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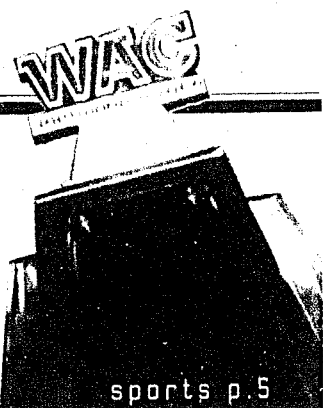
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To Boise State December 2004 Graduates:

BY SONA K. ANDREWS
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Congratulations! We are delighted that you have now joined the over 52,000 Boise State alumni. It is worth noting that as you are finishing your last semester at Boise State, I am just finishing my first. In the short time that I have been here I cannot have helped but notice your hard work, commitment, enthusiasm and intellectual contributions. You have helped create and enrich the learning environment by raising challenging questions, sharing different perspectives and experiences, and learning from each other.

This is an exciting time for our university and I believe an exciting time to be a Boise State graduate. Your degree and what you have learned here will continue to increase in value. We are confident that each and every one of you will go on to make incredible contributions that not only reflect on your abilities, but also speak highly of the education you received at Boise State.

Know that you will always be a part of the Boise State family and we look forward to staying connected with you, following your successes, and contributing to your continued desire to learn.

Again, congratulations and thank you.

Political science professor to study 'new urbanism'

BY MARIANA BEKKER
Special to The Arbiter

A quaint neighborhood with large houses, wrapped around porches and neatly trimmed lawns sits five minutes from downtown. Though this may sound like a flashback to the fifties, these real-life real estates are beginning to pop up everywhere, even in Idaho.

Builders and planners claim these well thought-out communities improve the quality of life of their residents, help reduce crime, and promote political participation among the residents. They also say that this type of neighborhood helps to enhance social capital meaning that neighbors will more likely be close friends rather than just acquaintances.

BSU political science professor Patricia Fredericksen recently started a research project on "new urbanism," the deliberate creation of traditional neighborhoods to promote a sense of community among their residents. The neighborhoods are mixed use, where residents can live, work, and shop in one area. "It's like going back to a different world," said Fredericksen. "They bring back a nostalgia for the old times." These neighborhoods are designed to encourage pedestrian traffic by having schools, jobs, and stores within walking distance of residences. They also contain an ample amount of green space and trees and nearby access to parks.

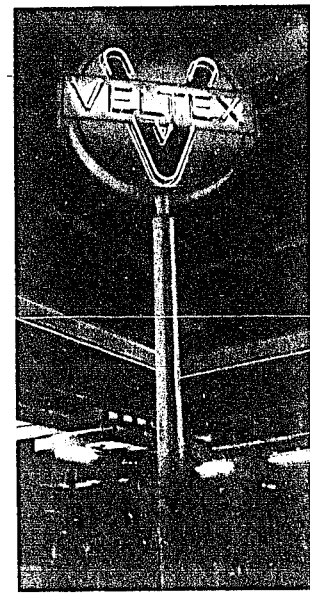


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The Veltex building in downtown Boise.

Fredericksen submitted an \$800,000 grant proposal to the National Science of Education for funding of her project. She says the probability of receiving the grant is good since the responses from the foundation have been positive.

This research caught the interest of several BSU faculty members including professor Todd Shallat. "As a historian, my interest is related to historic preservation of old houses and old neighborhoods. Part of new urbanism calls for preserving the look and feel of neighbor-

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Army Reserve hit hard by resignation requests

BY HAL BEARNTON
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE - The Army Reserve is facing an extreme shortage of company officers, a situation aggravated by a surge in resignation requests.

The shortage - primarily of captains - has seriously reduced the capabilities of the Reserve, and continued losses will further reduce the readiness of "an already depleted military force," according to an Army briefing document submitted last month to Congress.

Army Reserve resignation requests have jumped from just 15 in 2001 to more than 370 during a 12-month period ending in September. To preserve its leadership ranks, the Reserve increasingly has rejected resignation requests, forcing some officers to stay on even after they have fulfilled their initial eight-year service requirement.

The resignation requests are another sign of a military under strain during the protracted war

in Iraq, where more than 40 percent of the U.S. forces are drawn from the ranks of Reserve and National Guard.

These Reserve and Guard soldiers attend weekend drills and two-week annual training. When called to active duty, they may leave behind families and civilian jobs for prolonged overseas deployments, and some take a big hit in their family income while facing the prospect of injury or death.

To help maintain troop strength, the Pentagon now routinely invokes a "stop-loss" program that prevents thousands of enlisted soldiers and officers from leaving the military until their unit is through their combat tour.

Only after the unit returns to the United States can soldiers who have completed their volunteer contract then leave the service. This policy has been subject to several lawsuits, including a challenge filed earlier this week by eight soldiers.

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New Congress expected to protect U.S. food supply

BY BILL LAMBRECHT
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

WASHINGTON - In Michigan, a disgruntled grocery worker was accused last year of mixing insecticide with 200 pounds of ground beef, sickening several dozen people and demonstrating the ease of tainting food.

That incident pales by comparison to cases of intentional contamination abroad that took lives, among them flour spiked with rat poison in China in 2000 and arsenic-laced curry sold at a community fair in Japan in 1998.

Perhaps the scariest public threat never was carried out - a terror group's warning in New Zealand last year that it had stock-

piled cyanide to poison the food supply, prompting a national security alert during the America's Cup sailing race.

These episodes may have been lodged in the memory of outgoing Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson when he delivered an uncommonly blunt assessment recently of the vulnerability of food, just before the administration issued new food-safety rules. Thompson said he could not understand why terrorists hadn't attacked the American food supply "because it's so easy to do."

Thompson later tried to soften those remarks. But they were similar to his testimony in Congress three years earlier when he said

of potential attacks on food, "I am more fearful about this than anything else."

Such revealing statements by the nation's top health official underscore the challenge of protecting something as vast as the nation's food supply, an issue that is expected to rise to the surface in the new Congress.

On Friday, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., introduced legislation calling for a Food Safety Administration that would combine monitoring, inspection and labeling functions spread across the federal government.

Durbin said he expects an uphill fight on the legislation unless the public is awakened to the dangers.

"I've watched the creation of the Department of Homeland Security and the new national intelligence director and I've learned a depressing but valuable lesson: I think it could take a national tragedy for people to learn how serious this is," he said.

Besides consolidation, the bill aims to end confusion. For instance, Durbin noted that the Food and Drug Administration, which has jurisdiction over frozen cheese pizza, inspects cheese pizza processors just once every ten years on average.

But the Agriculture Department, which regulates pepperoni pizza, inspects meat pizza processors daily.

Know where your money goes?

BY DANIELLE VERHULP
News Writer

The introduction of new student fees can often be an unpopular subject on college campuses. However, each year, various student clubs and organizations at BSU submit proposals detailing the need for additional funds, to be generated through student fees.

BSU Vice President for Student Affairs Peg Blake sees the hearing process as a great opportunity on campus. "I think the student fee hearing process is one of the most important things a student can be

involved in, because they are helping to determine the direction of the university." Blake also acknowledges the importance of student input. "We need to know what students feel, because they are the ones paying the fees."

In years past, the process began with all proposals due to the executive budget committee by a date in January. The open hearing would then take place in March, with the final review by the State Board of Education occurring in April.

The past two years, however, the clean-cut process has been muddled. During the 2003-2004 academic

year, the State Board of Education informed BSU that the organization would be changing its final review process from its previous April date to a date in January. BSU made changes to the dates of the campus fee submission deadlines and the open hearing accordingly. The university assumed that the schedule set by the State Board would be similar for this academic year, and subsequently began the 2004-2005 campus process in September.

Submissions for student fee proposals were initially due in October 2004, with the open fee hearing scheduled for a date in November.

Soon after all submissions were received, however, BSU was informed that the State Board of Education preferred to return to its original schedule of reviews in April.

All students interested in learning about the student fee proposals for the current school year are invited to attend the open hearing that will be held on Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. in the Student Union Building. Additional details concerning the hearing will be printed in The Arbiter during spring semester, along with a list of all proposed student fees.

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A brief marriage, but what memories

A 23-year-old heavily intoxicated groom got up on top of a table at his wedding reception in Cheshire, England, drunkenly toasting the bridesmaids and shouting incoherently at the guests.

His bride responded by hitting him over the head with an ashtray. Then, he went berserk, acting up and throwing things, and finally attacking the police who came to arrest him.

The wife, 39, who had been warned not to marry the bloke, immediately filed for divorce. The marriage lasted about 90 minutes.

You guys look hip, want some blow?

A dimwitted drug dealer walked into a bar in Lake City, Minn., and offered to sell cocaine to a group of strangers he encountered there. The men, who, as it turns out, were all plain-clothed police deputies, agreed.

After coming to terms, they arrested him.

What could possibly go wrong?

A Buddhist monk living in a temple in Sydney, Australia got tired of being celibate his whole life, so he went into town and solicited sex from a street prostitute.

Just his luck, the one woman he picked to help him out was an undercover cop. As he was being taken away, he said he was just joking.

The show's over, come on down

A woman taking a shower noticed, out of the corner of her eye, that a Peeping Tom had climbed a ladder to her bathroom window and was peering at her. Pretending not to notice him, she used her cell phone to call her son in the other room and had him phone the police.

