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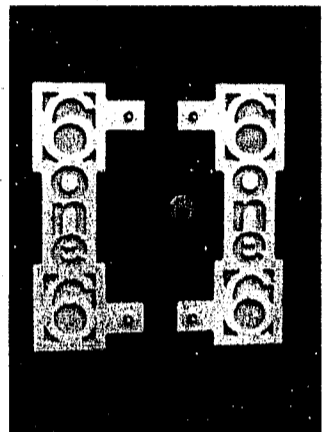
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As the demand for nurses increases, can BSU's nursing program keep up?

BY GINNY EGGLESTON
NEWS WRITER

Norco chairman and CEO Jim Kissler announced three new \$15,000 nursing scholarships for Boise State's nursing program. Two of the scholarships are aimed at baccalaureate students and one is being reserved of an anticipated nursing master's program.

The donation comes at a time when Idaho is at risk of a nursing shortage. According to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, between now and the year 2010, 10,000 registered nurses need to be hired to fill Idaho's healthcare demands. Idaho faces strong competition for the new nurses from neighboring western states who are also dealing with severe nursing shortages.

However, there's no shortage of students.

Up to 700 new students apply to BSU's nursing program per year. Out of that number, BSU only admits 120 to 130 new students, according to Pam Springer, nursing department chair.

Springer said the department is making efforts to expand, but there isn't enough funding.

"We're trying to get a new building, but we've not been too successful."

Inadequate facilities are not the only challenge to BSU's nursing program.

"It's not that BSU (or any school for that matter) wouldn't want more nursing students," said Lacy Hawkins, a freshman in the nursing department. "The problem is that there's no room in hospitals for them to do their clinicals. That's understandable though because the hospitals' number one concern is their patients — not students."

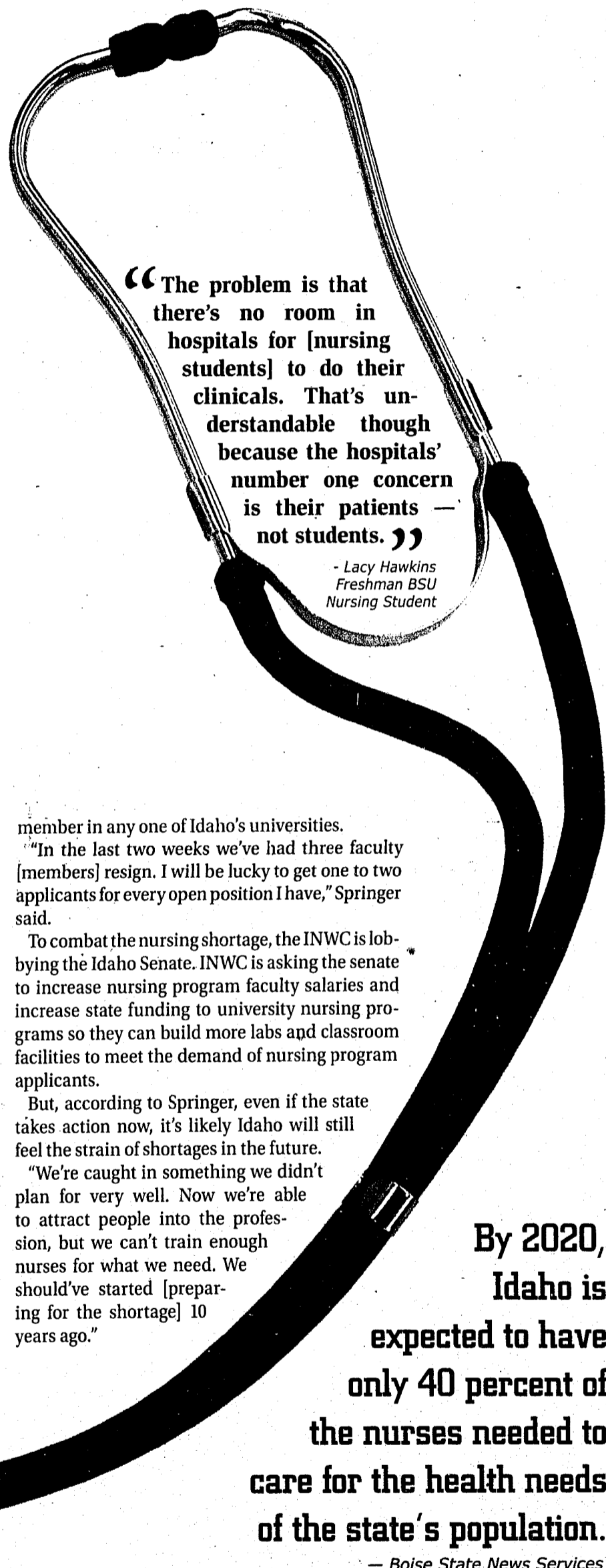
Hospitals are anticipating a nursing shortage. The major factors contributing to Idaho's nursing shortage include the aging population and growth, aging nursing workforce, new opportunities for women in other professions and a smaller pool of young people entering the profession.

"You have to really want to take care of people to get into [nursing]," said Carol Wolter, R.N. at St. Luke's Meridian.

Wolter said that nursing is an extremely difficult field in an often challenging work environment.

"[Other degreed professionals] get a job that pays more and they don't have to deal with blood and excrement."

The shortage is exacerbated by the lack of space for new students in existing nursing education programs, and a shortage of nursing faculty. According to a survey conducted by the Idaho Nursing Workforce Center, a nurse with a master's degree must take a 40 percent pay cut to become a faculty



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- Lacy Hawkins
Freshman BSU
Nursing Student

member in any one of Idaho's universities.

"In the last two weeks we've had three faculty [members] resign. I will be lucky to get one to two applicants for every open position I have," Springer said.

To combat the nursing shortage, the INWC is lobbying the Idaho Senate. INWC is asking the senate to increase nursing program faculty salaries and increase state funding to university nursing programs so they can build more labs and classroom facilities to meet the demand of nursing program applicants.

But, according to Springer, even if the state takes action now, it's likely Idaho will still feel the strain of shortages in the future.

"We're caught in something we didn't plan for very well. Now we're able to attract people into the profession, but we can't train enough nurses for what we need. We should've started [preparing for the shortage] 10 years ago."

By 2020, Idaho is expected to have only 40 percent of the nurses needed to care for the health needs of the state's population.

— Boise State News Services

Just hours left to vote

BY EMILY POITEVIN
News Writer

Voting for the spring 2006 ASBSU elections began yesterday and continues today until midnight.

Students can vote from any computer with an Internet connection. The link can be found on the rightside of the Bronco web homepage, with the heading "ASBSU Voting."

In order to vote, a student must log in with the same user name and password used to access Bronco web. In addition, there will also be designated polling places

located on campus, though it is recommended that students vote anywhere they can access the Internet.

According to ASBSU Election Board Adviser Jerilyn Grow, improvements are being made to the online voting system every year.

"There may not be many changes that students notice, but our energy and resources goes toward making the online voting website both user-friendly and secure," Grow said. "The biggest change this year is that we are working with a private technology firm, independent from the university, to implement and

maintain the site."

Last year 1,584 students voted in the election, which was almost 9.5 percent of the total student body.

"Obviously our voter turnout is not a substantial portion of the student population, but it is not inconsistent with other colleges and universities," Grow said. "Providing the ballot online has helped increase our turnout quite a bit, because students do not have to be on campus or at a specific location to vote." Candidate profiles are available on the ballot, including a picture and the main platform issues of each one.



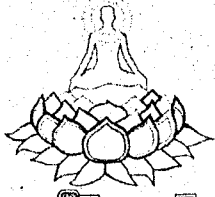
ASBSU president hopeful Wyatt Parke handed out oranges while campaigning for The Original Orange Party Wednesday.

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Top general touts progress in Iraq

WASHINGTON — The nation's top general said Sunday that Iraq isn't slipping into civil war and blamed the violence there on a "relatively small number of individuals" who he said are trying to restore "tyrannical rule."

Appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," Marine Gen. Peter Pace, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said there's been progress in training Iraqi defense forces and disputed accounts, some from conservative commentators, that U.S. efforts in Iraq are failing.

"It is not a great smiley picture nor is it a disaster," Pace said. "What is it is a very tough environment that still has a lot of work to be done but one in which we're making very, very good progress."

Pace disputed a steady stream of CIA assessments, reported last week by Knight Ridder, that the Sunni insurgency has deep roots, is likely to worsen and could lead to civil war. His more optimistic appraisal is expected to set the tone for a meeting this week among President Bush and his top military commanders to assess the war and decide how many U.S. troops should remain in the country.

Pace, who also appeared on Fox News, denied reports in two British newspapers that the United States and Britain were preparing to withdraw troops from Iraq by the spring of 2007.

In Baghdad, efforts to form a new government remain stalled nearly three months after parliamentary elections on Dec. 15, pressure is mounting on Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari to abandon his campaign to remain in power, and sectarian fighting continued on Sunday.

Just after midnight in one western Baghdad neighborhood, residents heard an imam begging for help on their local mosque loudspeaker. He said that he and the mosque were under attack, witnesses said. Some Sunni residents ran toward the mosque carrying weapons while other fired from their yards.

The fighting, which killed three people and wounded seven, continued for a half-hour and was brought under control only when American helicopters arrived, nearby residents said. The attack was broadcast live on local television.

national

UW closer to allowing RA-led Bible study

Resident assistants in the University of Wisconsin System would be allowed to host Bible study in their dorms as long as they don't coerce other students to participate, under a recommendation released Wednesday by system President Kevin Reilly.

The recommendation, to come before the UW System Board of Regents this week, follows a heated controversy at UW-Eau Claire, where resident assistant Lance Steiger was threatened with disciplinary action if he continued to host Bible study in his dorm.

Resident assistants receive free housing and a stipend to monitor and advise other students in their dorm. UW-Eau Claire said it had a verbal policy prohibiting resident assistants from hosting religious or political activities in their dorms to prevent students from feeling pressured to participate.

But Steiger complained publicly that the policy violated his freedom of speech and religion.

He drew the support of classmates, legislators and a national

foundation on religious freedom.

Under mounting pressure, Reilly appointed a working group of students and university officials in December to help craft a new systemwide policy governing resident assistants.

Reilly's recommendation was applauded by critics of the UW-Eau Claire policy.

Reilly said each UW institution would be responsible for developing a process to address complaints from students who feel coerced. He said campuses would be required to provide information about the policy while training resident assistants.

local/bsu

BSU hosts 'Celebrate Wellness' conference

Boise State University will host the Celebrate Wellness: Mind, Body, Spirit Conference April 19 and 20 in the Student Union Building. The conference, offered in cooperation with St. Luke's and Saint Alphonsus regional medical centers, will address wellness and holistic health issues for care givers through presentations by national and local wellness experts.

Veda Andrus will present a pre-conference workshop, "Transformational Leadership for Organizational Change," at 7 p.m. April 19, and will deliver the keynote address, "Becoming a Healing Presence," at 8:30 a.m. April 20. Andrus is the senior educator and consultant for the Birch Tree Center for Healthcare Transformation in Florence, Mass. She is the former president and international director of the American Holistic Nurses' Association and is the recipient of the 2004 Holistic Nurse of the Year Award.

Registration is \$55 for the April 19 pre-conference workshop and the all-day April 20 conference, or \$10 for the pre-conference and \$50 for the conference. A discount is available for full-time college or university students with ID. To register, call 426-3861 or go to <http://cpd.boisestate.edu/courses/CelebrateWellness.html>.

ASBSU Hall of Fame Recognition Slated for March 22

The Associated Students of Boise State University (ASBSU) will present the annual Student Hall of Fame awards in recognition of excellence at Boise State University at 6 p.m. March 22, in the Student Union Jordan D Ballroom. The event is free and a light buffet will be served. Event parking is also free.

The event was reorganized this year to honor one student leader in each student organization category: Academic/professional, club sports, cultural/ethnic, honor society, Greek, religious organization, service/special interest and university housing. Students will be recognized for their outstanding leadership and involvement with BSU.

In addition, the event includes the inauguration of the new student government leaders for 2006-07, and recognition of ASBSU members for their community service.

Awards include the Ocnorb, Distinguished Members and Dan Q. Neighbors awards and a "special awards" category.

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2/21/06 - Malicious Injury to Property: Unknown suspect(s) damaged a microwave dish on the 5th floor and another smaller dish located outside the penthouse of KBSU at the Library. Report taken.

2/21/06 - Malicious Injury to Property: Unknown suspect(s) scratched a computer screen and cut into 2 mouse and keyboard cables in the Student Union. Report taken.

2/21/06 - Possession of controlled substance and paraphernalia: Traffic stop at University and Chrisway, controlled substance and paraphernalia found in car. Report, cites.

2/21/06 - Burglary: Unknown suspect(s) attempted to break in to an office and into the observatory in the Education Building. Report taken.

2/22/06 - Theft: Unattended IPOD was taken from the pocket of a sweatshirt in the Student Union Games Center. Report taken.

2/23/06 - Bike Theft: Unknown suspect unlocked a bike and took it from a rack outside the Multipurpose Building. Report taken.

2/25/06 - Possession of controlled substance and paraphernalia: Traffic stop in neighborhood around the campus (Donald/Joyce), controlled substance and paraphernalia found in car. Report, cites

2/26/06 - Malicious Injury to Property: Unknown suspect(s) spray painted central steps at Appleton Tennis Center. Report and photos taken.

2/26/06 - Malicious Injury to Property: Unknown suspect(s) spray painted central steps on campus signs and buildings along greenbelt. Report and photos taken.

2/27/06 - Theft: Unknown suspect(s) stole a cell phone from the Student Union. Report taken

2/27/06 - Grand Theft: Unknown suspect(s) stole a student's laptop from an unlocked classroom. Report taken.

2/28/06 - Burglary: Front passenger window of a vehicle parked at 1605 University was broken and a purse was stolen. Report taken

2/28/06 - Malicious Injury to Property: Unknown suspect threw a rock through a window of a fraternity house. Report taken.

