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Students of Boise State University

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Boise Police cite nine people for unlicensed soliciting

Sales crews pose as charity workers

BY RANDALL POST
News Editor

Boise Police cited nine people in a West Boise neighborhood for soliciting without a license July 11.

The incidents occurred in neighborhoods off McMillan and near Centennial High School.

Boise Police say they received numerous calls from residents of as many as 30 young adults going door-to-door selling cleaner and magazines.

Residents say they suspect the solicitors were from Texas because they traveled in vehicles with Texas license plates.

Two citizens also reported burglaries from their homes after the sales people had come knocking.

One resident reported that a salesperson came to the door, asked for a drink, which she went

to get, and after she returned, her purse and the salesperson were gone, police say.

On July 10, officers confiscated as evidence a large amount of checks, receipts, and purchases. The checks and cash totaled several hundred dollars.

Also found by police was an instruction book the solicitors carried urging them to tell people the sales were raising money for college or charities.

This story is a follow up from an article that appeared in the last

edition of The Arbiter [Magazine crews posing as BSU students in Boise July 13], where an incident involved young men posing as Boise State students soliciting cash donations for the Children's Home Society of Idaho.

Boise Police caution citizens to ask for a city license.

If the sales person does not have one - close the door and do not conduct business with them.

"These rings hit our area routinely, especially in the warmer, summer months," said Boise

Police Lt. Kent Lippel. "When they come to a neighborhood, crime increases. We treat these calls very seriously."

Here are some rules and guidelines Boise Police say to go by when a stranger knocks on your door:

- Legitimate sales people must be licensed by the city of Boise. They must carry that license at all times. The license will have a city of Boise logo and the salesperson's photo.
- Never let a stranger into your

home. Someone may ask to use your bathroom or your phone. They may be scouting for items to steal.

- If you don't need to open the door to a stranger don't. If you don't recognize the person knocking, don't answer.

- Call police right away if you think an illegitimate salesperson is in your neighborhood. Soliciting without a license is a misdemeanor with a penalty of up to \$300 and/or six months in jail.



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Approximately 250-300 students will reside in University Square Apartments for the fall 2005 semester.

Student Housing sees occupancy rise this fall as capacity increases

BY RANDALL POST
News Editor

Boise State University has increased its campus housing capacity by 63 percent with the new University Square apartments and Keiser and Taylor residence halls opening in 2004. For the first time in history this fall, BSU expects more than 1,000 students to be living on campus.

This is good news for BSU Student Housing director Craig Thompson, who says the increase occupancy is due to a mass marketing campaign that included presentations to students and parents at the Freshmen Adventure Program.

"We've been marketing like crazy trying to sell the positive aspects of living on campus," Thompson said. "We're seeing some positive reflections [from] the marketing."

Thompson says current trends

Compare Costs *Proposed 2005/2006 rates	Chaffee A & B Shared Room	Off Campus Living 1 Bedroom Apt.
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Survey taken from Housing Web site (housing.boisestate.edu)

*2005/2006 Proposed Rates subject to State Board approval **Source: 2004 Housing Survey.

lead him to believe that around 850 to 900 students will be living in the six residence halls at BSU this fall. That number is up from

approximately 730 last year. Apartments are experiencing growth in occupancy too. Last year, 180 students lived in the

University Square Apartments. This year, Thompson anticipates 250-300 students will reside there.

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Secret students major in spying with CIA

BY RICK MONTGOMERY
Knight Ridder Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The young woman on the phone says she is proud to have won \$50,000 in scholarships from the CIA.

The spy agency has arranged this conference call so "Lauren," her middle name, can speak firsthand about the benefits of the Pat Roberts Intelligence Scholarship, named for the U.S. senator from Kansas.

"I'm just beginning my career

with the agency," says Lauren, 20. "I feel honored. The recruiting process is very competitive."

The CIA says publishing her full name, or the names of 25 other Pat Roberts scholars it has supported during the school year that just ended, could hamper their vocations and make work overseas difficult or even dangerous.

But the agency will allow Lauren to disclose that she is studying economics at a "historically black college," and that the college and many classmates know about her internship this summer

at the Langley, Va. headquarters. Lauren plans to be an economics analyst, "not involved in the collection side, doing any of the fun stuff."

She is an exception among Roberts scholars, which could be why the CIA even let her speak.

The scholarships come gift-wrapped in secrecy. Unless an agent-to-be wants to go public, nobody outside the national security sphere or maybe university admissions offices knows who these students are, where they are enrolled, or what classes they are

taking.

Instead of using the publicly funded grants to recruit undergraduates such as Lauren, many intelligence agencies send their analysts back to graduate school and immerse them in Arabic, Korean, Farsi, or Urdu. More than a dozen employees of the Defense Intelligence Agency are using the scholarships to study overseas at places unaware of their government affiliation.

Credit Felix Moos, a University of Kansas anthropologist, with conceiving the program.

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Marcy Newman wins Fulbright award

Prof to study
Palestinian Israeli
issues in Jordan

BY JESSICA
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News Writer

Marcy Newman, an assistant English professor at Boise State University, has received a Fulbright Scholar grant to conduct research overseas at the University of Jordan in Amman, Jordan. The prestigious Fulbright Scholar Program sends 800 U.S. faculty and professionals abroad each year.

In her time at BSU, Newman has contributed to the English Department. "Marcy's studies will inspire us all to broaden BSU as a whole... in addition, it will give us Middle Eastern perspectives," English Department Chair Bruce Ballenger said.

Newman will complete her studies during the 2005-06 academic year and will focus her efforts on how Palestinian and Jewish children learn about one another in the United States, as well as in Palestine and Israel. "This grant is beneficial for institutions and for communities. This gives Newman such a great opportunity to bring back a mutual understanding of the U.S. and the world," Nancy Gainer, director of External Relations at the Council for International Exchange for



PHOTO COURTESY BSU NEWS SERVICES

Scholars said.

The purpose of the Fulbright Program is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those currently in the program.

"International education exchange is the most significant current project designed to continue the process of humanizing mankind to the point, we would hope, that nations can learn to live in peace," J. William Fulbright said.

Recipients of the Fulbright Scholar grant are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement and because they demonstrate extraordinary leadership potential in their fields. The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The award is decided upon by 12 members of the schol-

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There's still time to apply for fall semester at Boise State

BY RANDALL POST
News Editor

Even though the July 13 admission deadline for academic degree-seeking students has passed, there's still time to apply for fall semester classes at Boise State University.

Students will need to enroll as part-time, non-degree-seeking students, which means they are limited to seven credits or two classes.

Financial aid is not available to non-degree-seeking students, but the university offers a convenient installment plan called I-pay.

According to Beck Muir in the Account Maintenance Center, students put 1/3 down of the full payment at the beginning of the semester and split the remainder into two payments, due Sept. 25 and Oct. 25. There is a \$30 fee for I-pay that is included in the Sept. and Oct. payments. Tuition for

seven credits is \$1,365.

Contact the New Student Information Center at (208) 426-1820 for more information.

Students can still enroll full-time in the Larry G. Seland College of Applied Technology. For more information on career training programs offered by the Seland College, call (208) 426-1431.

Also, non-degree-seeking graduate students may take a limited number of credits prior to admission to a graduate program. For more information on graduate programs, call (208) 426-3903.

Students who enroll as non-degree-seeking students and want to become degree-seeking students in the spring semester can do this by filling out the full degree-seeking application, Kelly Brandt, associate director of admissions, said.

The deadline for Spring 2006 semester is Dec. 1.

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world

King's Cross station emerges as focus of bombings probe

British investigators are focusing on the busy London transportation hub of King's Cross in their search for clues into June 7 bombings, which officials say killed at least 52 people.

One train was eight minutes east of King's Cross when a bomb aboard it exploded.

Another was eight minutes west. The third was just seconds south and the double-decker bus was only a short walk away when the bomb aboard it - the last of the four - went off.

"The coincidence of all the trains coming through here is obviously one line of inquiry we are pursuing," Deputy Chief Constable Andy Trotter of the British Transport Police said Monday.

The focus on King's Cross comes as experts worry that the people who planted the bombs probably escaped and may be planning new attacks.

"The evidence we've seen so far indicates a grave danger," said Magnus Ranstorp, deputy director of the Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence at the University of St. Andrews.

"Last year in Madrid, the bombers had a large amount of explosives, and looked to be preparing to launch new attacks. We have to assume that it is the case here, as well."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair told British Parliament that it now "seems probable the bombs were the work of Islamic extremist terrorists."

He pledged to introduce new anti-terror legislation and to give police whatever powers they need to find the bombers.

national

Bush nominates appellate judge to Supreme Court

President Bush nominated appellate Judge John G. Roberts Jr. for the Supreme Court on June 19. Roberts is known as a quiet conservative who might be able to avoid a bitter confirmation battle.

Roberts, a member of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, is a former clerk for Chief Justice William Rehnquist and a former legal counsel in the Reagan White House.

His nomination pleased conservative activists, who generally view him as a solid addition to the court's conservative wing. Democrats held their fire, saying they wanted to know more about Roberts' opinions on abortion, individual rights and other sensitive issues.

If confirmed by the Senate, he would replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, a swing voter who often tipped the court balance against her more conservative colleagues.

Bush praised the nominee as a man of "extraordinary accomplishment" and integrity.

"He will strictly apply the Constitution and laws, not legislate from the bench," Bush said in nationally televised remarks.

"Judge Roberts has served his fellow citizens well. He is prepared for even greater service."

Roberts, 50, who's argued 39 cases at the Supreme Court and won 25, said he was humbled by his selection. The president signaled his determination to fight for the nomination by interrupting regular TV programming to announce it at 9 p.m. EDT.

The timing gave him a chance to introduce his choice to the broadest possible audience, without the filter of media coverage.

local/bsu

Boise State offers new medical business associate training program

A new medical business associate training program has been developed to meet the demand for well-trained medical office personnel. The program was created by the Center for Workforce Training—a division of the Selland College at Boise State University in cooperation with the Idaho Medical Group Management Association (IMGMA) and the Physicians' Office Management Business Industry Cluster.

