — plants specifically...and maybe dirt." O'Leary has been participating in poetry slams for about a year and said that her poetry has evolved accordingly. "It was more about recognizing that there is an audience and trying to convey some really passionate part of myself that I wanted someone else to see. I guess for me it was a coming out of self-pity introspection poetry and more turning it into a form of communication, recognizing that I am half of the experience and the audience is the other half," she said. The next slam is scheduled for April 1, 2005.

### Marcus Eaton concert to benefit Boise State student

Local musician Marcus Eaton will share his talents Friday night at The Big Easy to benefit a Boise State student whose wife was killed in a rock climbing accident last July. The show will benefit Adam Hanson. Eaton has won critical acclaim for his debut album "The Day the World Awoke" and has opened for acts such as G. Love and Special Sauce, Jewel and Big Head Todd & The Monsters.

The concert will be held at The Big Easy. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door. All proceeds will be donated to Hanson.

## Fresh, live, and compiled

(New albums from musical giants)

ERIC RUSSELL  
Culture Writer

### R.E.M.

*Around the Sun*

R.E.M. MARQUEE



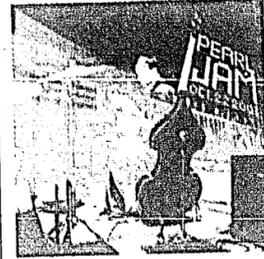
Each new R.E.M. album is usually a major step in a new direction from its previous one, but R.E.M.'s latest release, "Around the Sun," is a step back in some ways. In fact, it's three steps back. "Around the Sun" sounds very much like a combination of sounds from their last three albums. For example, the ethereally electronic "Electron Blue" feels like it came right out of the "Reveal" sessions. You could almost call the album a collection of out-takes from the three previous albums. That's not entirely fair though, because "Around the Sun" is better than that. The primary difference between "Around the Sun" and their most recent previous work is their newest addition is decidedly less electronic than the others. While many of the album's tracks include some background keyboard sounds, most of the songs are driven by acoustic guitar and piano.

The problem with "Around the Sun" is not so much the style, but the songwriting itself. A number of the album's songs sound a bit melodically dry. R.E.M. is known for intentionally refraining from writing pop hits, but they may be going too far in the other direction here.

"Around the Sun's" best songs open and close the album with the achingly pretty "Leaving New York" and rousing finale in the title track "Around the Sun." It's not often you hear words like "dream" and "believe" used in music in a way that isn't fairly cheesy, but R.E.M. manages to pull it off in a way that actually feels uplifting.

### Pearl Jam

*Benaroyal Hall*



When I heard that Pearl Jam's new live album was all acoustic, I was hoping it would be their version of Nirvana's classic "Unplugged in New York." It's not. That's not to say that it's bad — it's quite good. But it's not a typical "unplugged" album. One difference is the sound of the recording. While "unplugged" albums sound close to a studio recording, "Benaroyal Hall" has the definite sound of a live concert album. Simply put, the sound is not

as sharp. The larger problem is that, with the exception of the brief "Lukin," Pearl Jam doesn't really play their electric songs acoustically on this one. There's no acoustic "Alive" or "Jeremy," instead they stick to a set of their softer acoustic songs. What we get then, is not a bunch of harder songs that have been reworked for non-electric instruments, but very familiar renditions of recent acoustic works. The songs do sound good though, and I appreciate the non-album tracks which have made the set list — eight in total, including the recent single "Man of the Hour."

As Pearl Jam has softened since their early '90s grunge days, they've also gotten better. Their songs are getting more subtle and more refined with more intricately written melodies. "Benaroyal Hall" showcases the best of these lesser known jewels.

### Van Halen

*The Best of Both Worlds*



Six years after their last album, Van Halen managed to get their act together and tolerate each other's presence long enough to rake in millions of dollars in a world wide tour — a tour that includes a stop in Boise on Nov. 16. With the new tour, they needed a new album, and that became "The Best of Both Worlds."

For some reason "Van Halen III" was totally ignored on this compilation and their biggest hit from that album, "Without You," was not included even though it is their only new single since the release of their first hits compilation.

