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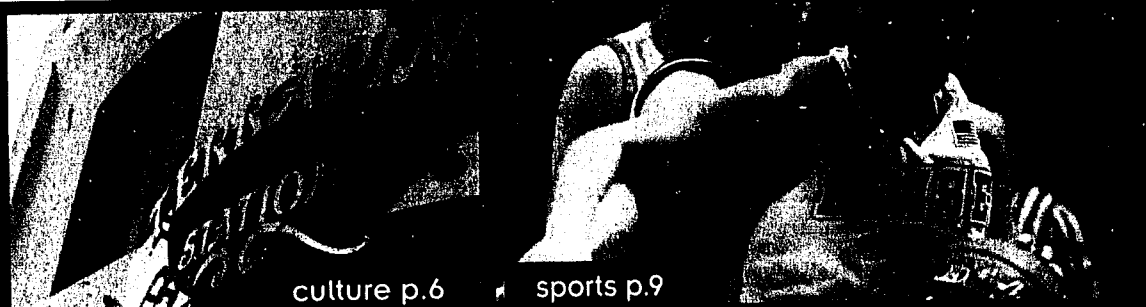
Students of Boise State University

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250 Idaho soldiers prepare for deployment to Afghanistan



FORT HOOD, Texas — From the deteriorating door of a cement house, several people emerge with their hands on their heads as American soldiers armed with M-16s surround them. Women with veiled faces cower as female soldiers search them. The men are patted down and asked in Arabic if they have any explosives.

It's a scene more likely to take place in Afghanistan than Fort Hood, Texas, where it actually occurred. As part of training for their February deployment to Afghanistan, soldiers with the 1-183rd Aviation Battalion interact with actors posing as Afghans.

"They always have the possibility of encountering civilians," said Larry Lafrenz, Commanding General of the Idaho National Guard.

Lafrenz said soldiers learn through simulated scenarios how to react in real-life situations.

"It trains you to think on your feet," said Sgt. Cory Webb, a Marsing, Idaho native. "It's better to make the mistake here and learn from it rather than (in

Afghanistan) and die from it."

Webb is one of 250 Idaho National Guard soldiers who have spent nearly four months at Fort Hood preparing for their February deployment to Afghanistan.

The battalion also includes around 200 soldiers from other states.

The troops are scheduled to spend about 12 months in Afghanistan, where their main mission is to provide ground support for American soldiers, Lt. Col. Stephanie Dowling said.

Maj. Douglas Smith, a Boise native and Boise State alum, said being in the air is often more dangerous than being on ground in Afghanistan.

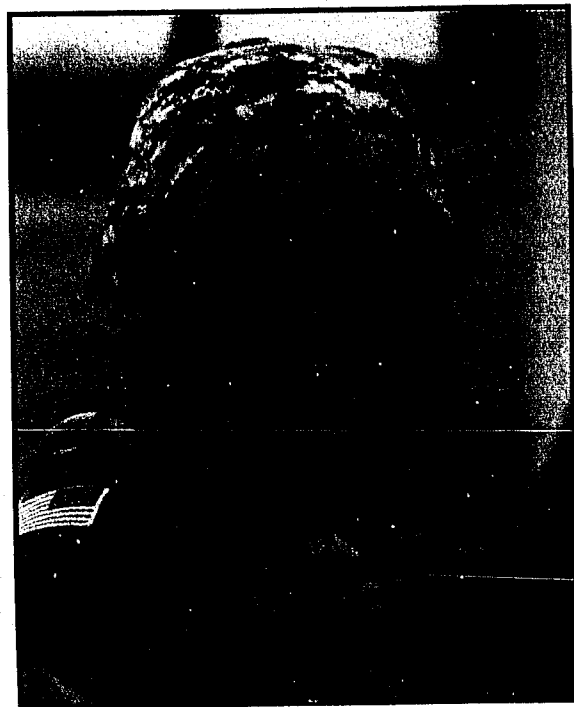
"The biggest challenge isn't necessarily the bad guys, but the harsh terrain," Smith said. "The weather changes from one valley to the next ... it's very unpredictable. Most helicopter accidents are due to the weather and terrain, not the bad guys."

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Above: Soldiers with the 1-183rd Aviation Battalion search a house for explosives during a simulated scenario during training. Right: Gov. Dirk Kempthorne visits with soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas.

From student to bride to soldier



Kerri Smith

BY TESSA
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Assistant News Editor

FORT HOOD, Texas — Kerri Smith isn't sure what it is like to be a wife. She hasn't welcomed her husband home with a warm dinner or even had a honeymoon.

"Sixteen hours after I said 'I do,' I got on an airplane," Smith said.

That plane was headed toward Fort Hood, Texas where Smith now trains before her deployment to Afghanistan in February. Smith, a Boise native and Boise State student, is a soldier with the 1-183rd Aviation Battalion. She left Boise in October for Fort Hood and returned home for 10 days over Christmas. On Jan. 1, she tied the knot with Phil Young, her boyfriend of three years.

But now the newlyweds will spend the first year of their marriage apart, as Smith is scheduled to spend about 12 months in Afghanistan.

Smith, 22, enlisted at age 17 in 2000, before the war in Iraq, before the war in Afghanistan, before Sept. 11, 2001.

"It was way prior to that," Smith said. "But my niece was born on 9/11. I always say she was the best thing that came out of 9/11."

Smith initially joined because she wanted to see the world, and six years later, she is going on her first international trip. And even if it's Afghanistan, where harsh weather conditions and violence loom, Smith said she is looking forward to the experience.

"It's the best chance to see the world, to experience different cultures," she said. "It's a good way to count your blessings."

Smith will be refueling Apache helicopters and providing support for convoys in Afghanistan. As a female with the battalion, she will also search female Afghans, because males aren't allowed to in their culture.

"We're supposed to put our hair down and show we're female," Smith said, smiling and motion-

ing to her long brown hair.

Smith has learned cultural and combative lessons in Fort Hood, but also learned about the communication opportunities.

"They have Internet cafés," she said. That's crucial for keeping in touch with her new husband, whom she talks to everyday and writes to weekly while in Fort Hood.

Smith, who is still known as 'Smith' in the army and not her husband's name 'Young,' said the couple plans to have a formal wedding and honeymoon once she returns to Boise next year.

Smith and Young both attended the same Boise high school for a short time, then met again when they were in the same platoon. The couple also went through Boise State University's ROTC program.

"We lost contact [after high school], and then we wound up in the same unit," Young said. "I screwed up once, but I wasn't letting her get away this time."

Young is also in the Idaho National Guard, but he won't be deployed to Afghanistan. While preparing for a deployment to Iraq in 2004, he broke his neck in a Humvee rollover at the base in Boise.

"It's the same break Christopher Reeve had," Young said. "I really lucked out."

Smith plans to re-enlist in March for another six years, and the couple hopes to stay in Boise, but they're not sure what will happen.

Young said although it's hard for his new bride to leave for Afghanistan, they were ready for it.

"It was a matter of when, not if," Young said. "She's ready to go."

And Young is as proud of Smith as she is optimistic.

"If I make it worth my while, if I'm excited to be here, my time's going to go a lot faster," she said. "I just figure it's one more thing I can tell my grandkids, one more notch in my belt."

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Teachers turn tables in plagiarism battle

Plagiarism appears to be more rampant than ever in high schools and at colleges and universities.

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Computer games train soldiers for war

The Defense Department is turning American's fascination with computer games into a training tool for soldiers.

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High: 43F
Low: 30F

Tuesday
High: 41F
Low: 34F

Wednesday
High: 42F
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world

Hamas wins Palestinian legislature, transforming Mideast politics

RAMALLAH, West Bank - The Islamic militant group Hamas secured a commanding legislative victory Thursday over the ruling Fatah party founded by the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, a stunning upset that's certain to reshape Middle East politics.

Palestinian voters upended the regional political dynamics overnight by propelling Hamas into the top echelons of Palestinian power on Wednesday and transforming Arafat's fractured political party into what its leaders dubbed "the loyal opposition."

In preliminary results released Thursday night, Hamas candidates surprised even themselves by securing at least 76 of 132 seats in the new parliament, giving them a mandate to form the next Cabinet. Fatah, which controlled 68 of 88 seats in the old legislature, won just 43 seats in the expanded Palestinian Legislative Council. The rest of the seats went to a small number of independent candidates.

Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia and his Cabinet resigned to clear the way for a Hamas government.

The surprise triumph for Hamas, a group that's formally committed to the destruction of Israel and has repeatedly sent suicide bombers to kill Israelis, sent shock waves around the globe. Political leaders from Washington to Jerusalem scrambled to respond to a new reality that cast an immediate pall over prospects for renewed Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

President Bush warned that his administration wouldn't deal with a new Hamas-led government unless the group disarmed its militant wing and abandoned its longstanding campaign to destroy the Jewish state.

"I don't see how you can be a

partner in peace if you advocate the destruction of a country as part of your platform," Bush said Thursday before the full scope of Hamas' victory was clear.

national

FDA confirms some canned light tuna is high in mercury

CHICAGO - Newly released government data provide the best evidence to date that some cans of light tuna, one of America's favorite seafoods, contain high levels of mercury.

Testing by the Food and Drug Administration found that 6 percent of canned light tuna samples contained large amounts of mercury, a toxic metal that can cause learning disabilities in children and neurological problems in adults.

The findings are significant because the government has repeatedly stated that canned light tuna is low in mercury and a good choice for pregnant women and young children.

FDA also found high mercury levels in samples of Chilean sea bass, which is often sold in high-end restaurants. Previously, the FDA had tested only one sample of the fish. And high levels were detected in big-eye tuna, a species often sold as ahi tuna and served in sushi.

No federal warnings exist for either fish, even though the average mercury level detected in the FDA tests was above the average in albacore tuna, which the government tells pregnant women and young children to limit eating.

In all, the FDA released testing results for more than 25 kinds of fish, sampled between 2001 and 2005. The findings were not released until now partly because the analysis wasn't complete, the agency said.

While a few species, such as tuna and Chilean sea bass (also known as Patagonian toothfish), were tested frequently, many were not. Only one catfish, one flatfish, two mahi mahi, four crabs and seven sardines were tested, the FDA data show.

On Thursday, the agency said it would not take any action based on its newly released results. The new findings come at a time when the FDA has been under fire for not adequately policing mercury in seafood, particularly canned light tuna.

Bush says he doesn't know Abramoff, remember photos being taken

WASHINGTON - President Bush tried to distance himself Thursday from disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff while refusing to release White House pictures taken of him with Abramoff.

"I, frankly, don't even remember having my picture taken with the guy. I don't know him," Bush said. "But I can't say I didn't ever meet him."

The president's remarks came during a wide-ranging, impromptu White House news conference in which he continued to defend his domestic spying program, embraced a Russian proposal to end the stalemate over Iran's nuclear activities and carefully interpreted a militant Islamic group's stunning victory Wednesday in Palestinian parliamentary elections.

Bush's recollection of Abramoff was fuzzy, but the high-flying lobbyist was well known in political fundraising circles, including the Bush-Cheney campaign, which received a \$6,000 contribution from him.

The campaign donated the money to the American Heart Association earlier this month after Abramoff pleaded guilty to fraud charges and agreed to help federal prosecutors in their investigation of possible corruption in Congress and the White House.

Since Abramoff's plea, administration officials have acknowledged that he met with some White House staffers but won't say whom or about what. White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan has said Abramoff was in the White House at least twice for Hanukkah parties,

where he may have had pictures taken with Bush.

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Feb. 25 is African Night at the SUB

Boise State University's Black Student Alliance, Cultural Center and the community group Umoja present African Night at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, in the Student Union Jordan Ballroom. Tickets are \$10 general, \$6 students, \$5 children ages 5-12 and free for children younger than 5. Tickets are available at the Student Union Information Desk or at the door.

African Night will feature entertainment and food from many countries, including Kenya, Congo, Cameroon, Mozambique, Sudan, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Senegal and Togo. Performers will demonstrate dances such as soukous, makossa and coupe decale. There also will be a fashion show and drama and drumming performances. Vincent Kituku, a performer and writer, will tell folk tales.

The evening also will include a homemade dinner featuring spiced beans, rice, puff-puff (a donut-like bread) and other dishes.

For more information, contact the Cultural Center at (208) 426-5950.

Boise State offers music/art study tour to Paris

Boise State University music professor Del Parkinson will lead an educational music and art study tour of Paris, France, May 21-28, 2006. Parkinson has led more than a dozen previous study tours to New York City and London. The trip is organized through Boise State's Division of Extended Studies.