Classes start Sept. 6 and will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-9:30 p.m. The course includes 120 hours of classroom instruction and 80 hours of hands-on practice in a physician's office.

The cost of the course is \$965 plus books. Payment plans may be available. Students can register online at <http://workforcetraining.boisestate.edu> or call 426-1974.

"This is a great opportunity for those interested in medical office work to gain the skills to land their first job," said Dr. Stan Brings, director of the Center for Workforce Training. "Upon completion of the program, students will be ready to work in a variety of settings including hospitals, medical offices, health insurance companies, community based health organizations and government offices with medical related departments."

Students enrolled in this course will learn basic practices and procedures used in a medical office including customer service, confidentiality, interpersonal communications and ethical considerations.

In addition, they will gain a solid understanding of medical

scheduling and billing/insurance software.

Basic medical coding and medical terminology, cashiering, medical records filing, bookkeeping, insurance billing, payment plans and collection strategies will also be covered.

Charter returns special education funds to state

The Idaho Virtual Academy has returned more than \$56,000 in federal special education funds to the State Department of Education and the school will receive no federal special education funding until it can prove it can provide services in accordance with federal law.

As a result of a two-year review of the Idaho Virtual Academy's special education program, the department determined that the school was not properly serving special education students. Based on that determination, the department, pursuant to federal law, withheld the federal special education funds.

Idaho Virtual Academy requested a hearing on the decision. In May, a hearing officer ruled the department was correct in withholding federal funds, and the school did not appeal the decision.

As a result of the ruling, school administrators from Idaho Virtual Academy returned more than \$56,000 in federal special education funds to the department on June 30.

The funds will be redistributed to other districts in the state. Idaho Virtual Academy is still required to provide special education services to students who qualify, but will not receive federal funds until it demonstrates it is obeying federal law. It will continue to receive state special education funding.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard said the department staff would con-

tinue to work with the school so it can again qualify for federal funding.

"It is our goal to help the school to successfully resolve its compliance problems," she said. "We will work closely with the Idaho Virtual Academy to ensure that children receive quality services that meet their unique needs."

During its review of the Idaho Virtual Academy's program, the department found several violations of federal law including students were not receiving services, thus denying them access to a free and appropriate education required by federal law, the school was not properly meeting federal accountability procedures, and students who were not eligible for services were provided services.

The hearing officer affirmed the department's findings and wrote in his decision "... (Idaho Virtual Academy) has failed to adequately document the eligibility of students for special education and did not, either actually provide Special Education services or did not sufficiently document the circumstances of the provision of Special Education services to IDVA's students."

The hearing officer also concluded,

"There is no evidence to suggest that the SDE has in any way treated the IDVA any differently than it would have treated any other school district in a similar situation."

Volunteer Service Saturday

The Boise State Volunteer Service Saturday will be held on July 30.

The event allows all students and interested community members to join one of four possible service projects to be completed in no more than three hours.

It all starts at 9 a.m. sharp at the Brava! Stage in the SUB, but breakfast is served at 8 a.m.

what the?

Now, give us back our lake, America!

The citizens of the Russian village of Bolotnikovo woke up one morning to discover that their lake had disappeared overnight.

Officials speculate that the water may have suddenly drained into an underground cave system, but some see it as a reason to blame the United States. Said one old woman, "I am thinking, well, America has finally got to us."

Oh, how the mighty have fallen

An Illinois man, who was out on parole after run-ins with the law for impersonating a policeman, a firefighter, a Marine, a paramedic and a federal agent, was arrested for impersonating an appliance repairman.

Please, please, don't lock me up!

Answering a report of a woman locking a man into the trunk of her car, police in Bayreuth, Germany, pulled her over only to discover that the man was her "sex slave" who was willingly obeying the woman in an S&M game.

Police told the man, who was wearing only a collar and a leather thong, that he had to ride inside the car and sent them on their way.

A guy's gotta eat

A man on a riding lawnmower was arrested in Delhi Township, Ohio, at 3 a.m. for driving while intoxicated. He told police he was on the way to the store because he had the munchies.



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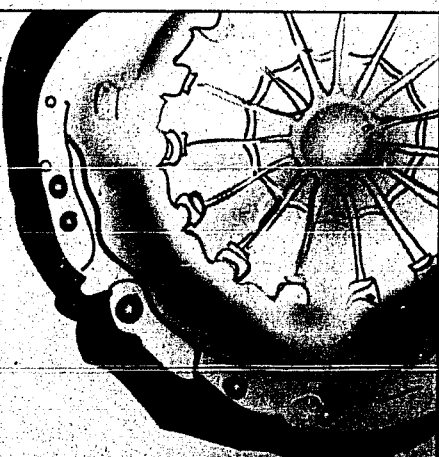
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Housing

Heights and Manor apartments are at 90 percent occupancy, and there is a waiting list to get in because they are reasonably priced—\$450 a month for a two bedroom apartment, Thompson said. There are still openings available at Village Apartments.

Two new residential colleges open this fall after a test run last year. According to the housing Web site, at residential colleges, students with similar interests

are clustered into a resident hall or apartment with a faculty member who coordinates lectures and community service projects.

All three this year are either full or near capacity.

Still, BSU is seen as a commuter college and Thompson says that has been the culture of the institution.

But in light of that, he says he has to remain optimistic. Most schools that build new

facilities fill up those facilities in two years. Thompson says BSU is close to that goal.

"We're doing OK... This is our second year, and by the end of the third year, we should be at capacity," Thompson said.

Thompson wants students to know that there still is time to sign up to live on campus this fall.

"There's still room, and it's not too late to apply," Thompson said.

Newman

arship board and those selected are appointed by the president of the United States.

Under a cooperative agreement with the Bureau, the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) assists in the administration of the Fulbright Scholar Program for faculty and professionals. Award categories

vary from Awards by Discipline to Awards Open to Professionals.

All applicants must be a U.S. Citizen at the time of application, have a masters, Ph.D. or equivalency in their field, and must have college or university teaching experience. Newman is among thousands of prominent U.S. Fulbright Scholar alumni,

such as Craig Barrett, the CEO of Intel Corporation, and Rita Dove, a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet.

"For Boise State, Marcy's studies mean a number of things... the impact will be far reaching, and the knowledge about discussions of English literature and children's literature will be very beneficial," Gainer said.

Spying

Aroused by the intelligence blunders of the 2001 terrorist attacks and Iraq's elusive weapons of mass destruction, Moos stands celebrated and scorned as champion of the little-known federal initiative, designed, he says, to build a better American spy.

"I'm the inventor of it!" boasted Moos, a 75-year-old German immigrant. "People ask, 'Why not call it the Felix Moos Intelligence Scholarship Program?' Well, that's because I'm a KU professor and he (Roberts) is chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee."

Some other people ask, "Why not call it the return of spies to college campuses?"

In the last two years, 15 U.S. intelligence agencies have awarded the scholarships to as many as 150 unidentified Americans, mostly agency employees and new hires, to enroll in classes and master critical languages and skills. The pilot program pays scholars up to \$25,000 a year.

In pitching his idea to Roberts, Moos never argued for secrecy. The resulting legislation did not

dictate secrecy. But the professor hardly is shocked that anonymity would factor into grants issued through intelligence agencies in an age of terror.

"Hello? We're at war," said Moos. "Anytime the United States is part of a war, you would hope, minimally, that we have good spies."

The program's most vocal critic is David H. Price, an anthropologist in Washington state.

He has written the dark history of government snitches infiltrating colleges to collect dirt on professors and campus radicals up until the 1970s, when Congress exposed the tactic, then banned it.

"Academic freedom is certainly being decreased with this kind of program," said Price, author of "Threatening Anthropology: McCarthyism and the FBI's Surveillance of Activist Anthropologists." "There's a whole new level of government secrecy coming to campuses, and it's real damaging."

Today's analysts do need to learn new skills. Congressional

testimony and reports since Sept. 11, 2001, revealed the spy network's shaky grasp of obscure languages and cultures sprinkled throughout Asia, Africa, and the Arab world.

To Roberts, the \$4 million program is "a modest investment that I hope pays big dividends down the road." The scholarships, all of which have been taken, will continue through the next academic year while Congress considers making the program permanent.

"Every think tank, every hearing, every investigation of intelligence breakdowns cite the crucial need for better analysis. That's the bottom line," said the Kansas Republican. "We still have what I call 'Oh my God hearings'.... The whole WMD inquiry found that the intelligence provided was faulty."

But Price and other academics say intelligence failings are best corrected in the open, with the sharpest, most diverse university minds in on the mission, and not by agencies keeping spies-in-training under wraps.



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opinion

Blake's resignation is a waste

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Opinion Writer

Summer is starting to wind down and schools are getting ready to wind back up. This fall, Boise State University will be winding up short one vice president.

As Arbiter readers know, Peg Blake resigned as vice president of student affairs effective June 23.

Although she cited the desire to chase down other opportunities and the ever-popular personal reasons, I think it's safe to say that her arrest and the charges against her of driving under the influence and injury to a child were all factors in her decision to resign.

Blake's resignation gives us an interesting, yet disturbing look at responsibility in academia.

What bothers me about the resignation is that I'm not sure the right message is being sent.

First of all, as far as I can see,

Blake was fairly good at her job. She was the first female vice president in BSU's history, and she got a lot done in her tenure; BSU has undergone momentous change since she started in 1998.

Not all of it is Blake's doing, but she had a hand in much of it. It seems like a waste to let a talent like her leave BSU this way.

It goes without saying that something like this, even though she has yet to stand trial on these charges, probably doesn't sit that well with the BSU administration. Was her decision to leave influenced by her bosses? It seems likely.

I'm not saying she was forced out, nor am I accusing the administration of wrongdoing.