February 28, 2006

Supreme Court sides with military on recruiters' campus access

Some schools disagree with military recruiting on campus, use of 'don't ask, don't tell' policy

BY STEPHEN HENDERSON
Knight Ridder Tribune

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Monday that Congress isn't trampling free speech by threatening to withhold federal funding from universities that kick military recruiters off campus because the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays conflicts with the schools' anti-discrimination practices.

In a unanimous 8-0 ruling, the justices said Congress isn't stopping the universities from protesting the policy, nor is it asking the schools to endorse the policy by granting military recruiters the same access they give other employers.

Congress' Solomon Amendment merely seeks to regulate what universities "must do — afford equal access to military recruiters — not what they may or may not say," Chief

Justice John G. Roberts wrote for the court.

The ruling is a big boost to the military and a blow to 36 law schools that joined forces to fight what they'd described as overreaching by Congress.

The schools will now face a choice: Grant military recruiters full access to their campuses, or forfeit what in some cases is hundreds of millions of dollars.

"It's an untenable choice, there's just no question about it," said E. Joshua Rosenkranz, the attorney for the schools. "But this is a skirmish in a much bigger war about equality and human dignity. That's a war we're winning."

The case ends a dispute that dates back decades but intensified in 2002, when lawmakers eager to boost military recruiting in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks got tough on universities.

In essence, they tied federal funding for universities to the hospitality they extend to military recruiters. Schools that treated the military like other employers would get their money.

Those that chose to express their displeasure with the military's policy on gays by sending recruiters off campus or denying them the kind of reception that other employers received would have to forfeit their funds.

Since 1994, the military's policy of "don't

ask, don't tell" has allowed gay men and women to serve as long as they didn't disclose their sexual preference or perform blatant homosexual acts in public.

Many law schools have stringent anti-discrimination policies that include protections for homosexuals.

They give the same chilly welcome to recruiters from all employers that they feel discriminate.

A group of law schools objected to the new rules, saying Congress' edict was a violation of their free speech rights.

They argued that it not only slapped down their protest, but also forced them to "associate" with the military's message by facilitating their recruitment efforts.

A federal district court rejected their arguments, but the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia sided with the schools, saying Congress' action was likely unconstitutional.

At the Supreme Court last fall, it seemed clear that the justices weren't buying the schools' argument. Several justices said it was within Congress' power to tie funding to access.

Roberts asked several times why, if the law schools felt so strongly about the policy, they didn't forgo the federal money.

In his opinion on Monday, he outlined how First Amendment protections of free

speech and association weren't jeopardized by what Congress did.

"The Solomon Amendment neither limits what law schools may say nor requires them to say anything," Roberts wrote. "Law schools remain free under the statute to express whatever views they may have on the military's congressionally mandated employment policy, all the while retaining eligibility for federal funds."

He noted that the law might require schools to send e-mails or post notices about military recruiters because they do it for other businesses.

But he said such "compelled speech" was only incidental to the requirement that military recruiters be treated equally.

Comparing that situation to similar ones the court has faced, Roberts wrote: "Compelling a law school that sends scheduling e-mails for other recruiters to send one for a military recruiter is simply not the same as forcing a student to pledge allegiance, or forcing a Jehovah's Witness to display the motto 'Live Free or Die.'"

He said it "trivializes" constitutional protections to suggest that the law schools face similar burdens.

The court's 8-0 ruling reflects the absence of Justice Samuel Alito, who hadn't been confirmed to the court when the case was argued and thus didn't vote.

BSU's take: Don't Ask, Don't Tell and military recruiters on campus

As Boise State internally has the issue on discussion regarding the Solomon Amendment other than we are following the law. Boise State follows mandates of the federal government. We adhere to all federal and state laws. We want to be in compliance.

— Tim Eshari, BSU Registrar's Office

The military doesn't need to have a policy [on homosexuals]. They need to treat everyone the same. — Wendy Hawkins, a gay BSU student who served in the military

Obviously in the military there is a chain of command. You follow orders. Don't Ask Don't Tell is taken for face value. It's not meant to discriminate. It's meant to protect. It's to protect so all are respected and don't lose dignity. — Darius James, BSU second-year ROTC student

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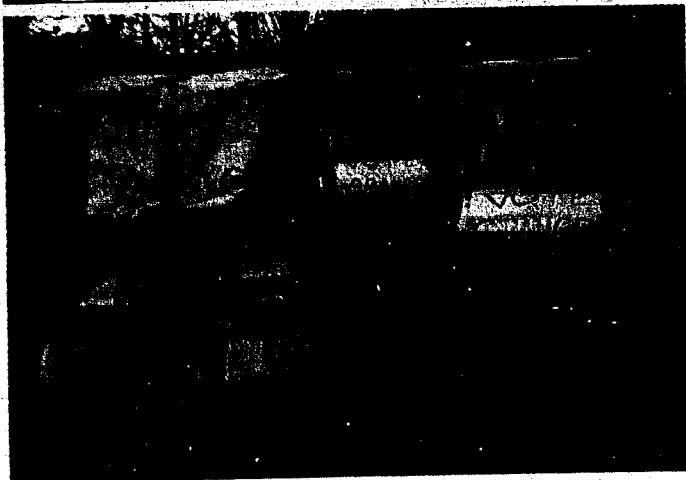
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Above: Campaigners for student government drove golf carts around the Boise State campus to get the attention of voters. Far right: ASBSU presidential candidate Wyatt Parke speaks to a student outside the Student Union Building Wednesday. Right: Molly George, Parke's running mate campaigns in the SUB. The Orange Party passed out oranges to students. Team Bronco members handed out certificates for free tacos and tried to encourage passing students to get out and vote.



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Arbiter recognized at National College Newspaper convention

By Arbiter Staff

The Arbiter was named one of the nation's top college newspapers Sunday at the Associated Collegiate Press National Newspaper Convention in Los Angeles.

Judges from major Los Angeles media topped the paper for honorable mention in the competition, following 1st Place Pepperdine, 2nd Place California State University-Chico and 3rd Place Wake Forest University.

The Arbiter competed in the large category including large-format newspapers printed weekly or twice weekly. The Daily Bruin at UCLA won in the daily newspaper category. More than 140 schools competed at the convention.

"Once again, a national organization has recognized that The Arbiter is among the top rank of college newspapers," said Dan Morris, the paper's faculty editorial adviser.

The AOP recently awarded the paper its prestigious Pacemaker award.

"When we go to these conventions," Morris said, "People see we're from Boise State and, instead of giving us the high five and saying 'Blue turf!', they've told us, 'Oh, yeah. The Arbiter. You're a Pacemaker winner. We check you out online for ideas.'"

Greek rush can have an academic cost

BY GINNY EGGLESTON
News Writer

Boise State's Greek organizations are in full swing for spring recruitment. During recruitment, known as "rush," most Greek organizations require classes, testing and extensive interviews from their new recruits. Often this process takes valuable time away from a new member's studies.

Recent Alpha Chi Omega recruit Amy Tracy said the time commitment can be overwhelming.

"Prioritizing my school, family, and sorority [activities] is the hard part, but I'm [gaining] good time management skills," Tracy said.

Tracy said Alpha Chi Omega's academic standards (a GPA of 2.25 to remain in good standing) have kept her on track in her studies.

"I know I have to achieve the standard...academics are far more important than social life," Tracy said.

Tracy said her involvement in Alpha Chi Omega has also provided her with a valuable support system. During a recent personal crisis, Tracy said her sorority sisters took time to help her through.

"I have girls willing to take time off from work and school to help me and I'd do the same for them."

Alpha Chi Omega is a national sorority, so in the future should

Tracy transfer to another university she will automatically be a member of the local campus chapter.

Alpha Chi Omega along with the two other campus sororities go through a recruitment process that lasts four days in the fall.

After attracting potential recruits, Alpha Chi Omega begins the process of initiating them into the organization.

Alpha Chi Omega has an informal interview process followed by a test that covers Alpha Chi Omega's standards and history.

Social fraternity, Alpha Kappa Lambda, requires new recruits to attend a class once a week for six weeks to learn the fraternity's his-

tory and laws.

"It's like taking another class," said Jody Braun, Alpha Kappa Lambda vice president of executive affairs.

At the end of the six week class, new members must pass a national Alpha Kappa Lambda test and initiation, after which new recruits are voted in or voted out.

"The initiation ritual is the most important part," Braun said.

If a new recruit or current Alpha Kappa Lambda member begins to fall behind academically, Braun said they are taken aside by other fraternity members and given extra help. "We help them keep up with [organized] study time."

However, professional Greek organizations often have even stricter pledge standards.

Every new pledge class of Alpha Kappa Psi, BSU's coed National Professional Business fraternity must put on a fundraiser for AKPsi, do a community service project, host a social for the entire membership and host a professional activity. According to Chelsea Elder, BSU's AKPsi president, a pledge class may combine one or more of the events, but they must all be done.

The amount of work depends on the size of the pledge class, Elder said. This semester's pledge class has 19 members, but previous pledge classes have been as small

as two or three members.

In addition to group events, AKPsi has individual pledging requirements. Pledges must pass the AKPsi standards and history test and complete a formal interview process.

Though the interview process can be daunting, Elder said it ultimately helps new pledges prepare for the day they will interview for jobs in the professional world.

Elder said this extensive process helps weed out people who may not be cut out for AKPsi.

"On average a third [of new pledges] drop. We do whatever we can to help them out. [But] this isn't for everybody."

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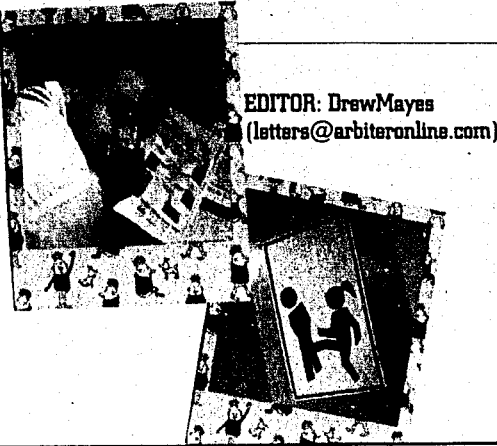
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opinion

South Dakota ushers in a 2nd Victorian Era

BY BRIAN HOLMES
Opinion Writer

While liberals are taking up their pitchforks and torches, and hollering aimlessly into the wind, conservatives everywhere are rallying.

Recently, South Dakota passed a bill banning nearly all abortions. The bill is designed specifically as a chest-thumping, patriarchal challenge to Roe v. Wade. It will likely start a short, though sordid, process that could eventually bring the legislation before the Supreme Court.

Now, normally this is where a smart, left-leaning politico from a decidedly red state would dig in his heels, round up local grassroots organizations and storm the courthouse, or the steps of the Capitol build-

ing. However, this left-leaning politico is thinking otherwise.

I know all too well how Idaho and other like-minded red states tend to vote on matters of superficiality, reason and accountability. We have a horrible track record. Remember 'Right to Work'? Good thinking, Idaho. Way to keep unions, living wages and benefits out of our standard-way of life.

But, this initiative from our Dakota neighbors is more than that state's claim on sovereignty. It is a clear statement about our behavior as a culture. Apparently, our nation's female population needs to be closely monitored. If we, as a caring and forthright civil-minded nation give those womenfolk an ounce of liberty to decide for themselves, we are condemning the rest of us to barbarism.

I'm not jumping to any ill conclusions here, but we already know that Idaho is far from being a progressive state. We don't like to put our money

where our big, fat mouths are. And we certainly aren't going to risk any political venue by acting out of order.

Thus, we watch how the rest of the nation will act on any conservative issue and just vote accordingly. So, now that the Dakota bill is signed and all South Dakota women are labeled as loose or immoral and forced to seek help, counseling and critical care elsewhere, we'll do our part to vote with a clear and concise conscience. We'll vote to overturn Roe v. Wade and limit the freedom that our mothers, sisters, aunts and grandmothers fought so terribly hard to preserve.

We'll vote to restrict access to birth control to the point that we will have so many unwanted children China will start adopting from us. But, much like the frog in the slowly heating pot of water, we won't notice the danger until it's too late.

But, not me. I'm moving to Oregon.

How long before Idaho follows?

A woman's right to abortion is not a state's decision

South Dakota law raises concerns for women everywhere

BY ANGELA SAMPLES
Guest Opinion

South Dakota is making quite the stir lately with their recently signed state law essentially overriding the 1973 Supreme Court Case, Roe v. Wade. It's no secret that Roe v. Wade is one of the most controversial and important Supreme Court rulings in the history of the United States.

With this monumental case, it established that laws against abortion violate the constitutional right to privacy. So, South Dakota now says, "I don't care," and makes abortion illegal anyway, becoming the first state to do so.

Not only are the representatives of South Dakota spitting in the face of the Supreme Court and de-

claring they know what's best for women, they are also not taking any other matters into perspective concerning this issue.

The law makes no exception for women who become pregnant by rape or incest. In such a case, she still doesn't have the option of abortion, and once she has the baby, the father would still be able to receive equivalent paternal rights! What will they tell the ill-conceived children about that?

Normally, I am the type of person that keeps my mouth shut about controversial issues. I figure I have an opinion, you have an opinion and the elected officials of South Dakota have an opinion. Opinion's are like nostrils; everyone has one ... or two, and there will always be that person that pushes the envelope.

My point is the only people that should have an active opinion on any issue are those that the partic-

ular issue applies to. What does it matter what the average Joe thinks at the end of the day? Isn't that why the turn out at the voting polls is always so low, because I am not the only one that feels this way?

So here's my proposal:

You can have the louder voice concerning your marriage, if you are gay. Your opinion should be heard fully about stem cell growth if you are in need of a heart, a foot or whatever they are growing in

those glass jars. You can make your euthanasia plea if you are dying. And if you are a mature woman, with or without children and able to conceive, then your voice should be heard regarding abortion.