While in the City of Lights, participants will attend world-class performances of opera, ballet and symphonic music productions, enriched by informal discussions tailored to accommodate all levels

of interest. Tour members will also have the opportunity to visit several cultural sites, including the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, Invalides, Montmartre, the Left Bank, the fashionable Champs-Elysees, Versailles Palace and Monet's inspirational Giverny. Participants may also view art at the Louvre, the Cluny, the Rodin and the D'Orsay.

Cost is \$2,900, which includes round-trip airfare from Boise, six nights of hotel accommodations and continental breakfast, selected meals, tickets to concert, opera and ballet performances, Paris museum and metro passes, excursions to Versailles and Giverny, and credit or noncredit fees.

Space is limited and only a few spots remain. For more information or for a complete itinerary, contact the Division of Extended Studies at (208) 426-3293 or 1-800-824-7017, ext. 5.

Gene Harris Jazz Festival discounted tickets available through Jan. 31

Discounted all-festival passes are available through Tuesday, Jan. 31, for the ninth annual Gene Harris Jazz Festival, presented by Boise State University.

Tickets for the April 6-9 event may be purchased through Select-a-Seat at (208) 426-1494 or through the Qwest Arena Box Office at (208) 331-8497. A discounted all-festival pass offers a 30 percent savings and includes tickets for all evening concerts. Passes start at \$50.

Friday's concert will feature vocalist Niki Haris, and the Saturday evening headliner will be Latin performer Poncho Sanchez.

Club Night on Thursday, April 6, will feature several festival newcomers, including Roger Kellaway and Marvin Stamm, along with festival favorites, including Paul Tillotson.

Pianist Kellaway's discography includes more than 200 albums. He has performed with Elvis Presley, Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie,

Yo Yo Ma, Quincy Jones and many more. Stamm has been praised for both the art and the craft of trumpet playing. The New York artist has played with Frank Sinatra, Benny Goodman and many more top jazz artists.

Students may buy a \$12 ticket, good for both Saturday and Sunday nights, with a valid student ID.

For more information on Gene Harris Jazz Festival tickets and performers, visit www.geneharris.org.

what the?

Shouldn't I buy you dinner first?

A woman in Russia has been diagnosed with breast cancer, and believes that the best way to fight it is through frequent sexual relations.

So she has placed a full-page ad in the daily paper, Moscow Komsomolsk, asking for volunteers to drop by the house and help her out. She says that the man must be willing to have sex with her "every two days for at least a year." The response has been overwhelming.

This picture makes me look dishonest

A robber beat up a man in his Melbourne, Australia, home, and then stole a racing bicycle from the man's shed. But the victim was a nationally known cartoonist, and, when the police arrived, he drew a picture of the bandit. They took the picture to other officers who had arrested a suspect for a nearby burglary. It was a perfect match.

And make it quick, my good man

A man fell asleep at the drive-thru lane of a fast food joint in Clermont, Fla.

When police appeared at his window, he ordered five double cheeseburgers from them. Instead, he was given a field sobriety test, which he failed.

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ASBSU Senate addresses DREAM Act bill

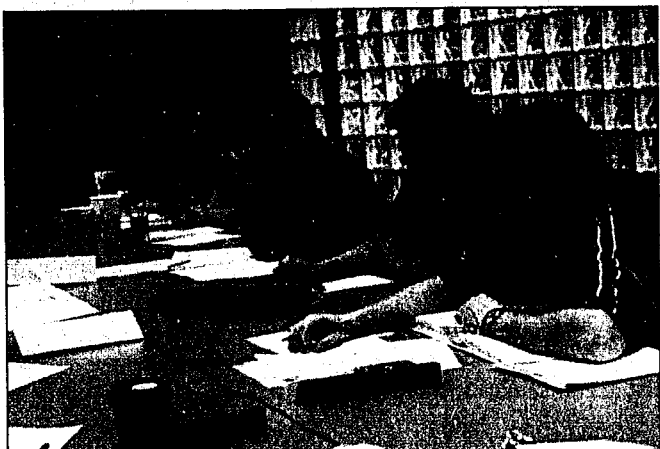
BY JESSICA CHRISTENSEN
News Writer

Senators of the Associated Students of Boise State University met last Thursday to learn more about a bill introduced to the state legislature that would grant conditional legal status to high school graduates who are illegal immigrants but have lived in the United States for at least five years and were younger than 16 at the time of their entry.

To get permanent resident status, the bill would have an illegal immigrant complete two years of military service or two years of college within six years of graduating from high school.

The Idaho Senate Judiciary Committee approved an amended version of the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act in 2003.

The act addresses the challenge



ASBSU senators discussed the DREAM Act in the SUB Forum Thursday. The act would give legal status to high school graduates who are illegal immigrants.

PHOTO BY SEAN PRALL/THE ARBITER

DREAM Act would enact to major changes to the current law. One, it would eliminate a federal provision that discourages states from providing in-state tuition without regard to immigration status. Two, the act would permit some immigrant students who have grown up in the U.S. to apply for temporary legal status and eventually obtain permanent status and become eligible for citizenship if they meet certain conditions.

ASBSU senators asked for a detailed copy as well as a summary of The DREAM Act so that they may continue to look into the bill further.

for young students who have grown up in the U.S. and have attended and completed high school, but are faced with an unstable decision when it comes to post-high school education.

According to the National Immigration Law Center, under the current law, students generally de-

rive their immigration status solely from their parents, and if their parents are undocumented or in immigration limbo, most have no mechanism of obtaining legal residency, even if they've lived in the U.S. for the majority of their lives.

According to the National Immigration Law Center, the

Political Science Association speaker focuses on foreign policy

BY MICAH MCLAUGHLIN
News Writer

Charles Kegley, a well-known political scientist, lectured Wednesday afternoon for a crowd of some 60 or more people.

Kegley has authored dozens of books, some of which have been used in political science classes here at Boise State.

BSU's President of the Political Science Association Jeremiah Hudson said he hoped people would gain a more scholarly approach to U.S. foreign policy and the Iraq War from Kegley's lecture.

Officially, the topic was "Iraq and the Future of American Foreign Policy." However Kegley's lecture centered mostly around three models of thinking and how American foreign policy fit into those models.

According to Kegley, "the school of thought that is dominant in Washington at this period ... is called 'persistence forecasting'."

"It operates under the assumption that in the absence of any certainty of what tomorrow will

look like," Kegley said, "Our best bet is to say it'll be a continuation ... of what's happening today." "Leaders come and go," Kegley said, "but there is a set of characteristics that define what the United States is. And those characteristics drive the direction of U.S. foreign policy."

Kegley went on to say that one of the things to look at is public opinion.

Kegley explained that foreign policy will always go in the direction that public opinion pushes it despite the leader in power at that time.

The final model that Kegley presented was the long cycle theory.

According to Kegley, this theory centers around cycles of about one-hundred years in which leading nations rise and fall. According to this theory, the U.S. is the current hegemonic leader.

The rest of Kegley's lecture described foreign policy and particularly the Bush administration in terms of tradition and model.

As for the first model, persistence forecasting, Kegley said politicians have mostly looked to deal with the short term.

He said they have taken to dealing with problems and crisis as they come. Kegley also noted that administrations usually do very little in the first term, being inexperienced and preoccupied with reelection.

In the context of the second model, that which looks at public opinion, Kegley explained that the U.S. is a country of extremes.

"Americans, if they do anything, do it in extremes," Kegley said. He said the U.S. has a habit of being either isolationist or controlling on the international scene.

Kegley warned that over the years the U.S. has had a habit of only aiding countries when it helps U.S. interests, ostracizing other nations.

He noted that Russia and China have been conducting joint military exercises and that it is the stated goal of the U.S. to stay abreast of all other states military ability.

Kegley has held faculty positions at various institutions including Georgetown University, the University of South Carolina, the People's University of China and the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva.

Clarification regarding student health insurance plan article in the Jan. 26 issue of The Arbitrator:

Any student enrolled in SHIP for the spring term is covered until the end of summer. The BSU student insurance plan has always had extended coverage through the summer. A student that graduates in May is still covered on the spring plan until the end of summer. Also, laboratory tests processed off campus are covered but are subject to deductible and co-pay.



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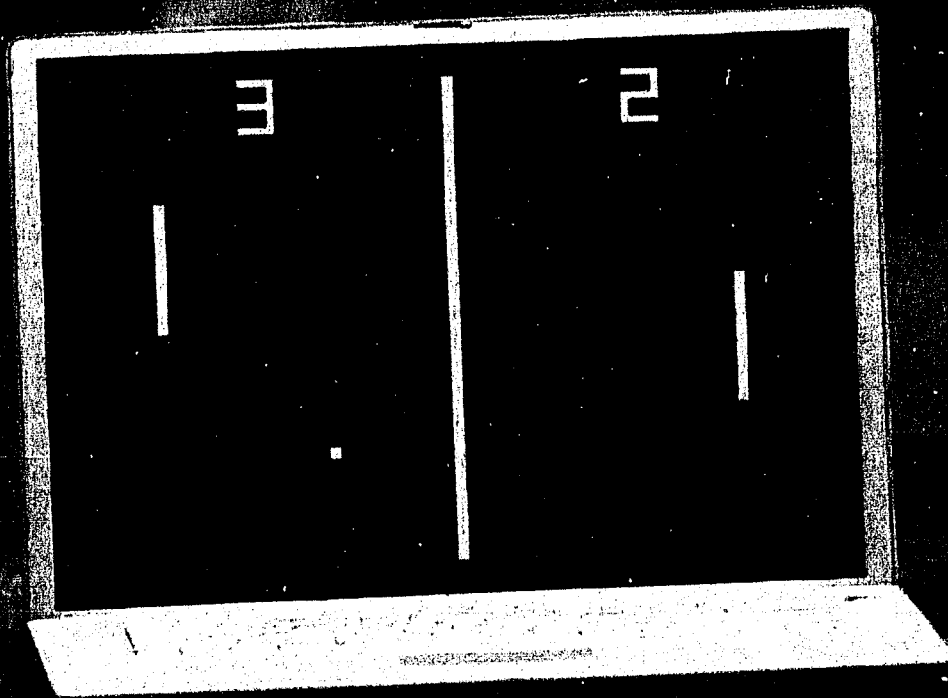
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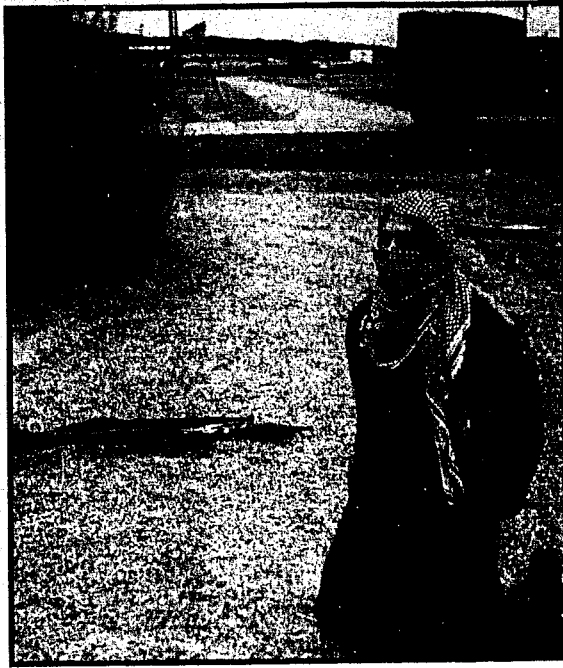
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National Guard soldiers from Idaho have spent nearly four months training at Fort Hood, Texas. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne visited soldiers Thursday and Friday before their deployment to Afghanistan in February. For more photos, see the online slide show at www.arbiternews.com.

PHOTOS BY STANLEY BREWSTER
Arbiter Staff Photographer

Deployment (from page 1)

Smith and his wife, Nicole, will both be in Afghanistan with the 1-183rd.

Nicole is the only female pilot with the battalion.

Smith said he is fully aware

of the dangers facing them in Afghanistan and knows his wife will be in harm's way. Still, he's ready for the task ahead.

"I'm getting anxious to get out there — to do what we were

trained to do," Smith said.

What they were trained to do mainly involves flying and maintaining Apache helicopters and provide support for convoys on the ground in Afghanistan.

While in Fort Hood, the soldiers also encountered other training exercises, such as basic Arabic and lifesaving skills.

In combat lifesaver training, soldiers learn how to save a fellow soldier who's been hurt, said Lt. Col. John Fruge. It's a reality that some soldiers will be wounded, he said.

Fruge said they tell the soldiers, "You're an American soldier; you're going to be a target."

Fruge addressed Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, Gen. Lafrenz of the Idaho National Guard, military officials and Idaho media

Friday about the 1-183rd battalion's Fort Hood training.

Kempthorne is the first out-of-state governor to visit his home state's soldiers at Fort Hood, Fruge said.