This would be overlookable if the album's contents were at its best, but it's not. "Both Worlds" does include some fun ones left off such as "Top of the World" and "Hot for Teacher," and includes some of my favorite power ballads in "Not Enough" and "Love Walks In," but it also includes some of the drunken-era covers in "Pretty Woman" and "Dancing in the Street." "Both Worlds" also includes three new tracks, but they're not among Van Halen's best. In fact, they're not even that good — they feel like out-takes from "OU812" or something.

I must admit its range is broader than their first hits album: "Both Worlds" includes all the regular album tracks on "Best of Vol. 1," and adds 16 others, not including the three new tracks and the three live tracks. Point being, it may just be a better introduction to Van Halen than the previous hits album, simply for its breadth, but nothing monumental comes out of "Best of Both Worlds."

Q. What song did a Florida radio station play for 24 straight hours to kick off its all-Led Zeppelin format, in 1990?

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# So, anyway...

(Being chained to five people for a week is somewhat less fun than it sounds)

TRAVIS ESTVOLD  
Columnist

I was held captive for the bulk of last week. I had my right wrist and my left leg shackled. I was chained in a line of six people. I wore bright orange. Had I committed some heinous crime? Was I another faceless hostage of the Ada County Department of Corrections? Nahhhh. I entered a radio contest.

Mix 106's Mike and Kate show was running ads a few weeks ago. They kept broadcasting over the air that they were looking for five guys to be chained to morning DJ Kate McGwire for a week. I thought it sounded completely ridiculous! Naturally, I submitted an application.

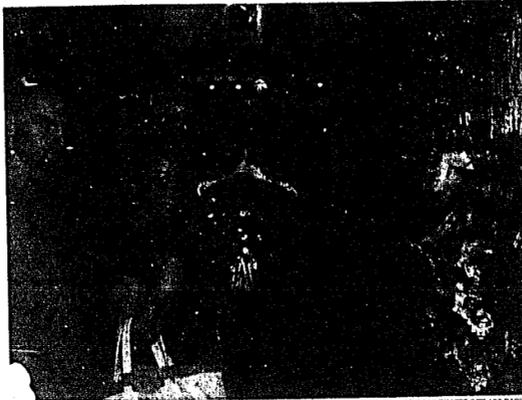
I should have known I was getting myself into something bizarre when the required questionnaire asked questions such as "If you were gay, who would you be gay with?" and "If you could breastfeed from any woman other than your mother, who would you pick?" My answers, if

you were curious, were "Seigfried and/or Roy," and "Your mom," respectively. In retrospect, I suppose it may have been funnier if my answers had been reversed.

The morning after I submitted my entry, I climbed into the shower, turned on my radio, and heard the morning show crew cracking up about something. They were reading my entry on the air. Apparently the guys from the show found the facts that I referred to myself in the third person and talked about my great hair pretty hilarious. Kate sounded a little scared of what must have come across like an egomaniacal weirdo. But I was chosen nonetheless. Mike loves to torture her.

I took the week off of school and work. My professors gave me reprieve from their scheduled tests and presentations, with only a minimum of coaxing. (I owe my marketing management instructor a case of beer.)

They chained up Ed, Nick, Barrett, Kelsey and I to Kate at about 7 a.m. on Monday morn-



Travis demonstrates how pretty Kate's dress will look on her date, while "the chain gang" helps pick out accessories at Claire's in the mall.

ing. The premise was that listeners would vote off one participant every day, until on the last day, there would be two guys left for the listeners to choose between. The chains would stay on us 24/7, with only brief bathroom and shower breaks every two hours

for escape.

Since I don't ever believe in building any form of suspense, I'll breakdown what happened very quickly.

Barrett was married. His wife got him on the show in the first place. Hewasunhappy,andsome-

how I think he got his friends to vote him off so he could sleep better at night. Next to go was Nick. Apparently, drinking eight gallons of alcohol in the span of two days wasn't enough to win this contest. The third day saw Kelsey win his second immunity challenge (meaning that he couldn't be voted off), leaving Ed and I to try and rally to get the other voted out. In the end, Ed's DirecTV connections paid off more than my affiliation with Boise State. Television over education? Who would have thought? I was the third out. Kelsey and Ed made it to the finals, and in the end, once again Ed's DirecTV coworkers came through and helped him win the trip to Seattle to see the Seahawks play.