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The cops came while the guy was still on the ladder.

Okay Robin Hood, in the wagon

In order to facilitate a prison escape, a man taped mobile phones to arrows and shot them into the exercise yard at the high-security Mariefred prison in Stockholm, Sweden.

When he returned to his car, suspicious police were waiting. They brought out dogs who traced his scent back to the prison wall, and then found the arrows.

People who live in glass houses ...

When his 16-year-old daughter staggered home in a drunken state, a New Jersey man called the police on her to teach her a lesson about good behavior.

When the cops showed up, she pointed out that her father wasn't exactly a paragon of virtue either, and showed them where his stash of cocaine was hidden. It was daddy they arrested.

Ok, here's the plan... crash!

Two men, who wanted to burglarize an auto parts store in Chicago, parked their car on the railroad tracks behind the building. While they were sitting there, a train came. One died, one was arrested.

He loves me more... no, me... no, me

Three of the four wives of a 67-year-old Iranian man became very jealous of the fourth wife when she showed up with a very expensive pair of boots.

They were so upset that the 27-year-old wife was being favored by their husband that all three tried to kill themselves with drug overdoses. They all survived.

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Give us your best offer

ZanycollegekidsatExeterUniversity in Scotland have put their school up for sale on eBay. They are asking 10 million pounds.

Tiny guzzler

Britney Spears apparently got so blitzed on sake the other night in Las Vegas that the girl needed help to walk out of Nobu in the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, the New York Post says. A Britney spokeswoman confirmed that liquid refreshment was consumed.

But the clever woman added that Britney "may have been tipsy because she has recently lost a lot of weight and is tiny and in great shape."

No, Sir

British actor Ben Kingsley is divorcing his wife of one year because his spouse's friends will not call him "Sir." The indispensable New York Post tells us Kingsley, 60, famed for his role in "Gandhi," was knighted in 2002. He married Alexandra Christman, 30, in 2003. As it happens, Kingsley grew up poor, while Christman comes from aristocracy. The man actually told Christman's pals, "You should call me Sir Ben."

Famous poker faces

Who would you most like to see across from you at the poker table? Why, Pamela Anderson, of course. In an online survey conducted by EmpirePoker.com, 42 percent of the Web site's respondents selected model-actress Anderson as the celebrity they would most like to play against.

"Our players clearly think Pamela Anderson isn't too bright or maybe they just want to ogle her," said Ron Burke, EmpirePoker.com's marketing manager.

Loopy former basketball player Dennis Rodman was a distant second with 24 percent, crazy-eyed actor James Woods got 13 percent, musician Dave Navarro was picked by 10

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percent, and skateboarder Tony Hawk and actor Matt Damon each drew 3 percent. Donald Trump was selected by 2 percent, and 1 percent said actor Ben Affleck.

People do not want to play against Affleck because he is perceived to be an ace at the game. Interestingly, when asked which celebrity poker player would be most likely to cheat at poker, 37 percent of those surveyed chose Affleck. No explanation was given.

Window wonderland

NEW YORK - What do the bespectacled squirrel and porcupine in the Bergdorf Goodman windows have to do with Christmas? (And where did they find the squirrel-size glasses?)

Since when are Liza Minnelli and Monica Lewinsky holiday icons? Apparently they are, if the windows at Barneys, blooming with caricatures by Robert Risko, are any indication.

And then there's the head-scratcher at Lord & Taylor. This year's displays pay tribute to the U.S. Postal Service, deliverer of cards and goodies. But the first panel shows Ben Franklin handling mail in Boston, when everyone knows, or should know, he was the country's first postmaster general in Philadelphia.

Here are some festive Manhattan holiday window displays.

Bergdorf Goodman's lush windows range from Shakespeare to designer Isaac Mizrahi (754 Fifth Ave., at 58th Street).

Macy's features scenes from the films "The Polar Express" on the Broadway side and "Miracle on 34th Street" on the 34th Street side (Herald Square, 151 W. 34th Street).

Lord & Taylor shows scenes depicting the development of the U.S. Postal Service (424 Fifth Ave., at 39th Street).

Bloomingdale's celebrates the film Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera" (slated for release in a few weeks) with mannequins dressed as the phantom and his love (1000 Third Ave., 59th Street and Lexington Avenue).

Barneys features the work of celebrity caricaturist Robert Risko (660

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Madison Ave., at 61st Street). Saks Fifth Avenue windows include moving characters that illustrate scenes from the children's book "SantaKid" by James Patterson, which tells the tale of Chrissie, a little girl who saves the North Pole from greedy corporate executives (611 Fifth Ave., at 49th Street).

Men sued after selling MBA to cat

Colby Nolan might well be smart (for a cat), but a 3.5 grade-point average on MBA coursework?

Pennsylvania's attorney general's office thought not.

The state this week sued a Frisco, Texas, man and his brother, accusing them of using spam e-mail to peddle bogus degrees from a Dallas operation called Trinity Southern University.

Colby, a black cat belonging to a state official, got his MBA and a transcript showing he notched a 3.5 grade-point average, for \$398.

"These diplomas have no value in the job market except to harm genuinely accredited colleges and universities and their online academic programs," said Jerry Pappert, the Pennsylvania attorney general.

Colby had enough work experience to qualify for an "Executive MBA" from Trinity Southern University. Officials in Pennsylvania paid \$398 for the animal's academic degree. Craig Barton Poe, 35, of Frisco is named in the civil complaint, along with brother Alton Scott Poe, 40, of St. Cloud, Fla.

Craig Poe, listed as president of the "school," declined to comment. His brother, listed as the dean of admissions, could not be reached.

The two are charged with violating Pennsylvania's Unsolicited Telecommunication Advertisement Act and Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law. Penalties could range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per violation.

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5:30-6:30 pm...The Rec In a Twister? Relax with Yoga

7-9 pm...SUB Johnson Dining Room Monsoon Massage

9-10 pm...SUB Dining Area Silent Gift Raffle with a downpour of Crum Snacks

TUE DEC 14

Brain Freeze Warning

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12:15-1 pm...The Rec Weather Watchers! Pilates 1&2

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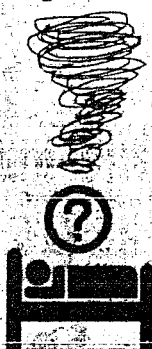
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Job outlook good for seniors

BY DAINA KLIMANIS
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

The future looks bright for college grads entering the job market — especially if they majored in accounting.

Seven out of 10 employers who responded to the National Association of Colleges and Employers' "Jobs Outlook 2005" survey expected to offer new graduates salary increases. These predictions of salary increases averaging 3.7 percent over salaries offered last year accompany projections of a 13.1 percent increase in college hiring in 2004-2005 over last year, which the NACE previously reported.

Employers said they're especially eager to hire grads with engineering, business and computer-related degrees, as in previous years, and accounting majors were the most desired of all.

Accounting programs have seen an enrollment boost in re-

cent years, according to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; the number receiving bachelor's degrees in accounting rose 6 percent and the number of master's degrees rose 30 percent in 2003-2004, as compared to the previous year.

However, this increased interest in accounting comes only after years of mostly declining enrollment. As recently as 2000, a widely regarded report by W. Steve Albrecht of Brigham Young University and Robert J. Sack of the University of Virginia bemoaned low interest in accounting.

The modest number of recent accounting graduates mean those who do major in it are in high demand, said Charles DiGiovanni, vice president of the American Association of Finance and Accounting.

"Talent out here is few and far between," DiGiovanni said. "Good, sharp accounting gradu-

ates have a substantial opportunity out there. It's really, I think, a simple economic equation of supply and demand."

Though an increased interest in accounting increases the supply of accounting grads, there are more job openings for these students than in recent years. The number of graduates with bachelor's degrees hired in 2003 increased 5 percent, and master's degree hires increased by 8 percent, according to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. It is the first rise in hiring since 2000.

Furthermore, firms said in 2003 that they expected to increase their hiring through 2008. Some of these predictions have already come true. For example, international accounting and consulting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers is hiring 2,672 college graduates for full-time employment this year, an increase of 20 percent over last year.

Army

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The Army Reserve policy extends well beyond the combat-zone, stop-loss program. If an officer's specialty is in short supply, the Reserve may opt to reject a resignation even if the soldier is not on active duty in Iraq or scheduled for any such deployment. So far this year, the Army has rejected more than 40 percent of the resignation requests of lieutenants and captains.

But now the Reserve does not have enough officers moving through its chain of command. Currently, the Reserve has staffed only 70 percent of the 18,719 officer positions for lieutenants and captains.

In a full-staffed Reserve, these captains and other officers would train stateside with the same units that they join in Iraq. This follows the Army philosophy that units that train together perform best in the field. But in the current short-staffed Reserve, Iraq-bound units often may be filled out by last-minute reassignments from other states.

"This is an imbalance that candidly occurred because we had folks who were ... asleep at the switch," Lt. Gen. James Helmly told the House Armed Service committee at a Nov. 17 hearing.

Army officials said some of the trouble can be traced back to the

'90s as the Army downsized to meet the reduced threat of the Cold War era, and encouraged many officers to resign with financial incentives.