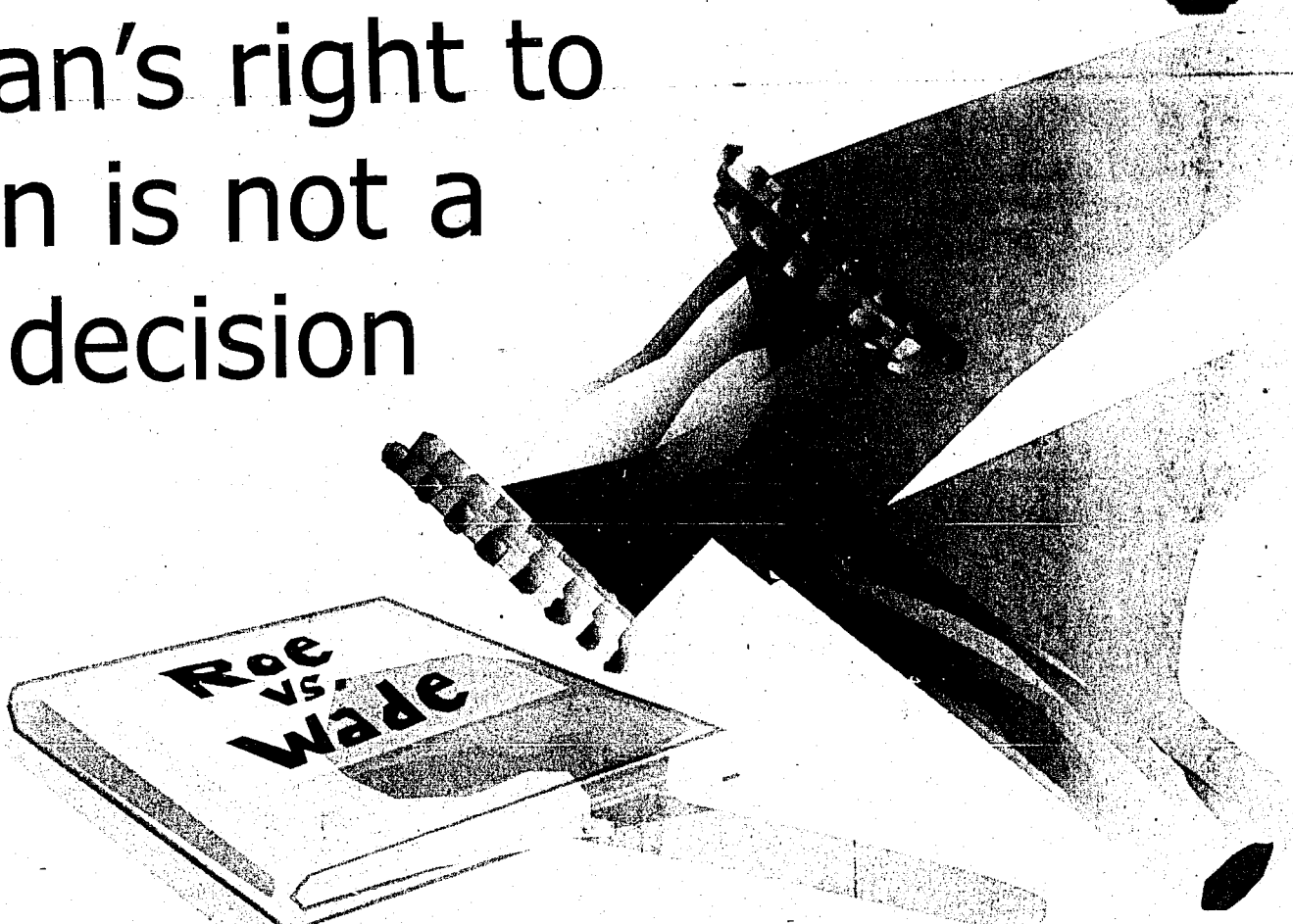
The people of South Dakota need to understand they are playing with fire.

Do they honestly think with this bill they are going to revolutionize pro-life? South Dakota's neighboring states all offer the abortion pro-

cedure with much less difficulty, even before this bill was passed.

It looks highly unlikely that many other states will follow the South Dakota lead, and with good reason. It's not up to them, it's not up to me, and it's not up to some politician. It's up to the woman that is or is not walking into the abortion clinic.

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Vice president shooting a man sounds like news to me

BY MICHAEL ASH
Guest Opinion

Mr. Nolta, I read your column online this morning and have a few comments. I don't necessarily disagree with your assessment of news coverage overall. However, in the case of Vice President Dick Cheney, I believe it is news worthy - just not for the reason it became so.

My problem with how this story unfolded was not with the delay in notifying the press - it was the police that should have been notified immediately and granted access to the ranch and the vice president. The rest would have fallen into place.

The vice president said he waited to tell the press so the "confusing details" would come out right. What was his reason for not meeting with the police? He was not conducting an investigation, he was what should have been the focus of an investigation. And who better to give the facts than the person involved. The vice president's actions were akin to leaving the scene of an accident in which there were serious injuries.

Initial reports the day after the shooting, provided by Katharine Armstrong, a co-owner of the ranch, were "no one was drinking" and the injuries were "minor." Next we heard from Mr. Whittington, "foremost" making clear no alcohol was in-

involved. We know these statements to be inaccurate by the vice president's own admission, that he had "a beer" (was that "a" glass, can, six-pack, maybe a half keg) at lunch. And the "minor" injuries led to a heart attack when birdshot lodged in Mr. Whittington's heart.

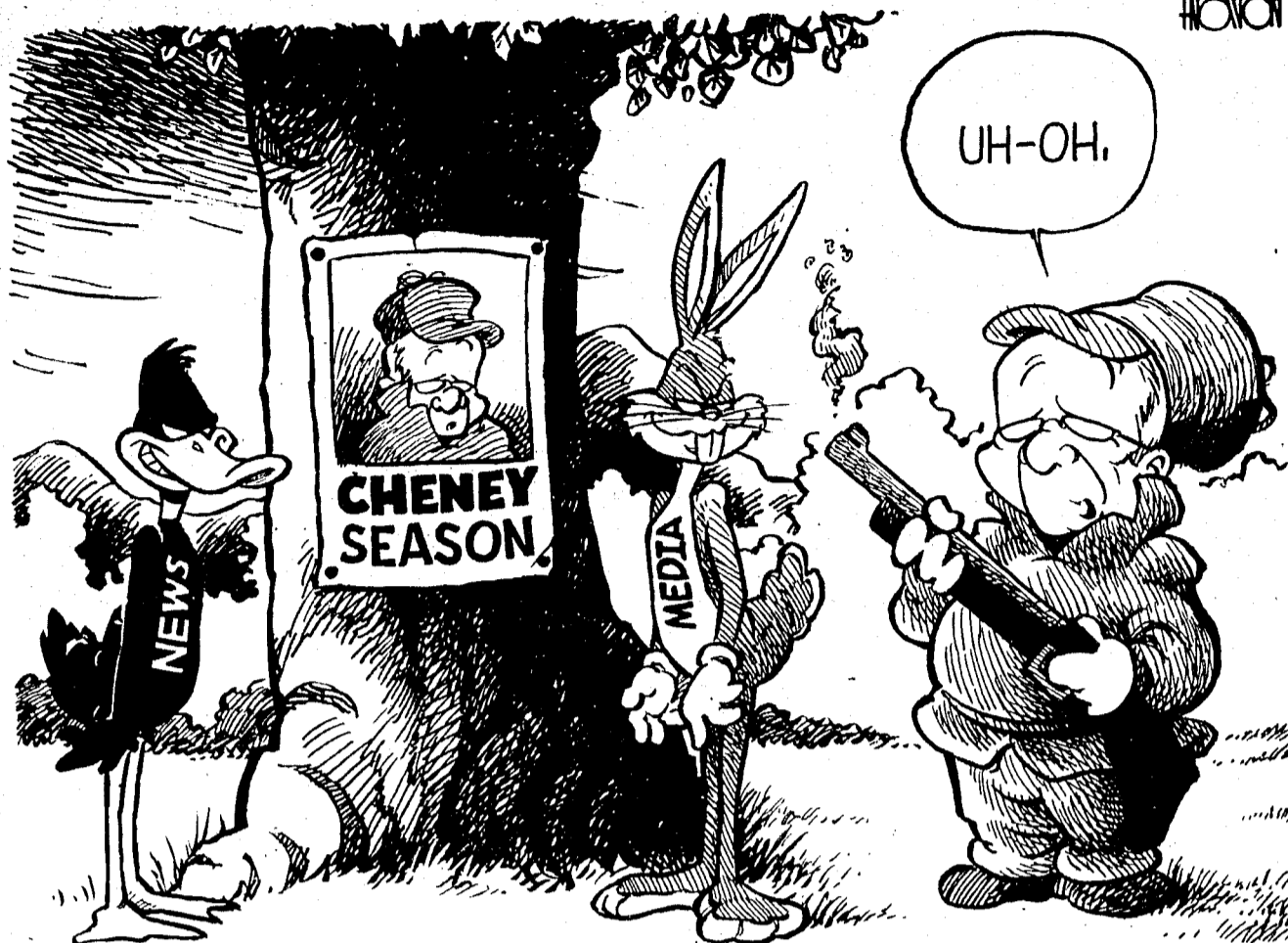
Furthermore, the police did not meet with the vice president until two days after the shooting at which time they checked a box that he "did not appear intoxicated." Duh! The delay appears that the vice president's friends were "circling the wagons" as was the vice president himself.

I am not suggesting that the vice president was stumbling through the tall grass half-cocked with a fully-cocked shotgun, but his failure to immediately meet with the police and subsequent silence on the matter, his interview not withstanding, raises more questions than answers.

Whether or not alcohol was a factor, the shooting was unfortunate. But in addition to being accidental, it may also have been due to perhaps criminal carelessness.

The case may be closed but questions remain, conspiracy or not. And those questions are the reason why news coverage of such events is extremely important.

Michael Ash is a resident of Springfield, MA



Death threats have no place at Boise State

Requiring diversity classes at BSU would be a step in the right direction

BY WOODY HOWARD
Guest Opinion

Last year, a Boise State student and Arbiter employee received a written and delivered death threat for being an openly gay candidate for the Associate Students of Boise State University presidency.

I have seen what appeared to be a swastika in an elevator, and I know students, faculty and staff who have been threatened and/or harassed on this campus. This year, a death threat scribbled on the bathroom wall was directed at ASBSU senator and former Arbiter employee Brandon Stoker.

According to The Arbiter, it rang out for six weeks before the offensive language was removed. These things happening at Boise State, as well as theft, rape and vandalism, are proof that hate ex-

ists here ... unlike The Arbiters claim! Simply claiming, "Threats and hate speech will not be tolerated" does not make for a less hateful campus. These things are unacceptable and show signs of an unresponsive system.

As seen through the leadership of last year's student elections, I hope no one will attempt to use the recent death threat in a political campaign, which would only glorify it.

But when the campaigns are done and the ballots are counted, I call on whoever wins to stand against these threats and work with the administration, faculty and staff to bring an end to them. Boise State is a pretty accepting and easy-going campus, but we must do better if we are to achieve President Kustra's vision of becoming a Metropolitan Research

Institution of Distinction.

To that end, the administration, faculty and staff, from the Presidents office down, must commit itself to educating all students, faculty, and staff about diversity and tolerance on Boise State. This means a specific, streamlined diversity education policy that is satisfied with classes and programs specifically created for its purpose.

Further, in order to be of benefit to BSU directly, these classes should be required during the first two years of a student's study, without additional loads to their schedules.

These classes should introduce other cultures, ways of thinking and other beliefs. This would bring students, faculty and staff out of their comfort zones so they can actually learn and grow. The current (and new) policy is a start, but far from adequate.

Also, the faculty and staff must receive similar training or education. Faculty has complete

control over what is being taught to the students. They cannot be expected to teach what they may not know. Diversity education goes way beyond a textbook.

Further, staff must be able to back up the faculty and the administration.

The fact it took (as reported by The Arbiter) six weeks for such hateful language to be erased shows a repairable breakdown in the system.

Mr. Stoker and I have opinions that are diametrically opposed, but I will stand with him and anyone else on this campus to make our University better for all students regardless of their social and political beliefs. Death threats are childish and used only by the truly weak and desperate. Let's work together and keep them off Boise State University.

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Spiritual Smackdown

BY BRANDON NOLTA
Opinion Writer

Because I am a contrary SOB, and revel in this fact, I'd like to start with a quote from the Good Book, specifically from 1 Samuel, 2:3, "Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed."

Now, whatever your view of the Bible, there's a kernel of good sense there, and in the larger message of arrogance being bad. Naturally, as this jibes with the overall theme of the New Testament, one might expect most clergy to be familiar with and practice this sort of good sense.

In this light, one has to wonder about the recent prayer breakfast (the Idaho State Prayer Breakfast, no less, which by its name flies in the face of constitutional principles, but one issue at a time) that featured the controversial Rev. Hormoz Shariat.

Rev. Shariat is controversial because his evangelical mission is to convert Muslims to Christianity, and some folks take offense to that. In fact, several local religious leaders boycotted the event, stating their distaste for Shariat's mission and asking our righteous leader Smilin' Dirk to follow suit on their boycott.

Sad to say, Dirk did not boycott the event. Our main man Kempthorne told the press he attended to "to affirm that we do value and respect one another's opinions and thoughts and beliefs" and adding that Shariat's calling was a "message of love," according to the "Idaho Statesman." He didn't seem to offer comment on Boisean Hassan Shahjamali's speech, wherein Shahjamali not only spoke about the mission he shares with Shariat (both men are former Muslims who converted to Christianity), but managed to squeeze in calling homosexuality "an abomination to God," always a popular view. Dirk probably should have said something about that, but maybe he was in the bathroom for that one.

Evangelicalism of any stripe is bad enough; the idea that people can be so convinced of their spiritual rightness that they try to persuade people to their thinking, often using eternal damnation as a goad, is already staggeringly

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presumptuous. Why aren't these evangelicals trying the "my heaven is better than your heaven" approach, by the way? Haven't they ever heard of positive thinking?

When you have people actively trying to sway not just non-believers but people already invested in a major religion to your system of belief, you're looking at major chutzpah.

Shariat actually found the stones to say, "The people in Iran are hungry for a real God." Apparently Allah doesn't have the right secret decoder ring to rule the cosmos; YHWH must have got all the good box tops.

Let's face it; in empirical terms, arguing over the spiritual superiority of gods and religions is like arguing over whether Starfleet would defeat the Empire or vice versa.