It's one of the most meaningful parts of his job, Kempthorne said. He flew from Washington D.C. to Texas Thursday to shake hands and talk with Idaho soldiers.

"I am so impressed with what you're doing," Kempthorne told soldiers Friday.

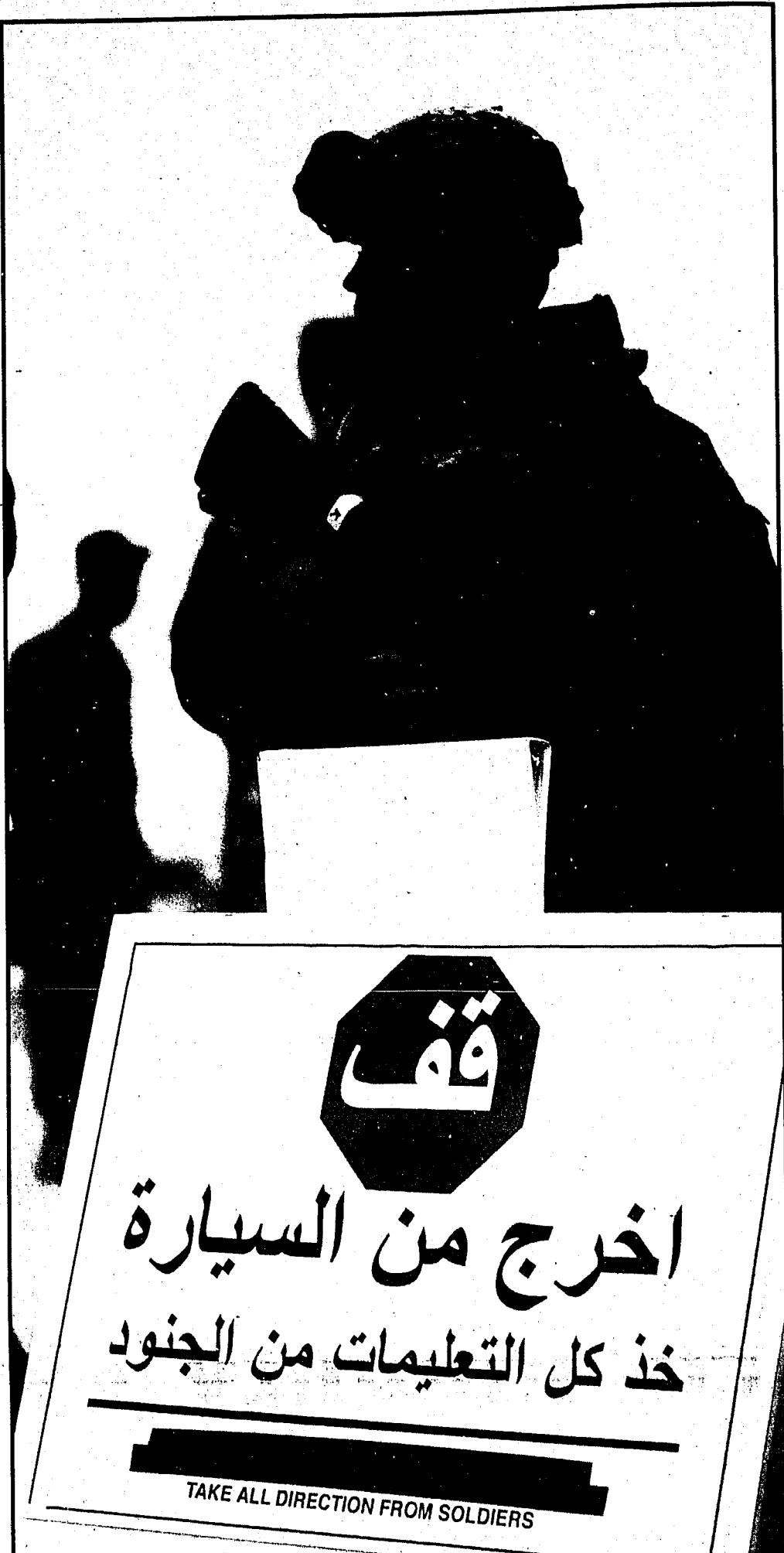
Gen. Larry Lafrenz, who also spent two days at Fort Hood

with Kempthorne, told them, "You truly are America's heroes. God bless you all and Godspeed to you."

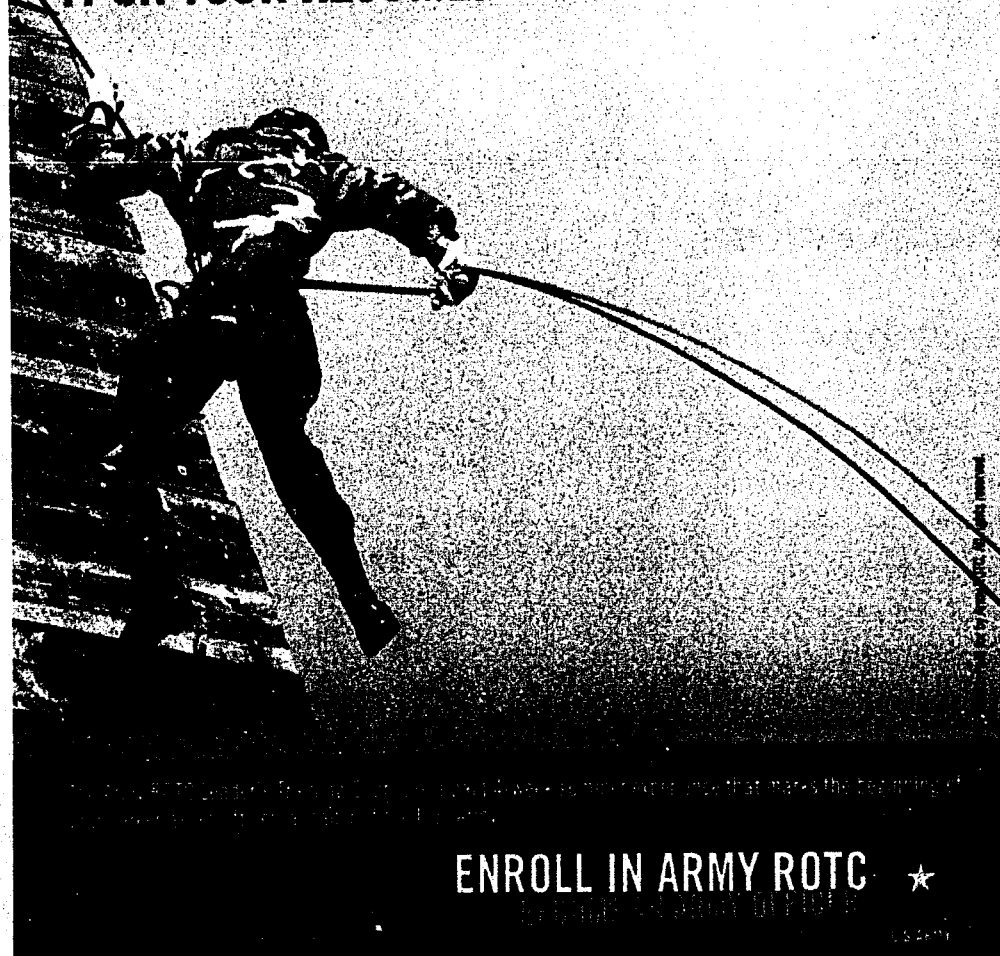
Soon, the soldiers' landscape will resemble the simulated scenarios, except this time, the bullets won't be blanks and the Afghanis won't be actors.

Maj. Douglas Smith, who has two children attending a Boise high school, knows this.

"The tactics they developed in Iraq [suicide bombers and roadside bombs] are filtering over into Afghanistan," he said. "We'll see what happens."



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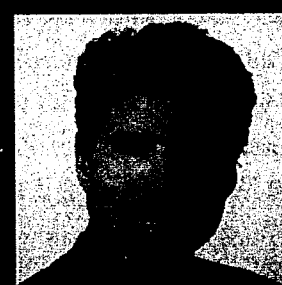
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WAL-MART

Wal-Mart killed a part of the community

BY TRENT CUTLER
Opinion Writer

Some day we will all get our teeth cleaned at Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart is taking over the world, and sadly some of us are fine with it. Screw the idea of having local businesses with personal ties that offer services beyond their corporate rules.

Who needs that when you have Wal-Mart greeters? We walk into the store and stare at the yellow smiley face on the blue vest only to avoid making eye contact with the 70-year-old man living off \$7.50 per hour. Who cares though when you can save 20 cents on toothpaste, right?

Now Boise bids farewell to Albertson's - yet another local business fatality thanks to Wal-Mart. It's the people's fault for making Wal-Mart so successful. Up to 2,500 Albertsons jobs could be lost, in addition to a cut in the flow of \$11 million in state and local taxes and the millions of dollars in charitable donations that Albertsons contributes to the Idaho community.

Wal-Mart kindly gives each community public relations stunt gifts of \$30,000. However, they spend much

more than that to advertise their store to us.

Wal-Mart pays more than minimum wage, or roughly \$7.29 per hour. It's comforting to know that America's largest employer is paying 1.7 million employees such great wages for their diligent labor.

All the while, the not-so-diligent Waltons' now double the wealth of our humble Bill Gates, the world's richest man. Five of the 10 richest people in the world are now members of the Walton family.

Some argue that Wal-Mart creates jobs for Americans. I would agree, Wal-Mart creates crappy jobs for Americans who have no other choice but to work for the big blue box.

You and I know the crappy working conditions Wal-Mart employees have to deal with. Part-time employees have to beat the employment odds for two years before they can even start receiving benefits. It's so bad that Wal-Mart has a job turnover rate of nearly 50 percent annually.

It's true, if the employees at Wal-Mart really looked

hard enough they could find better work. However, they would just be replaced with other desperate workers willing to work at an even lower wage and workers will never revolt because Wal-Mart will fire anyone involved in suspicious union activities.

How can Wal-Mart have this power? Because people like us still shop there.

The way people treat Wal-Mart is similar to the way people treat Costco gas stations. They'll drive 20 minutes to Costco just to save five cents per gallon when filling up a 20-gallon tank. That's a round trip of 40 minutes, with 10 minutes of waiting in line with the engine running just to save a dollar.

Granted Wal-Mart is probably closer to you than Costco, but is the dollar you'll save worth the drive past the Albertsons on the way?

Do yourself and your community a favor and stop shopping at Wal-Mart. A large portion of your money won't go into the local economy; it will go into the Walton family pockets.

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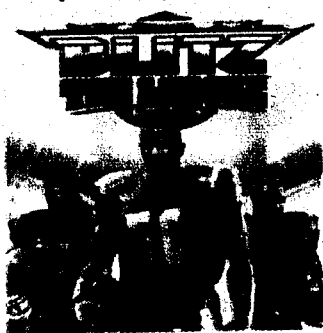
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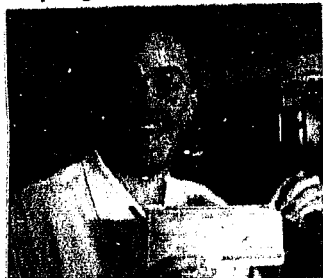
Editor's pick:
New video game release:
Blitz: The League
(Xbox/Playstation 2)



The League in "Blitz: The League" is entirely fictional, and the deceptively deep campaign mode makes this one of the most plot-driven sports games ever made. Midway brought in the "Playmakers" gang to pen the script, and the result is a cheesy but engrossing story that makes the NFL look like clown college. If that doesn't interest you, you can still design a team, take it online and take on all comers there.

"Blitz" has reverted to its original arcade form: eight-on-eight football with 30-yard downs and no flags of any kind. The headlining addition here is the "clash" meter, which operates like a turbo meter but instead allows you to slow the action down and evade defenders on offense and deliver sick, fumble- and injury-causing hits on defense. It feels like a gimmicky hindrance the first few times you play, but once it sinks in, you'll be smacked out on it in a big way. It's not the kind of feature you'll ever find in "Madden" - and that, frankly, is the point.

Celebrity News:
When you get off the island,
you gotta pay your taxes



Surviving Borneo must seem like child's play compared to what's in store for "Survivor" winner Richard Hatch.

The Rhode Island native, who took home \$1 million and a Pontiac minivan for his efforts, was found guilty Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Providence of not paying taxes on his hard-won loot. He was also tagged for not properly reporting income from his Boston radio show or from rental properties he owns. Hatch was cleared of seven other charges of bank, wire and mail fraud.

Hatch, 44, faces the possibility of fines up to \$600,000 and jail time up to 13 years. Hatch's lawyer, Michael Minns, says his client cut a bargain with the show's producers in which they would pay his taxes, but the jury never heard that allegation, just Minns' contention that Hatch is the "world's worst bookkeeper."