Since Idaho is a right-to-work state, the BSU administration likely could have fired her at any time without saying a word about it and it speaks well of them that they suspended her with pay.

What I disagree with is the idea that when an executive messes up, the best way to make amends is to eliminate the person.

If Blake really is guilty of what she is charged with, how exactly does that affect her job?

Even if it did, in who's best interest is it to have Blake leave?

It seems to me that a university whose mission is to help train students to be active, informed citizens would want to set high standards of responsibility, and part of being responsible is owning up to one's errors.

By resigning, Blake doesn't get to do that. She has to face the judiciary, but not us, her former employers. Why is that considered acceptable?

This isn't the only example of this kind of thinking in America.

Local examples range from William Agee to Robert Hoover, who resigned from the University of Idaho presidency following the

University Place boondoggle, only to take the top spot at Albertson College.

Offering one's own head on the chopping block may look noble, but all it really does (especially in the University Place scandal) is leave the mess for someone else to clean up.

How is that responsible? What does that say to these nascent citizens our universities are churning out?

Looks like perception wins out again.

Get rid of the problem person, and the problem goes away.

What they've done, what they've accomplished just isn't as vital when the shit hits the fan. Look like we're being responsible now, and the (public, shareholders, concerned citizens) won't care later, when the bill really comes due.

There's always someone else to clean up the mess, isn't there?

UPN, Viacom lay the smack down on WWE

Television network demands that controversial character be removed from programming

BRIAN HOLMES
Opinion Writer

Patriotism is a strange word. To really understand it, one needs to assemble it in the same way a chef or a really creative line-cook might. First, mix one part cultural dominance, then one part fear, one part corporate dictation, and finally a dash of illogical rhetoric and well, there you go-one crappy nationalistic meat pie. To illustrate this, just ask Mark Copani, better known to World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. (WWE) fanatics out there as Muhammad Hassan.

Recently, WWE, under the pressure of Viacom, who's UPN station features their television program "SmackDown," decided to remove Copani's character from the show. This came after a performance in which Hassan used a rival opponent on SmackDown as a prop for a well-orchestrated, theatrical plot. This is nothing new to the WWE. In fact, it is what helps keep their ratings so high. So, what's really going here? Why all the hype over this particular character's removal?

Well, for starters, Copani's character Hassan is a confusing mixture of entertainment and anti-Americanism. He is by no stretch of the imagination a vocal well-wisher of any kind, as his opponents and audiences alike could attest. But neither are many of the characters on "SmackDown." It's what makes the show so fascinating to watch. I mean for God's sake, just ask our Opinion Editor, Drew Mayes.

How cool would Hassan be if he brought roses into the ring and thanked his rivals for that warm, fuzzy feeling he gets after a spine buster? But, ultimately, there is

something else more pervasive and loathsome that creeps into the ring: fear.

Mark Copani as Muhammad Hassan represents an over-generalized image of terror. His role as an angry, politically charged Arab-American wrestler is humorous, biting and perfectly reasonable in this day and age of under-reporting and over-stimulating of racial and cultural stereotypes by our news media. In this way, his role, though absurdly conflicted, is still just flair.

Yes, he makes threatening anti-American statements to his audiences. Yes, his recent theatric, quite possibly cost him his job. And yes, the American public is scared to embrace his racy tactics, but not as much as the WWE. They are only afraid of losing money. Who cares if Copani is actually Italian-American? Who cares how often the dominant culture of this nation co-opts other cultures and then churns them out for the masses? So, if no one cares, then let's call it what it really is: character assassination.

Copani may continue to work in the wrestling industry, though his role as Hassan will be swept under the rug. But should it? He's not guilty of anything except being creative, entertaining, and an excellent athlete. His big-money attitude gets a crowd response, even if they scream obscenities at him while he's embarrassing a rival in the ring.

The Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee has issued many complaints, but none mattered as much as when the London transit bombings took place. It was by sheer coincidence, that Copani issued his "sacrifice" on his opponent at the same time. But, of course, by then it was too late for Muhammad Hassan. The WWE put up the blinders and the whole nasty mess was taken out behind the dumpsters. Thank Allah for Pay-Per-View and a really crappy-tasting nationalistic meat pie.

Supremely wrong: Nominee alarms activists

TAMERA HELGESON
Opinion Writer

I am not religious. However I need to do some preaching. For some time now, groups like the National Organization for Women have been predicting the appointment of a new Supreme Court Justice. I have been warning people I know that a new justice could mean an overturning of the famous high court ruling in Roe v. Wade, thus possibly taking away a woman's right to choose.

Here we are facing Sandra Day O'Connor's retirement from the bench and holding our breath for her eventual replacement. I wish we were holding it in anticipation, but the reality is hitting many of us between the eyes. It's as if a tragic accident was playing out

before us and we can just watch in shock and horror.

I believe the American society is at a pivotal moment in time, we can look back and see so much progress attained: independence from a Monarchy, the abolition of slavery, and equality for women. I firmly believe that the pendulum of progress, which has been swinging in a progressive direction for the last 150 year's will change its direction and start swinging backwards, undoing the last century plus of American history if Americans are not careful with the upcoming nomination(s).

President Bush has nominated Judge John G. Roberts Jr. to replace O'Connor as the new Supreme Court Justice, causing abortion-rights advocates to appear deeply

concerned.

While Roberts was deputy solicitor general under Bush, Sr.'s administration in 1990, he wrote in a legal brief, "(Roe v. Wade) was wrongfully decided and should be overruled."

He has declared publicly that he follows the law of the land as it stands today, but looking at what President Bush has promised and not delivered makes me wary.

The Laci Peterson murder - and that of her unborn fetus - and subsequent conviction of her husband Scott has conveyed a judicial interest in fetal homicide.

Right now 22 states that have fetus or embryo protection laws which can carry the same penalties as manslaughter charges.

Are these laws constitutional? Are anti-abortion groups pushing

these laws to get legal status and recognition for fetuses?

These state laws lay a foundation for the Supreme Court to possibly reopen and retry Roe v. Wade.

We, the American people, need to stand united behind every woman's right to choose, as well as freedom for our generation and those that will follow after us. We need to write our local representatives concerning lower court rulings.

We need to be aware of which judges are giving "living" status to fetuses and not re-appoint them to office.

Also we can write and call our senators because they do have the last and final vote towards the next Supreme Court Justice's appointment.



DREW LOWDER
Guest Opinion

So you have a sister that your friend thinks is hot? Taking it from your comment, this is something that is bothering you. Well, you have come to the right place. I also have a hot sister and, pretty much, every guy wants to get in her pants.

And, of course, it is less than desirable to know your friends to have these thoughts about your sister. What probably makes it worse are the facts that she is younger and you have been coached by your family to protect her well-being.

Buddy, this is how I have learned to deal with it. Let her handle it on her own. The fact that this is one of your friends having these thoughts about your sister, and not just some random guy, does make things a little uncomfortable for you. If they were to hook up and things didn't work out, chances are you couldn't be friends with your buddy anymore. This is also something that your sister needs to confront. Let her know the thoughts your friend is having about her and the problems you have with the situation.

Just have confidence in her, and open the lines of communication. She will do the right thing. I am sure she will respect your thoughts of not wanting her to entertain your friend's not-so-good intentions. Plus, she will probably find it flattering that someone thinks she is hot. Girls are never told that enough.

Team Drew

Sound dating advice from two guys with very different sex lives

Dear Team Drew,
My buddy is always joking around about how hot my little sister is and he wants to ask her out. Should I kick his ass or just deal with it?
-The Bothered Brother



DREW MAYES
Opinion Editor

I totally agree with Mr. Lowder: his sister is very hot.

I too have experience in this situation, but it's usually as the friend who likes the hot sister. Maybe it's the product of being the youngest in my family and never old enough to "protect" my sister from guys.

Here's the question though, fellas. What are you protecting your baby sister from? If your buddy is really that bad of a guy, then why are you friends with him in the first place? I bet your sister loves the fact you think she is not smart enough to figure out his true intentions. Or do you just not trust her?

Maybe the "S" on your Superman T-shirt is getting a little tight and you have not played the hero routine enough this week. I really don't know, but I do ask the question, "Whom better to be with your sister than one of your best friends?"

So far, all he has said is that he finds your sister attractive and would like to take her out on a date. That bastard.

But wait, isn't that what normally happens. You find a girl that you're attracted to and then take her out to say, a nice dinner. Maybe all you older brothers of the world should just say what you really thinking.

Your buddy, the one you would trust with your life, just isn't good enough for your sister. Here's the thing though, Big Brother... if he's not good enough, then who is?