In the meantime, Army Reserve is crafting a new policy to curb resignations. Under the policy, which has yet to be finalized, company-grade officers who have not yet been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan would generally not be allowed to resign unless they could demonstrate "extreme personal reasons," such as hardships posed by the death or disability of a spouse.

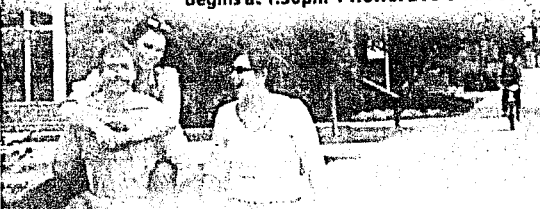
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Roche decides to throw in the towel

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After five semesters in the captain's chair, The Arbiter's Production Manager Mike Roche will step down. Throughout the years, Roche brought The Arbiter's design to its pinnacle, winning several national awards including twice in Best of Collegiate Design, 2004.

Roche first came to The Arbiter as a last resort. "I needed a summer job and it was either this — or Wal-Mart," said Roche. "So every time the deadline pressure gets really bad I just think about standing behind a register. I'm really thankful this paper gave me a shot."

Not sure if he would get the job, Roche fibbed on his application, an indiscretion he only recently admitted.

Not long into his first semes-

ter, Roche's passion for newspaper design emerged. According to Roche, the art department doesn't teach newspaper design — a handicap he diligently worked through.

"There are all these little rules you have to follow and I had to teach myself everything I know," said Roche. His efforts didn't go unnoticed and the following semester he was promoted to assistant production manager.

Following his semester as an assistant, Roche was promoted to head of The Arbiter's production team — a role he was well suited for. "I was really motivated to give Boise State a quality product," Roche said. "Now this paper is featured next to other colleges with triple the staff size and budget. I'm really proud of that."

Although at times surly, Roche proved himself as a hard work-

er and talented designer, said current Editor-in-Chief Mary Dawson.

"Working with Mike has been a rewarding experience," Dawson said. "No matter how much pressure we put him under, he still managed to come through in the end."

Assistant News Editor Carolyn Michaud likens Roche's job to that of putting together a puzzle. "No matter what pieces we throw at him, he puts them together," said Michaud. "He's an artist in his own right."

"I give full credit to the quality layout of the sports section to Mike," Sports Editor Trevor Horn said. "I will miss the lovely man so darn much."

Roche will truly be missed by The Arbiter staff and we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. Cheers Mikey!

Boise

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hoods built before the age of the automobile," said Shallat.

According to Shallat, older neighborhoods have several amenities that encourage neighbors to talk with one another such as small lawns and front porches with the garages located in an alley. The neighborhoods also have streetcar lines and corner stores.

"The neighborhoods, in short, are designed for walking," said Shallat. The North End, the East End, and other older parts of Boise have these features. According to Shallat, many Boise neighborhoods are trying to capture some of the nostalgia and look of small town America in small ways.

Psychology professor Ted McDonald is working with Fredericksen on the project. His main interest is in the psychological standpoint of new urbanism. "New urbanism design essentially promises to increase quality of life by increasing sense of community and reducing fear of crime," McDonald said. According to the McDonald, building compact, high-density housing on linear streets (that is, on a grid system and without cul-de-sacs) will encourage people to have more frequent contact with one another.

"In neighborhoods with stronger neighborhood ties, people are less fearful of crime. New urban designs may help crime-proof neighborhoods, at least to

some degree," McDonald said. According to McDonald, having front doors and porches close to the street should make residents more watchful over the street so that they are more able to recognize when something is potentially not right, like a stranger lingering around.

Neighborhoods in Boise are beginning to have "new urbanist" characteristics but there is no true new urbanism project yet said Boise planner Kathleen Lacey. She says there are several neighborhoods designed with aspects of new urbanism like Hidden Springs or Harris Ranch but they are missing the integration of offices with housing and retail.

"They are new urbanism in intent but not in achievement," Lacey said. The original intent of Hidden Springs was to provide a mixture of housing from a variety of economic groups. But according to Lacey, the building of less expensive housing never commenced which led to low density in the neighborhood causing stores to leave and the school to close down.

However, Lacey said a new housing development under construction in Southeast Boise will attempt to be an example of a full-fledged new urbanism neighborhood. Set along the Boise River and only three miles from downtown, Bown Crossing encompasses everything about new urbanism said Lacey. Located off of Parkcenter Boulevard and Boise Avenue, Bown Crossing provides

residents access to retail and commercial services. Everything is within walking distance and housing is mixed, said Lacey. "There will be enough density, wonderful aesthetics, great location, and pedestrian transit."

Yet, it is unknown if new urbanism even makes a difference. "No one's checked to see if it really works," said Fredericksen. "No one's ever studied this." Fredericksen plans to investigate the correlation between "new urbanism" and its claimed advantages and disadvantages. She says even the federal government spends millions of dollars to build and promote these neighborhoods and their effect is still unknown.

According to Fredericksen, those opposed to new urbanism claim these neighborhoods become exclusionary displacing lower income households. He also said the neighborhoods attract more jobs but are also more expensive. "Therefore people with low incomes cannot afford to live there, and are less likely to be able to have transportation to the jobs in these neighborhoods."

Fredericksen is not concerned about finding a connection between new urbanism and its many claims. "It's just as interesting when there is no connection at all," Fredericksen said. If the National Science of Education does not approve her proposal, Fredericksen said she knows several other foundations that will.

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Raising minimum wage would be morally right to do

BY PETER DREIER AND KELLY CANDELE

The minimum wage victories in Florida and Nevada are a political neon sign blinking brightly at Democrats.

Although these two states favored President Bush on Nov. 2, voters overwhelmingly approved ballot measures to raise the minimum wage by one dollar in both states - to \$6.15 an hour.

In Florida, even though Bush beat Sen. John Kerry by 381,000 votes, voters favored the minimum-wage increase by 3.1 million votes - a 71 percent to 29 percent margin.

In Nevada, Bush narrowly beat Kerry by 21,500 votes, but citizens backed the wage boost by 293,328 votes - a 68 percent to 32 percent margin.

Many middle-class voters supported the wage boost.

What's more, the measures won in every county in both states. For example, in conservative Escambia and Santa Rosa counties in the Florida Panhandle, where military bases and retired military veterans dominate the political culture, more than two-thirds of voters favored the wage boost.

Surprisingly, Kerry, who supported raising the federal minimum wage to \$7 an hour, ignored the issue during his campaign in Florida, which could have helped him gain more votes.

It is imperative that Democrats start a nationwide debate that frames economic justice as a moral issue. Not only would this be the right thing to do, it could also be a winning electoral issue. This could help Democrats beat vulnerable Republicans in key Senate and congressional races in 2006.

By doing so, they might not only increase turnout among the urban poor but also reach some of the church-going white Protestants who live barely above the poverty line but give their votes to Republicans.

Let's put the president and his congressional allies, who gave the richest Americans a huge tax break, in the position of explaining how a nurse's aide with two kids can raise a family on \$5.15 per hour or why a worker in a poultry plant doesn't deserve a wage boost.

The conventional wisdom says that Bush won a second term by defending the moral values derived from traditional religious teachings. But many major religious denominations support raising the minimum wage. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops says that Catholic social teaching regards work as a reflection of our human dignity, and that poverty wages are an affront to individual self-respect.

Congress, which has given itself a cost-of-living pay raise for the last five years in a row, has allowed the federal minimum wage to lose its purchasing power. Minimum-wage workers today are worse off now than they have been in decades. The last increase in the federal minimum wage (to \$5.15) was in 1997. That figure is the equivalent to a full-time salary of \$10,700 a year.

At its peak in 1968, the minimum wage was worth the equivalent of more than \$7 an hour today. That was also the last year that the minimum wage was above the nation's poverty line. If the federal minimum wage were increased to just \$7 an hour, at least 7.4 million workers would receive a wage boost.

If the minimum wage were pegged at \$9.50, which is the federal poverty standard, millions more would be lifted out of poverty.

The largest group of beneficiaries would be children, whose parents would have more money for rent, food, clothing and other basic necessities.

Business leaders claim that raising the minimum wage will destroy jobs and hurt small businesses. But the evidence - based on studies of the effects of past increases in the federal and state minimum-wage levels - shows otherwise.

In fact, many employers would actually gain by absorbing the increase through decreased absenteeism, lower recruiting and training costs, higher productivity and increased worker morale. And because the working poor spend most of what they earn, every penny of a potential minimum-wage increase would go back into the economy, increasing consumer demand.

In January, when Bush is sworn in for a second term, we should all push our lawmakers to raise the national minimum wage to the official poverty level - \$9.50 an hour - which translates to \$19,000 a year. Unions, civil rights groups, religious organizations and others who care about basic fairness ought to lead this charge.

Raising the minimum wage is the morally right thing to do.

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Many will be without housing this time of year

BY CHESTER HARTMAN

Congress is not doing anywhere near enough to help the poor meet their housing needs.

In the appropriations bill that just passed, Congress raised by 5 percent the amount it spends on the Section 8 housing program to subsidize rent payments. But this amount covers only a tiny fraction of those who need support.

Then Congress went in the opposite direction and cut funds for housing assistance to the disabled, the elderly and the homeless.

Housing is by far the largest expenditure for most lower- and middle-income families. Some 13 million American households must spend half or more of their income for rent or mortgage payments, according to the most recent Census data.