Health and Beauty Tip:
Can supplements help
me lose weight?

If you want to lose some pounds, you might be tempted to try some of the many herbal weight-loss products available today. Actually, none of these herbal remedies work and some can have serious side effects.

Herbs like chickweed, ginseng, kelp, and bee pollen, often included in diet aids, don't help with weight loss - and some can be extremely dangerous in large doses. The safest and most effective way to lose pounds remains healthy eating and exercise. If you're concerned about your weight, talk to a doctor or dietitian.

What about vitamin and mineral supplements? The best way to get your daily dose of vitamins and minerals is from food. Although there's usually nothing wrong with taking a basic multivitamin, if you're eating well, you probably don't need one. Talk to your doctor about additional vitamin and mineral supplements. If you choose to take a multivitamin, stick with a basic supplement and avoid brands containing higher doses than 100 percent of the RDA for any vitamin or mineral. Some vitamins can build up in the system and cause problems when taken in excess amounts.

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BY AMBER
FUGER
Assistant Culture Editor

The so-called strip in downtown Boise consists of an array of bars offering various scenes to experience. From mechanical bull riding, to hip-hop and house party music booty shaking, to pool halls and hard rock cover bands, there seems to be something for everyone.

Venturing around Main Street toward 15th Street, a new intimate bar can be found nestled between a few shops. Sauntering into this bar is like walking into the basement of a 1960s hippy, where Jerry Garcia is considered a Jedi and everyone's demeanor is chilled out as they feel the music.

Terrapin Station, the newest addition to the downtown scene, provides an atmosphere where Deadheads, open-minded people and music lovers alike can go jam out and mingle, according to Luke Anderson of Farmdog.

"Farmdog is all about music, friendship, journeys, common threads, new territories, positivity, adventure, love, limitless energy, family and spirituality," according to the band's bio. Coincidentally, so is Terrapin Station. From the crossing of the threshold to the dance floor and stage, patrons are smiling. The comfortable atmosphere, fully equipped with couches, purple paint, blue and gold Christmas lights and tapestries galore, invites people with the pleasantries of a cozy bar.

"There are a ton of 'heads' in this town, but there was no place for us to go. No place where we could chill with other folks with the same taste of music and views in life. You get that when you walk into Terrapin," said Anderson.

Along with Anderson, a plethora of Boiseans are migrating to the laid-back vibe Terrapin Station offers. One of the most admirable aspects of Terrapin stems from the support the owner has shown toward the local music scene. Jason Kearns opened Terrapin Station this past September with the goal of providing a place where bands could play without all the hassles related to booking gigs around town. "We have both local and national acts," said Kearns. "Monday we have the guitar player from Bloodkins performing an acoustic show ... and Tuesday we have Tracorum out of San Francisco."

Terrapin Station not only provides established bands with a place to perform, but Kearns has established an open-mic night every Monday, where anyone can sign up and jam. On Wednesday nights, Kearns is trying to incorporate a rotating music night where patrons can listen to different genres to grasp a sense of all the music out there. Then every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Terrapin Station hosts live music, whether local or national. Kearns has also set up Tuesday nights as movie night to mix the party up a bit.

As far as his favorite aspect of running a bar of this nature, Kearns said he loves dealing with the music scene. "It's my chance to live out my failed rock star dreams," he said.

With a friendly staff serving up stiff drinks and cold brews, an acoustically pleasing set up, and a crowd of happy chilled-out people, Terrapin Station is a great place to get your groove on, enjoy light conversation or just kick back and relax.

The Chick:

Fashion's hits
and misses

It's time high fashion
becomes affordable

BY MARIANA BEKKER
Culture Columnist

Yes, ladies and gents, the rumor is true. The famous world-renowned designer, Alexander McQueen, is coming out with a fashion line that is super affordable. Finally those of us who are fashion conscious but a little short on cash can get stylish duds at reasonable prices.

For those of you who don't know McQueen, he is one of the biggest names in fashion. Here is the brief low-down on how he came to be so popular in the fashion industry:

McQueen was born in London in 1969. He left school at the age of 16 and was immediately offered an apprenticeship at the traditional Saville Row tailors Anderson and Shephard and then at neighboring Gieves and Hawkes, both masters in the technical construction of clothing.

From there he moved to the theatrical costumiers Angels and Bermans where he mastered six methods of pattern cutting from the melodramatic 16th Century to the brutally sharp tailoring which has become a McQueen signature.

Afterwards, McQueen got jobs at several respected design studios and graduated with a Masters in Fashion Design.

In less than 10 years after graduating, this savvy English designer has become one of the most famous and respected international fashion designers in the world. Oh, and another neat-o fact about this designer is that he is notoriously known as a "bad boy" - making his designs even more yummy.

McQueen's collections are known for both the emotional power and raw energy of his shows as well as the romantic but determinedly contemporary nature of his clothes - that are now available to those of us who can't afford to spend thousands of dollars on a shirt.

The best thing about McQueen is that he knows what styles work in the real world and what should be left in the realm of haute couture.

While some designers tend to recoil and gasp at the mere thought of creating an affordable diffusion range (I guess the thought of mass producing cool clothes is considered less than artistic), McQueen happily joined the select few good designers who are launching cheaper lines.

This new line, McQ, was launched in Milan earlier this month and was very well received. The collection will go into stores around the world this summer (don't count on Boise getting it, though) including classic items like lined leather bomber jackets and, of course, jeans.

But instead of just being a simple t-shirt and jeans kinda line, McQ is clever; a somewhat watered down, run-through version of McQueen's best-known pieces.

McQ is inspired by 1960s bikers, and there are some excellent fitted leather jackets, a beautiful and very McQueenesque dress with bodyswooping seams and heavy stitching up the front. There are also dramatic capes, which are so cute this season, for women, and even in bolder of a statement, for men.

McQueen is probably hoping for the kind of success that Marc Jacobs had with his line Marc by Marc Jacobs, which has brought the American designer to a wider audience and is one of the most popular lines in department stores around the world.

McQueen's clothes have always appealed to the younger generations, so to make them more affordable to the younger audience who pines for his designs is just common sense.

And for those of us in little ol' Boise, let's just hope that Macys or Dillards picks up his line so we can look stylish and chic, too.

Recipe of the week: Broccoli mac 'n' cheese

BY AMBER FUGER
Assistant Culture Editor

Mac 'n' cheese has been and continues to be a classic dish most everyone, especially college students, enjoy on a regular basis. Rather than pouring elbow macaroni into boiling water, adding milk, butter, and then some sort of powdered cheese packet into a pot, try some shredded sharp cheddar, Dijon mustard and broccoli to re-create this classic.

Mustard and broccoli might sound a little odd for Mac 'n' cheese, but the results of combining these two items with noodles and a creamy cheese sauce are absolutely splendid. Flipping through the pages of Rachel Ray's "365: No Repeats-A Year of Deliciously Different Dinners," was a treat in itself for this cook, but when I spied this recipe, curiosity took over and the dish began to take form.

In only an hour and a half I was able to pick up all the items from the market, create the rich and tasty cuisine, and clean up the kitchen.

After spending only \$25 dollars at the store, I headed home and immediately started chopping the onions. Yes, in addition to broccoli and mus-



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tard there are finely chopped onions as well.

To begin, grab the small onion, broccoli florets, noodles, milk, butter, flour, paprika, cayenne, cheese and mustard from the fridge and cupboards and set them on the counter. Then in a large pot, bring enough water to cook a pound of elbow macaroni to boil. As the water heats up, clean the broccoli then slice the stems off. Add the noodles to the water and boil for about five minutes, then add the florets.

As the noodles and broccoli boil for another five minutes, heat olive oil and butter in a medium size pot. Add the finely chopped onion once the butter is melted and sweat until sweet aromas fill the air.

Whisk flour, cayenne and paprika with onions

while turning up the heat slightly to bring to a bubble. Then whisk in the milk again turning up the heat. Bring to a quick boil and then reduce heat to a simmer to thicken. While the cream sauce thickens, drain the pasta. Once thoroughly drained, pour back into big pan.

To finish the cream sauce, add the mustard and the cheese until melted. Pour over the top of the noodles and broccoli, stir and season with salt and pepper to taste. Divvy up the portions between family or friends, or both and enjoy. This yields a large portion, which makes great leftover lunches or dinners.

Ingredients:

1 lb. elbow macaroni or corkscrew pasta
2 1/2 cups broccoli florets
1 tbsp. extra Olive oil
2 tbsp. butter
1 small onion finely chopped
3 tbsp. flour
1 tbsp. cayenne pepper
2 tsp. paprika
3 cups milk
1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
3 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese

It's a sub-conscious thing

BY LINDSEY PARKER
Culture Writer

January means a lot of cold days outside, with the air crisp and the wind blowing slightly. The chilly winter weather, along with an empty stomach makes a hot toasted sub sandwich, seem appealing.

Heading across University Drive toward the Capitol Village Quiznos, there's excitement in the air as the first taste of that hot toasted sandwich is eagerly anticipated. The restaurant is orderly and clean, with an almost full dining room, suggesting many people like the food. The staff is friendly; smiling, nodding and giving out at least three "hi's," and several smiles.

The wait time is next to nothing, and the selection of toasted subs is large. For those individuals who don't eat at Quiznos often, the different combinations may seem daunting. After a few moments a selection is made, a regular sized smoked turkey sub is ordered with tomatoes, shredded lettuce and onions added as extras.

The servers making the sandwich are polite and smile as the sub passes through the toaster. At the register the smoked turkey

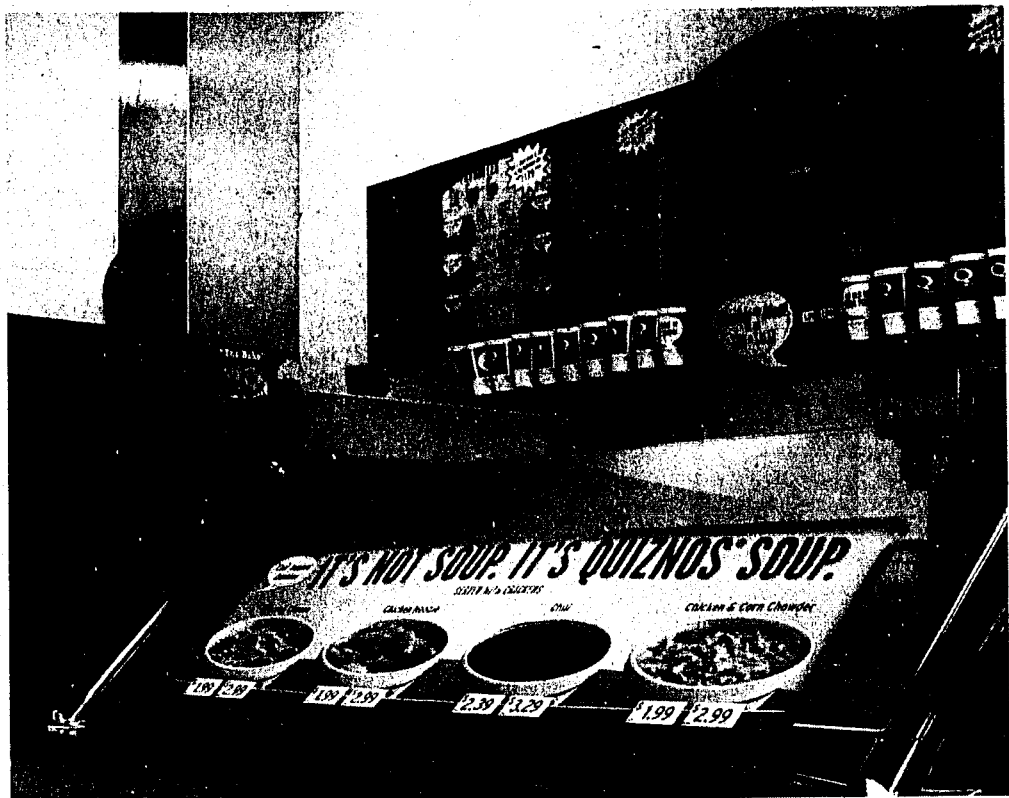


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With locations all around Boise, Quiznos offers a variety of affordable subs, salads and soups to choose from.

This meal is a little bit expensive, totaling \$7.96 with tax. The debate is open. Will this

toasted sub be tasty and worth the almost \$8 cost? The atmosphere in the dining room is a mix

of relaxed and retro with light rock playing over the speakers. The seating is hip, with sparkling bar stools around tall circular tables, and classic rectangular tables with cherry colored wooden chairs. Taking a seat at one of the rectangular tables I take a large bite of smoked turkey as the classic flavors of freshly toasted bread, shredded lettuce, onion, tomato, and what appears to be chipotle sauce come together in a perfect blend of a tasty hot sub.