What can be learned from my experiences in this venture?

1) When you are only allowed to pee every two hours, alcohol is not the recommended beverage of choice.

2) Glaring orange shirts are apparently huge chick magnets. Though not specifically true for

myself, the neon nature of the t-shirts we were required to wear brought women flocking to my co-contestants much like Costco shoppers are inexorably drawn like zombies to every food sample table in the store.

3) Nobody looks great after three hours of sleep, except me.

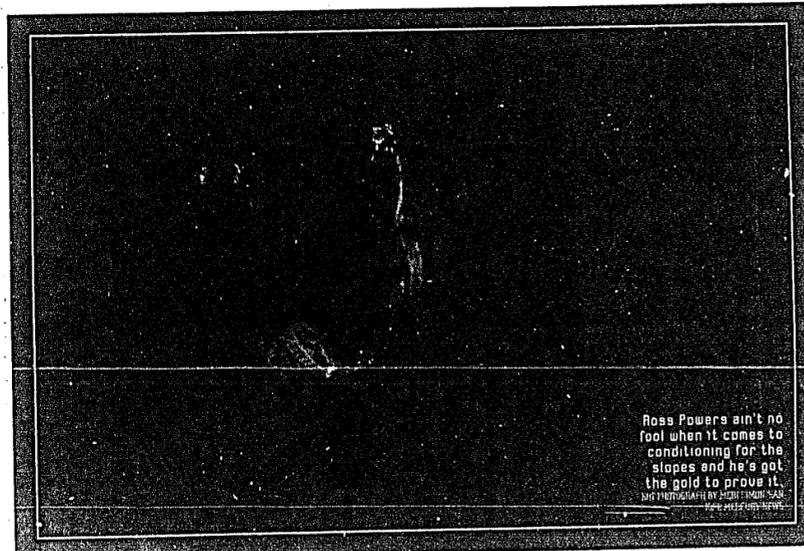
4) DirecTV is not worth your money. Their employees are jerks.

5) Morning DJs are about as dysfunctional a subset of the American population as you will ever find. But damn, they sure are fun to hang out with. Some of them spit when they talk.

So, anyway, am I glad I participated in "Chained to Kate?" Oh, heck yes I am. I ate like a king, a really fat king. I drank a lot of water. I drew pictures of myself making out with Kate and broadcasted it over the Internet. I bowled. I mini-golfed. I picked my nose on camera. I made some friends.

Oh yeah, I got Kate pregnant... Just kidding, but don't watch Direct TV.

## Hit the gym before you hit the slopes



Ross Powers ain't no fool when it comes to conditioning for the slopes and he's got the gold to prove it.

LISA LIDDANE  
The Orange County Register

Your ski or snowboarding trips are a few months away, so you're hardly thinking about getting in shape for some epic runs. After all, you're still in the middle of fall.

So when should you start conditioning?

Now. Consider the payoffs: You'll enjoy the slopes more, you'll last longer, you won't need ibuprofen at night, your legs won't be sore after the first day, and you might reduce your risk of injuries.

An ideal conditioning program has three components: building the aerobic/anaerobic capacity, developing muscle endurance and improving flexibility.

The more fit you are now, the easier the preseason conditioning.

If you've been running, taking cardio kickboxing or other high-intensity aerobic classes, or playing sports that get your heart rate going for extended periods, you've been building your aerobic base. Riding your mountain bike, inline skating and playing soccer or racquet sports such as tennis are effective cardio-condition-

ing exercises that also enhance agility and balance, according to Lisa Feinberg Densmore, author of "Ski Faster" (Ragged Mountain Press, \$19.95).

The aerobic base is your foundation. If you haven't been exercising regularly, start increasing the frequency and the length of your cardio workouts. Integrate some short sprints or movements that cause you to run out of breath momentarily. Recover, then repeat these anaerobic drills.

If you've been strength training, it's time to work specifically on muscle endurance. This is your muscles' ability to support a load for extended periods of time.