This leaves insufficient money for proper food, health care, transportation to work, childcare and other basic needs.

Sadly, housing costs are rising far faster than incomes. To pay rent for a two-bedroom apartment in a typical metropolitan area requires an hourly wage of \$15.21, reports the National Low Income Housing Coalition. That is almost three times the federal minimum wage. With the national poverty rate up for the third straight year, a decent place to live is almost unattainable for tens of millions of Americans.

Added to these financial realities is the steeply rising cost of heating fuel, which is eating up even more of the family budget.

Due principally to housing costs, between 2.5 million and 3.5 million people are, homeless, according to most estimates. And many more are "pre-homeless," temporarily doubling up with relatives or friends.

Poor housing conditions contribute to serious health and safety problems, such as asthma, lead poisoning and fires.

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Part of the problem is old-fashioned discrimination. Laws notwithstanding, there still is rampant discrimination by landlords, Realtors, lenders, insurers and other gatekeepers. Urban Institute studies, done for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, using "paired testers," document blatant differences in how blacks and whites seeking to buy or rent housing are treated.

Discriminatory residential patterns rob many minorities of the ability to accumulate wealth through rising home values. Racial wealth disparities are far larger and more significant than income disparities.

Fifty-five years ago, Congress established a National Housing Goal of "a decent home and suitable living environment for every American family."

We have fallen woefully short of that goal.

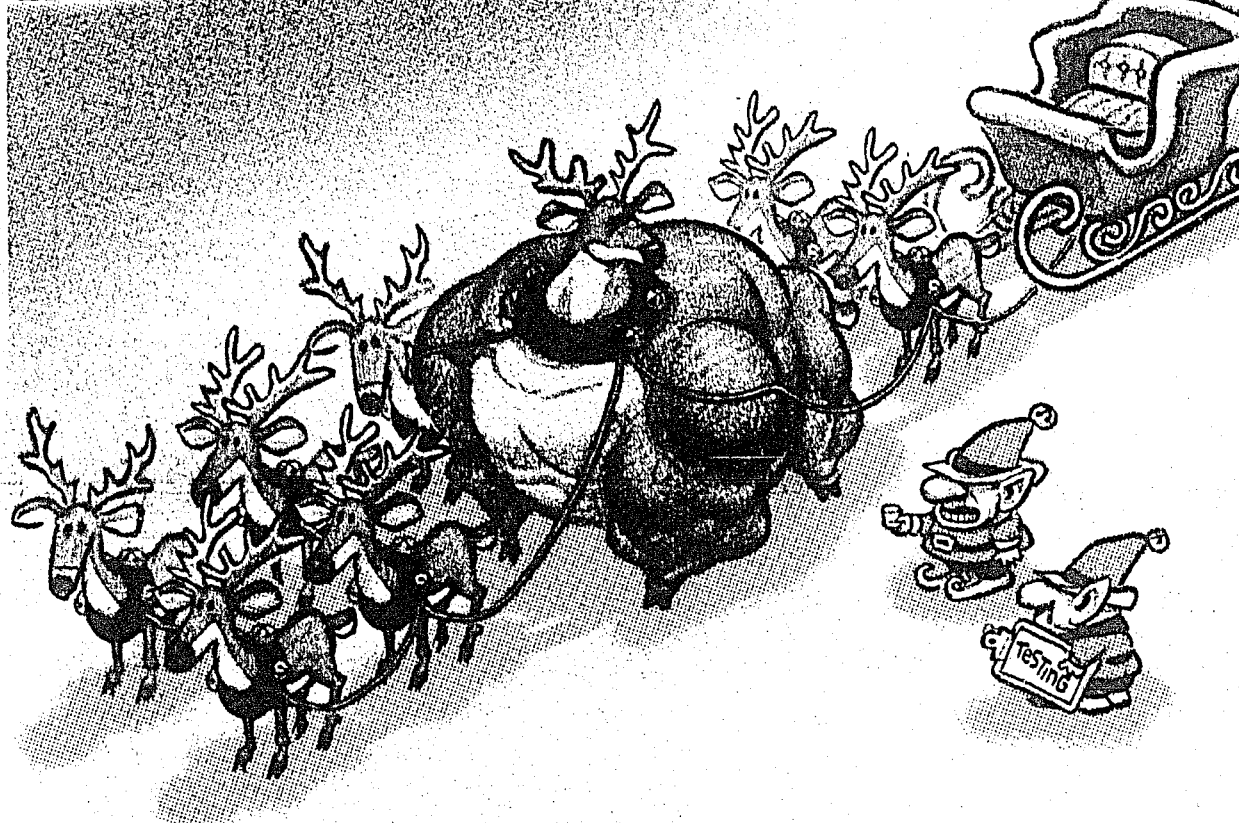
Housing ought to be a right - like free public education, Social Security and Medicare and Medicaid.

Congress can - and must - do more.

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STAR TRIBUNE



'I'm GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO PEE IN A CUP...'

Does Santa deliver live animals? Charities bring hope to the impoverished

BY AUDREY SALAZAR
Columnist

I recently came back from a small town on the Mexican side of the border over Thanksgiving vacation. It has been a few years since my last visit, and the only thing that ever changes is me. I get a little older, and the activities I enjoy there have morphed from the Girls Gone Wild, margarita marathon, discoteca dance-off, tequila-shooting... well you get the idea... adventure to "Oh my, look at those clay chimneys, aren't those lovely?" I did stock up on the usual inexpensive items while there, liquor, prescription drugs (inhalers for my friend), and I went to lunch in a touristy villa near the open-air markets. As I was walking along, it felt good to be among the Mexican people, not one tried to sell me Chiclets or yelled out "Cheaper than K-Mart!", they were simply given to the day's chores and errands. The markets close at 5 p.m. everyday there, and at the borders, there is always a mass-exodus of white people. Mexican border towns at night are the stuff urban legends are made of.

It was closing in on five o'clock, when my cousin and his boyfriend stopped at a little market to buy some handmade Mexican puppets. As I was browsing, I looked down at my feet to find a little baby, not older than two, crawling and googly-eyed on the ground. I bent down near him, and he peered up at me with the most beautiful,

big brown eyes. I shook his little hand and he smiled at me, my heart always starts to race when a baby smiles at me, I figure they must be magic. The baby put his head down and seemed to be looking intently at something. He picked up a small rubber band off the cobblestone street and slid it around his little finger where there were about 20 more just like it. I looked around and saw tiny rubber bands everywhere, and it occurred to me, that this was his job. I saw his mother sitting just a few feet away wrestling with some bags of wares, she also smiled at me and then turned to chat with her friend. I knew it was not right, but I had a pang in my heart for that little baby.

Yes, everyone has a job in Mexico, even babies, but I wanted to bring him home with me that evening. I could wrap him up and settle him into my bag and sneak him across the border, past the indifferent border guards, and onto the plane with me. I would give him a pretentious American name like Troy or Casey and read him Dr. Seuss every night before bed. We could watch cartoons on Saturday mornings, and feed the ducks together. When he got older, I would drive him to soccer practice and debate competitions. My thoughts about that baby, were truly selfish that day. Then, like many people who have felt similar pangs, I decided to help in a more organized fashion. I found a charity.

There are many projects out there designed to help feed hungry children

and struggling families. This holiday season, my donation is going to Heifer International. Heifer International was formed in 1944, and delivers actual animals to families in need. These animals provide income or simply food. I like this effort because you can see the tangible item that you are gifting to people across the world. At www.heifer.org, there is a list of animals to choose from and a list of countries where those animals are needed. The organization teaches families techniques in sustainability along with feeding them, they infuse ecological principles and strive to protect the earth. With four projects currently underway in Mexico, I like the idea of giving a whole sheep to a Mexican family for Christmas. Heifer International operates on almost every continent bringing livestock to the impoverished millions.

In some cases the animals are slaughtered for food, and though this may not be a desirous charity for PETA folks or others, canned food drives, quilt-knitting projects, and clothing donations are alternatives through other organizations.

There is enough money and food in the world right now to knock out poverty and hunger forever. I know you have probably heard this all before, but what will you do to make that happen?

Merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah, happy Kwanzaa, happy Three Kings Day, and happy Ramadan.

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THE GREATEST EVER

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The Arbitrator

Four conference championships, the greatest seasons ever in football, men's basketball and volleyball—plus an individual track and field national champion. The year of 2004 was the greatest ever in the history of Boise State University athletics—and it's not quite over yet.

The football team has been in the spotlight all season. First-ever undefeated regular season, a top-10 nationally ranked team, unrivaled coverage on ESPN nationally televised games—however there were other programs that excelled this year.

MEN'S B-BALL

March was an explosive month for men's athletics on campus. The basketball team woke from their winter hibernation to win 12 of their final 14 games of the season to earn two postseason victories in the same season in school history. Led by senior first-team All-WAC forward Aaron Haynes, the team came together after then leading scorer Jermaine Blackburn went down with a shoulder injury late during a home game versus Louisiana Tech. They won their final seven home games, including a National Invitational Tournament game at the Idaho Center over UW-Milwaukee 73-70 in front of 10,153 fans that came out to Nampa to watch the team while Metallica was playing at the former-known Pavilion that evening. They eventually fell to Marquette in the second round of the NIT.