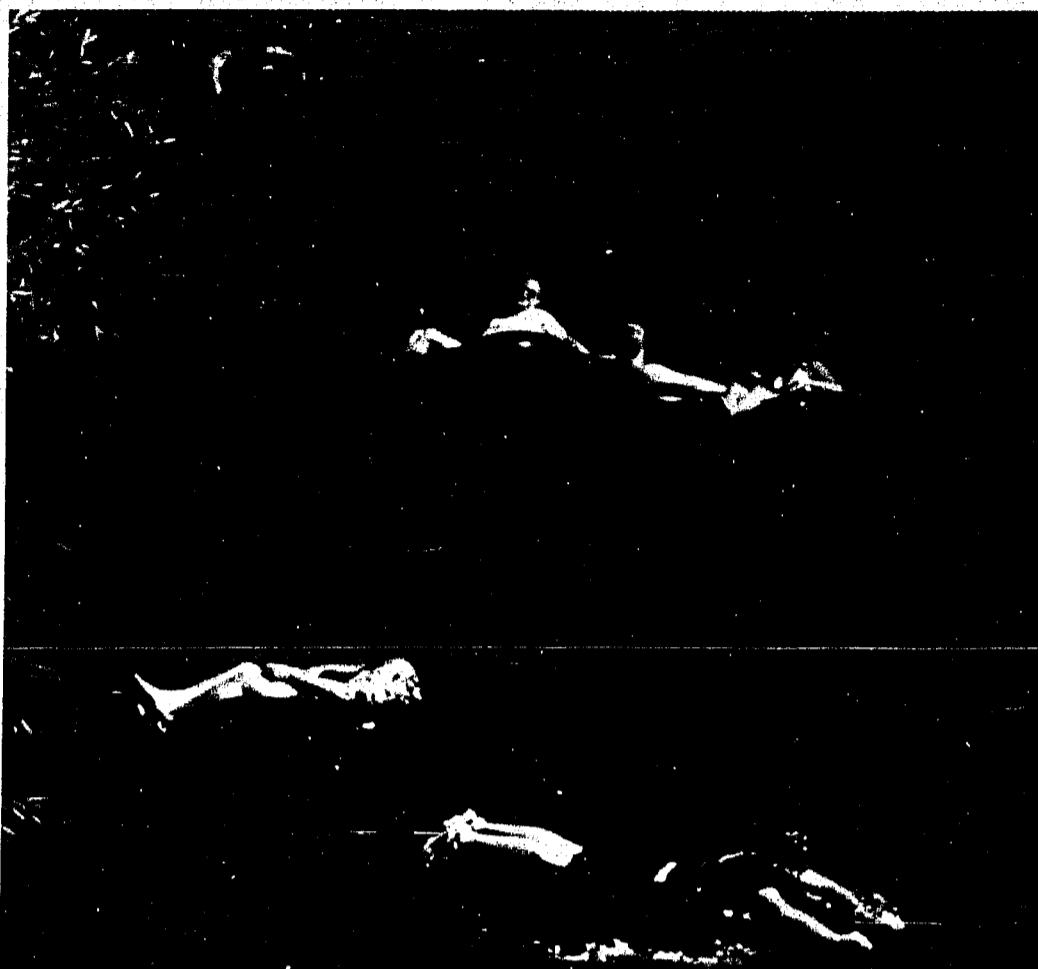
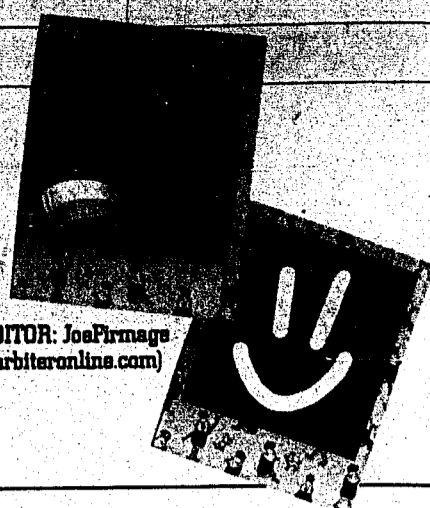
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Floating the Boise River in an inner tube is a quick route to a frozen behind, says Bill Donnelly.

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The Chic Chick: Fashion's hits and misses.

Some trends should just be ignored, especially those involving polo shirts.

BY MARIANA BEKKER
Culture Columnist

Recently, the preppie look has resurfaced on the fashion scene. Polo shirts with little logos are more popular than ever. Abercrombie and Fitch has the moose, Hollister has the bird, Lacoste has the alligator, etc., etc. These animals seem to be on everyone's pink, teal, and lime polo shirts. Ah yes, preppie has returned.

Unfortunately, the look has also introduced some horrid trends that are gaining an unwarranted amount of popularity. People are copying exactly what they see on a mannequin in the mall or on a model in a catalog to create unoriginal atrocities in the form of flipped-up collars and layered polo shirts.

Wearing the collar of a polo shirt flipped up is one of those things very few can pull off but many try. It just looks stupid on most people. The look is reminiscent of cheesy 80s movies and bad hair.

The reason why most cannot pull off this look is because it was such a big part of popular fashion 20 years ago that wearing it now only looks tired and faded. Granted many new styles arise out of previous decades (remember when bell-bottoms came back?), but the ones that are successful are made



new. Merely replicating a look from a past era results in a costume rather than an outfit. And while costumes are fun at Halloween, it is not something to be worn on a daily basis.

The other fashion miss associated with the preppie look is the layering of polo shirts. I was at the mall the other day and saw a mannequin that had four polo shirts on. I never thought someone would duplicate this look, but I was wrong. People, men especially, like to wear a million thick polo shirts in the hot desert that is Boise in the summer.

Did you know that it was 107 degrees the other day and there were people actually doing this fashion no-no? It's true, and on top of the layers, collars were flipped up to create the epitome of preppie style, the bad.

To avoid these fashion mishaps, remember one thing: Originality is key to fabulous style.

Don't feel obligated to follow every trend that pops up, especially those that don't suit your personal look.

And if you feel you look like you are trying too hard, you probably are.

River floating dos and don'ts

BY BILL DONNELLY
Special to The Arbitrator

Upon your next trip to the local river, you might want to take a few words of warning, which could cause you less hassle. During my own last expedition down the Boise River, I came across some snares.

The first thing I didn't realize was that what may seem to be a comfortable temperature outside (let's say just above the water, in the low 80s) is not necessarily similar to that of other ambient levels (let's consider those below the surface of the water, in the lower fifties).

Also, just for its own sake, let's

consider the means of conveyance one chooses; believe if you will, that being in a raft can actually be warmer than parking your gluteus area in a tube which is consequently in direct contact with aforementioned and seemingly sub-bearable water temps.

So, now I'm in the position of one floating inextricably down the frigid waters (remember it's like 80 with patches of sunlight) kicking myself in my numb butt with a foot I can no longer sense. This is a somewhat desperate situation when you are with family and friends and having one "heck of a time."

So, now at the destination point (let's call it the BSU drop off) with

blue extremities, my team and I have to walk a mile to our destination vehicle, which someone will use to return to Barber Park.

Now, I'm not attempting to cause any dispute with the makers of Velcro, but to my surprise, pockets containing important items such as, say, keys to said car transporting drivers to their cars, while being kept shut by the wonderful Velcro, don't always hold up to their hyped "adhesive capacity;" and thus could be shown to increase the number of lost keys to the river floor.

So, after being rescued by a friend of our party, I have come up with some conclusions when embarking on a river float.

First thing to consider is that unless the outside temp is above 90 or one is a "human furnace," consider rafting. Secondly, never trust any man-made invention (doesn't leave much, does it?) especially for important transportation. Maybe even consider using string to attach valuable keys to oneself.

Finally, never trust an inexperienced floater with the ultimate responsibility of bringing said car with keys supposedly on their person after the drop off, with the assumption that there was enough gas to begin with to make the returning journey to generic point previously used to embark. Otherwise, happy floating.

A Perfect Murder: the epitome of bland metal

BY DANNY MCNEESE
Culture Writer

Talented metal and generic style clash in a new album that sounds vague.

According to their press release, A Perfect Murder is "back." As it may seem hard to believe for some that they even left, it is good to know they finally are back. Still, most struggle with who they even are.

Nonetheless, A Perfect Murder has just released their second album titled, "Strength Through Vengeance." A chilling name for the band who is the best at what they do, A Perfect Murder is the greatest band of their kind.

A hard-hitting metal band on Victory Records, the new album is chock full of crunching songs (11 to be exact) that all sound similar and like everything else metal. A Perfect Murder is perfect for the girlfriendless pot smoking single white male in his mid-twenties who has issues with society. And nothing reflects this upheaving sub-culture than their new album.

Not to be confused with Tool side-project A Perfect Circle, A Perfect Murder is much faster, meaner, and superficial. The latest in the all-sound-the-same genre of neo-metal, the tempo and frequency of "Strength Through Vengeance" lasts impressively,

with the weekly dose of hard-core that is at any discount bin at any given record store.

With a new album that exhibits some built-up white man anger, "Strength Through Vengeance" sounds fast and loud but with no emphasis on originality. It is a great example of something people listen to when they are selling pot out of their parents' basement. (Think about that kid in your high school who really liked Pantara and what he's up to these days).

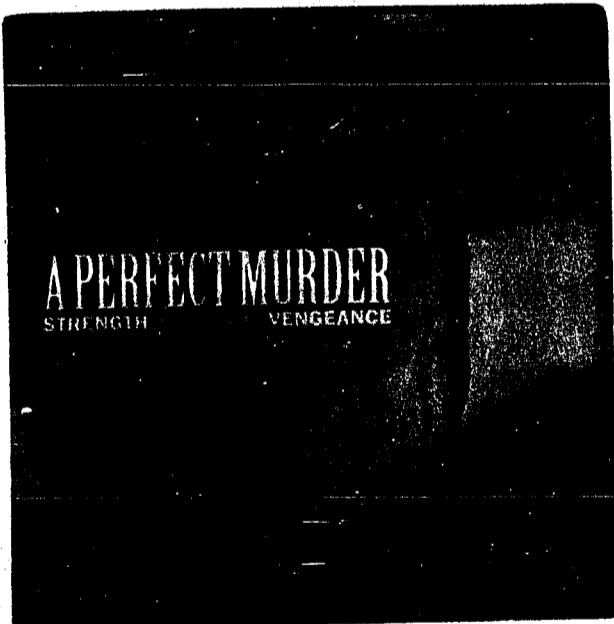
"Strength Through Vengeance" is a strong album bordering on threatening. From the opening songs' heartfelt chorus, "You wanna disrespect? How 'bout I break your face?" to the power-

ful tune, "Wake Up And Die," "Strength Through Vengeance" seems straight out of a Mountain Cove poetry class. Mixed in with the neck-breaking, drum-banging sounds of the Midwest, "Strength Through Vengeance" is a sure hit... for those who meet the criteria above.

If you do meet the criteria above, then be sure to check out this new album that hit stores yesterday.

A Perfect Murder performs in Boise on Monday, August 1, at Bogle's. I'll be sure to be out of town.

To send hate mail, write to Danny Boy at dannymcneese@mail.boisestate.edu



A Perfect Murder's "Strength Through Vengeance" is now in stores.