The Quiznos corporate motto "MMMM TOASTY!" doesn't do this toasted sub justice. The black pepper jack Doritos taste suspiciously like Nacho cheese Doritos, although there are many different types of chips to choose from and Quiznos has no control over the different flavored chips they provide with their subs.

The Dr Pepper is superb as always, providing a refreshing thirst quencher between bites of toasted sub and Doritos. The accuracy of the order is excellent, as well as the taste and overall appearance of the food. The courtesy of the Quiznos staff is above average and makes the experience of eating in their restaurant enjoyable.

On a scale of one to 10, Quiznos gets an 8.5 because the dining room is just a little bit crowded, and the prices could be more affordable for college students.

Quiznos manager Kyle Elliott after hearing his store's score replies with a smile, "I'm glad you had a good experience." Excellent job, Capitol Village Quiznos. Your subs are indeed



Whatever happened to The Strokes?

BY GREG WALLACE
Culture Writer

Press darlings, The Strokes were riding high with the release of their 2001 debut record "Is This It," with its almost hypnotic rock 'n' roll sound and influences that harkened back to 1960s and 1970s rock 'n' roll, via New York City. The groundwork seemed to be laid for a successful career with radio hits like "Last Night," and a couple of sold out U.S. tours that saw them make the leap from headlining clubs to small theaters very successfully.

Their second release "Room on Fire," did not sell as well in the states, and The Strokes pretty much disappeared off the radar in their home country of the U.S. The first song on the CD asked the question, "Whatever Happened." But, what everybody really wanted to know was, whatever happened to The Strokes?

Well, nothing had happened to The Strokes. They had spent 2004 touring Europe and gearing most of their activity toward a more responsive European audience; the real question that people should have been asking is whatever happened to rock 'n' roll in America?

We may be given a second chance, as The Strokes unleash their third disc of music onto the world. "Last Impressions of Earth" shows us a much different side of The Strokes. It is being hailed as a musical testament to The Strokes growing up.

The first single "Juicebox," with its driving rhythm and screaming chorus, does not quite fit into that category. But that song is the exception, the record as a whole shows us a more laid back, delicate approach. This record is subtler, but the more intricate rhythms have that same hypnotic effect, and like The Strokes' previous work, it grows on you.

Less in a hurry to get to the big hook, and with the guitars turned down, The Strokes seem more ambitious and experimental. This new approach is very clear from start, with the mid-tempo rocker "You Only Live Once" leading off the record. Singer Julian Casablancas sings with that same cocky yet aloof swagger of the first two records, and kicks it into high gear when he wails through the chorus of the next song, "Juicebox."

Song number four, "Razorblade,"

starts with an almost carnival sounding guitar part on the verse; then the chorus hits you with what may be the catchiest-sounding hook on the whole record. At times, the textured guitar picking and Casablancas' voice almost gives off a U2 sounding vibe, channeling Bono and the Edge for their own purposes.

The song "Ask Me Anything" uses the heavy to soft dynamic in the beginning and then slowly builds back up almost teasing you with it. The classic rock sound of the guitar solo is reminiscent of The Who's "Teenage Wasteland" anthem, "Baba O'Riley," while songs like "Ize of the World" will have you skimming the lyrics as you listen.

For now at least, maybe The Strokes have grown up. Gone is the carefree abandon of the first record, the unplanned sounding perfection has been replaced by crafted sonic tapestries that are more thought out.

Casablancas was recently married and the lyrics seem to reflect this. Some of the repeated sentiments on the record seem to be about forgetting the past, dealing with the downside of fame and alienation. This seems coupled with a growing concern about throwing true love into that mix. The single "Juicebox" pretty much sums it up, "Everybody sees me but it's not that easy, standing in the light field ... But why won't you come over here, we've got a city to love."

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Estrella

BY HADLEY RUSH
Culture Writer

I felt fantastic. I felt fancy, and I was hungry as I stumbled (new shoes) into Estrella, located in Plaza 121 on 9th and Idaho, one of the alleged hippest new restaurants, and sister to the highly esteemed, culinary sensation, The Milky Way.

In the dim lighting I made out swanky, contemporary furniture, a staff who seemed a bit underdressed in black tee-shirts, and vibrant, color-changing fluorescent lamps on each tightly packed, retro table.

My counterpart for the evening ordered a Jack and Coke, as I, trying to sink into the ambiance, opted for a glass of house Spanish wine. Our server sauntered over (still under-dressed, I thought to myself) and explained how ordering for tapas, or "appetizers" was to ensue. He produced two menus, sans prices, two pencils, and a notepad with menu items and prices. After half a glass of wine, four menus and two pencils, I was more than amply confused.

He then explained that we mark, with the tiny pencils, what we'd like to order. I scratched my head

and tapped my pencil on the table. "Can I just tell you what I'd like," I asked. He seemed un-amused. And for sometime, I believe we engaged in a who'll-blink-first war.

After the confusing food ordering was out of the way, my restaurant-review associate and I ordered a bottle of Spanish Champagne. I didn't know such a thing existed- but my, it was delectable. Those who prefer a dry, pungent Champagne or wine would find Estrella's wine selection above par. Though they have French wines and wines from other regions, the Spanish selection would be worthy of a letter home, or a head nod in the least.

At this point, I decided I should probably stop drinking my newfound love, Spanish alcohol, and focus a sober palate on the food I'd ordered. I decided on the Vegetable Napoleon, not noticing until after the arrival of the bill, that it was nearly 15 dollars. As a prelude to this culinary concoction, I ordered the octopus and radicchio salad.

The server brought out a bowl of cabbage, with a few shards of steamed octopus, and about two fistfuls of sea salt. I gagged down two bites, before of-

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concoctions
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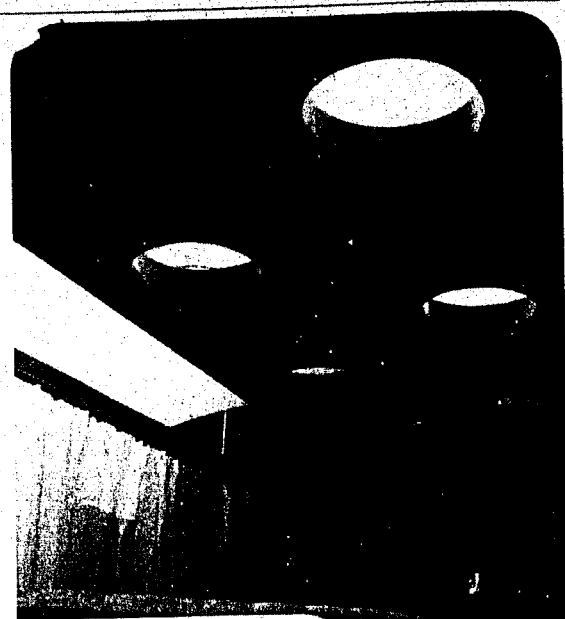
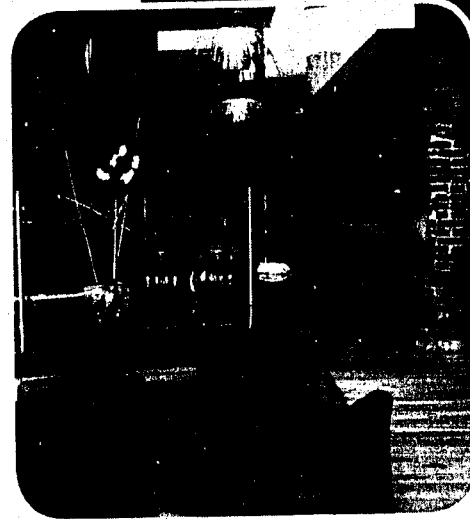


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TEXAS HOLD'EM HAS PUT A NEW FACE ON POKER

BY DANIEL KEDISH
Culture Writer

Poker is back and it's gone Texan. A version of poker named Texas Hold'em has become one of the hottest games in entertainment. The latest craze has invaded pop culture creating a new trend in the card playing world and many students are cashing in. From small personal games between friends to full-on tournaments, Texas Hold'em has gathered a new following for people seeking profitable gain and fun.

Texas Hold'em can be played between two or more people and is relatively easy to pick up for beginners. The game consists of creating the best 5-card hand out of 7-cards available (the 2 in a player's hands and the 5 face-up community cards). The players go around the table placing bets each time a card is placed in the community area and in the end the player with the best hand takes the pot.

The poker game has grown in popularity for numerous reasons but most are rooted in the

entertainment industry. And it's not just the stereotypical man's game either. With television programming dedicated to poker, such as "The World Series of Poker" on ESPN and the "World Poker Tour" on the Travel Channel, students are gaining interest in the game and looking for ways to join in. Even the television show "Desperate Housewives" shows women playing cards, generating more interest in the game.

The lack of skill needed to play Texas Hold'em attracts many players since the game takes only a couple of hours to master. "If you can match colors or numbers you can play Hold'em," Nick Pulido, a sophomore at Boise State University said. Pulido, like many students, has taken an interest in the card game by playing in underground tournaments around campus and online. "It

doesn't take a rocket scientist," Pulido said.

Although Boise does not offer many establishments dedicated to Texas Hold'em it is being played and by many. If students can't find a local tournament, playing the game online has become the source for enjoyment. There are numerous sites available for anyone's betting needs, whether they are betting with real money or playing with fake. Some major sites creating much hype are PokerRoom.com and AbsolutePoker.com.

If online play doesn't interest players, there are many alternatives. Hand-held games at local stores are available at low prices. Wal-Mart offers games around \$18, but for those who are seeking the social aspect

of the game, throwing a poker party can be inexpensive and fun. The average poker set, which consists of a couple decks of cards and some poker chips can cost as low as \$10.

Places in Boise that do offer poker nights include clubs such as Lucky's and Shorty's who have certain nights of the week dedicated to the game. The website HomePokerGames.com also has information on local tournaments local players may be hosting at their own homes for those interested in playing Texas Hold'em.

Now the only question remaining is whether Texas Hold'em is here to stay, or like many other trends, will it hold?

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BSU @ Idaho, 2:05 p.m. (PT)

Women's Basketball

Thursday
BSU @ Nevada 7 p.m. (PT)
Saturday
Idaho @ BSU, 2 p.m.

Gymnastics

Friday
BSU @ UC Davis, TBA

Skiing

Friday-Saturday
Colorado Nordic Collegiate
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Men's Tennis

Thursday
BSU @ Pepperdine, 1 p.m. (PT)
Friday
Malibu, Calif.
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BSU @ UCLA, 1:30 p.m. (PT)
Sunday
Los Angeles
Sunday
Texas A&M @ BSU, 1 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Saturday
BSU vs. Santa Clara, TBA
BSU vs. Portland, TBA
Sunday
BSU vs. Oregon, TBA
Eugene, Ore.

Track & Field

Friday-Saturday
Athletes Invitational
Nampa, Idaho

[SIDE LINE]

Nordic skiers place in Colorado

Boise State's nordic skiers took 40th and 41st in the 15,000 Meter Freestyle Race in the Colorado Invitational Saturday (Jan. 28).

April Sanders was 40th with a time of one hour, eight minutes, 13.5 seconds. Taylee Foulger was 41st in 1:23.20.8. The winner of the competition was Colorado's Lenka Palanova who finished the race in 49:21.7.

The Nordic skiers have now completed their portion of the Colorado Invitational. The Alpine skiers' part of the Colorado Invitational will be held next weekend (Feb. 3-4).

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Tennis

Results from both men's and women's matches this weekend.
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Check it out.
It's cute.
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Two events, two broken records

Mattias Jons and Forrest Braden break BSU school records at two different meets on Saturday

Courtesy
Broncosports.com

Forest Braden broke his own record in the 3,000-meter run Saturday as the Boise State University senior posted a time of 7 minutes, 58.08 seconds at the University of Washington Invitational.

Braden broke his record of 7:58.85 he set last year. The time, which placed him eighth in the race, also surpasses the NCAA provisional qualifying standard.

Two other Broncos also had outstanding performances on Saturday in Seattle as Rebecca Guyette and Eleni Kafourou each posted the second best all-time

marks at Boise State in the mile run and triple jump, respectively.

Guyette placed 10th in the mile with a time of 4:50.61. It breaks her previous best mark of 4:57.97 and is just over four seconds off the Bronco record of 4:46.18 set by Niamh Beirne in 1996.