WRESTLING

In the same month, the wrestling team muscled up and won their third PAC 10 championship in five years. It was the first under head coach Greg Randall. Unseeded 133 pound Scott Jorgensen won his first ever conference championship. Senior Jesse Brock won his second title in three years. He won this year at the 141-weight class, and won the 133-title in 2002. Heavyweight Jacob McGinnis was third and final conference champion for the Broncos. McGinnis was also the lone first seed during the tournament for Boise State.

GYMNASTICS

Not only did the Bronco gymnasts win

a second straight WAC title in March, they hosted the championship tournament and cleaned up, taking first in every event. Carla Chambers defended her all-around title with a stellar and personal best score of 39.575. For the second year in a row Chambers was named the WGC Gymnast of the Year.

After the spectacular performance at the WAC championship tournament, the Broncos traveled to Oregon in their 18th straight appearance at the NCAA Regional Championships. The Broncos entered the competition as the fifth seed and finished fourth with a 195.275. Lindsay Ward qualified for the nationals with an all-around score of 39.35. Ward traveled to Southern California in late April to represent Boise State individually in the NCAA National Championships to finish 44th with an all-around score of 38.7.

TRACK & FIELD

Just one day before the start of March, the men's

track and field team captured the 2004 WAC Indoor Track and Field Championship at Jackson's Track at the Idaho Center. They ran all over the rest of the competition as the Ray Ardill, Forest Braden and Kenny Johnson all earned first-place finishes. Braden won the 1-mile run, Johnson took first in the triple jump and Ardill captured titles in the 200 and 400-meter runs. Braden went on to earn an All-American nomination in the 3000-meter run, and senior Abbey Elsberry also earned an All-American selection on the women's team in the 20-pound weight throw.

During the outdoor track and field season, Gabe Wallin annihilated the Boise State school-record in the discus throw to capture the 2004 National Javelin Championship with a throw of 264 feet, nine inches. Three other Broncos also earned All-American honors also during the season. On the men's side, Keron Francis and Kenny Johnson earned them respectfully in the javelin and triple jump, and freshman Miruna Mataoanu earned the selection in the women's high jump. The

men's team also posted their best finish in 17 years at the NCAA Championships with 18 points and a 15th place finish. Braden also earned All-American honors in cross country last month.

WOMEN'S B-BALL

There is a glimmer of great hope in the eyes of everyone involved with the women's basketball team. Following a 9-20 campaign in 2003-04, Coach Warden and staff brought in the best recruiting class in school history. Going along with the starting five from last year, the Broncos are already a third of the way to their win total from last season, after only five games.

TENNIS

On the tennis side of things, the men had a stellar season.

They set out to defend their conference title but lost to Hawaii in the quarterfinals. Guillaume Bouvier suffered a knee injury but recovered in time to play in the WAC championship tournament. Bouvier and Thomas Schoeck were both named to the All-WAC teams. Bouvier qualified to compete in the NCAA single championship tournament. He made it round 16 where he fell to the fifth ranked Phillip King of Duke. Bouvier, ranked 55th, and is the first Broncos singles All-American.

VOLLEYBALL

The fall female phenomenon award goes to the Bronco volleyball team. They played their best season since 1998 finishing 17-12. The Broncos started the season with five straight wins. Cameron Flunder was the first Bronco to be named WAC player of the week since the program joined WAC.

For the first time since 1997 the Broncos defeated San Jose State and for the first time since 2000 the Broncos beat rival Idaho State. Other first time wins include SMU, Tulsa, Fresno and UTEP. The Broncos doubled the number of wins they had in 2001, 2002, and 2003 combined. They made their first appearance in the WAC championship tournament since the tournament went to an eight seed format. They lost in the first round to Fresno State but had two players named to All-WAC teams. Flunder was named first team All-WAC and Heather Malaschak was named to the second All-WAC team. Malaschak finished her college career ranked in the top 25 for blocking. Flunder's first team selection was also the first in school history.

GOLF

The golf teams also produced some excitement this year. The women's team recorded a school-record with a 54-hole 904 score at the Kent Youel Invitational in October. Graham DeLaet was named to the men's first-team All-WAC squad. He is the first Bronco ever to earn the accolade. In his two previous seasons, DeLaet also was named to the second-team All-WAC in 2003, and was the WAC freshman of the year in 2002.

SOCCER

The soccer team also posted their second winning season in seven years as co-captains BreeAnn Milligan and Cassidy Temple were named to the second-team All-WAC squad. Going them was sophomore goalie Kim Parker.

FOOTBALL

Last but certainly not least is the football team. First win over a PAC 10 school. Four major streaks still alive, most notably the 22-game overall win streak and a WAC record 25-game win streak. Six first-team All-WAC members, and two All-Americans to go along with six players being named to the WAC player of the week award throughout the season capped off the best regular season in school history, and capped off the best year in sports in school history. And it can all be topped off with a holiday gift to Bronco fans with a win over Louisville in the Liberty Bowl on Dec. 31.

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place kicker Tyler Jones and quarterback Jared Zabransky have both received All-American honors for their outstanding performances during the Broncos' undefeated and championship season of 2004. Jones was named to the Walter

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Lady Broncos trample Falcons 47-35

BY AMBER FUGER
Sports Writer

The Broncos split their week-end series.

Defense and amazing execution were the words Boise State's head coach Jen Warden used to sum up Friday night's game.

"They played 40 minutes of defense with no lapses," Warden said. "...and we handle the ball very well."

In a packed Bronco Gym, Boise State flew past the Air Force Academy Falcons 47-35. This marks Boise State's third straight win for an overall season record of 3-2. Both teams were playing solid defense. The Falcons forced the Broncos to shoot a season low 26.9 percent from the field. Despite the low shooting percentage, the Broncos ended the first

half ahead 20-14 and controlled the lead the entire game.

A steal by point guard Tasha Harris for a layup gave the Broncos a quick nine-point lead. Air Force's Jacki Novak laid a shot in from under the hoop to close the lead to seven. Another steal by Boise State's Jackie Lee put the Broncos up 15-6.

From this point on, the first half became a close battle. The Falcons started passing the ball and making shots. Jennifer Roesch dished into Dawn Higginbotham as she drove down the center of the key for a layup to close the gap to seven.

The next seven minutes went by scoreless. The drought was ended as Air Force's Briana Thomas went two for two from the free-throw line. The Falcons were down by five with a little over two minutes

left on the clock. The Falcons got within one point and then began to slip up. Roesch tipped the ball into Boise State's Cariann Ramirez's hands. Ramirez passed the ball off to Heather Little for the basket.

The Broncos were quick to get the ball back and a jump shot by Ramirez put the Broncos up by five with under a minute left in the first. Little fouled Letricia Castillo but Castillo missed both shots. Ramirez put the Broncos up 20-14 with a foul shot. Boise State's Jodi Nakashima made one final three point attempt that bounced off the rim as the clock ran out ending the first half with Boise State ahead by six.

Air Force's Pamela Findlay was first on the board with a jump shot from the top of the key. Boise State's Jamie Hawkins answered

back with a nice bank shot from the post for a 22-16 Bronco lead. The intense defense continued and both teams passed around the perimeter trying to break away for an open three.

Jodi Nakashima opened up for a shot but missed. Little was there to rebound the shot. She scored and put the Broncos up 24-18. Christie Paiz led the Broncos in assists with three. On one of the three, Paiz dished it out to Benita Buggs who nailed the three and put the Broncos up 27-18.

The Falcons took possession but lost the ball. Buggs rebounded and banked it in for a 29-18 Bronco lead. Michelle Hessing made a nice hook shot from the post to put the Broncos up 31-18.

Taylor was able to break away and score a three point shot for the Falcons to make it a 10 point

game. The Broncos were quick to react and continued playing stellar defense. Numerous times the Falcons were forced to make unclear shots on account of the shot clock running down.

Almost every Bronco put points on the board. Hawkins came up big with eight rebounds for the Broncos. Ramirez boxed out and snagged six rebounds. Their passing game kept the Falcons scrambling to cover the ball. Hessing led the Broncos with nine points. Cassidy Blaine came up with two big three point shots, one on a lob pass from Paiz that put the Broncos up 37-24. Paiz made another assist to Buggs for three as the shot clock ran down. Buggs shot and scored as the buzzing shot clock masked the swoosh of the net.

Sunday afternoon the Broncos

lost a nail biter to the Gonzaga Bulldogs 61-59 in front of 1,021 fans in the Bronco Gym.

Anne Bailey layed it in with seconds remaining to give the Bulldogs the victory.

Despite shooting only 20 percent from the field in the first half, the Broncos trailed by only four, 25-21 going into intermission.

Jodi Nakashima scored all of her 11 points in the second half. Jamie Hawkins grabbed 11 rebounds for the Broncos, but the interior scoring threat by the Bulldogs was just too much for Boise State.

Ashley Burke led the Bulldogs with 20 and Bailey added 10 for the game, including her game-winning shot.

Freshman Tasha Harris led the Broncos with 15, and Cassidy Blaine added 12. The Broncos play at Utah Valley State on Dec. 18.

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Cougars claw out a victory over the Broncos

BY THE ARBITER STAFF

Numbers meant nothing Wednesday night in Provo. The Broncos (4-3) lost to BYU 90-77 in front of 8,619 loud fans at the Marriott Center.