There's no real-world test that can be applied and the terms can only be couched in the debaters' beliefs, because the combatants have no existence outside the debaters' heads. Yet we still have millions upon millions willing to make the effort. Those efforts are what we read about in the news, what we make popular entertainments about, what we fear.

It's disturbing, and when it goes on under the guise of bringing people together, it hints at things we should have outgrown.

Jesus wept.
And if there's an afterlife with him in it, he's probably not alone in his tears.

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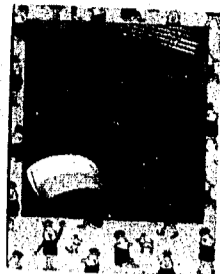
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EDITOR'S PICK:
NEW DVD RELEASE
"Jarhead:
Collector's Edition"



What most Americans remember as a "blink and you'll miss it" war, the first Persian Gulf War in 1991, was a much different experience for the American troops who spent more than six months fighting heat, boredom, loneliness and each other in the desert as they waited to act on orders.

"Jarhead" is a war movie in every sense of the word, but it's more about what doesn't happen than what does. And still, against all odds, it's as thrilling and strangely exhilarating as the lot of them. Jake Gyllenhaal is terrific as Marine sniper Anthony Swofford, whose book provides the basis of the film, but the screen belongs just as much to fellow Marine Troy (Peter Sarsgaard) and Staff Sgt. Sykes (Jamie Foxx). That more people saw Sarsgaard and Foxx in "Flightplan" and "Stealth," respectively, is just plain wrong.

CELEBRITY NEWS:
Brokeback Pitt?



The New York Daily News Reports the next big star who may take on a gay movie role, now that they're so trendy, maybe Brad Pitt. Reportedly, Pitt might star in a film adaptation of "The Front Runner," Patricia Nell Warren's novel about two gay track stars, a coach and an athlete, preparing for the Olympics.

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Improve your health

1. Go fishing: Oily fish are one of the best sources of omega-3 fatty acids, which the body desperately needs to fight disease but can't produce on its own. Omega-3s work together with omega-6 fatty acids (found in seeds, nuts and vegetable oils) to promote health. But most Americans have an imbalance, too much omega-6 and too little omega-3, that leads to disease.

2. Eat your medicine: Modern medicine likes to promote pharmaceutical drugs as the answer to everything, but we like Hippocrates' belief that food is medicine. In particular, we're fans of the polymeal, a feast of fish, fruits and vegetables, garlic, almonds, dark chocolate and wine.

3. Get in bed: The dalai lama was right on when he said, "Sleep is the best meditation ... not for Nirvana but for survival."

4. Chill out: The telltale signs of stress - stomachaches, headaches, insomnia, memory loss, exhaustion and eating too much or not enough - are hazardous to your health. Virtually every major disease, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, arthritis, obesity and even cancer, has been linked to stress through mainstream medical research.

5. Do the write thing: Deepak Chopra, medical doctor and proponent of alternative medicine, calls journaling "one of the most powerful tools we have to transform our lives," but don't just take his word for it. Start one. Journaling helps release and process emotions, it provides clarity and can help you find your inner voice.

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Fine cuisine at its finest



Sixonesix, a new fine dining restaurant located in Eagle, features an array of entree and dessert selections.

Sixonesix offers a delectable array of all things delicious

BY HADLEY RUSH
Culture Writer

Contemporary, completely urban, and totally capricious for Eagle, Idaho, I went to a relatively new restaurant, Sixonesix (no spaces - just like that,) in Eagle, last night. Holy moly, the cuisine was sensational, striking, astounding, marvelous, exciting... so much so, that I had to enlist the help of my thesaurus for that succinct description. This is possibly the best meal I've had in a long time.

The ambiance, the décor, and the hip atmosphere would be enough to leave one with their mouth gaping - but just wait until you try the grub. I showed up with a close companion of mine, though we had a reservation, and arrived right on the 8:45 mark, we ended up waiting maybe 10 minutes. I kicked back in the "lounge" area with a glass of Pinot, mesmerized by

the hot orange and red color scheme, the plasma screen TV, and the wind-up toys that were conspicuously placed on each of the lounge tables, for affect, I presume.

As I trotted along behind the hostess towards our table, I couldn't help but touch the green (though it was plastic) box shrubs that lined the tables on the chest-high walls.

It looked somewhat like a shrub maze. The lights that hung above were sheer, white, almost Asian-looking. The clear off-kilter pitchers that held water refills each had a whole orange floating in them.

Madeline, our tie-clad waitress, greeted us with a cheery disposition, and began to explain the dinner special... tenderloin something with something... I realized I wasn't paying attention, and read over the menu instead; I tend to faze out, as I have an attention span the length of... hm, what were we talking about again?

Though the menu items were rather pricey (between 19 to 30 dollars for an entrée) they were well worth it. My friend ordered the special I had ignored and a calamari appetizer for us to share. I chose the seared ahi on a bed of lentils with marinated daikon radish.

When the calamari arrived it was dif-

ferent than I had expected. Instead of fried, as I am accustomed to having my squid prepared, this was grilled into strips and accompanied by a sort of zesty salsa. Exceptional.

Next, our entrees were brought to the table. My ahi was stacked up on a bed of lentils. (I didn't know what a lentil was until my meal was placed in front of me - but I didn't let on.) The fish was seared to perfection and a small side of marinated daikon radish made the meal complete.

As I was finishing up my dinner, I couldn't help but notice as servers carried trays of miniature, artsy chocolate cakes by our table. Madeline returned to ask if we were interested in dessert.

I barked, perhaps a bit too eagerly, that I wanted "one of those" as I extended my French-manicured-finger-tip toward another cake that passed our table. She chuckled and told me they were custom-ordered by the chef and "delicious."

The cake, was a fudge-like consistency, and sat in a pool of crème anglaise. After my company had had his fill of gateau, I gladly finished it off with a lick of my spoon, and clutching my stomach, informed my counterpart I thought I had just taken part in one of the seven cardinal sins - gluttony.

A world traveler shares his wisdom

BY FRANCY MARCOTTE
Culture Writer

Imagine hitchhiking across the United States, traveling around the world in a boat, and embarking on a solitary journey through Africa. Rajeev Kasat did all those things, and beautifully documented them in his book "Trails." It is a collection of short stories, poetry, and art that Kasat created and put together with one message in mind: "Trust before suspicion, talk to strangers."

In "Trails," Kasat sets out on each of his adventures with the bare minimum, and is constantly depending on the kindness of the strangers he meets and befriends along the way.

In doing so, he finds that people are not always as they seem. For instance, on a bus trip from Portland to Sacramento, Kasat asks a man sitting next to him who is drinking out of a bottle inside a brown paper bag if alcohol is permitted on the bus. It turns out, the man was only drinking Arizona Ice Tea.

In another case, Kasat is living in the West African nation of Cameroun. There, French is the common language, and Kasat can barely speak a word. Despite this barrier, he describes how he spent four months relying on the native citizens he met to provide him with shelter.

Amidst his travels, Kasat also finds time to ponder social and political issues, which he also includes in "Trails." Among these is a discussion he has with his friend Alonzo over the downsides of standardized testing in schools and his dislike for violence. Furthermore, in Africa, he realizes what a pampered life he led in America:

"Every book that sits on my shelf and is not being read could be inspiring someone else. Every sweatshirt that sits in a suitcase in the attic could be keeping someone somewhere warm. Every packaged and canned food in the kitchen pantry could be feeding someone who is starving" (Kasat, 111).

After a memorable event happens to him, Kasat ponders it further in the form

of delicate, free-form poetry. The poems act as bridges from one story to the next, and connect the novel as a whole.

Besides his beautiful and poetic writing, "Trails" is a unique book because of the original art and photographs Kasat includes from all his travels. Whether it is a photo of daily life in an isolated West African village, rough sketches of sunsets or abstracted folk drawings, Kasat makes his art as much a part of his book as the stories and poems.

Along with "Trails," Kasat has written two other books: "Escape Extinction," and, his newest work, "Zerones" under the name Hawah. All three books are available to buy online. "Trails" can be found at buybooksontheweb.com, and the other two at cafepress.com.

In his creations, Kasat provides a voice that exhibits the love and beauty of the human spirit. It is a voice that encourages, by example, to trust strangers, and to treat each as a friend.

Experiencing his stories provides a new outlook on life.



BY TRAVIS ESTVOLD
Culture Columnist

Last year at this time, I wrote a column devoted to coverage of the Academy Awards. But instead of making a big hoopla about the winners and what so-and-so wore or whatever pointless crap they'll be circulating on E! for weeks, I gave out awards to the unsung heroes of the show: the presenters. I'm doing it once again this year, with a bit of peripheral expansion. Welcome, one and all, to the second-annual SoAnyOscars.

Much was made of the gay undercurrent at the Oscars this year; emcee Jon Stewart even joked about it. However, considering there were Australians everywhere - Kidman, Watts, Crowe and Bana all presented - I believe "Most-appropriate-unofficial-theme-of-the-night" goes to "The Academy Uh-wodes: Australian for good-looking."

"Best-commercial-airing-during-the-show?" Though at first glance, Ed Norton hocking MGD was about all I could take, Tab's new energy drink and its asinine slogan "Because women need a different kind of energy" body slammed the beer right out of award contention.

"Best-appearance-by-a-presenter-who-just-wandered-out-of-an-Alzheimer's-ward" goes to Lauren Bacall. It was funny at first that she looked completely disoriented; then it was sad. Then I wondered how Ronald Reagan ever ran this country.

Racking up two awards for the simultaneous "Best-penguin-joke" and "Worst-penguin-joke" were the stuffed animal-carrying fellas who made "March of the Penguins" for comparing all the people at the awards show in tuxes to, you guessed it, penguins. "Most-original-penguin-joke" goes to everyone in the audience who thought the same thing, but knew better than to say anything about it.

Jennifer Garner (alias: "ennifer of Bennifer, Round II) garners the "Best-near-wipeout-on-stage" for barely avoiding a tumble in her evening gown. "I do my own stunts," she said.

To the producers of the show: "Best-way-to-ensure-Robin-Williams-doesn't-do-something-anoying-on-stage-like-last-year," for not inviting him.

"Best-achievement-in-visual-effects" goes to Dolly Parton - she's actually a mummy. Did you know she's a mummy? I didn't know she's a mummy. I just watched "Steel Magnolias" for the first time not long ago, and I swore she was human then.

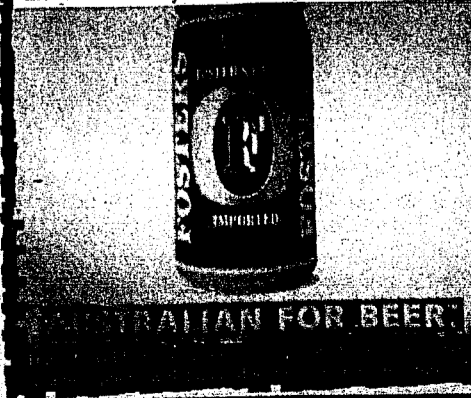
"Best-reward-for-watching-the-Oscars" - Jessica Alba. Yup, she messed up one of her lines, but I'll be honest - I wasn't listening to a word she said. She's pur-dy. Drool, drool. Drool, drool.

"Biggest-show-stealers," and not in a bad way, goes hands down to Lily Tomlin, 66, and Meryl Streep, 56. These two old broads looked more comfortable than anyone else up there, giggling and goofing off like elementary school friends, and all-in-all were probably the high point of the entire evening.

"Best-super-smart-slash-amazingly-talented-guy-who-had-no-business-hosting-an-awards-show-for-the-world's-best-fakers" goes to Mister Jon Stewart. He was too much for those people - he knew it, they knew it, I knew it, and now you know it, too. Get it? Got it? Good. "Best-older-gent-still-with-amazing-style" goes to Morgan Freeman. The man is a legend, the epitome of what every actor should strive for - a real class act. He wore a tux with no tie, for crying out loud. Do you know how big your cojones have to be to pull that off? But he did it. On a side note, I'm going to get a bracelet that says WWMFD? (I guess that could be read two ways, but I'm cool with it.)

So, anyway, I'm sure I didn't make it clear up there, but this year's Oscars were pretty dang boring. At least last year I was able to get pissed at Robin Williams and confused by Al Pacino's intoxicated stupor. This year just seemed ho-hum. Sure, I played a form of Fantasy Oscars, and I'm sure if this were a legitimate pastime, I would have won my league - I nailed Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actress and Best Original Screenplay. That made it more fun, but you can only dress up a corpse so long before you realize it's no fun to talk to. That's a metaphor.

One final award: "Best-column-written-about-the-Oscars" this year? Mine. Again. (See above.)



Korn still 'untouchable' live

BY LINDSEY PARKER
Culture Writer

The concert was packed. There were hardly any empty seats, excluding the nosebleed section, in the Idaho Center. Everyone gathered together to listen to the musical talent of Korn, a "heavy" style rock band which has sold more than 25 million albums during their 13-year career.

Korn's latest album, "See You on the Other Side," released last December. It features songs like "Twisted Transistor," "Hypocrites," "Love Song," "Getting Off," and "Tearjerker." Other Korn albums include, "Korn Greatest Hits," "Take a Look in the Mirror," and "Untouchables."

Korn band members include vocalist/bagpiper Jonathon Davis, bass player Fieldy, drummer/percussionist David Silveria, and guitarist Munky.

On Monday March 6, 2006 Korn was ready to blow Nampa away with their music as they performed

in concert. Opening for Korn were 10 Years and Mudvayne. 10 Years produced their first album, "The Autumn Effect," last year with songs including "Wake Up," "Fault Line," "Wasteland," "Insects," and "The Autumn Effect." In the opening act, a riot broke out in the mosh pit on the floor. Luckily the whopping 10 security guards spread throughout the Idaho Center had everything under control. Several body surfers float on top of the large group of moshers and ended up getting pulled off by the security guards wearing neon green shirts. After 10 years finished, the stage was ripped apart in preparation for Mudvayne. The entire audience was psyched. More and more people pushed their way into the Idaho Center to try to get a good spot on the floor.