Competing in just her second intercollegiate meet Kafourou, a

freshman from Athens, Greece, placed third in the triple jump with a mark of 40 feet, 9.50 inches. Abigail Ferguson is the Boise State record holder at 42-2.25 set in 1996. Kafourou also finished second in the long jump with a mark of 19-9 (6.02m).

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Nadia Begay nails five-three pointers as BSU beats rival Idaho

BY TREVOR HORN
Sports Editor

Bad ankle? What bad ankle? Six days after spraining her ankle in the first minute of last Monday's game against Hawaii and subsequently not returning, Nadia Begay led the Broncos with 19 points in route to a 67-54 win over Idaho Saturday at Taco Bell Arena.

"She was really hurting, but man, she really put it together and had a nice performance for us," Boise State head coach Gordy Presnell said.

Begay led the game in scoring with 19 points on 5 of 9 shooting from behind the arc, including 3 of 3 during a crucial stretch midway through the first half.

Down as many as 12, just over nine minutes into the game (23-11), Boise State went on a 17-0 run to take a five point lead five minutes later. During the stretch, Begay, along with Jackie Lee, hit five straight three-pointers, along with two points at the foul line by Lee. In front of the second largest home crowd of the season (1,053), thanks in part to a large Idaho crowd that was loud when Idaho was up.

"We hit some threes, and sometimes that kind of catches a fever," Presnell said.

Once the 17-0 run started, "The crowd had a lot to do with it. I just hit that first three and they are cheering. You hit the second one and they are cheering and they are going and you just want to improve," Begay said. "...We were just on a roll right there."

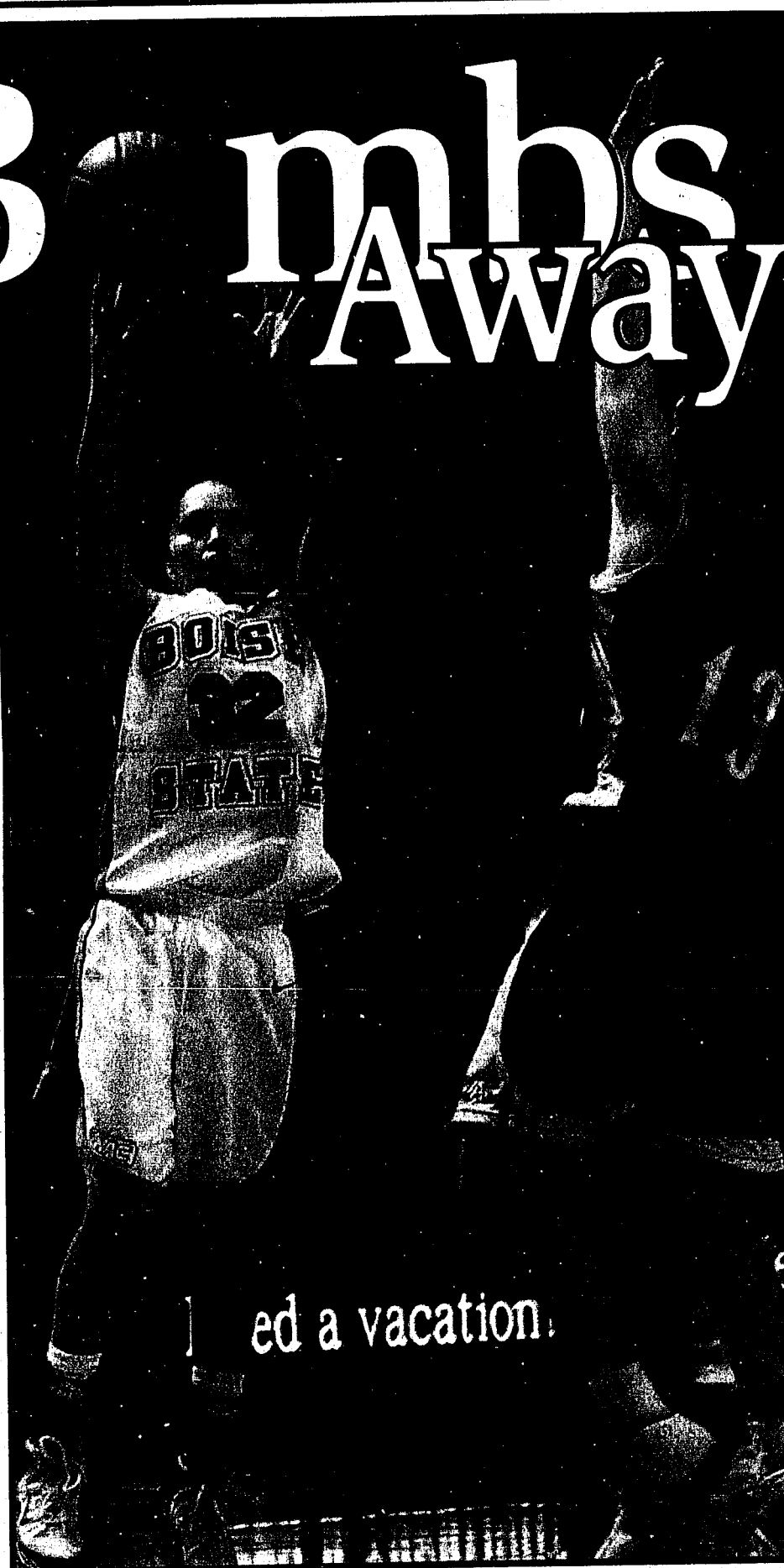
The Broncos completed 9 of 22 from behind the arc despite Lee shooting just 2 of 9 and 4 of 14 overall on Saturday. Notwithstanding her shooting woes, Lee led Boise State with seven assists and grabbed eight rebounds.

"She gets herself to the basket. She gets herself to the free throw line and that's the things that help us," Presnell said.

Lee also knows she doesn't have to hit shots to keep the Broncos (12-8 overall, 4-4 WAC) going.

"My team gets going not necessarily when I score. It's just rebounding and assists, it's like I notice they feed off me when I'm just going and rebounding and not necessarily scoring and just keeping them up," Lee said.

The Broncos took a 34-32 lead



Junior guard Nadia Begay led the Broncos with 19 points, en route to a 67-54 victory.

into halftime.

In the second half, the Broncos were able to take control, and take the ball out of the hands of the leading scorer in the Conference. Idaho guard Emily Faurholt came into the game averaging 19.1

points per game. Faurholt had 10 points on 4 of 9 shooting at halftime, but was just 2 of 7 in the second half and finished with 14.

"We just tried to keep the ball away from her the best we can and push her off the block like we

did," Presnell said, who coached Faurholt for one season at Seattle Pacific during the 2001-02 season.

The Broncos also dominated on

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BSU men's basketball split weekend series, beat Idaho

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The Broncos found a way to get a leg up on the conference schedule after losing a close game to Nevada at home Thursday night—play Idaho on the road.

The Vandals came into the

Western Athletic Conference, and in-state rival, game without a win so far in conference play this season.

The Broncos made sure Idaho stayed that way.

Boise State (10-9 overall, 3-5 WAC) beat Idaho 82-68 in Moscow at the Cowan Spectrum in front of

2,716 fans Saturday afternoon.

Coby Karl led the Broncos with 25 points along with 18 from Eric Lane. Karl has scored 57 points in the last two games, including a career-high 32 against Nevada on Thursday.

The win was the ninth in a row for Boise State against Idaho, and

keeps Broncos head coach Greg Graham streak perfect against the Vandals, 7-0.

Tanoris Shepard led the Vandals with 23 points on 9 of 15 shooting, but the Boise State bench outscored the Vandals 24-10, includ-

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The smoking boxer

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Assistant Sports Editor

It was a community thing.

The whole town didn't come out, but I knew a thousand people there. You see, I went home (to those Twinkie Flats) and by an assertion of luck caught the College of Southern Idaho Rodeo team's Boxing Smoker.

The format is pretty simple. Area youths can sign up to box one another, or they can sign up and get paired with another amateur for the show.

There were 13 bouts. Two of the Saturday Night fights were college female match-ups and were arguably the most entertaining of the night. The boxing is far from refined. Most of the competitors just run out flailing their arms, throwing haymakers, trying not to catch one on the chin. 57 Flynn, who earned that nickname three years ago from this same Smoker, was back in the mix. Flynn was knocked out by Lonnie Edwards 57 seconds into the first round of their bout; and I mean out.

But this year he won a trophy for getting the fastest knockout of the night, 53 seconds into his match. 57 (I don't think we can really call him that any more) broke his opponent's nose with an overhand right, the second punch he threw. He won by TKO.

Mr. Edwards, a semi-pro football chum of mine, again scored a win, a unanimous decision. He and his opponent were given an award for best fight of the night. Lonnie is just a little guy, 145 pounds, but he's quick and hasn't a chunk of fat on him. He was a 'bobbins' and a 'weavin' and layin' down the club.

Taryn Pullin, the guy who replaced me at defensive end when I moved to Boise and left the Magic Valley Bulldogs, also won by TKO in a heavyweight match. Taryn nearly threw his opponent out of the ring three separate times, knocking the beast he was beating to the ground twice. I leapt to my feet when he got rolling.

There were college ring girls and local businesses sponsored each fight.

The CSI mascot got knocked out in an exhibition bout by an elderly man who was supposedly undefeated in 127 years of competition. Half of the rodeo team, including two of the four girls who fought, stepped into the ring. People from Idaho State University, Nevada and a handful of Podunk Magic Valley towns got to throw blows. The Expo Center was packed to the brim with American fans of brutality.

Most of us couldn't give a lick if one guy won over the other (although all three of my friends came away with wins, medals, trophies). We were there to see one-on-one boxing action. The crowd roared with enthusiasm when a head flew backward or a mouthpiece was ejected into the crowd or when go-liaths exchanged blows. It was barbaric, bloody and beautiful.

Boxing is the basic measure of sport. It's one guy trying to prove that he is a better athlete than another, by physically beating him into submission (five boxers Saturday threw in the towel). I was so glad I wasn't covering this event. I would have had to keep score and talk to boxers afterward with a mi-

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Photo of the week

A hound checks out the visitor at the Palm Beach Hounds, a fox-hunting club, at the Atlantic Ridge State Park in Martin County, Fla.

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Other Bronco finishes at the UW Invitational include: a 15th place time of 10:17.01 by Breanne Sande in the women's 3,000-meter run; a 16th place time of 4:09.88 by Wijnand Rijkenberg in the men's mile run; a 17th place finish by Keron Francis in the heptathlon

with 4,347 points and Ty Axtman in the men's 3,000-meter run with a 56th place time of 8:40.43.

In Nampa, two track and field meets, two school records for Boise State University's Mattias Jons as the senior broke the 35-pound weight throw for the second straight week.

Competing in the Athletes Invitational at the Idaho Sports Center, Jons won the event with a throw of 70-10.50, breaking the school record he set at last Saturday's Hampton Inn & Suites Classic at 69-7.00. His throw on Saturday is the third best collegiate mark this season.

Also, for the second straight week Jons won the shot put with a mark of 51-10.0.

Boise State dominated the men's weight throw taking the top four places. Along with Jons' first place finish, Staffan Jonsson was second with a throw of 65-5.25 (19.97m), Eric Matthias was third at 61-7.50 (18.78) and Simon Wardhaugh was fourth with a throw of 55-6.25 (16.92m). Jonsson's throw improved on his NCAA provisional qualifying mark from the week before (62-6.75) and is now the 16th best collegiate mark this season.

Bronco sprinter Antoine Echols came within six one-hundredths of a second of posting a NCAA provisional qualifying mark in the 200-meter dash with winning time of 21.29. The provisional standard is 21.23.

Sterling Small came away with another win for the Bronco men on Saturday when he placed first in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.08.