The Cougars (2-5) came into the game with only the lone victory, but tough losses to North Carolina, USC, California and Stanford—their schedule was one of the toughest in the nation.

Two things were certain for Broncos during the final two games on their three-game road trip. They have the ability to battle back, and Jason Ellis has turned into a major scoring threat for the Broncos.

But, it was the Cougars who looked like the team with a winning record.

BYU went on a 13-0 run in just over three minutes during the first half, only to see a 16 point lead dwindle to eight at halftime. Three-pointers were drained from all over the place for both teams. There were 21 made by both teams combined.

Coming out of the half, the Broncos rallied back to tie the



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game at 44 with a 13-4 run to start the second half which was lead by a trio of threes by Franco Harris, who finished 12 points. Coby Karl also finished with 12 points.

Jason Ellis scored the first four points for the Broncos, but got into early foul trouble, but did manage to stay in the game most of the second half to lead Boise State with 20 points and ten rebounds.

However, there was no stopping the long range shooting of the Cougars. Mike Rose led the assault, as the sophomore led the Cougars with 19 points off of 6-9 shooting from behind the arc. Jared Jensen was also a force for

the Cougars inside and on the foul line. The senior led the team with seven points on the line, and finished with 13 on the night.

The biggest number of the night was points off the bench for the Cougars. Rose led the charge as they scored 47 from their reserves.

It was a huge second half for the Cougars that capped off the horrid shooting for the Broncos. Leading scorer Jermaine Blackburn scored just nine points for the Broncos.

A switch in the starting lineup for the Broncos saw McNeal Thompson come off the bench and nail four three-pointers and scored 19.

Jason Ellis [above] led the Broncos with 20 points and 10 rebounds. However, it was not enough as Boise State fell to BYU. The Broncos will now come home for a seven game homestand beginning on Wednesday.

Next up for the Broncos is a home game against Eastern Washington on Dec. 15 at the Taco Bell Arena. That will begin a seven-game home stand that will last until Jan. 8.

The Broncos will now come home for seven straight starting Wednesday versus Eastern Washington at 7:30 p.m. The home stand will continue until a WAC game versus Rice on Jan. 8.

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Bronco wrestlers post PAC-10 victory

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The Boise State University wrestling team evened its overall dual record for the 2004-05 season at 3-3 on Saturday night with a 22-15 victory over UC Davis. It was also the Broncos' first Pac-10 Conference dual of the season.

Boise State appeared on its way to an easy victory winning three of the first four matches and opening up a 12-3 lead over the visiting Aggies. Freshman

Andrew Hochstrasser started the Broncos off with a technical fall win over Pancho Manriquez at 125 pounds, 17-2.

Scott Jorgensen followed Hochstrasser's win with a 9-4 decision over Derek Moore at 133 pounds, before Ben Cherrington recorded a major decision over Daniel Murphree, 17-6, at 149 pounds to give Boise State a nine point lead.

The two teams traded decisions in the next two weight classes,

before Boise State's K.C. Walsh and Eric Smith ended the dual with wins at the 197-pound and heavyweight classes, respectively. Walsh posted an 18-7 major decision over Michael Clarkston, 18-7, and Smith handed Evan Hendrix a 7-2 defeat.

On Sunday afternoon, the Broncos fell short against Nebraska, 25-16. Andrew Hochstrasser, Ben Cherrington, Lex Case and Eric Smith all posted victories for the Broncos on the afternoon.

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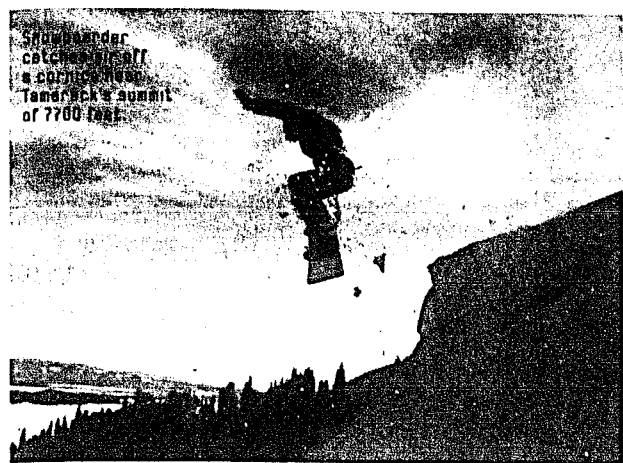
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Dawn of ski days in Donnelly

Tamarack adds to winter recreation market

BY CHRIS ALTERS
Culture Writer

Donnelly, Idaho has been a site of speculation over the years. In the early eighties, the word was ValBois, a ski resort, somewhere in the mountains between Boise and McCall. Federal regulations chopped that idea down in 1995 but within three years, new investors sprouted. They came, they saw and they lobbied. By April 2003, the team of investors, developers and real estate dealers became known as WestRock. They cut a new deal with the State Government.

WestRock signed a 49-year lease with The Idaho State Land Board of Commissioners at 2.5 million dollars plus the state gets four percent of the profits. Within months of the lease agreement, construction on Tamarack Resort's infrastructure began.

By October of 2004 helicopters were setting the 36 chairlift towers atop cement footings. As Tamarack CEO, Jean-Pierre Boespflug said, "The sight of these massive lift towers moving into place will convince people once and for all that Tamarack will open this summer for alpine operations."

Tamarack has grown into quite the money-tree. On top of the lease, the State Government is projecting an additional \$103 million in tax revenue over the next 15 years. Plans include 2,043 new dwelling units within five square miles. Tamarack is

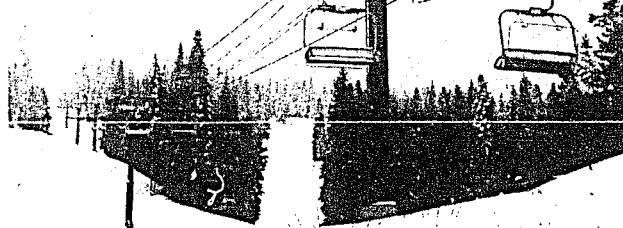
the first ski, golf and lake resort permitted in the United States in 22 years. With all this growth, Donnelly is fixing to become a full-blown resort town.

This Wednesday, Dec. 15, snowboarders and skiers will find out what Tamarack has to offer. At 9 a.m., Tamarack opens its 700 acres of "skiable" terrain, with five access lifts, including 2 high-speed quads. Not bad, but according to Tamarack's master plan, the resort will expand that area by more than 57 percent and have 11 lifts by 2019. They're also pushing a freestyle jib fix, anyone want to hit the pipe?

Tamarack is promoting their 500-foot long halfpipe, set to debut in time for the Christmas holiday break. This "Superpipe," promises to highlight a terrain park with 10 jumps and 15 railsides. When the snow melts, summer enthusiasts can slice into an 18-hole, par-72 golf course.

Tamarack is only 90 miles north of Boise up Highway 55. Students get a \$20 discount off the \$55 adult daily lift ticket price. Be sure to bring Bose State ID. If you're in for a season pass, adults pay \$350 and students can get hooked up at \$245. Kids, 7-17 will pay a \$28 daily ticket tag with a pass price of \$225. The pass prices are good until Dec. 15, at which time they go up. For more information, visit www.tamarackidaho.com.

The base of Tamarack where they had more than a foot of snow yesterday. The mid mountain has 44" and the summit has 48".



Strung Out kept the crowd moshing and screaming during the Thursday Dec. 9 show at the Venue.

PHOTOS BY KIRSTA ADAMS

Strung Out sober at The Venue

BY DAN MCNEESE
Culture Writer

The southern California band Strung Out headlined Thursday night at The Venue with their Fat Wreck Cords comrades Only Crime. With opening acts Haste the Day and Wilhi Scream, the evening was dominated by an all age's agenda.

The Venue is the new place to go for a good punk rock, local or not. A once run down warehouse, The Venue is an up and running piece of underground Boise.

On this random Thursday night in question, the vibe of The Venue was that of youthful idealism as the evening's acts thrashed the concert hall apart.

Wilhelm Scream, a highly energetic band from Connecticut, set the tone. With high flight guitar riffs and rapid crash cymbals, the band proved worthy of original rhythm. Though they stopped the set to pay tribute to those slain in Ohio the night before, the energy they produced was enough to get any aggression out. A tribute song to the Abbott brothers and a heightened awareness was present.

Only Crime, the brain-child of members of Gwar, Good Riddance, All, Descendents and Black Flag, played with the utmost quality these veterans of punk rock could belch. Even through a three-song black out, Only Crime thrashed through and even joked they

meant to have the lights turned out for the show. "I really don't care [if the lights are out] we meant to do that," said guitarist Zach Blair.

Front man Russ Rankins said the side project was created from "heavy Good Riddance down time. I just wanted to start a punk band while our bass player is at college, and with people who don't do drugs."

Haste the Day served a hot dose of cut-throat music to their cult-ish fans. Breaking into a Kung-Fu berzerker dance their followers up-tempo-ed to the headliners.

Strung Out played to the luxury of a solid sober crowd. Don't let the name fool you, they neither endorse nor oppose the use or abuse of any mind-altering chemical but energy from the crowd was true and pure. Where most acts play to the intoxicated masses Strung Out played to coherent and ragging youths and adults alike. None of the bands Thursday night sported the "straight edge" label but all supported the positive vibe that's regular at The Venue.