Internet technology revives the classic game of Texas Hold 'Em

BY MICAH SULLIVAN
Culture Writer

In recent years, Texas Hold 'Em has become a household name. Extensive ESPN coverage of the World Series of Poker has played a major part in this, but most of the credit goes to the Internet.

A used car salesman in Dallas can sit at a table with an accountant in Detroit (and maybe even legendary professional players), while on the job or at home. Online cash bets are available to anyone, even in states where gambling is illegal.

You can get started playing with \$2,000 in fake cash and learn the ropes before posting any of your own money at www.absolute poker.com. Check out odds calculator sites, too, which can help nurse you through whether to hold or fold 'em.

The Internet is the best place to

learn the game's technical side, and it has spawned several of the most recent World Series of Poker Main Event Champions.

But when the walls start to close in on you, get out and into a live game, where you'll learn to recognize psychological aspects. Master your poker face while scoping your opponents' nervous ticks. Can you pull off the bluff with the 2, 3 off-suit?

Many bars in Boise (Shorty's every Tuesday, for one) offer poker nights, allowing patrons to buy in and gamble with tickets for prizes (sort of like Skee-ball, and not technically gambling). Also, check out sites like www.homepoker.com to find people hosting cash games around and out of town. Some card houses have free food and beverages (maybe even show girls), just like the big boys.

Then hit the casinos. Most now

offer poker rooms because of the game's new-found demand. Grind it out on until you put together the \$10,000 buy-in, then head to Harrah's Rio in Vegas and test your skills (try your luck?) in the World Series.

The chances of winning are much better than the lottery—something like 1 in 20,000 compared to 1 in 150 million in some of the larger lotteries. The last three WSOP Main Event Champions were participating in their first World Series tournaments, and this year's champ walked away with \$7.5 million.

Texas Hold'em Walkthrough You don't have to know jack about the Lone Star State to enjoy its namesake card game. This brief overview will get you started on the right track.

The Blinds The two players to the left of the dealer must post

the "blinds," bets placed before cards are dealt to ensure there is money to play for in every hand. In most cases, the "small blind," posted by the first player, is half the minimum bet. The "big blind" is posted by the next player and is the minimum bet.

Hole Cards Each player is then dealt two cards face down, known as the "hole cards." Betting commences, beginning with the player to the left of the "big blind" poster. Each player has the opportunity to "check" (postpone betting, "checking" what the other players' intentions are), "call" (match the minimum bet, "fold" (quit the hand), or "raise" the bet amount.

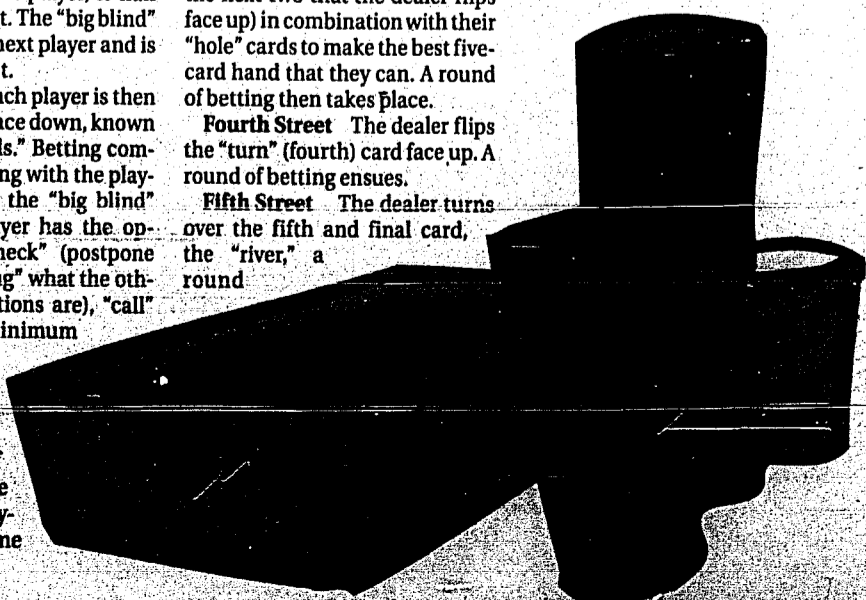
The Flop If betting has gone around and players are in the game

for equal amounts, the dealer "flops" three cards face up comprising the community cards. Players use these three cards (and the next two that the dealer flips face up) in combination with their "hole" cards to make the best five-card hand that they can. A round of betting then takes place.

Fourth Street The dealer flips the "turn" (fourth) card face up. A round of betting ensues.

Fifth Street The dealer turns over the fifth and final card, the "river," a round

of betting takes place, and the player with the best five-card hand wins the pot.





So anyway

Hurrying is second in popularity only to hypocrisy in Oregon

BY TRAVIS ESTVOLD
Culture Columnist

Everyone's in a hurry these days.

Fast food is available on every street corner in Boise. Students don't have the time to go to the administration building, so they surf to BroncoWeb instead. Teachers don't have time to talk to their students, so they post on Blackboard. Communications majors don't have time to go to class, so most of them just don't bother with it. Even coffee shops, the world's premiere hubs for lounging and relaxing, have drive-thrus nowadays.

No, but seriously, nobody wants to wait for anything anymore.

Borrowing a page from the "Handbook of Efficiency" that Europeans must have written sometime in the 1980s, the police in my hometown of Medford, Ore., are taking the American addiction to speedy activities to a new level. They've installed cameras atop stoplights, and they park - what I like to call "secret" - vans on the side of the road, monitoring drivers' activities. The brilliance of these actions is that motorists no longer need to stop to deal with the peskiness of being written a ticket. Nope, police take incriminating photographs and issue citations through the mail now. And if one is smart enough - and hip enough - to partake in online banking (another glorious timesaving invention), then traffic infractions can be taken care of on the Web in a matter of minutes.

Another neat part of this deal is that Oregon is so proud of its new time-saving measures that it wants to broadcast it to all possible drivers. Sure, that may mean pulling over every other car on the road for speeding or erratic driv-

ing - or any other charge they can seemingly make up - but shoot! It worth it! Bravo to these police people, for finding a new way to advertise their technological advances - and for free.

Ironically, and in a mild stroke of hypocrisy, though it wants its citizenry to be able to speedily remedy the consequences of having run a red light, they have begun severely cracking down on drivers who coast along at speeds above posted limitations.

To test Oregon patrolmen's sensitivity to fast drivers, I sent a pair of my friends on a trip from Boise to Portland several weeks back, with one simple instruction: "Speed." (Okay, I didn't really send them. They were going there anyway. And I didn't give them any instructions; they speed everywhere they go, without any input from me.)

But regardless, they went. And speed they did. Predictably, I can report that they both received \$237 tickets - within a half hour of each other.

So, anyway, the point today is that nobody seems to want to stop to enjoy the smell of flowers anymore - not even me. I drive swiftly.

I traverse the campus like an Olympic speed walker. I even eat fast. I do, however, have a little common sense.

When I tripped to Oregon last week, I drove a little over the speed limit. Buuut... I made sure to get behind cars traveling at least a couple miles an hour faster than me. (Hee hee.) When I got to Bend, a cop got behind me, and I made sure to stick out my tongue for a good, long while in the rearview mirror. He didn't see me, but I felt better to have avenged my friends. I'm sure I'll be getting a ticket in the mail for it shortly. Now that's what I call efficiency.

The open mic experience provides courage for those willing to try

BY RYAN GORRINGE
Culture writer

With so many aspiring musicians out there, it is easy enough to never give it a try. I recently decided to try an open mic night at a coffee shop. Being a little nervous about the whole deal, it helped that I was on the opposite side of the country from family, friends, co-workers, or that random person I might run into in the bathroom later that night.

My sister persuaded me to do an open mic night during a visit with her in Virginia. The setting was your typical coffee shop. Dim lights, warm aromas, hopeful young activists, and as expected, aspiring young musicians.

As would later be discovered, the word aspiring has nothing to do with talent and everything to do with guts. At this particular venue, some were talented, some not so much, but we were all on the brink of finding out.

Being unfamiliar with the area, we were running behind which added to the apprehension that my sister and I were experiencing. We were lined up to go first and second. Luckily, the equipment was not running well, which bought us some time to breathe deep, tune our shared guitar, and run through lyrics one last time.

My sister went first, which was the biggest thing to do. She did a great job singing some original songs, which sounded like they could have been written by the lovechild of Jewel and Alanis Morissette, if that were in fact possible. Before I knew it, I was up.

When doing anything before a crowd, I have the curse of not being nervous until I approach the stage. It then hit like sumo wrestler how unprepared I really was. I was not that familiar with the lyrics or chord changes, I didn't

bring a pick, and I've never been honestly told if I can sing or not.

These things began to worry me. As I drew closer to the stage, I began to think about how easy it would be to take a slight left and head to the restroom instead of the stage. Only two people in the room would have known I was chickening out.

At last I arrived at the stage with lyrics in hand looking for an inconspicuous place to make them visible only to me. My sister helped me out by finding a music stand that I raise to a comfortable reading level. While both songs were covers, the first was obscure enough not to be recognized. It is a traditional Spanish love song. I introduced it, sang it, and found myself actually enjoying the moment.

As I strummed the final chord, I began to panic, as I remembered I have one more song to go. The second song was Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start The Fire." I chose the song for a few reasons. Mainly, I thought it would be funny, old enough to be a throwback but definitely not a classic, and I thought that I could punk out the song, sort of making fun of Billy Joel's attempt to rock.

Unfortunately the joke was on me. Before I realized, I was actually singing the song slower than Joel himself. That definitely wouldn't be punk.

Here is what happened: I began by single-noting the intro, which sounded weak, not to mention, that a couple notes were misplaced. I sang the song too slow and mispronounced many of the foreign affairs that are referenced. I ran out of breath and when the chorus came up, I was way out of key.