As Mudvayne came out, eerie music played and an intensely powerful feeling filled the room. This feeling was accompanied by strobe lights, screaming into the microphone, and pounding drums. The feeling was similar to the experi-

ence someone goes through when observing Hitler commanding the third Reich in old films. Mudvayne's album is titled "The Beginning of All Things to End" and highlights "Seed," "Cultivate," "I.D.I.O.T.," "Coal," "Fear," and "L.D. 50." The lead singer of Mudvayne used profanity to describe everything, from the audience, to their songs and to describe Korn.

Mudvayne exited, and the stage was once again torn apart in preparation for Korn. It'd been two hours since the concert began. This experience is cult. Sitting among a mass of strangers who smell like cheap cigarettes and overpriced beer, waiting for a band to come out and scream with 50,000 amps behind them. After a long wait, the stage was transformed, lighters filled the air, and we entered the realm of Korn.

The amplifiers were so loud the music reverberated inside my skull. After the initial few songs, Korn started to sound good. The fast beat in most of the songs kept the audi-



PHOTO COURTESY KORN

Korn performed in Boise at the Idaho Center Monday night with 10 Years and Mudvayne.

ence enthralled. The guitarists performed equally well, with excellent riffs and highlighted solos. Honestly it was hard to differentiate between

Korn's songs, but they sounded great. And to the die-hard Korn fan, they were as recognizable as Barney is to a toddler. From the sound of

everyone in the audience by the end of the concert, they were all contented to travel "into the realm of Korn."

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Green Day and Rancid star in puppet movie about Charles Manson

BY GREG WALLACE
Culture Writer

Hundreds of years from now in a post-apocalyptic era, the only remnant of human history mankind can find is a copy of "Helter Skelter."

The book is about Charles Manson's cult, and the murder and mayhem carried out in the late 1960s. This cult was formed using a loosely based belief that Manson

was in fact God or Jesus

With no knowledge or reference point of the past, future mankind interprets as biblical, and Charles Manson is recognized as the messiah.

This is the starting point of the movie "Live Freaky, Die Freaky," the insanely creative puppet animation movie that has recently been released on DVD.

The cast list reads like a "Who's Who" of mainstream punk rock. Rancid's Tim Armstrong co-produced the movie, conducted the score, and narrates. Every member of Rancid, and Armstrong's side project The Transplants also have parts in the movie.

Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong plays the lead character, Charlie (Charles Manson), and performs on the soundtrack. All other members of Green Day have parts, along with members of AFI, Good Charlotte, X and the Go-Go's.

The movie plays out a twisted, and sometimes exaggerated to the point of fictional, version of Manson's story. The characters names

have been slightly changed to avoid any legal problems. Charlie, Susan Hatkins, Sharon Hate, and the name of the book "Healer Skelter" are too close to the truth to cause any confusion.

Charlie's theories about wanting to save the earth, and save the wealthy pigs by murdering them help the religious connotations play out.

The rich Hollywood elite are portrayed in the movie as people who enjoy ruining the environment just because they can. And people in power are either played by pigs, or tagged by metaphors that

reference them as pigs.

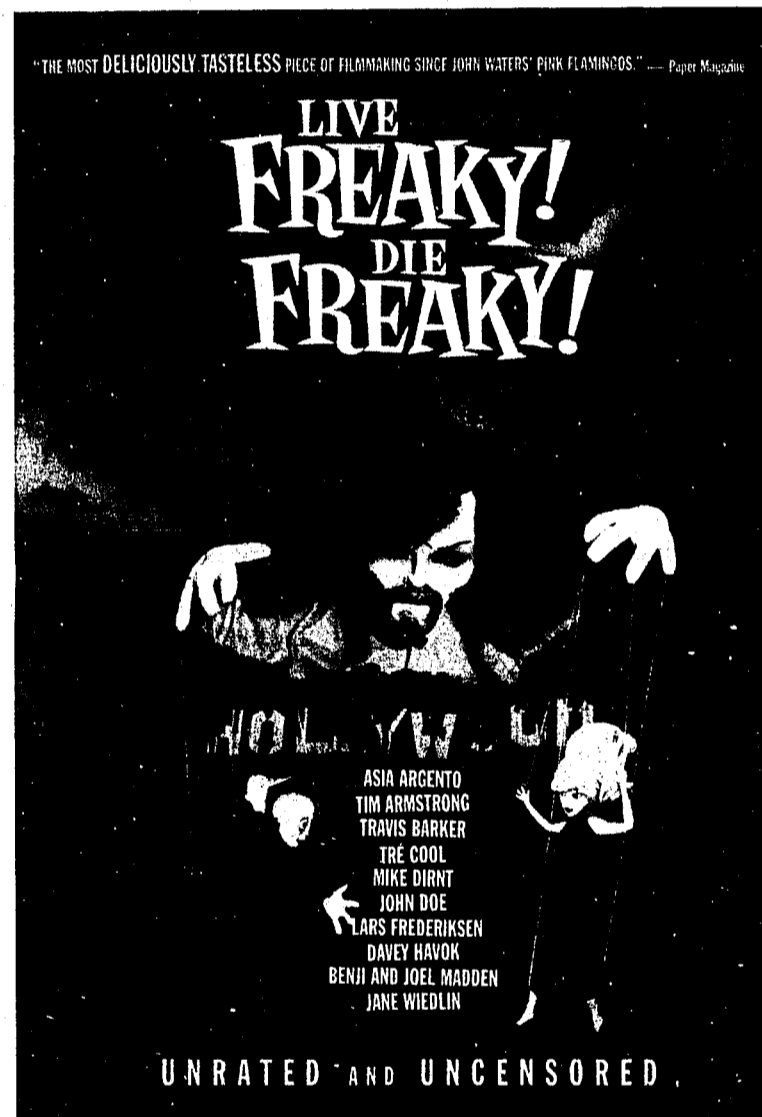
The movie contains a couple full song musical interludes, and is packaged with a free copy of the soundtrack. But the funniest musical reference may be when Charlie puts on a copy of the Beatles White album (a record Manson claimed told him to kill) looking for direction. "I wanna hold your hand," the record repeats over and over. Only to have Charlie claim he has been told to murder Sharon Hate.

The movie contains a warning about explicit puppet sex, violence and language, and you can also add scenes of puppets doing drugs

to that list. But all of this mayhem being played out by claymation puppets makes for a very funny and entertaining movie. The fictional twisting of the story lends itself to the comedy factor.

As the story winds down, Charlie's day in court does not go very well. In a fictional death sentence scene, Charlie is told by the judge that the reason for his verdict is, "you just don't fuck with Hollywood."

If you have any reason to believe that your sense of humor may be slightly on the odd side, pick up a copy of this movie. You will not be disappointed.



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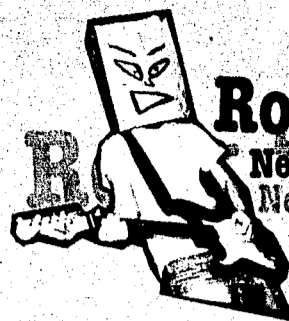
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Rock 'n' Roll

News and Rumors
BY GREG WALLACE
Culture Columnist

Teens boost Classic Rock sales

Motley Crue bassist Nikki Sixx recently posted a message on his website stating that "rock 'n' roll is stronger than ever." This statement was in reference to a phone conversation with Tom Hamilton of Aerosmith, where both men spoke of seeing younger and younger crowds at their recent shows.

This post supports a recent article in Rolling Stone magazine that reported a recent boost in classic rock CD sales coming from teens. Even with rock music being void of any real superstars or new musical movements, teens seem to be shying away from bland 'new' rock and hip hop, instead choosing classic rock.

The article also reported that sales of cheap model electric guitars recently doubled in a one-year period. Even with rock 'n' roll at an all time low in the mainstream market, the younger generations are still choosing to listen.

Aerosmith discuss retirement

Aerosmith guitarist Joe Perry told Launch Radio Networks that the band was nearing the end of its 35-year career. He did not elaborate on this probably because it has recently become public knowledge that Aerosmith is planning on retiring.

The band's current tour with Cheap Trick will end on April 15. Aerosmith then plans to go into the studio to record a new album; the upcoming tour to support this record will presumably be their last.

No Metallica U.S. shows this summer

Although Metallica has announced a string of European festival dates this spring, Blabbermouth.net reported that the band will not play the U.S. this summer.

Metallica will instead head into the studio to record a new album with superstar producer Rick Rubin (System of a Down, Slipnot, Red Hot Chili Peppers).

The Strokes go big in new video

The Strokes new video for "Heart in a Cage" used their native New York City as the backdrop. It was filmed completely in black and white, with both guitarists playing on top of 50 story buildings. This stands in sharp contrast to the rhythm section playing at street level, while singer Julian Casablancas is filmed lying down on the dirty sidewalk with pedestrians hustling by above him.

"Heart in a Cage" has been one of the top requested songs on rock radio, and the band is planning a tour of the U.S. this spring.

Queen guitarist plays on new Guns N' Roses song

As another new Guns N' Roses song leaked onto the Internet, Queen guitarist Brian May posted a message on his website confirming himself as the guitarist on the song.

"Catcher in the Rye" is a huge classic rock-sounding epic, with hints of Beatles and Queen influence. The song's title is a reference to the book David Chapman carried the day he killed former Beatle John Lennon.

Transcending surprise with 'Transamerica'



PHOTO COURTESY IMAGE.NET/THE ABBITER

Felicity Huffman stars in "Transamerica" about a male to female transexual and her relationship with her son.

BY TAMARA PARTEN
Culture Writer

Watching a movie with absolutely no prior knowledge to its story line, actors or reviews will leave you with one of two experiences: either you'll leave the darkened theater immediately as the credits role, realizing you wasted eight bucks and two hours of your time, or you'll sit reflectively in your seat commending yourself for your excellent, spontaneous choice.

After watching the two-time Oscar nominated indie film "Transamerica" without any prior knowledge of it, I was more quick to leave the theater than stay in my seat to contemplate the film as the credits rolled by. In fact, during some instances of the film, the only thing that kept my attention

was nibbling on my Flicks fudgy oat bar.

"Transamerica" is a film about a father and son... I mean mother and son... Let's just say its about a parent and son's cross country road trip. If this description sounds fuzzy it's because it is meant to be. Bree, the protagonist of the film is a preoperative male-to-female transexual who discovers, a week before her sexual reassignment surgery that she has a son.

Bree's therapist insists that she won't be ready to have the surgery until she meets him, so Bree travels from L.A. to New York to meet her son Toby (Kevin Zegers). Toby is the surprise product of a college hook up 17 years past which Bree labels an event "so tragically lesbian, I didn't think it counted."

Disguised as a Christian case-worker Bree reluctantly travels to New York to bail her estranged son out of jail for prostituting himself. Just the first of many overly dramatic instances in the plot which frustrated me is Toby is a 17-year-old prostitute on the streets of New York. Not only is Toby a teenage prostitute, but he wants to move to L.A. to become a porn star.

Furthermore, his past is littered with all the "heartbreaking life stories" one can imagine: He was raped by his stepfather, and his mother committed suicide. And to put the cherry on top of the mountain of melodrama, he tries to se-

duce his father who he thinks is just a Christian aid worker.

I left the film with the conclusion that if director and writer Duncan Tucker intended his film to inform and normalize the transexual identity, he could have left out the melodramatic side notes and concentrated more on the already excellent job he did humanizing Bree as a loving and compassionate humanbeing.

Fortunately, this movie didn't dissatisfy me so much that I left the second it finished. I stayed for the first few credits to discover, to my utmost surprise, that Bree, who I was convinced was played by a male actor was actually played by a woman.

I account not recognizing "Desperate Housewives" star Felicity Huffman as playing Bree

simply because I never watch TV. Although, after I acknowledged the unbelievably persuasive job she did playing a man wanting to be a woman, I just may buy a TV. to watch more of her talent.

Luckily, the Oscar committee is much more informed about Huffman's talents which is why she was nominated for Best Female Actor in a Motion Picture. Unfortunately, as Sunday's celebrity festivities foretold, Huffman lost to a deserving Reese Witherspoon for her role in "Walk the Line."

If you watched the Oscars on Sunday, and "Transamerica" was one of those films you hadn't heard, of it might be worth it to head to The Flicks to watch Huffman's masterful performance. Just remember, there is a reason this film wasn't nominated for Best Picture.

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Jack Johnson makes music for monkey



Sing-A-Longs and Lullabies for the film
Curious George

BY HADLEY RUSH
Culture Writer

Jack Johnson, who's released a plethora of albums since his debut in 2000, including "Brushfire Fairytales," "On and On," and "In Between Dreams," has yet another to add to his ever loved, and multiplying list of accomplishments. Johnson, who collaborated with a cluster of other talented musicians, including friends like Ben Harper, G. Love, and Matt Costa, worked on the soundtrack for the cartoon movie, "Curious George."

The album, titled, "Jack Johnson and Friends: Sing-A-Longs and Lullabies for the film Curious George" is a mélange different song types. This album brings together tracks such as "The Three R's Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" and "The Sharing Song," for his younger fans, while sparking new hits currently getting radio play, like "Upside Down," and a cover of "We're going to be Friends." (Originally performed by The White Stripes.)

With lush guitar strokes, and a steady drumbeat, Johnson sings in "Upside Down," "I want to turn the whole thing upside down/ I'll find the things they say just can't be found/ I'll share this love I have with everyone/ We'll sing and dance to mother nature's song/ I don't want

this feeling to go away."

In the more juvenile song, called "The Sharing Song," Johnson sings, "It's always more fun to share with everyone/ If you've got a ball/ Bounce it to the gang/ If there's a new kid/ Invite him out to hang/ If you've got one sandwich/ Cut that thing in half..."

In one of my personal favorite songs on the album, "Lullaby," Johnson and friends sing, "When you're so lonely lying in bed/ Night's closed it's eyes but you can't rest your head/ Everyone's sleeping all through the house/ Wish you could dream but forgot to somehow/ Sing this lullaby to yourself."

Ben Harper, who's known for songs such as "Burn One Down," and "Please Bleed" contributed "With My Own Two Hands" to the "Curious George" soundtrack, which was originally on his album "Diamonds on the Inside." In this song, Harper sings a positive message to Curious George fans, "I can change the world/ With my own two hands/ Make it a better place/ With my own two hands."