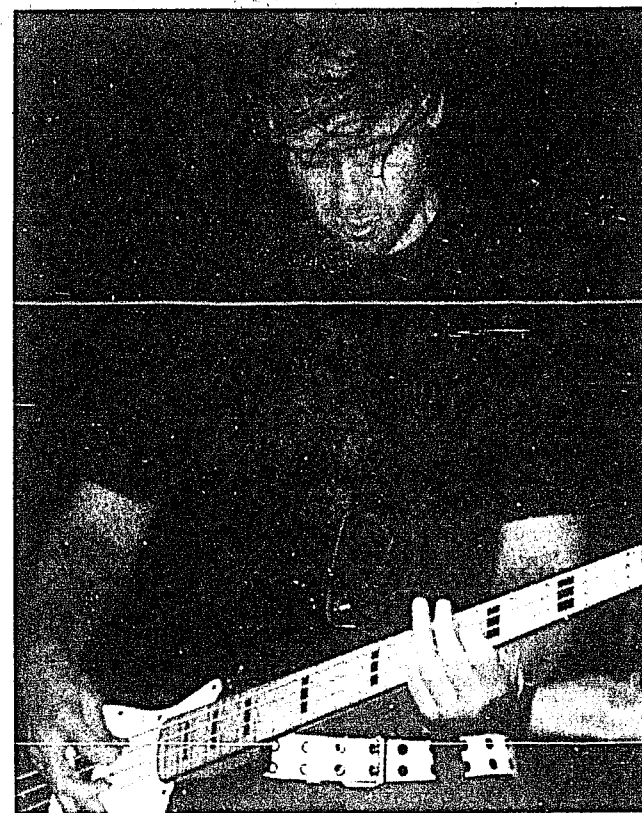
Touring in support of their 8th album "Exile in Oblivion," Strung Out showcased their newer songs but still played some of their original work for posterity.

Strung Out is what the Offspring wish they could be: an underground sounding California based quartet in it for the music not the money. Front man Jason Cruz even joked about their own

bands' merchandise in the back of the room. "You should buy some of our stuff, it's like Hot Topic back there... it's fucking sickening."

Over 2 hundred heads were in attendance.

Don McNeese writes for The Arbiter in addition to working at The Venue. For info on upcoming shows visit boisevenue.com



Students promote local band

BY MICHAELA G. HEALIHY
Culture Writer

Boise State prides itself on educating its students for the real world. This semester, under the supervision of Professor Norris Krueger a group of business majors saw first hand how the skills they are developing are applicable to today's world.

Krueger is an essential ingredient to the course's success. Krueger strives to "keep the class as ill-structured as possible" in an effort to force students to "devise and impose their own structure." He refers to the business course as RealWorld 101 because the course projects have real consequences for real people. The aims of this course include "cultivating and

unleashing" students to use their abilities to think strategically.

J.Shane Allen, Chris Kletke and Ryan Summers are promoting the local band Vincent Vegas for their "capstone" as business majors. As part of their project, they help the band by promoting them through word of mouth and local newspapers and by creating a website. Promoting the band presents real

problems that occur in the marketing field that require the students to draw on their class activities to help tackle the issues.

Rather than regurgitating information from a textbook, students use strategic thinking activities performed in the classroom throughout the semester to help them prepare for whatever obstacles they may encounter.

The idea for promoting the band came about when the group's initial project fell through. Summers, whose major influence

in life is Donald Duck because he doesn't let his speech impediment keep him from succeeding, previously spoke to a member of Vincent Vegas about promoting the band. With their initial project no longer an option, the business group jumped on the opportunity with the band.

They want to take the band that began playing in January of this year in Weiser, and make them a common name amongst college students and people beyond Boise. The group sees potential in

the bands original work as well as their ability to cover a variety of other artists' songs.


Krueger encourages people of all backgrounds and majors to look into the course and welcomes "all intruders."

If you want to see the band in action, they are playing at Tom Graine's on New Year's Eve. Also keep your eyes peeled for a Vincent Vegas website that should be up and running soon.

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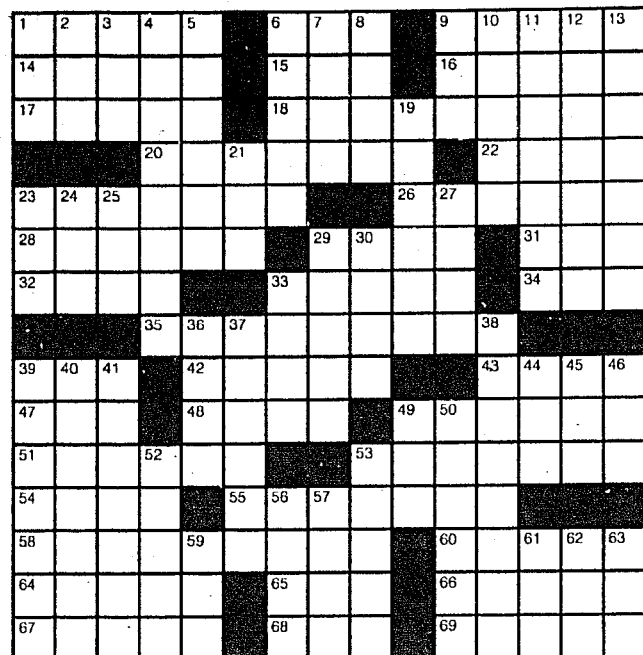
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horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Dec. 13). Money's coming your way this year, but not from work you've done. It's more likely from following through on promises you've already made. And, of course, promises others made to you.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 7 - Somebody in an important position is watching what you're doing. You're gaining insight, perspective and quite likely a good deal of status.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is an 8 - An outing seems like a good idea, if just for a little while. Set work aside for long enough to listen to a friend.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 7 - There's more to getting right than simply doing the work. You've also got to figure out when and how to spend the money. That's today's assignment.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 7 - Conditions are getting a little bit easier, as you get more support from one who can take over part of your load. Go ahead and give it up.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is an 8 - Work is interfering with your playtime now, much to your disgust. The good news is that you'll end up with a much nicer play space. Don't complain.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7 - This is a good time for making commitments, especially romantic ones. A person who already knows your secrets and doesn't care is your best bet.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 7 - More practical matters demand your attention, unfortunately. Cleaning the house and your refrigerator immediately pops to mind.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 7 - You're the kind of person who seems to learn best through experience. Be prepared to do that now, as the opportunity will arise.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7 - Money is not the most important thing in your life, but it's nice to have some around. Today and tomorrow look good for collecting on debts that are owed to you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7 - You're the team leader, so let the others know what to do to help. They're eager to get started, once you point them in the right direction.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 7 - Unfortunately, obligations again raise their ugly heads. Don't be afraid, there's nothing in that stack of stuff you haven't seen before. It's just more of the same old same.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 7 - New confidence is naturally making you more attractive to a whole new crowd. These people don't like you for your stories, they like you for who you are (as your best friends always have).

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WOOOO!

Founding member of Pantera killed on stage

BY DAN MCNEESE
Culture Writer

"Dimebag Darrel" Abbott, a founding member of the heavy metal group Pantera, was shot to death along with three others Wednesday night at a Columbus, Ohio metal show.

Abbott, lead guitarist of Damageplan, was slain as the concert got underway when a concertgoer opened fire at the band.

According to reports, four were killed and two others injured including a bouncer who pulled the gunman off the guitarist.

The hard-hitting Damageplan was an Elektra Records side project of Pantera featuring Abbott on

guitar and his brother Vinnie Paul Abbott on drums.

Witnesses said a man wearing a hockey jersey and hooded sweatshirt opened fire on the band as they were going into their first song of the night. About 250 people were in attendance and Columbus police are asking for anyone who may have home video of the shooting.

The gunman who was identified as Nathan Gale of nearby Marysville, OH was also killed by police fire after being held down by a nightclub bouncer.

Fans mourned the deaths by placing flowers and miscellaneous debris along the perimeter of Alrosa Villa, the nightclub where the shootings took place.

Clarke's first novel a strange brew

BY ROGER W. VENABLE
Culture Writer

Susanna Clarke's first novel, "Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell," mixes genres to create a curious book. She tells the fantastic story of the resurgence of magicians in early nineteenth century England, the historic literary tale of England's battles with Napoleon, and parodies nineteenth century novels with her writing style.

This mélange results in an entertaining novel that will turn off fans of each of the genres it combines. Fantasy lovers will find the book boring. History lovers will find the book ridiculous. Literary fiction lovers will claim the book lacks depth (stylistically, however, the writing itself deserves recognition).

The story begins in York, where a society of magicians decides to resurrect practical magic. Few magicians use magic anymore, they merely study it as a scholarly pursuit. They challenge one of the last practical magicians, Mr. Norrell, to prove his powers.

Mr. Norrell obliges by making the statues in York Cathedral speak and sing. The magicians proceed to introduce Mr. Norrell into London society to prove to everyone that practical magic still exists.