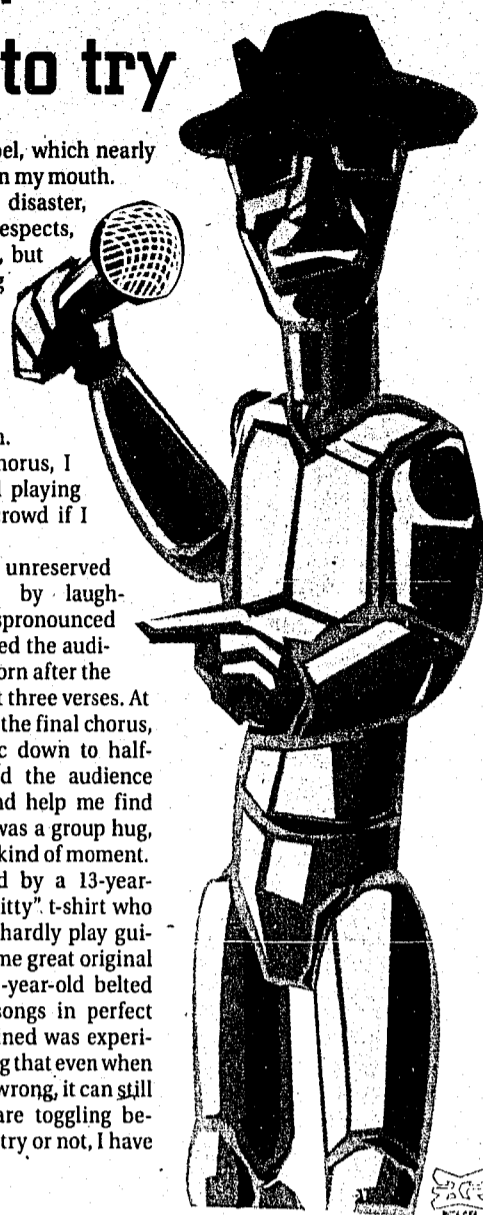
As the chorus approached, each of the four times I made a noticeably disappointed face. As the end of the song approached, I had re-

spect for Billy Joel, which nearly made me vomit in my mouth.

Sounds like a disaster, right? In most respects, it was a disaster, but I had fun doing it. Despite the many mistakes I made, I had a good time and made the best of the situation. After the first chorus, I actually stopped playing and asked the crowd if I was way off.

"Yes" was the unreserved reply, followed by laughter. When I mispronounced names, I reminded the audience that I was born after the events of the first three verses. At the beginning of the final chorus, I took the music down to half-speed and asked the audience to sing along and help me find the right key. It was a group hug, warm and fuzzy kind of moment.

I was followed by a 13-year-old in a "Hello Kitty" t-shirt who couldn't sing or hardly play guitar, but wrote some great original lyrics. Next, a 9-year-old belted out some love songs in perfect pitch. What I gained was experience and knowing that even when everything goes wrong, it can still be fun. If you are toggling between giving it a try or not, I have to say go for it.



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CD review: Transplants - Haunted Cities



Transplants rock in Boise with the Van's Warped Tour. FILE PHOTO BY MICHAEL THOMPSON/THE ARBITER

BY DANNY MCNEESE
Culture writer

Harder punk rock is overcome by rap and hip-hop in the new Transplants album, "Haunted Cities." The second record by the California-based side project mixes the likes of Rancid guitarist Tim Armstrong, Blink-182 drummer Travis Barker, and is led by the aggressive voice of Rob Aston, a former sound roadie for Rancid. Now headliners on this sum-

mer's Vans Warped Tour, the clashing underground combo is supporting their new album. A timely release, "Haunted Cities" explores the outreach of underground music in a rising fashion.

From fast guitar riffs and rhythmic drums, to the vibrating soul of spirited music, the band covers a new angle of rock. Wildly different than a punk compilation, the overtones of West Coast punk are everywhere, and rapping lyrics make this one of the most unique

Wildly different than a punk compilation, this is one of the most unique albums of the summer.

albums of the summer.

Going a different direction than 2002's self-titled album, Transplants have halted the norm to produce an up-tempo album with mild beats. An exception from one demographic is mixed with the next and "Haunted Cities" holds no genera in music.

Having what seems to be a good formula for a great side band, the record emulates the diversity of its members.

From a rapping talent to underground gutter punk, the backbone is top-40 power rock and combined they create an original powerhouse.

Originally on the Hellcat record label (an offshoot of Epitaph records) the band came about with Armstrong jamming in his free time with Aston.

A few jam sessions, and the two united with Blink drummer Barker and recorded an album in Armstrong's basement in 2001.

Now temporarily on Virgin records, the Hellcat sound makes a cameo on "Haunted Cities." With plans to go back to Hellcat in the near future, (which Armstrong reportedly owns half of) the larger label has made Transplants a forerunner in a matchless race of original sound.

Now with a larger following,

Transplants have moved past just punk rock and concentrate on impersonal lyrics and steady nihilism in "Haunted Cities." As if Sublime was taken over by Suicidal Tendencies, the new record exhibits a knack for quality in new underground music.

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[SIDE LINE]

Football announces pair of home-and-home series

Boise State director of athletics Gene Bleymaier has announced a pair of home-and-home series in football with teams from the Mid-American Conference in 2009 and 2010. The Broncos will host Miami (Ohio) and travel to Toledo in 2009, while hosting Toledo and traveling to Miami (Ohio) in 2010.

The two series pit three-time defending WAC champion Boise State against the last two winners of the MAC. Miami won the league in 2003 with a 13-1 record, including a 49-28 win over Louisville in the GMAC Bowl. The Redhawks finished ranked number 10 nationally in the final Associated Press poll that season. Toledo claimed the MAC championship last year with a 49-27 win over Bowling Green in the MAC Championship Game. The Rockets finished 9-4 and lost to Connecticut in the Motor City Bowl.

Boise State will travel to Toledo to play on September 12, 2009, and host Miami on Sept. 26, 2009. The Broncos will host Toledo on Sept. 11, 2010, and travel to Oxford to play Miami on Sept. 25, 2010.

Hawaii picked to win the WAC in soccer poll, Broncos in sixth

Hawai'i has been picked to win its second WAC crown, as selected by the conference's head coaches. Hawai'i grabbed its only WAC title in 2003 finishing with a 7-1 WAC record. Last year, the Rainbow Wahine finished fourth, but return six starters and 15 letterwinners, including the 2002 and 2003 WAC Player of the Year, senior Natasha Kai.

With the addition of Idaho, Louisiana Tech and Utah State, and the departure of Rice, SMU, UTEP and Tulsa, the WAC has taken on a new format. Along with the Vandals, Lady Techsters and Aggies, Boise State, Fresno State, Hawai'i, Nevada and San Jose State all sponsor a women's soccer program.

The Broncos finished last season with a 9-8-2 record overall, but just a 2-4-2 record. But on the upside for Boise State, this season's WAC Championships will be played at the BOAS soccer complex in November, where the Broncos had an impressive 6-2-2 record overall at home.

Steve Appleton awarded 2005 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Achievement Award.

Steve Appleton (BSU '82), Micron Technology, Inc.'s chairman, CEO and president, is the winner of the 2005 Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Achievement Award. It will be presented to him in New York in September during Tennis Week's U.S. Open party.

The ITA Achievement Award was created in 1994 to pay tribute to past participants in the world of collegiate tennis who have achieved excellence in their chosen careers. The distinguished person is honored for both their professional successes and their contributions to society.

Appleton attended BSU from 1978-82 on a tennis scholarship and graduated with honors. He served as captain during his senior year, and won the Big Sky doubles championship.

2002 recruiting class is the dominant force for Boise State

One group created 13 starters for the 2005 season

BY TREVOR HORN
Sports Editor

In 2004, the Boise State Broncos put together the first perfect regular season in program history with a very young team.

A team that was pegged as inexperienced by most around the nation.

Now, that team is an experienced squad and should field nearly the same team this season, as well as in 2006.

It all started with the recruiting class of 2002.

"We knew when we came in we had a really good class. The coaches were really excited about it," junior quarterback Jared Zabransky said. Zabransky was one of two quarterbacks in that recruiting class. The other was Legedu Naanee, who is now a receiver for the Broncos.

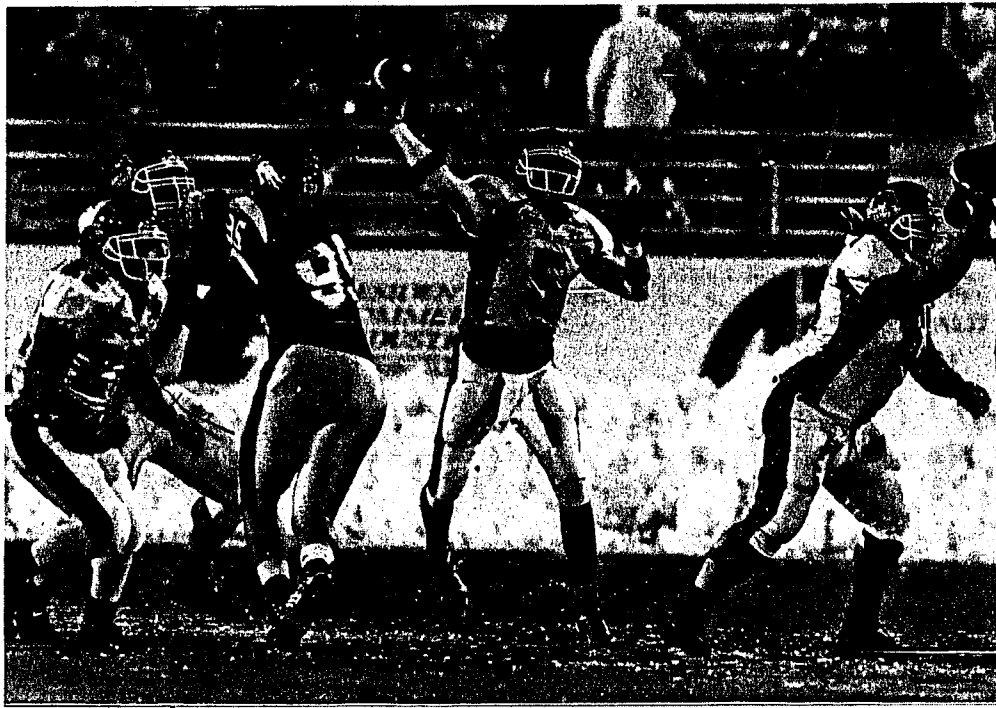
There are 13 players from that class that are listed at the top of the preseason depth chart for the Broncos this season—including two that were walk-ons.