Final ruling: Jack Johnson devotees, and those with small children who want a positive musical influence should check out "Jack Johnson and Friends: Sing-A-Longs and Lullabies for the film Curious George."

Poetry Corner

Politics

BY TAYLOR C. NEWBOLD
Arbiter Staff

The congressman takes his time today. His prodigious stupidity grows here kissing the day's profane process, laughing about the way things went.

His prodigious stupidity grows here grabbing bills from ears and noses, laughing about the way things went so smoothly with deceit and red tape.

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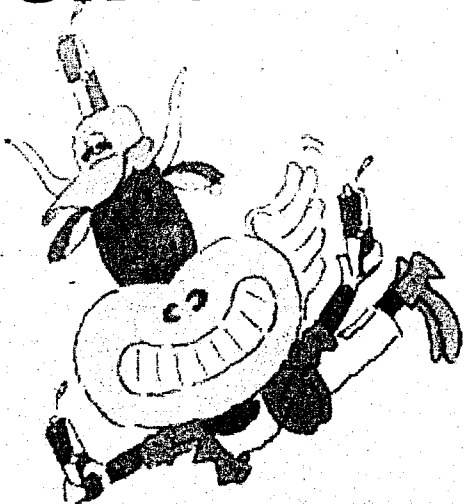
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It's never too cold for cold stone creamery



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With several locations in the Treasure Valley, Cold Stone Creamery offers the ice cream enthusiast a wide variety of flavor options no matter the weather.

BY LINDSEY PARKER
Culture Writer

Idaho is one of those oddball states where college students wear shorts and flip flops throughout the year, even in winter. Eating ice cream here is about the same. There are several choices when eating ice cream in the valley.

Dairy Queen is famous for blizzards, McDonald's is famous for McFlurries, and "Cold Stone Creamery" is famous for ice cream and waffle cones made fresh every day at every location around the country.

Boise has two Cold Stone Creameries both within 10 minutes from campus. The nearest "creamery" is located at 276 8th Street, but is closed for the season until March 23. The second location is 3640 South Findlay Street and is well worth the short drive one afternoon between classes.

After arriving inside the store, the smell of waffle cones and endless amounts of candy, is heaven on earth. The ice cream artist offers a friendly "hello," and says "what can I help you with today?"

That's a great question. There are so many choices at Cold Stone. The combination titles are humorous. For example, "Nights in White Chocolate" is a white chocolate ice cream with double white chocolate chips, caramel and whipped topping. "Monkey Bites" is banana ice cream with pecans, coconut, Nestle crunch bar, and bananas. "Cookie Doughn't You Want Some" is French vanilla ice cream with chocolate chips, cookie dough, fudge and caramel. "Berry Berry Berry Good" is sweet cream ice cream with raspberries, strawberries, and blueberries. "Rocky Road Trip" is chocolate ice cream with roasted almonds and double marshmallows.

There are far more combinations to choose from than what's listed above. Cold Stone also offers milk shakes, ice cream cakes, and yogurt. The full list of products can be found at www.coldstonecreamery.com.

The exciting part of going to Cold Stone is not the freshly made ice cream; it's watching the ice cream artist add in one of the different mix-ins to the ice cream of choice. Ice cream flavors at every Cold Stone are: banana, cake batter, cheesecake, chocolate, coffee, French vanilla, Italian sorbet, mint, strawberry, sweet cream, sweet cream yogurt, and white chocolate.

There are 12 different types of candy mix-ins such as Butterfinger, Kit Kat, M&M's, Snickers, and Oreos. For the nut lover there are six mix-ins, including Macadamias, pecans, roasted almonds, walnuts, pecan pralines and sliced almonds.

There is also an array of fruit mix-ins such as apple pie filling, black cherries, and banana, which make great additions to any flavor of ice cream.



After finally choosing ice cream and mix-ins, there are three serving sizes offered at Cold Stone. "Like it," "Love it," and "Gotta Have it" are small medium and large sizes. Based upon past experience, the "Like it" strawberry ice cream with chocolate chip mix-in in a fresh waffle cone will be plenty of ice cream. The artist takes a good sized scoop of ice cream and chocolate chips, plopping them down on a cold stone to mix together. In less than two minutes the ice cream has been blended and scooped into the waffle cone. The total for this excellent treat is \$3.97, which excludes the \$1.00 tip the ice cream artist receives for being so polite. Wow, he doesn't even know he's being reviewed.

Sitting alone at a small table, spoon in hand, the first bite of sweet strawberry blended perfection is taken. Yum, it's so delicious - the perfect blend of strawberry and chocolate chips.

Cold Stone really beats store-bought Breyers or Nestle, no offense to those corporations. Understandably, sometimes it's tough to go out to a sit-down ice cream shop, and more convenient to buy ice cream in a grocery store with all the other food items in the shopping cart. On the other hand, Cold Stone ice cream really tastes fresh as does the crispy, lightly sweetened waffle cone. Who wouldn't want to eat this everyday? The only downfall to the whole experience is that the ice cream is so incredibly rich in calories.

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Saturday
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Charvatova finished 16th

Boise State's Zuzana Charvatova finished 16th in the women's giant slalom at the NCAA National Championship Wednesday.

Charvatova, the only Bronco at nationals, will also compete in the women's slalom on Friday. Her two-run time was 2:25.17. The winner of the race was Abbi Lathrop of Colby College whose two-run time was 2:16.85.

Taylor named WAC gymnast of the week

Boise State's Taylor Jacob have been named the Western Athletic Conference Gymnast of the Week for the week of March 6. This is Jacob's first honor of the season.

Jacob, a freshman from Whittier, Calif., helped lead the Broncos to a 194.5-193.2 win over WAC rival Sacramento State on March 3.

She won the all-around title with a season and career-high score of 39.225. She was also an event winner on the bars with a 9.9 and captured the beam title with a 9.85. She also scored a 9.625 on vault and a 9.85 on floor. The March 3rd contest marked the fourth-straight meet in which Jacob has competed in the all-around and has gone four-for-four without any falls.

Karl named to USBWA All-District team

Junior guard Coby Karl has been named to the U.S. Basketball Writers Association District VIII Team in a vote of its national membership.

Karl, who finished the regular season averaging 17.3 points, 5.0 rebounds and 4.0 assists per game, is one of 10 players selected to the team.

The team was chosen from players who play in Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada and Montana.

Nevada's Nick Fazekas was named the District VIII Player of the Year. Joining Karl and Fazekas on the team are Louis Amundson (UNLV), Nate Harris (Utah State), Antoine Hood (Air Force), Trent Plaisted (BYU), Richard Roby (Colorado), Jason Smith (Colorado State), Andrew Strait (Montana) and Justin Williams (Wyoming).

Karl ranks among the WAC leaders in eight of 12 categories for the season and seven of 12 categories in just league games.

For the season he is among the leaders in scoring (7th), assists (5th), field goal percentage (8th), free throw percentage (2nd), 3-point field goal percentage (2nd), 3-point field goals made per game (3rd), assist-to-turnover ratio (10th) and defensive rebounds (9th).

Men and women's golf place in tourneys

BY SHAWN ASHBY
Sports Writer

Both the men and women's golf teams were in action this week in California. The men's team took part in the Braveheart Classic at Oak Glen Golf Course in Beaumont, while the women were participating in San Jose University Spartan Invitational. Both tournaments concluded play on Tuesday.

The women had a strong showing during the first round of play, placing four competitors in the top-25. Senior Katie Street, and freshman Mandi Hedberg each recorded a 79 (+7) finishing the round tied for 17th place. Junior Lindsey Huebert, and freshman Lindsey Shean ended the

first round with an 81 (+9), and tied for 24th.

Even with four players in top-25, Boise State as a team finished round one tied with the University of Idaho in seventh place.

The second round of the tournament couldn't have been more opposite for the Broncos. Of the four golfers who were in the top-25 after the first round of golf, only one remained. Lindsey Huebert finished the tournament tied for 20th, with a total score of 160 (+16). Huebert was accompanied by sophomore Britney Hayes, who also finished in 20th.

After their solid start during the first round of play Mandi Hedberg finished in a tie for 30th (163, +19),

Lindsey Shean finished tied for 42nd (165, +21), and Katie Street tied for 50th, with a (169, +25).

"We felt that we gave our best, but did not play the way we are capable of," head coach Lisa Wasinger said. "We know we have to work harder, and not be too hard on ourselves."

At the end of round one the men were in a tie with Pennsylvania for eighth place, but senior Graham DeLaet was up to his usual self. DeLaet found himself just two strokes off the lead at the end of day one after firing a two-under (71). DeLaet won the Braveheart Classic last year, this year there would be no repeat.

DeLaet finished the tournament by shooting six-over par during the

final day of competition. His final score of 220 (+4) would be enough to give DeLaet his fourth straight top-ten finish.

As a team the Boise State men slipped from ninth place to 13th place during the final round.

Head coach Kevin Burton places some of the blame on a very tough trip to the tournament. "We didn't have the steam we needed coming in, after a horrible trip," Burton said.

The Boise State women will return to competition on March 27, when they take part in the Oregon Duck Invitational. The men will also be back in play on the 27th for the Stevenson Ranch Invitational in Turlock, Calif.

In Bonds' case, the devil is in the details

COMMENTARY BY
TIM KAWAKAMI
Knight Ridder Tribune

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Barry Bonds' Nation used to be a crowded continent, filled with admirers, boisterous lackeys, paid toadies and assorted Giants executives who roared whenever their hero was attacked or disturbed.

It's quieter now. Sadder, far less righteous and much, much quieter.

Now it's a tiny island, populated by a dazed group that will not read the new book "Game of Shadows," will not repeat the meticulous, mountainous revelations about Bonds' steroid activities and probably will keep defending him until he stares into a camera and admits it himself.

Even then, the last holdouts on Bonds Island - Peter Magowan, are you still hunkered down in Hut No.1? - might not choose to believe it.

General Manager Brian Sabean and his top lieutenants probably paddled off the island last season, about two years too late to escape untainted. I think Manager Felipe Alou wishes he could find his own island.

And Bonds' teammates, past and present, have never cared much about the phenomenon, even when it came dressed as Paula Abdul and especially when ESPN's reality-show cameras hover in the clubhouse.

But the compelling excerpts from "Game of Shadows," written by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters, brings a flip-flop of sentiment that has been developing since the BALCO investigation kicked off.

From now on, the true wild-hare conspiracy theorists aren't the people who believe that Bonds took steroids starting in the late 1990s; they're the ones who still think (or wish) he didn't.

First up: His own franchise. If the Giants launch a desperate public-relations attack on this essential book, they will prove every cynical thing about their coddling of Bonds.

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That the Giants have been, at best, Bonds' steroid enablers; at worst, they're his performance-enhancing co-conspirators.

Next up: The subject himself. What does Bonds do with the tide unremittingly against him? Quit? Stand proud and silent? Try to answer in the best way he can, by hitting home runs, if that's possible on his wounded knee?

Unless the reporting has been fouled up for years, there is no logical Bonds alibi for Greg Anderson, Victor Conte, reams of paperwork, grand-jury testimony and that suddenly muscled body in 1999.

The devil's in the details, and this excerpt was a buffet of hellish details about drug cycles, calendars, screening procedures, alphabet coding, Bonds' girlfriend troubles and his despair that he never got to be weightlifting buddies with authors Lance Williams and Mark Fainaru-Wada.

OK, just kidding on that last part. Bonds is almost 42, and he finally arrived to camp last month looking and sounding like it. No one—especially Bonds—knows if he can play 10, 20 or 120 games in 2006.

So he is a few home runs away from passing Babe Ruth's 714 career home runs and two healthy seasons away from passing Hank Aaron's sacred 755 total. For some purists, the important debate is whether Bonds deserves the record.

Unrepentant cynics like me have

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Containing Millsap key to Bronco victory today

BY TREVOR HORN
Sports Editor

The Broncos have had great success in the postseason the last two years, and according to the players—there is no lapse in the confidence.

"I'm very confident with this team. We've shown some great spurts of being a great team. I know what we are capable of doing," Eric Lane said.

Seven of the Broncos' 14 losses were by five points or less, including four of those games coming against the top four teams in the conference. One of those teams Boise State opens up the WAC tournament against today at 1 p.m. (MT) in Reno, Nev. The Broncos lost to Louisiana Tech on Jan. 5 by a buzzer-beater three-pointer to give the Bulldogs the win in front of a stunned Taco Bell Arena crowd.

For Boise State, containing Millsap is the key to a victory this afternoon.

"It is going to be big because it is Paul, and everyone knows how great of a player he has been the last three years, and our big guys have done a really good job of stepping up against big time players," Coby Karl said of Millsap, who has led the nation in rebounding the last three seasons in college basketball.

However, Lane says that a key to victory is not something that is only a concern of the post players for the Broncos.

"It's huge for us, we need everyone. With Paul Millsap, it goes beyond guarding him (in the post). We have to distract him and d," Lane said.