Boise State's Kristin Brogdan also came up with her second straight

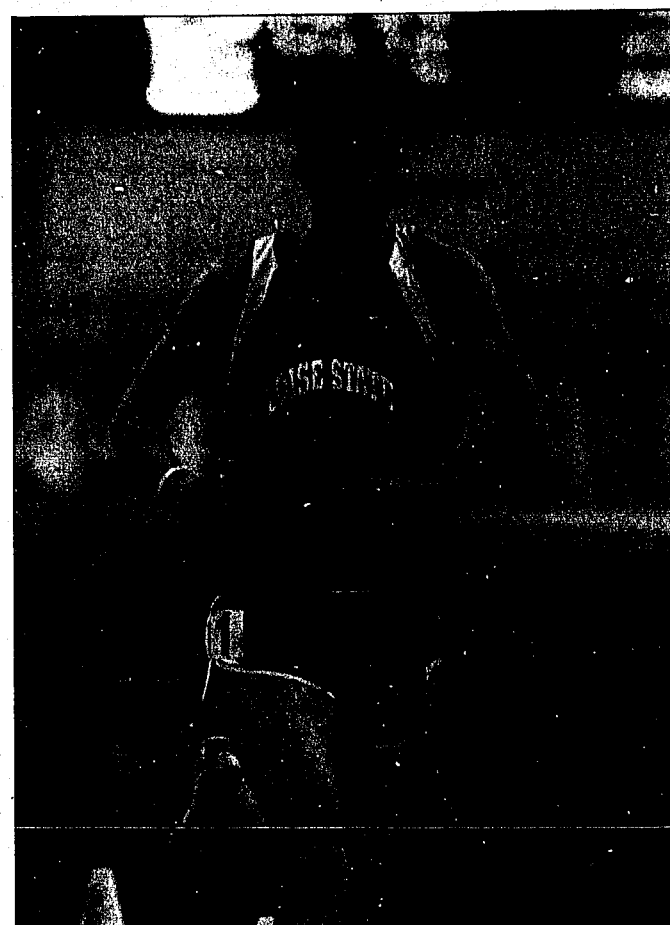


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Senior distance runner broke the school record in the 3,000-meter run in Seattle on Saturday at the UW Invitational.

win in two weeks when she won the women's high jump with a height of 5-60 (1.68m).

The Bronco women recorded their second win of the day when Eleni Ypsilanti won the 20-pound weight throw with a toss of 58-4.50 (17.79m). A junior from Greece, this

was the first meet for Ypsilanti after transferring from the University of Nebraska-Omaha earlier this month.

Boise State is back in action at the Jacksons Track in Nampa next Friday and Saturday in the United Heritage Invitational.

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crophone instead of the beer I held when I discussed the fights with my friends.

I find that reporters, especially sports reporters sometimes forget that their work is entertainment for the rest of the public.

We forget, I forget what it was really like to be a fan. I can count on one hand the number of times in the last three years that I went to a game, any game, without having to

write about it afterward.

And here I am, writing about the Smoker anyway. I enjoyed this night. I was entertained. At times, I was a fanatic, screaming along with 8,000 friends and neighbors because it felt natural. Reporters aren't supposed to cheer. But tonight, I was not a reporter. I was one of you.

And it felt good to step away, to find that extra edge in my writing repertoire, to be a fan again. I firmly believe that I have one of the greatest jobs in the world.

But, I am jealous of all of you. You

get to cheer. You get to believe in a team, an athlete, a hero and an ideal that stretches beyond the reaches of printed words. You are still able to believe in the sports. You get to sit in the arena and scream wild notions of praise and painful insults and boos.

I got a little piece of that Saturday night. I will keep it in my pocket, save it for my rainy Wednesday covering baseball. I'll take it out and stride forth with new vigor and an understanding of the richness a sport can contain.

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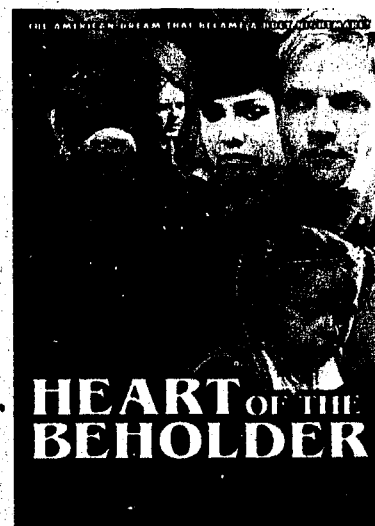

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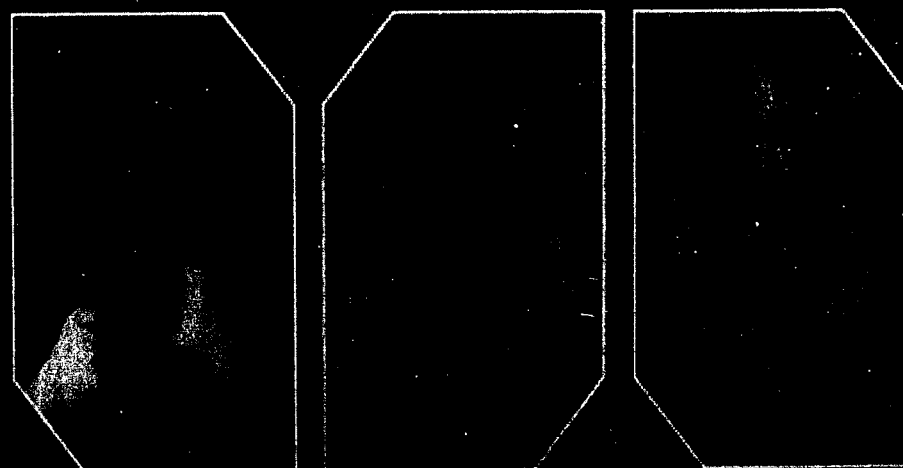
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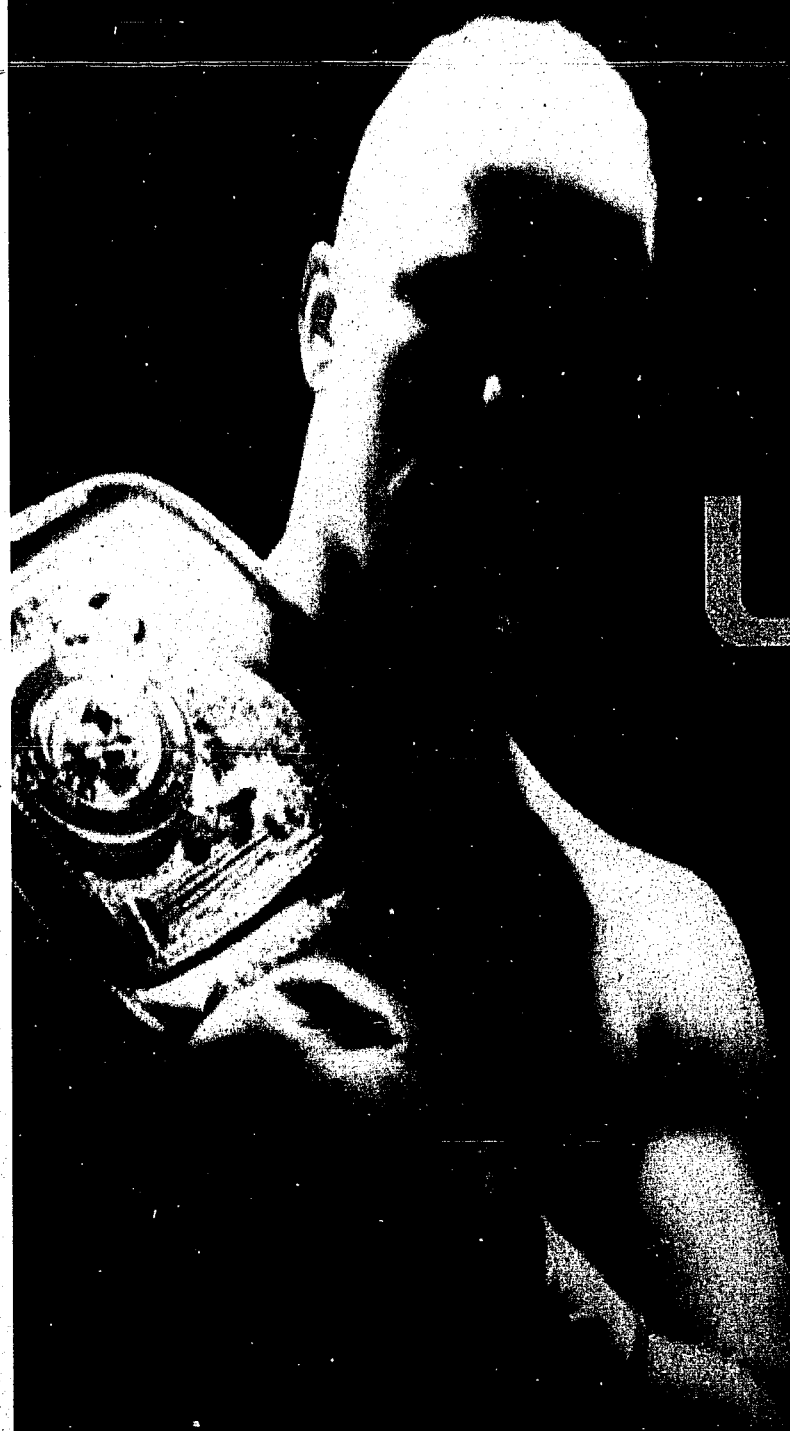
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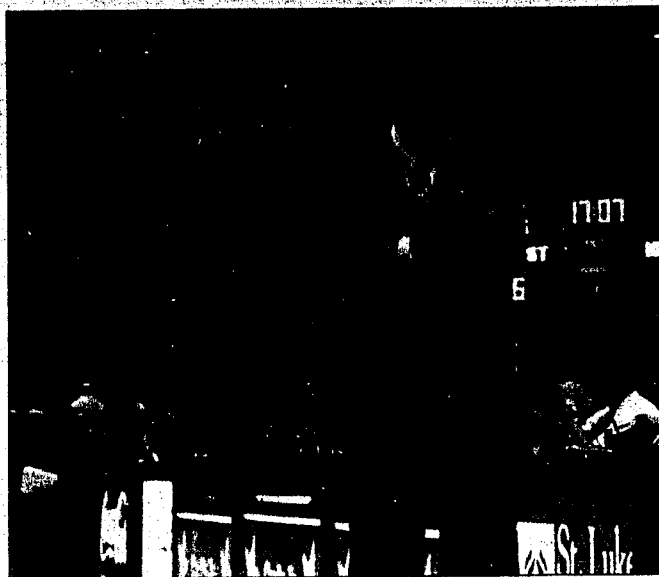
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Boise State men's basketball coach Greg Graham strolls along courtside during Thursday night's game against Nevada.

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ing a season-high 10 points from senior guard McNeal Thompson.

On Thursday night at Taco Bell Arena, the Broncos had a chance to tie the game at the end of the game, but Karl could not get a shot off as Nevada beat the Broncos 82-79.

In front of one of the loudest crowds this season at home, Nick Fazekas led Nevada with 25 points and 11 rebounds, including a clutch three-pointer with under three

minutes left to give Nevada the lead for good.

"They hit some big shots at the end and we didn't," Boise State sophomore Tyler Tiedeman said. "It's hard to swallow."

The Broncos had a 10-point lead at the half, but Fazekas, along with Kyle Shiloh (20 points) led the Wolfpack to a 50-point second half.

"We gave them too much light and they took the win," Karl said.

The Broncos head to San Jose State for a Thursday night tip-off and host Fresno State Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

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the boards against Idaho (7-11, 3-4 WAC). Boise State out rebounded Idaho 40-21 on rebounds, thanks in part to Boise native Michelle Hessing scoring 11 points and grabbing a game-high 9 rebounds.

"She was big tonight, I thought she played really well," Presnell said.

With only two players from Idaho, Presnell--an Idaho native--is trying to instill a bit of rivalry into his players for what is the second longest rivalry for Boise State.

"It's fun when you are playing the in-state rival, but a lot of our kids are not from around here so we are trying to generate that and build that into them," Presnell said.

The top two leading three-point shooting teams in the WAC combined for 43 three-point attempts.

On Thursday night on the road in Reno, the Broncos lost to Nevada 73-67. The Broncos had four players score in double figures. Lee led Boise State with 19 points, Jessica Thompson had 17, Benita Buggs with 14 and Hessing added 10.

Women's tennis begins season perfect on road

Courtesy Broncosports.com

The Boise State University women's tennis team kicked off its spring season with a 7-0 victory over Portland and against Santa Clara, 6-1, on Saturday.

The Boise State Broncos (2-0) defeated the Santa Clara Broncos late Saturday night in women's tennis, 6-1. Boise State earlier in the day had beaten Portland by a score of 7-0, and now plays the University of Oregon Sunday (Jan. 29).

In the evening's match against Santa Clara, Boise State swept the doubles matches for the first point

as Megan Biorkman and Hadley MacFarlane won at No. 1, Alanah Carroll and Tatiana Ganzha won at No. 2 and Tiffany Coll and Jana Mackovawon at No. 3.

In singles, despite some close sets, Boise State won five of the six positions. Biorkman won in two sets at No. 1. MacFarlane won in two sets at No. 2. Ganzha won in two sets at No. 3. Carroll won in two sets at No. 4. Coll won in two sets at No. 6. Santa Clara's point came at No. 5 where Casey Knutson defeated Boise State's Jana Mackova in three sets.

Results for Sunday's results were not sent in.

Men's tennis notch first win

Courtesy Broncosports.com

The Boise State University men's tennis team knocked off Texas A&M at the Boise Racquet and Swim Club, Jan. 29.