Senior Alex Guerrero is the lone senior from that recruiting class that came in straight from high school. He was the only true freshman to play for Boise State in 2002. He played in all 13 games that season. Senior wide receiver Jason Murray was also part of that class, but he was a transfer from Sacramento State.

But it's the rest of that class that really set the Broncos up for feasible success for the next three seasons.

Of the 22 positions on both sides of the ball, there are only five seniors listed as starters going into the first game versus Georgia on Sept. 3. There are 11 juniors, five sophomores and one freshman listed as starters.

That recruiting class in 2002 is coming into the 2005 season with some serious playing time. Eight from that class were starters for the Broncos last season—four of them earned All-WAC honors last season.



Broncos junior quarterback Jared Zabransky (5) is one of 13 starters for this season that was recruited in 2002.

All the experience added up. There is not only great depth at most positions with the same personnel for more than just one season, there is also a feeling of understanding and confidence in each other.

"There was never a game last year where it was tight and we thought we were going to lose," Zabransky said.

The entire defensive line is filled with players from the 2002 class. Junior college transfer Dennis Ellis will fight hard for the starting position at left end, but for now, Mike Dominguez is listed as the starter. Along with Dominguez on the line are Guerrero, Andrew Browning (one of the two walk-ons in 2002) and Mike G. Williams. Dominguez is the only one who did not start in 2004 for Boise State.

"Browning on the d-line is as good as anyone in the country," sophomore defensive tackle Ian Smart said.

Three other starters on defense come from the impressive class. Two were starters last season.

Defensive captain Corey Hall and cornerback Gerald Alexander were both starters in 2004. Opposite Alexander at corner is Quinton Jones, who converted from running back in the off-season, and advanced to the starting position after spring practice.

There is no questioning the maturation of Jared Zabransky. The story has been seen all over the nation what he did in his sophomore season as the starting quarterback. That playing experience is one of the leading factors of how dominating that recruiting class has become for Boise State.

Both backs were in the 2002 recruiting class.

Drisan James broke out last season at wide receiver. Second on the team with 568 receiving yards, he should be the go-to receiver this season.

Another receiver from the class is former backup quarterback Legedu Naanee. Once recruited by almost every west coast team as a high school senior to play safety, LA, as he is known, came to Boise State because of the option to stay as a quarterback. Midway through last season, he made the transformation to receiver, and now is listed along with two other players as the starter opposite James.

In all, of the 59 players listed on the depth chart, 17 are from that recruiting class.

Despite the dominance of one recruiting class, there is much more to the depth and youth of the Broncos this season. Other than All-American candidate se-

Bush's Blog



All season long, Boise State freshman quarterback Bush Harndan will give readers of The Arbitrator a look into his mind as the Broncos compete in the most anticipated season in Broncos history.

Dear Bronco Faithful,

It's 10:40 on Monday morning, and I am already four hours into my day. For me, this summer has flown by, as I have juggled workouts and summer school. Workouts began on the first of June, and we got right into things, running eight upper decks at Bronco Stadium. We have continued to work and better ourselves for Georgia, and Tuesday we will be running decks for the last time this summer with our target of 20. We will also be wrapping up our summer lifting program this week, hoping to beat both personal bests and team goals. Being one of the young guys and new to the weight room, it has been a challenge matching the intensity of seniors Daryn Colledge and Alex Guerrero, but I feel I have made big strides.

This summer, we have continued our player run practices, "prp's," which give us the opportunity to take charge in running our own practices. We have had close to 100 percent participation, as everyone seems to be getting better during the course of the summer. As a quarterback spending most my time with the wideouts, I am very excited about this year's crew. With the position switch of Legedu Naanee from quarterback to wide receiver and transfers Jerard Rabb and Cole Clasen, the already deep play-making corps looks even better. With these additions and the veteran leadership, we will look to the receivers to make big plays all season long.

Although this summer has been a lot of work, I have enjoyed my time off the field.

For starters, my boys on the team, David Shields, Vinny Perretta, Kyle Gingg and I moved into a house and are enjoying our freedom away from the dorms. In between workouts and on the weekends, we get some free time to sit back and relax. Whether it is on the golf course, floating the river, or challenging the video game guru, cornerback Gerald Alexander, to a game of Madden, the team is always together. Only three days remain until we get our week off before camp. Many of the players will return home to see their families one last time before the season, some traveling as far as Lakeland, Fla., home to senior Josh Smith. Tune in next time to hear updates from camp, as we gear up for our season opener in Georgia, which is just 40 days away.

Until next time... take care of yourself and somebody else.

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2005 Preseason Depth Chart

Defense:		
RDV Austin Smith Soph	ES Markus Thomas Soph	
WTL Chris Harris Soph	MIKE Mike Dominguez Soph	SAM Sam Williams Soph
QCB Quinton Jones Jr		LCB Gerald Alexander Jr
QB		
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*Bolted players are those from the 2002 recruiting class that are listed as starters on the current dept chart for the Broncos this season

Log on to arbiteronline.com to respond to Bush's Blog. Find everything you need to know about the Broncos football team including the upcoming game on Sept. 3 at Athens, Georgia. Remember, the Road to Atlanta begins only at arbiteronline.com.

Boise is a stop along fame's rough road

BY MICAH SULLIVAN
Staff Writer

Everybody's heard about Major League Baseball's huge contracts (A-Rod's \$26-million at the highest) and Jeter's living it up, but what gets very little attention is life before becoming a rock star, when these big names are grinding it out in the minor leagues.

Boise Hawks' first baseman Kyle Reynolds said of life in the minors, "It's not like you're out partying all of the time. It's such a grind that up until the game you pretty much just rest."

Reynolds said he might get out a little more, "but I didn't bring up my car, so I'm relying on other

people for rides." Like all players on the Hawks, he stays in town with a host family that volunteers housing because of the transient nature of minor league play.

The son of former Houston Astro Craig Reynolds said the slow pace in between games doesn't bother him at all. It helps him stay focused on what he's in Boise to do, improve skills in the best environment possible—the live professional game. Players get to experience unique situations translating into game-time reaction that can't be learned in practice.

Players are responsible for improving their own game, working on whatever they think will help

"If we want to get better, we have to take the initiative [in practice]," Reynolds said. "No one is out there telling us what to do."

Reynolds has taken the initiative quite often during his career. He spent the two previous summers in the amateur Cape Cod League. "It brings some of the best college players around," he said.

Reynolds said one of the major benefits and differences between amateur league and college ball is "you get to use wooden bats" for the first time in a game. He played in the league between semesters at Baylor University.

After being drafted in the sixth round by the Chicago Cubs, and before joining the Hawks this

season, Reynolds played in this year's College World Series with the Baylor Bears. "It was one of the funnest things I've ever done," Reynolds said.

Right out of high school, Kyle Reynolds was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks. "If they want to draft you, they'll draft you," Reynolds said. "You don't declare."

Many players in his position turn down the offer in hopes of improving their game in college and eventually drafting in a higher position, meaning bigger signing bonuses.

But, Reynolds said this was not the case. "I just wanted to go to Baylor," he said.



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The Boise Hawks compete at Memorial Stadium this season into September.

When the Hawks' season is over in September, Reynolds said, "I've got a few semesters left at Baylor, so I may go back there." Reynolds

is a junior majoring in business. Next spring, he will presumably be again playing with one of the teams in the Cubs organization.

COMMENTARY

Summer a world away

News and notes from sunny Lake Tahoe

BY AMBER FUGER
Sports Writer

Tahoe pine, crisp aqua lakes, and comfortable temperatures. Obviously, I am not referring to summer in Boise. Spending three months in beautiful Lake Tahoe is the definition of a true summer vacation. No smoldering heat and plenty of good times to be had.

The most alluring aspects of the Tahoe Valley remain in all the outdoor adventures locals participate in and tourists flock to be a part of. Extreme sports enthusiasts claim this area as their playground.

Multiple mountain biking trails for all skill levels trickle up and down the mountains. Between sport climbing, traditional climbing and bouldering a rock climber's paradise is only a few miles away. Hiking trails make up the backyards of most neighborhoods and the Truckee River provides laid back leisurely floats, well not as mellow as the Boise River, but definitely a thrill for all ages.

When the façade of this extreme sport paradise is painted to reverie, the image of fit, able-bodied athletes ultimately complete the scene. Mark Wellman is living proof that any disabled person can thrive and play here just as much if not more. On Wednesday, June 8, the opportunity to witness some of Wellman's accomplishments presented itself, and I jumped.

A paraplegic, Wellman viewed his situation as a challenge, but also a new beginning. A chance to do what no one else has done before. Even he said being the first to do something is rare these days. Wellman, an optimistic, all-inspiring human being is famous, according to nolimitstahoe.com, for achieving the "first historic paraplegic ascents of the sheer granite faces of El Capitan and Half Dome in Yosemite National Park."

"It is better to be a doer and not a viewer, and never give up," Wellman said as he closed his slide show with an all inspiring photo of him sitting in his wheelchair on an over hanging rock on Glacier Point in Yosemite.

The slide show proved the only limits are those that the mind maps out. Wellman completed his ascent of El Capitan in seven days by doing 7,000 pull-ups. Half Dome took 13 days and upon completion, Wellman and his climbing partner Mike Corbett became the 20th assenters of Half Dome.

The audience at the June 8 slide show sat in awe, not of this man's disability, but of his accomplish-

ments. A two-time paraolympian, the first paraplegic to sit-ski across the Sierra Mountain range, and just recently completed a mountain hiking adventure of the White Rim Trail in Utah.