Visualize the movements of a downhill skier or snowboarder, and you'll see that squat-like movements are involved. You can mimic these movements by doing squats and lunges.

Remember to strengthen your arms and shoulders, as well. Snowboarders should pay special attention to fortifying their wrists and ankles, which are at higher risk for injuries.

In general, if you've been lifting heavy weights with fewer reps, switch to medium weights and increased reps.

Don't forget your abs and back. Core stability is essential in snowboarding and skiing movements.

Include stretching movements at the end of your cardio and strength-training routines. Or take yoga. Your muscles need to be strong but supple.

Here are two sport-specific exercises I've learned over the years from ski conditioning instructors:

One-leg knee bends: Stand and place left hand on table for support. Lift right foot toward your calf and bend left knee. Return to start position and repeat 10 to 12 times. Reverse foot and hand positions, and repeat exercise on right leg. Do three sets of reps.

Side hop: Stand on one side of a shoebox. Squat, then hop sideways over the box to the other side. Land in a squatting position and immediately hop back to the other side. Repeat for a total of 10 reps, five on each side. Do three sets of reps.

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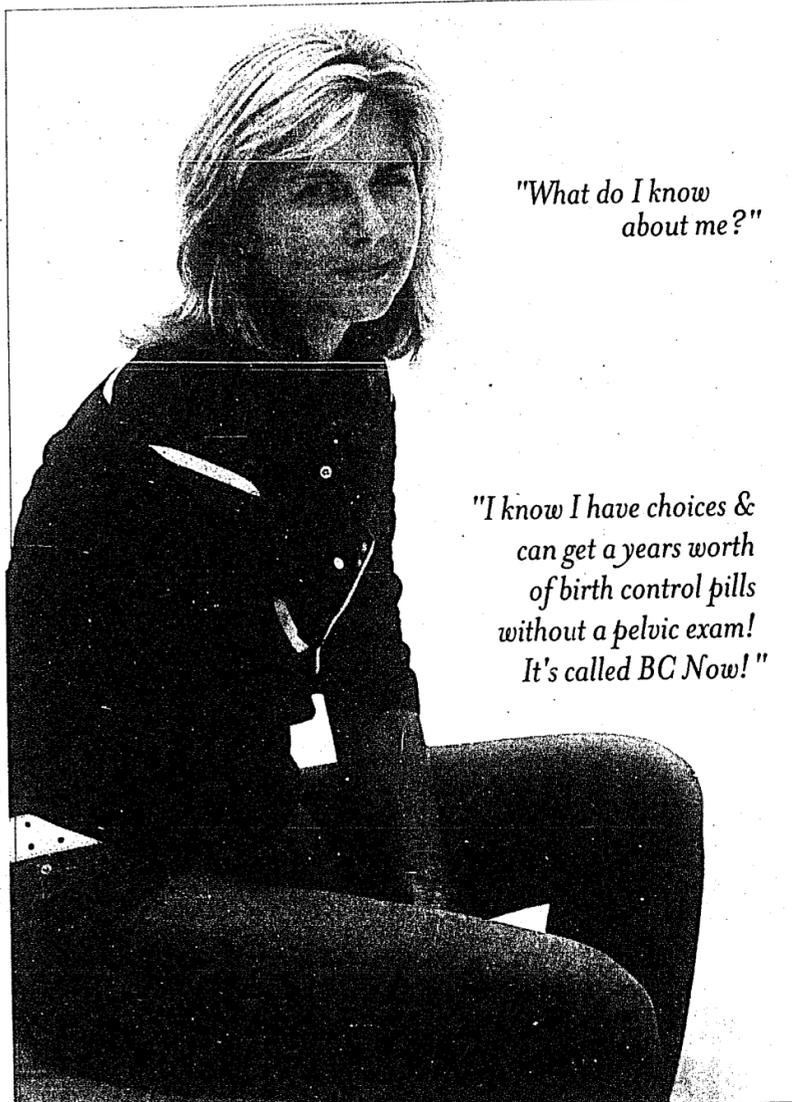
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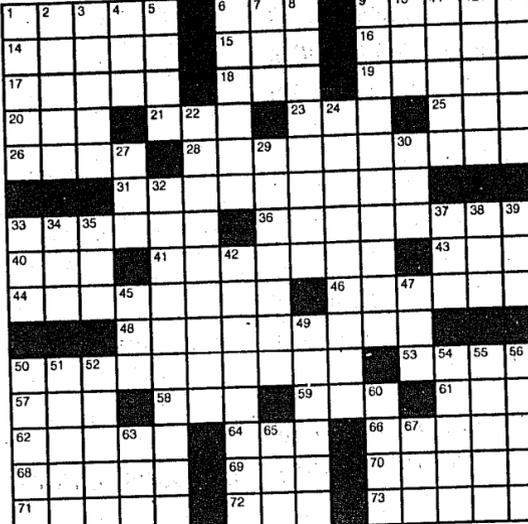
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## Crossword