The Broncos should be using a three-man rotation against Millsap. Senior forwards Tezbanks and Kareem Lloyd, along with true freshman Kurt Cunningham

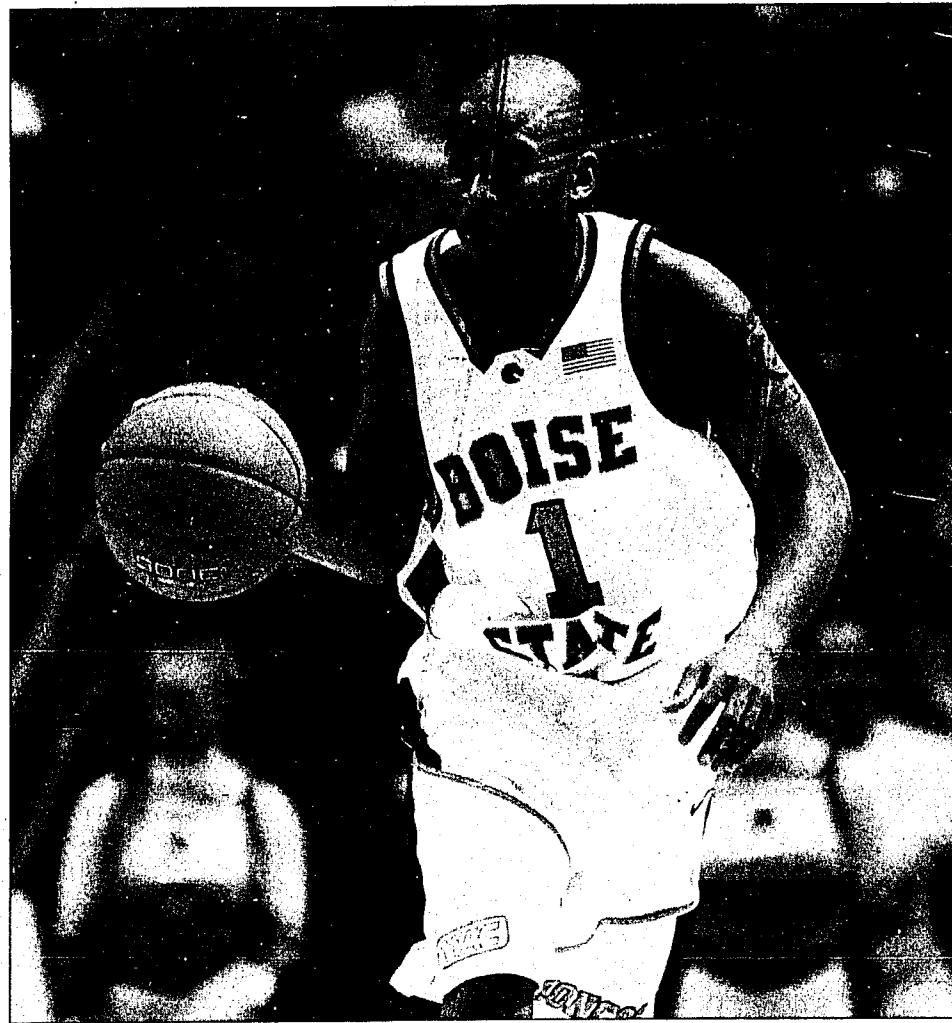


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McNeal Thompson and the Broncos play La Tech at noon (PT) in the first round of the WAC tournament in Reno, Nev.

will all rotate against the first-team All-WAC players.

"For those three guys, it's big that they all come with their A game because one Paul Millsap can't beat all three of them. If they are all there clicking, it will be huge for us," Lane said.

If the Broncos can contain Millsap, and attempt to limit-

defenses lapses that have doomed the Broncos in numerous games this season, then there could be another miraculous run for the sixth seeded team this season. However, head coach Greg Grahm says, that's the 'million-dollar question, or the simple question.'

"He's very good and we have

find a way to slow him down and combat him," Grahm said.

Millsap led the conference with 13.5 rebounds per game and was second to Nevada's Nick Fazekas with 19.7 points per game. Millsap had 20-plus point scoring nights 20 of La Tech's 30 games to go

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Women's hoops advances to 2nd round

Arbiter Sports Staff

Down 35-30 at halftime, the Boise State women's basketball team used a 22-6 run after intermission to beat Hawaii 72-63 in the first round of the Western Athletic Conference tournament Wednesday.

"I think it's great win for our program. It secures a non-losing season and our kids stepped up and persevered and we had a great win," Boise State head coach Gordy Presnell said. Boise State will have a .500 or better winning percentage for the first time since the 1999-00 season.

The Broncos play New Mexico State Friday in the second round of the tournament at noon (PT).

The Broncos split the season series with the Aggies, but Boise State won in deciding fashion, beating New Mexico State 72-45 on Feb. 12 in Boise.

Michelle Hessing led the Broncos with 17 points, including 12 of the final 17 for Boise State as the Broncos built up a lead to as many as 12 in the second half to go along with 10 rebounds.

Freshman Rebecca Kepelino also recorded a double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds. The double-doubles were the first this season for both players, and the first of Kepelino's career.

"For a freshman to have a double-double," Presnell said. "...that's just great basketball."

The win was the first for Boise State (15-14) this season when trailing at the half. It's also the first time Boise State has advanced to the semifinals in the five years since joining the WAC in 2001-02. Boise State had won play-in round games three times, but never advanced out of the round.

"Our kids fought like crazy. We got down 13 (in the first half), and they prevailed and we came back and made it happen," Presnell said.

The Broncos out-rebounded a much taller Hawaii team 44-36. Jackie Lee added in eight rebounds to go along with 10 points and seven assists.

Hawaii had three players score in double figures. Dalia Solia led

Hawaii with 16 points, Janeva Taylor added 15 and Amy Sanders score 13.

Hawaii tripped the Boise State lead to seven with 1:58 left in regulation as Tanya Smith went to the foul line in hopes of getting the game within five points.

Unable to hit either free throw, the Broncos held on for the victory while making three of the final five foul shots.

The Broncos had four players in double figures. Senior Benita Buggs also scored 11 points for the Broncos.

"We really emphasized enthusiasm today and felt we were never out of the game," Presnell said. "...I'm proud of our players."

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Men's tennis downs William & Mary

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The Boise State University men's tennis team recorded its seventh consecutive dual victory Tuesday afternoon, defeating William & Mary, 5-2, at the Boas Tennis and Soccer Complex.

Boise State, ranked No. 32 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, is now 7-3 on the season, and with the victory over the tribe, the Broncos have now posted wins over their last four ranked opponents including Texas A&M (No. 13), Utah (No. 51), Arizona (No. 46), and William & Mary (No. 73).

The Broncos took a 1-0 lead in the dual, sweeping all three doubles matches for only the second time this season. During their seven-match win streak, the Broncos have lost the doubles point only once, dropping two of three doubles matches against Utah, Feb. 10.

The constant factor in all 10 of Boise State's spring duals have been Clancy Shields and Steve Robertson. The freshmen improved their perfect spring doubles record to 10-0, quickly knocking off freshman Billy Mulligan and sophomore Matt Rubenstein, 8-2.

Sophomore Eric Roberson and junior Piotr Dilaj evened their doubles record at 3-3, clinching the doubles point for the Broncos with an 8-5 victory over freshman Dominic Pagon and sophomore Kavi Sud.

The nation's No. 12 doubles team, senior Thomas Schoeck and sophomore Luke Shields, completed the sweep with a win over junior Colin O'Brien and senior Stephen Ward, 8-6. Schoeck and Shields are now 13-7 this season and 5-5 this spring.

The Broncos won the first three singles matches, clinching the victory over the Tribe. Schoeck put the Broncos up 2-0 in the dual with a straight-set victory over Mulligan, 6-1, 6-3. The All-American is now 10-6 this season in singles. Roberson also posted a straight-set victory over his opponent, putting the Broncos up 3-0 with a 6-2, 6-0,

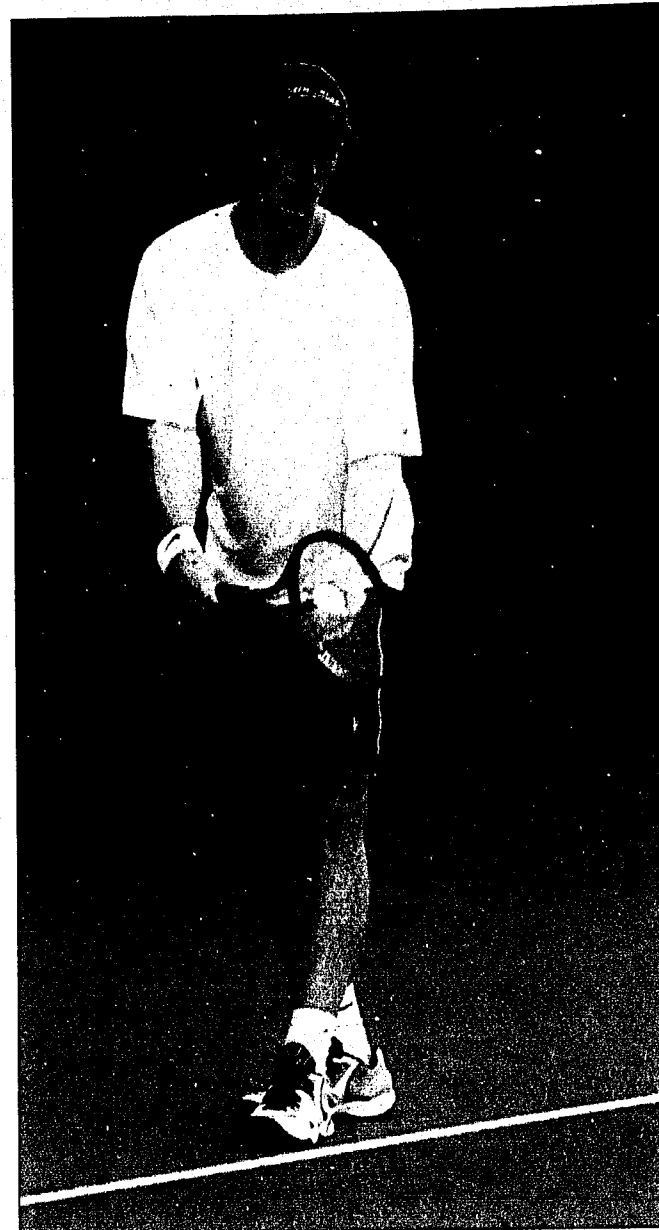


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Thomas Schoeck and the Broncos have won six straight matches since dropping three to begin the season.

win over Pagon. Roberson is now 10-6 this season.

Dilaj, who joined the Broncos this spring, clinched the victory for the Broncos with a 6-3, 6-2, victory over Alexander Zuck. Since joining the team, Dilaj (4-0) has yet to lose a singles match.

All-American Luke Shields won his sixth consecutive singles match with a victory over O'Brien, 6-4, 6-4. Shields, ranked No. 39 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, has not lost since Jan. 29, when he was upset by Texas A&M's Jerry Makowski.

Women's tennis host Bronco Quad this weekend

BY MIKE SHARP
Sports Writer

The Boise State Bronco women's tennis team has a big tournament coming up this weekend. They are hosting Lewis and Clark State on Friday at 3 p.m. and Montana on Friday at 10 p.m..

But although the Broncos carry a hefty 75th ranking among NCAA teams, head coach Mark Tichenor said the competition won't be easy.

"I think Montana is one of the best teams they've had," Tichenor said. "I saw some of their results, and when I've seen the results I've seen a new No. 1 player. It'll be a good test for us.

"And when it comes to Lewis and Clark, I don't know anything about them. They are always nationally

ranked as an NAIA team. They've got some really good players at the top of the team. But we've had a few more matches than they have, which will be to our advantage."

As for the Broncos?

Boise State is having a solid year, with young players rising to the top; players that Tichenor said made him pretty confident.

"We're ranked 75th in the country," he said. "We've got Megan Bjorkman, who's a senior. We've got Hadley MacFarlane, another senior, and Alanah Carroll, another senior, but she just got a stress fracture and will be out for a few weeks.

"But we've got some solid young players too. One of our freshmen, Tatiana Ganzha (from Russia) is 20-4 on the year. That is really an amazing job for a freshman."

But what makes the Boise State team strong, according to Tichenor, is not individual efforts or records. Tichenor said that the Broncos have reached a level of "team" that most teams can't get to.

"We look at how the team's going and not so much at individual records," Tichenor said. "It's all about the team. Not everybody gets to play, but everybody gets to contribute. When we have something good happen to us, it's because of hard work as a team."

And as the Broncos go head to head with teams that may not seem equals, Tichenor said his blue and orange are not going in looking past this tournament.

"I think like every sport, you want to respect every team you play,"

Tichenor said. "You have to have determination against everybody. It can't just be Oregon or Oklahoma State; it's got to be everybody that is taken seriously. If you take anybody for granted, and not play, you'll get surprised.

"We took (Monday and Tuesday) off. Now we need a good practice (Wednesday) and Thursday. At that point, we control our own destiny."

And what will be the Broncos' strategy for team success in this tournament?

"First and foremost we want to play every match with passion," Tichenor said. "We're a vocal team. So first and foremost with that. And we've got to be cheering for each other. Ultimately every match is individual, but the team is greater than any individual player. One player can't carry us."

Tichenor finished by giving an invitation to all Broncos fans to come out and support the talented group of women he has on the court. "I think when you see our team you see passion, you see emotion and you see them cheering for each other on the court," he said. "You see women loving to compete. You see energy. You're so close to anything. At Appleton you're sitting right on the court. Every seat is like a front row seat. When you see our team, or the men's team's energy and passion, and you're right on top of it, it's just like sitting front-row at a basketball or football game.

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along with 17 games of 15 or more rebounds, including two 20-plu rebounding performances.

The big three for Boise State did handle Millsap well on the road, holding the junior to just 4-13 shooting.

"I think we are a pretty deep team, so we have a bunch of guys we can put on him and if we can do a good job of containing him, hopefully we can do well," Cunningham said.

No other Bulldog averaged in double digit scoring this season other than Millsap. Corey Dean is second on the La Tech squad scoring with 8.1 points per game. Dean, along with four other players--including Millsap--scored in double figures against Boise State on Feb. 8 in Ruston.

The Broncos and the Bulldogs open the tournament for the men's. Followed by No. 7 San Jose State against No. 2 Utah State, then No. 8 Idaho against No. 1 Nevada and the final game tonight will match up No. 5 New Mexico State with No. 4 Hawaii. Fresno State is not playing in the tournament following a self-imposed one-year postseason ban.

For Lane, he says the tournament is wide open, which could spell out success for the Broncos.

"I think it is really wide open, I think it's more wide open than it has been in the last few year since I've been here. I think any team is capable of winning it," Lane said.

Karl says he is not so optimistic, but knows the Broncos are not out of the running, despite a .500 record overall and double-digit (10) losses in conference play.