The Broncos, ranked No. 28 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, defeated the No. 13 Aggies 4-3. Boise State is now 1-3 this season.

"We needed this to turn our season around," Boise State head coach Greg Patton said. "The adversity with Pepperdine and UCLA really showed today. We have some scar tissue, but we are learning."

With the match tied at three, freshman Clancy Shields clinched the victory over Texas A&M by defeating junior Brett Joelson at the third position.

After Shields won the first set tie-breaker, the two men stayed on serve for the entire second set. Shields once again won the tie-breaker, giving him a straight set victory.

"This is only Clancy's fourth match," Patton said. "But I told him that this match was on his racket and he came through. I am very proud of him."

Also winning for the Broncos

were senior Thomas Schoeck, who defeated senior Mohamed Dakki, 6-1, 6-4, and sophomore Eric Roberson, who won 6-2, 6-3, over junior Bryan Wooten.

The All-American tandem of Schoeck and sophomore Luke Shields clinched the doubles point for the Broncos with an 8-4 victory over sophomore Jerry Makowski and freshman Conor Pollock. The duo broke the 11th game to go up 7-4, and finished off Texas A&M in the following game.

Freshmen Clancy Shields and Steve Robertson remained undefeated on the season, improving their record to 4-0 with a victory over juniors John Nallon and Bryan Wooten. The duo broke three games en route to a quick 7-1 lead, ultimately winning 8-3.

Playing together for only the second time this season, sophomore Eric Roberson and Brent Werbeck came back from a 4-0 deficit, winning three straight games against sophomore Matt Bain and junior Brett Joelson. The match stayed on serve from there on out though, and the Aggies won 8-6.

The Broncos began this week with losses to Pepperdine and UCLA on Thursday and Friday.

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Making Cents of: Your credit score

BY SARA BAHNSON
Columnist

Strapped for cash? It's probably easy to just put that double cheeseburger on a credit card. But that 99 cents can add up for us struggling college students and could eventually affect our ability to buy the soccer-mom minivan we might need 10 years from now.

Many students don't believe that the debt they have today will affect their ability to buy a house or a car in the future. According to a 2005 Credit-ED Harris Interactive Financial Literacy Survey, 52 percent of students believe their spending habits now will not impact their future credit report.

Fact is, your credit report will be a factor in any big purchase you make, today and 10 years from now. It's like a creditors' gossip column of your spending habits. Are you late on your payments? How free are you with your spending on credit? All of these juicy details are found on your credit report, which determines your credit score.

Your credit score also affects the interest rate you would receive on a car loan or home mortgage. While you might be approved for the loan, a less than great credit score can equal high interest rates.

So, what exactly goes into your credit score? Credit history is the most essential factor. With no credit history, you have no credit score. It's important to establish credit with either credit cards or loans, and now is the time.

However, don't go crazy with those credit card applications that are a daily occurrence in your mailbox. Opening unnecessary, new credit cards will lower your credit score, but ac-

ording to the Credit-ED survey, 38 percent of college students don't think so.

Payment history can also affect your score. If you're late on your payments or don't pay at all, lenders will consider you a risky investment.

Maxed out credit cards can have a negative affect on your credit score. Lenders look at the available credit you have to hypothesize about how much debt you may have in the future.

A good rule is to keep your credit card debt less than 50 percent of your available credit. For example, if your available credit is \$1,500, don't go over \$750. However, the average college student has \$2,200 in credit card debt, according to Nellie Mae, a student loan provider.

The type of credit card you have can also lower your score. Be careful about signing up for secured credit, which requires you to pay your credit card balance in full each month. Lenders may consider you a risk since you can't manage payments on your own.

It's important to know your credit score now, before you go to buy a house or a new car. It takes time to change your habits and repair your mistakes.

Instant, "free" credit reports are available all over the Internet. While they may give you a free credit report, these Web sites probably won't give you what you really want to know, your credit score, for free. Some sites will give you a free report, but you have to sign up for a trial service that you'd have to cancel later on.

Research a few sites and compare prices. Rather than ordering a pizza or buying a new CD, use your next \$10 or \$15 to get your credit report and score at a reputable site. It'll be an investment in your future.

BY MICHAEL BAZELEY
Knight Ridder Tribune

SAN JOSE, Calif. - Steve Shaer is feeling more skittish about Internet companies these days.

Not only is he upset that the federal government subpoenaed reams of data from four Internet companies - Google, Yahoo, AOL and Microsoft. He's now wondering which online companies he can trust to keep his personal information private.

Although Google is strenuously fighting the government's request for the information, the other three Internet companies gave authorities at least some of what they were seeking.

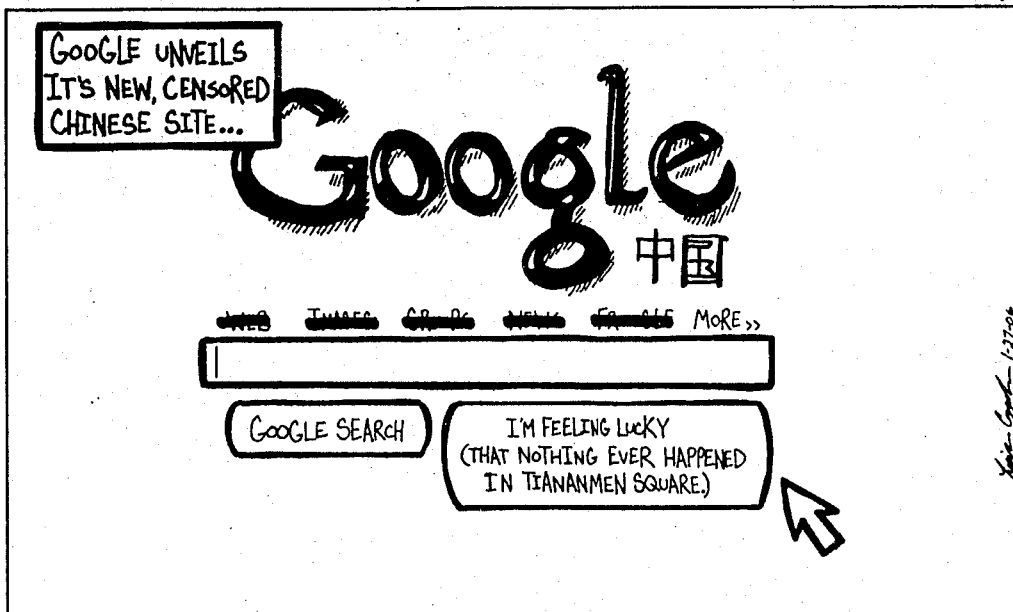
"It definitely brings up the issue of trust in those companies when they will comply with a bogus subpoena without fighting it," said the Miami real estate developer. "It does give me pause that they would rollover without a fight."

Revelations last week that government officials asked the four large companies to provide information about the billions of Internet searches conducted on their sites has cast new light on the fact that online companies collect and store so much potentially personal information about people.

Authorities in this case never sought any personal information about any of the companies' users, according to court documents and statements by government officials last week.

But the case has nonetheless sparked a dialogue about how much those companies can be trusted to guard information about their users an how forthcoming they would be if the government were more aggressive in its information requests. And it also raises questions about how many times companies may have already turned over information to third parties, including the government, without the public knowing.

For some people, these questions



have taken on more importance at a time when the government has been given more freedom to search and spy on Americans.

Yahoo, Google and AOL didn't respond to requests to be quoted in this story.

Internet users may be surprised to learn that the privacy standards for personal online data vary widely, said Chris Hoofnagle of the Electronic Privacy Information Center.

Laws dictate what banks, telephone, cable and satellite companies can do with their customers' information and with whom they can share it, he said.

But there are no rules, he said, to govern how most Internet and e-commerce companies handle personal information.

"There are no laws that stop the government from looking at that info," Hoofnagle said.

The amount of information amassed by online companies grows daily.

Companies such as Amazon, Yahoo and AOL are constantly signing up new members who willingly hand over their real names, ad-

resses, gender, income levels and, in some cases, credit card information.

Search engines, meanwhile, are constantly building a growing record of search queries, Web site visits and Internet Protocol addresses, which can sometimes help identify who owns the computers being used by searchers.

Even without specific legal requirements to safeguard that information, most online companies have done a good job of policing themselves when it comes to privacy, said Trevor Hughes, executive director of the Network Advertising Initiative, which represents online marketing, analytics, advertising and email companies on privacy issues.

Google's privacy policy, for example, says that it will only share personal information about its users with third parties in certain circumstances, if a user allows it, if business partners need it, or if it is "reasonably necessary" to comply with "any applicable law, regulation, legal process or enforceable governmental request."

"I think it's fair to say that, even

in the absence of legislation, we've had widespread adoption of privacy practices and policies," Hughes said. "The private sector generally has an incentive to do things in a good way."

Yahoo forcefully asserted last week that it protects its users' privacy.

Nonetheless, privacy policies are voluntary and carry no legal weight.

"They're just stated intentions," Hoofnagle said.

Companies could avoid many of these legal and social questions by reconsidering how much information they collect and how they long they store it, some privacy experts said.

Some companies allow their users to purge their online accounts whenever they want. Other online services that host personal information will block search engines from crawling their sites, preventing them from creating their own records of the data.

But few Internet users take the time to understand or think about how much of their personal lives are stored online.

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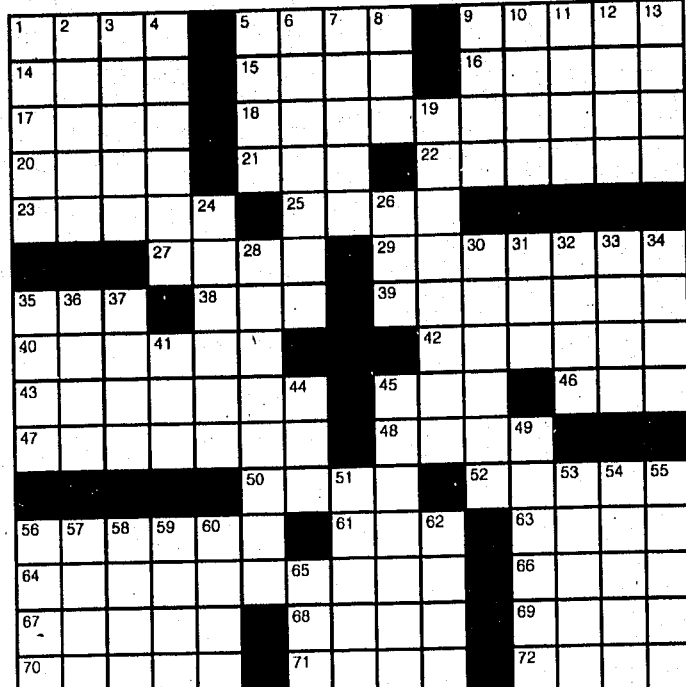
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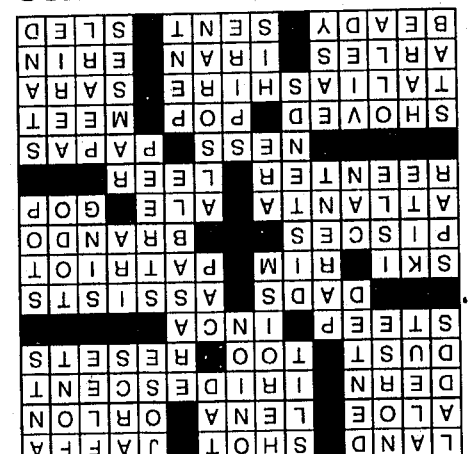
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Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 7 - The odds of success are better for you earlier in the day. Complications will arise, so get where you're going and stay there.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 5 - The more authority you take on, the more you'll be able to provide security for yourself and your family. Don't be afraid.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 9 - Take care - there are lots of barriers you could run into. The overall outcome's good, but may be different than expected.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 6 - The more planning you do in advance, the easier the job looks. Don't get stuck in the paperwork, though, and be unable to move.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 7 - You're on a roll, but take care. New problems always arise when you get into new territory. Watch out.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 5 - Just when you're almost overwhelmed, you'll remember a nifty trick. Looks like something you learned from your mom, or another close relative.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is an 8 - The more questions you ask, the more magnificent secrets will be revealed. Treat each as a treasure, especially if it's from somebody you love.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 5 - Be careful, as you figure out how much things will cost. Prices are variable though, so don't take your numbers too seriously.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is an 8 - Continue to concentrate your attention. You're especially good with technical data. Soak it up.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 5 - The money's still favored to come in. Suggested sources: something in your closets or hidden close by. Treasure in your own backyard? Stranger things have happened.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is an 8 - Present your position clearly. Try not to be confusing. The skeptics will be having enough trouble understanding a new concept, but they can.

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