- ACROSS**  
 1 Lawyer's load  
 6 Live on  
 9 Stockpile  
 14 Proverb  
 15 Gender  
 16 AAA suggestion  
 17 Blusher  
 18 Permit to  
 19 News services  
 20 Arrow's path  
 21 Sultry West  
 23 Slice of history  
 25 Not well  
 26 Abound  
 28 Isolates  
 31 One who answers  
 33 "The \_\_\_ File"  
 36 Drove insane  
 40 Open hostilities  
 41 Colored, like a bruise  
 43 "Mogambo" star Gardner  
 44 Signer-upper  
 46 So-so  
 48 Floodmark  
 50 Wrestling hold  
 53 Bunch of hairs  
 57 The Greatest  
 58 Fruity concoction  
 59 Sound of disgust  
 61 Stadium cheer  
 62 Do the dough  
 64 D. Rather's network  
 66 San Antonio shrine  
 68 Philly player  
 69 Stocking end  
 70 Monica of the nets  
 71 Apparel  
 72 Morose  
 73 "Demian" author

- DOWN**  
 1 Gemstone weight  
 2 Worship  
 3 Teriyaki or pesto  
 4 \_\_\_ on (incite)  
 5 Appear  
 6 In dreamland  
 7 Thousand bucks  
 8 Outward  
 9 Final battle  
 10 Cohort of Curly  
 11 Financial review  
 12 Steps to cross a fence  
 13 Embossed emblems  
 22 Attacked  
 24 Blushing  
 27 "\_\_\_ Miniver"  
 29 Pioneering labor leader  
 30 Exist  
 32 Beachfront promenades  
 33 Be indebted  
 34 Marino or Duryea  
 35 Go astray  
 37 Grab hold of  
 38 Le Gallienne or Gabor  
 39 June celebrant  
 42 Returns the incumbent  
 45 Nocturnal bird



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## Solutions

E	S	S	E	H		D	V	S	S	E	H	D
S	T	E	S		E	O	L	E	T	O	V	E
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I	E	N	L		N	O	S	T	E	N	T	L
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D	E	N	E	D	V	M	V	S	S	E	D	O
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E	L	N	O	R	X	E	S	E	G	E	V	D
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- 47 Hanoi holiday  
 49 \_\_\_-up (bungled)  
 50 Falsified  
 51 Of an arm bone  
 52 Feudal lord  
 54 Kazakhstan range  
 55 Reputations  
 56 That plural  
 60 Hodgepodge  
 63 Gore and Smith  
 65 Feathery scarf  
 67 Civil War general

**On Nov. 2, re-elect Rep. Janet Miller, a proven friend of BSU**

*I'm a moderate Republican who believes you should enter a prosperous job market. My record shows I'm committed to helping BSU get sufficient funding, so you have the education and resources you need to succeed.*

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 • Boise Metro Chamber  
 • Idaho Education Association  
 • Professionals  
 • Idaho Realtors

**Dilbert returns... to the Arbiter classified page.**

WHY DOES A RUNNY NOSE STOP RUNNING WHEN YOU FALL ASLEEP?  
 THE NOSE FAIRY SNEAKS IN AT NIGHT AND PINCHES YOUR NOSTRILS SHUT.  
 THIS IS EXACTLY WHY I DON'T LIKE KNOWLEDGE.