"Never give up, and never give in," Wellman said.

Coming from an able bodied athlete, this phrase might not pack as much power. Coming from this amazing man, the words now mean so much more than just pressing on.

While promoting his own organization, No Limits Tahoe, Wellman also gave a shout out to an organization that has been involved in the rehabilitation of disabled people through sports since 1967.

Disabled Sports USA was originally established by a group of disabled Vietnam veterans, and now has chapters stretching across the nation. DS/USA provides sports rehabilitation programs for permanently disabled people nationwide.

In Tahoe, DS/USA's chapter resides in Truckee, a town 30 minutes outside of Tahoe City. In Idaho, there are two chapters: one in Sun Valley and one in Boise. The Sun Valley chapter is referred to as the Sun Valley Adaptive Sports Program Inc. and is located in Ketchum. The programs offered in Sun Valley include winter ski and snowboard lessons with adaptive instructors, summer water skiing and rafting, and a day camp for children with disabilities.

Boise's DS/USA's chapter is known as Recreation Unlimited. Programs offered in Boise include summer day, weekend, and week long camps offering workshops in adaptive sports, outdoor sports, swimming, arts and crafts, nature studies, and much more. Click on to www.recreationunlimited.org for more information.



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(Above) Junior linebacker Corey Hall (25) is the defensive captain for the Broncos this season and was named first-team All-WAC last season as a sophomore.

(Left) Quinton Jones (23) converted from running back to cornerback in the offseason and is slated to start for Boise State on Sept. 3 against Georgia.

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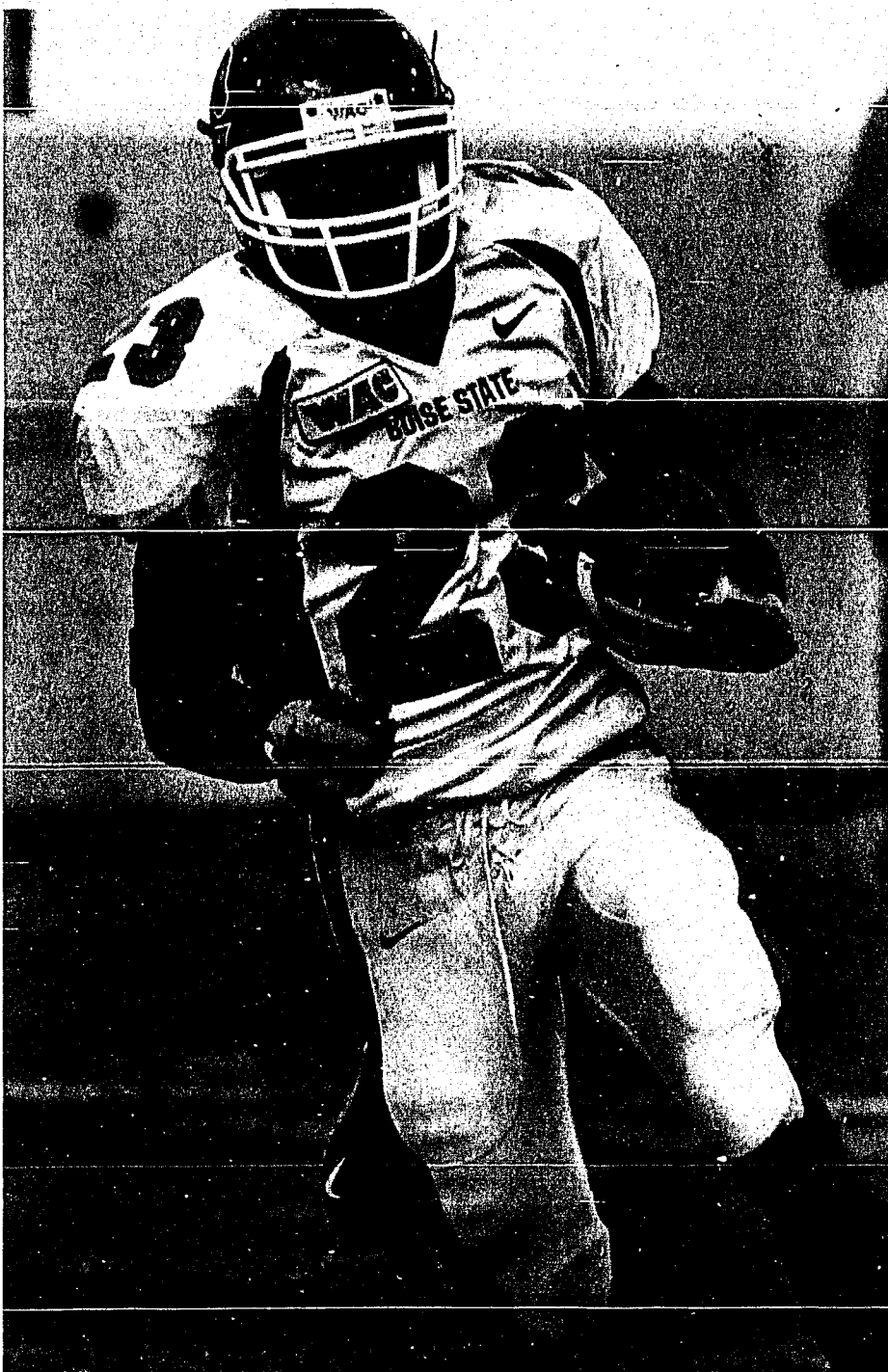
nior tackle Daryn Colledge at left tackle on the offensive line, there is no one past a sophomore on the line. Three sophomores and a freshman are slated as starters.

Both safeties for the Broncos are sophomores. Austin Smith was a part-time starter for the Broncos last season after Chris Carr was injured. Marty Tadman was just one of two true freshman to play last season. He dropped his red shirt status due to a depleted secondary and finished with 14 tackles and one interception in seven games.

"With what we did last year, and bringing back all of that, we can do even more this year. Even at Georgia, I think we can beat them," junior punter and special teams captain Kyle Stringer said. Stringer played as a true freshman in 2003, after walking on prior to the season.

The experience the young Broncos received last season is an added benefit for the program, and some are willing to say that the future looks even brighter for this young, yet experienced team.

"We always have the feeling that next year is going to be better than this year, but we're looking at it as this game, followed by the next. It's one game at a time," Smart said. "We have the senior leadership that we need, but we have the youth to go out there to play with anybody, and it's positive to know that in the next three years, we could fight for the national championship. You just never know."



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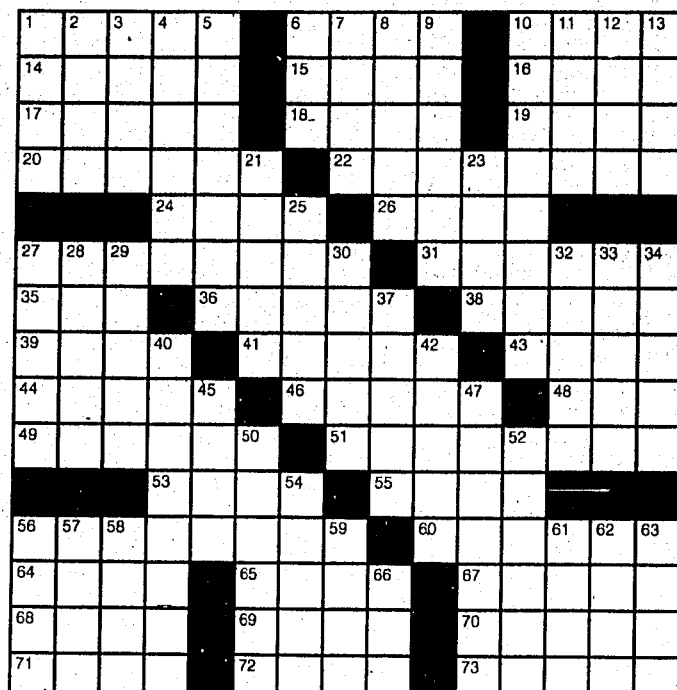
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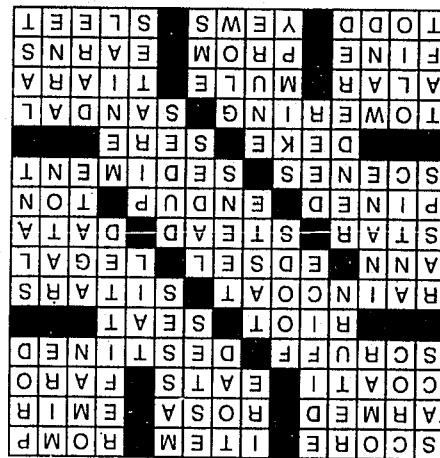
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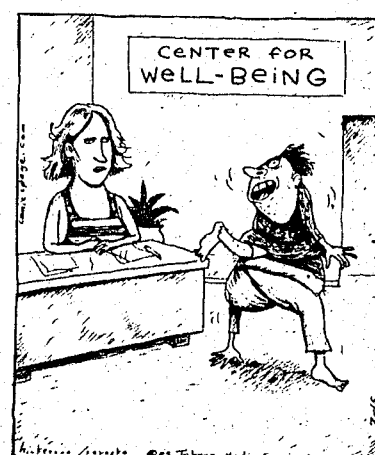
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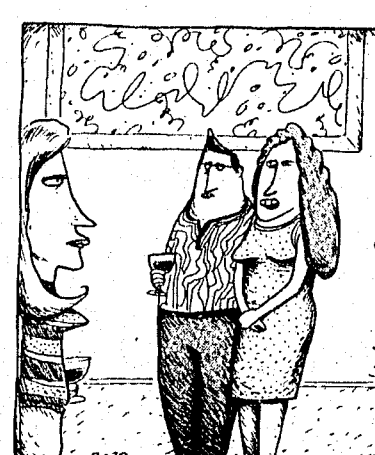
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