Mr. Norrell keeps himself isolated from people. He reads books rather than interacting with people. He was the kind of man who "knew there were such things as

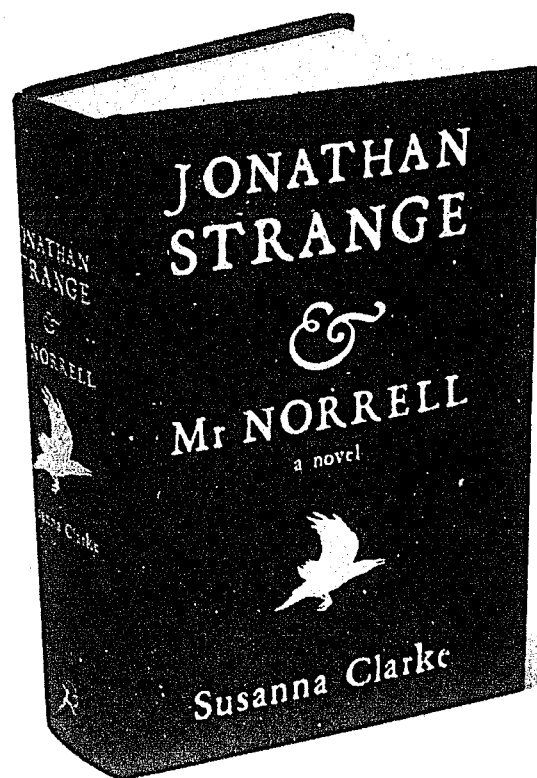
jokes in the world, or people would not write about them in books, but who had never actually been introduced to a joke or shaken its hand."

Mr. Norrell is a polar opposite of the ostentatious members of English high society. His efforts to deal with their currying everyone's favor, feigning stations above where they belong, speaking constantly in euphemism the books satirical moments.

The old magician does not want, however, to use his magic to climb the ranks of society, but rather to aid in the military efforts against France. Mr. Norrell wants to resurrect practical magic to aid in matters of English national interest.

Hesoonmeetsayoung magician, Jonathan Strange, who he takes on as an apprentice. Strange's personality contrasts Mr. Norrell's in nearly every way. Where Mr. Norrell proclaims to despise his magical gifts, Jonathan Strange enjoys his. Strange grows increasingly ambitious, and starts to use magic more recklessly.

Footnotes add fictional facts to many pages of the novel. Some of the footnotes take up more than



half the page they appear on. Clarke uses her footnotes as one method of parodying nineteenth century novels.

Much of the fun of the novel occurs in its satire and parody. It will appeal most to people with knowledge of nineteenth century English society and literature. Ultimately, however, the plot may not satisfy these fans. Fans of the fantasy genre likewise may not enjoy the nineteenth century

pace of Clarke's novel, and the sophistication of her writing style.

Fans of storytelling—willing to embrace all genres and appreciate the various tools an author may employ to craft a novel—however, will find "Jonathan Strange and Mister Norrell" an innovative and entertaining story.

A look back at the year's best from female rockers

BY CHUCK MYERS
Knight Rider/Tribune News Service

In 2004, Alicia opened up her diary. Norah felt at home with her follow-up to her hit debut album of two years ago. And Gwen took a break from No Doubt for some "Love, Angel, Music, Baby."

Ashlee Simpson's lip-synching meltdown on "Saturday Night Live" aside, women artists have enjoyed a strong year, producing a bumper crop of worthy listening material. But while Alicia Keys, Norah Jones, Avril Lavigne, Alanis Morissette and Gwen Stefani earned significant media attention for their respective releases, they hardly represent the complete spectrum of rock and pop music created by female artists.

Several noteworthy efforts by women over the past 12 months came from artists that orbit beyond the mainstream music galaxy. Call them alternative, off-beat or unconventional, these women know how to lay down distinctive musical flavor.

Here's a brief overview of some of the solid contributions made by off-the-dial raging rockers

and pop sirens this year.

-Melissa Auf Der Maur, "Auf Der Maur" (Capitol): Like your music hard and with an edge? Look no further than Canadian-born Melissa Auf Der Maur. If this debut solo album bears a sonic punch at times reminiscent of the Smashing Pumpkins, it's no coincidence. She was the group's last bassist, and enjoyed creative assistance on the album from erstwhile Pumpkins guitarist James Iha. Auf Der Maur's lyrics often drip with not so subtle sexual innuendo that rides thunderous rhythms, particularly on "Real a Lie" and the unbridled "Skin Receiver." She provides one final tasty note on a hidden track — an alternative version of one of the album's songs in French. Bon appetit.

-Ani DiFranco, "Educated Guess" (Righteous Babe): Arguably one of the most independent artists (and spirits) going, Ani DiFranco seeks out a core essence with a more stripped down approach on "Educated Guess." With her guitar and eight-track taping system, DiFranco had all the tools she needed to create this album.



which picked up a Grammy nomination for Best Contemporary Folk Album. She delivers her usual deep, thoughtful music, blending folk, pop and jazz elements into elegant compositions. Even on a harsh number, such as "Animal," in which she takes critical aim at American culture with deliberate purpose, she exhibits a gentle touch, allowing her lyrics to carry her message in its strongest term.

-Holly Golightly, "Slowly But Surely" (Damaged Goods): Somewhere between the sonic

space of Loretta Lynn and Elvis Costello lies Brit songstress Holly Golightly. Yes, that is her real name. And yes, this is one beautiful album. On thing you can't say about "Slowly But Surely" is that it lacks cohesiveness. At times, it moves like a languid waltz for the ears. But don't let the pace lull you. Using Eastern influences, '50s and '60s retro effects and jaunty country splashes, Golightly weaves "Slowly But Surely" into a smooth, sensuous and timeless, if not throwback, fabric of poignant, slow-burning tunes.

-P.J. Harvey, "Uh Huh Her" (Island/Interscope): Few artists convey visceral energy through music better than P.J. Harvey. Amid her predatory rhythms and searing licks, however, is a thoughtful acoustic side, which she flushes out on her Grammy-nominated Best Alternative Music Album, "Uh Huh Her." It possesses a sparse air and minimalist essence, unlike the polished feel of her popular previous release, 2000's "Stories From the City, Stories From the Sea." While some music observers feel the new album signals a softer side of Harvey, "Uh Huh Her" album still bears her solid signature punch, especially on the thumping "The Life and Death of Mr. Badmouth" and rapid-fire "Who the F-ck?." On more acoustic-driven numbers, the record assumes an earthier, more folk-inspired air.

-L.P., "Suburban Sprawl and Alcohol" (Light Switch): Watch out, Avril Lavigne: There's a new gal with loads of rock grit on the block. With sizzling tempos instilled with dashes of punk spunk, L.P. pumps out the beat with thumping vehemence. This sophomore effort motors, with inviting rock melodies that drive numbers "Wasted," "Get Over Yourself," and "Little Death." On "Nowhere," she shifts to a more vulnerable feel, waxing forlorn about reaching an enigmatic crossroads.

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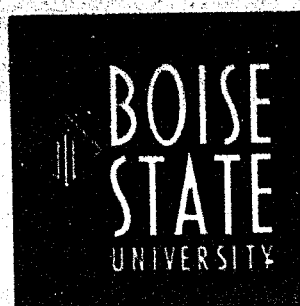
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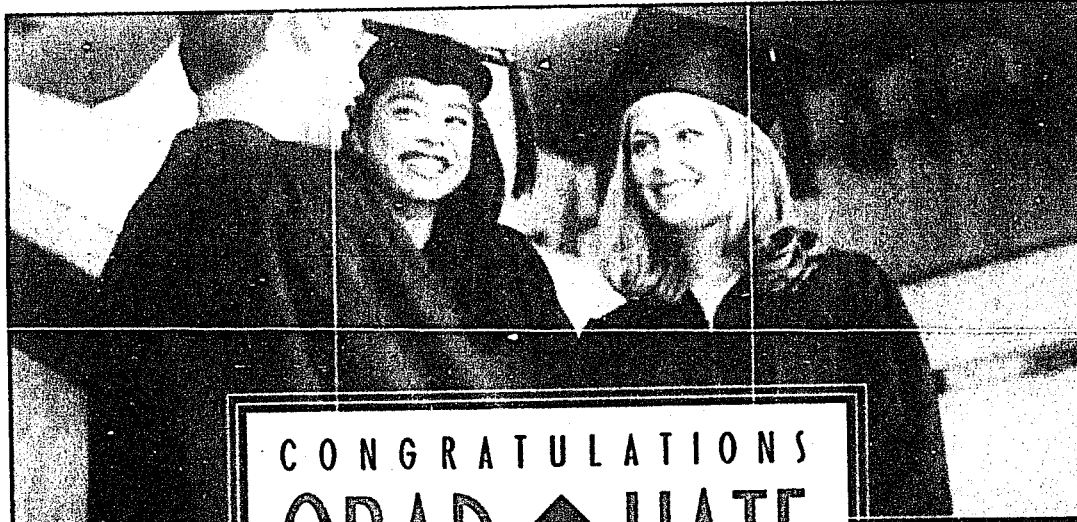
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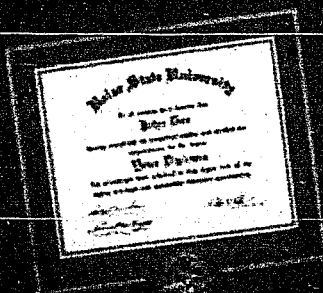
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