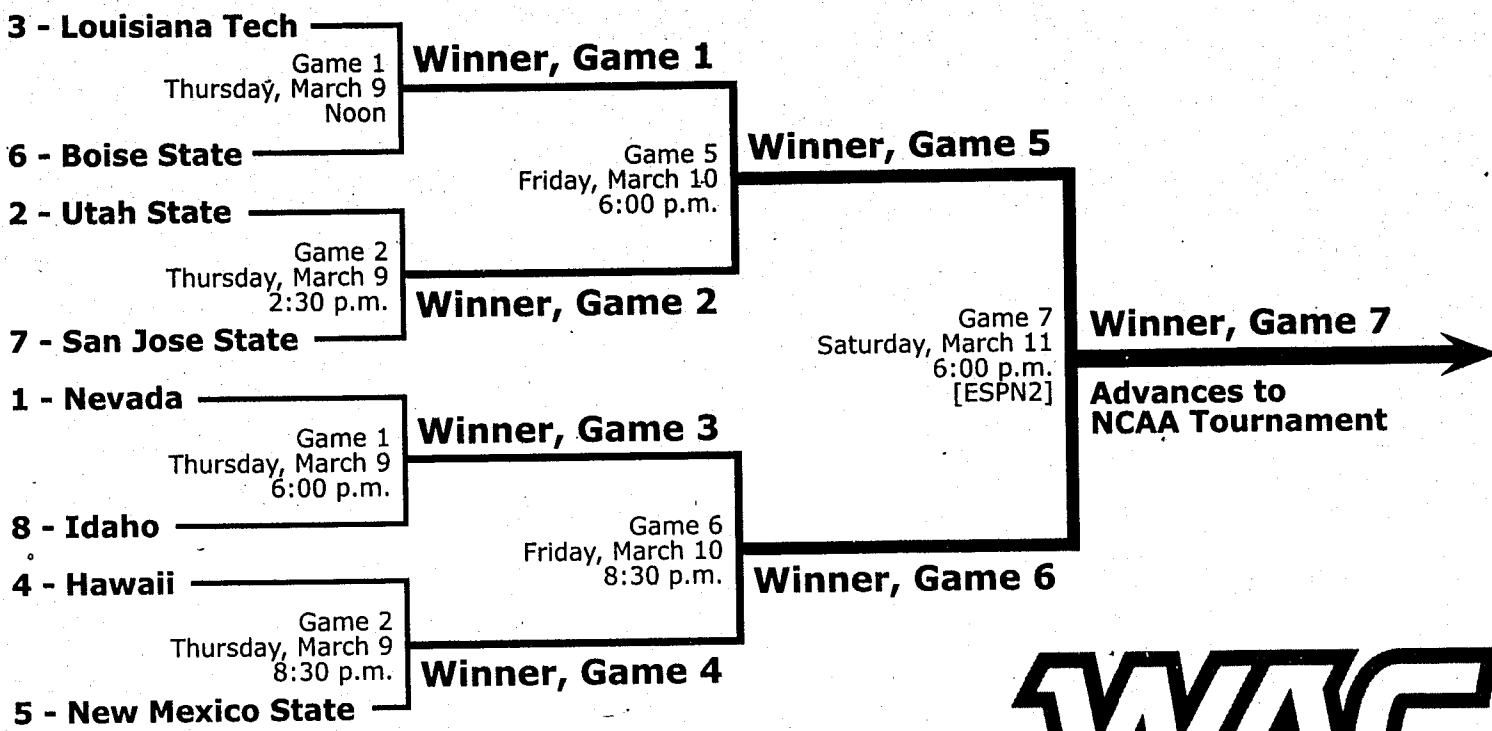
"I don't think it's at the highest for us just because we've lost and we still remember those," Karl said.

"We've had some tough breaks lately, but we do have a little confidence coming in after that comeback (against Idaho). We also draw confidence from the fact that we have played."

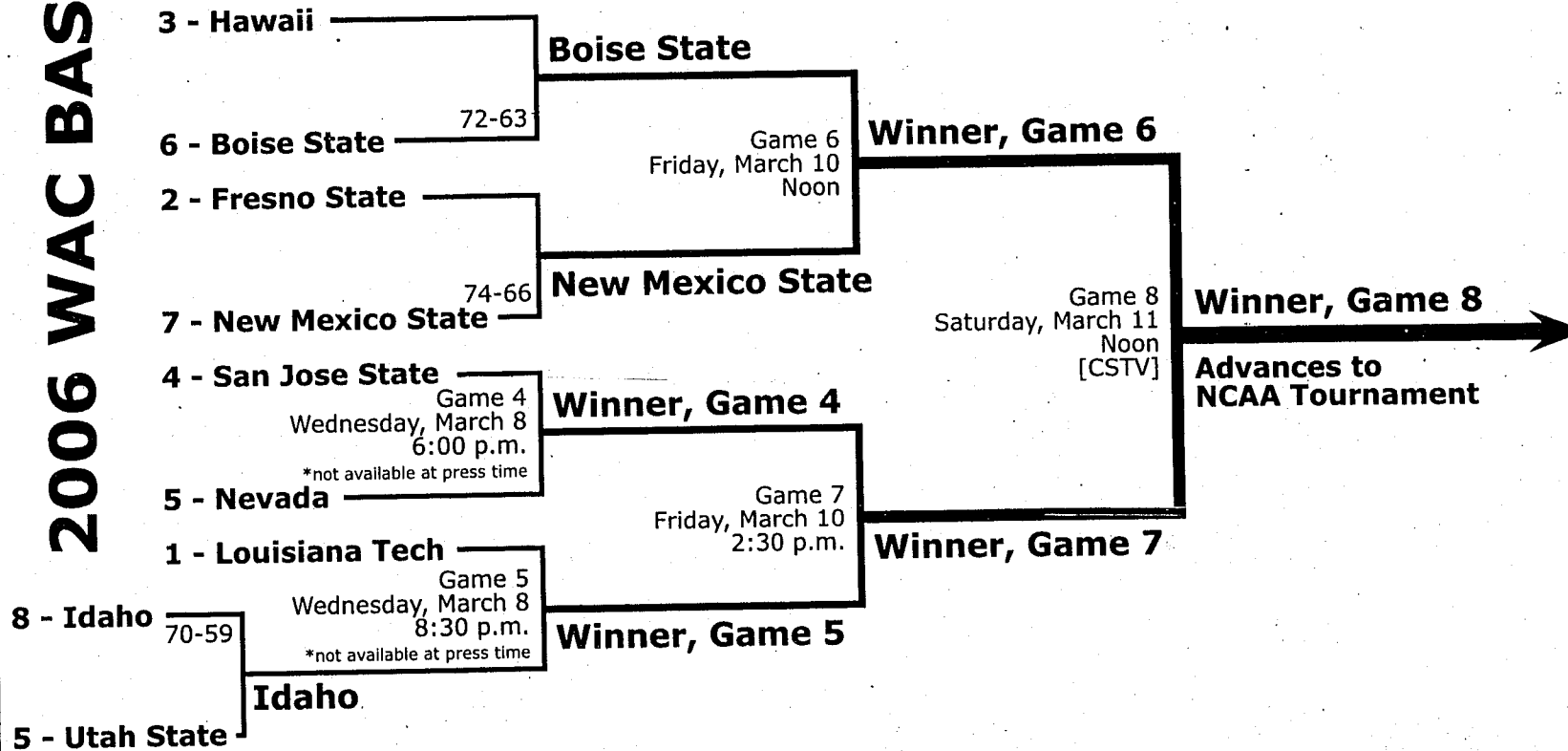
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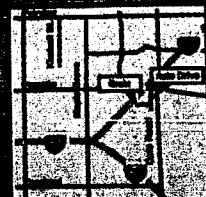
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BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Assistant Sports Editor

Could the third time be charmed?

That is surely the hope inspiring Scott Jorgensen, a Boise State senior wrestler who recently won his third consecutive Pac-10 championship at 133 pounds.

He is the only Bronco to ever accomplish that feat. Jorgensen was also named the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the tournament. He improved his overall season record to 23-8. His career record at Boise State is 88-36.

"I wanted to win another title, to get the third and be the first in team history," Jorgensen said, "but being an All-American is much more important."

To achieve All-American status, a wrestler must finish in the top eight of a field of 32 wrestlers at the NCAA Championships in Oklahoma City March 16-18.

Jorgensen seems confident he can take the title.

"Personally, I wouldn't be out there if I didn't think I could win the national championship," Jorgensen said. "I've wrestled the top seven or eight guys and lost to them by maybe one point. It's really about who shows up. It's a mental game. Effort counts. You have to be able to rise to the occasion and I haven't the last few years. I'm good to go. I'm ready to be an All-American."

To win the Pac-10 title, Jorgensen beat Darrell Vasquez (the eventual third-place finisher and NCAA qualifier) in the semifinals. Vasquez only has three losses on the season, two to Jorgensen.

Jorgensen missed a significant portion of the 2006 season due to a high-ankle sprain. He said he only wrestled four matches between December and the Pac-10 tourney.

"I don't like to miss matches," Jorgensen said. "That's why I'm here, I want to wrestle and I don't want to miss things."

The time Jorgensen missed with the injury was the first of his career. He has been wrestling since his freshman year in high school and had never missed time before.

"The season's been tough for me," Jorgensen said. "It was hard to

overcome that. Not being able to work out."

The senior resorted to riding the training cycle and watching reels of film since he was unable to wrestle during his absence. Despite the missed practice and wrestling time, Jorgensen and the other four BSU wrestlers going to nationals (Ben Cherrington, Casey Phelps, Tyler Sherley and Andy Patrick) are now solely focused on winning four more matches and getting mentally prepared for the biggest and most important tournament of the season.

"This time of year we talk to our guys a lot about getting ready," BSU assistant coach Chris Owens said. "In wrestling, your performance at the end of the year is really how your success is measured."

Owens works with Jorgensen, giving him physical looks on the mat which he may encounter at the tournament. The two have been watching film to scout possible opponents in the 133-pound bracket.

"These guys are fifth year seniors," Owens said. "They've been through this before. Jorgensen has been one match away from placing at the NCAA's now two years in row. Mentally they're a little better, a little more experienced, more mature, more mentally focused on what they have to get ready for."

As far as the tournament goes, Jorgensen says he will be ready, despite the time off.

"The big thing about wrestling is that nothing matters until nationals," Jorgensen said. "Your record going into it helps your seeding at nationals, but when it's all said and

done, the only thing that matters is how you wrestle at nationals."

Owens agreed that seeding matters and also that Jorgensen's seeding should give the Eagle, Idaho native a great opportunity to succeed.

"Anybody can win it," Owens said. "When you get in those top six-seven seeds, it's anybody's ball game. You gotta be ready to win four tough matches in a row."

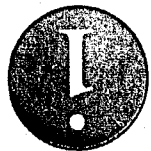
No matter how Jorgensen finishes at nationals, he has certainly, left an indelible mark on the BSU program. But he will tell you that three Pac-10 championships mean very little without national acclaim at the NAAs.

"He's made a tremendous mark on our wrestling program," Owens said. "He puts in a lot of time in the off-season. He's very driven. He's a student of the sport. He's continually trying to learn new techniques and improve the techniques he already has. He also passes on a lot of work-ethic. That's real important in our sport. You have to train the right way to get better."

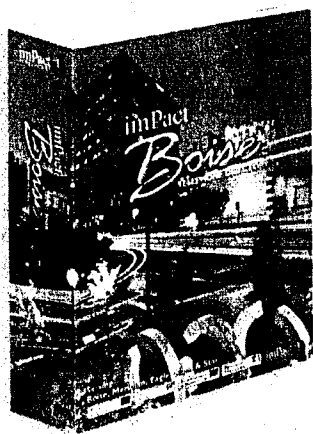
Although the regular season wrestling schedule is regulated by dual victories and the Broncos took third place in the team competition at the Pac-10 tournament, the sports boils down to two guys grappling for dominance.

"Wrestling is a team sport, but all-in-all, it's individual," Jorgensen said. "The team only does as well as an individual is going to do, so I'm just going to go out and do my best. I'll be out there cheering (the other four Bronco finalists) on, but there's not much I can do for them. It's not a team sports once you're out there."

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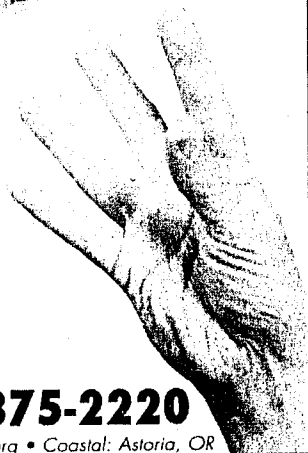


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long ago shrugged at the significance of Bonds' looming assault on Ruth and Aaron. Why pound the drums if we believe that a drug-free Bonds would be tiptoeing near 550 right now, not into the mid-700s?

Why argue about something so tainted? But people do care. Or at least they did care.

Which leads us to the third and most important group of participants: You and me, but mostly you. We're the ones who will decide how this will go into history, and again, it's mostly you.

If you don't believe now that Bonds knowingly used steroids to beef himself up for his home run assault, you never will.

This is not a court of law, either.

"Beyond a shadow of a doubt" is not the standard when measuring a man's reputation or his achievements against the backdrop of history.

You either trust Bonds, or you trust the reporting in "Game of Shadows," the reporting of the past two years, and your own gut.

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iPod lovers may be tuning out the world

BY ABIGAIL LEICHMAN
The Record (Hackensack N.J.)

When Josh Adams sees other students at Manhattan's School of Visual Arts each plugged into an iPod, he figures they're being antisocial.

"I feel like they're trying to shut people out, maybe even unintentionally," says the 18-year-old Manhattan resident.

For New York University student Dante Lima, it's entirely intentional.

With his ear buds in place, he's never bothered by sidewalk hucksters.

"If you want to get away from them, just start listening to your iPod," says Lima, 20. "They don't approach people with headphones on."

Wearing headphones has become the modern equivalent of wearing a "Do Not Disturb" sign around one's neck.

Perhaps that's no surprise. The MP3 player is only the latest in a number of gadgets - starting with the Sony Walkman, leading to the cellphone and now the iPod - that give people the ability to close off the outside world.

Shoppers chat on their cellphones, stopping only to talk briefly to a cashier.

Children watch films on the car's DVD player instead of playing license-tag bingo.

Airline passengers watch movies on laptops or answer e-mail on BlackBerries rather than chatting with the person in the next seat.

But is tuning out the rest of the world good for us?

"We're living in a world where technology is a huge part of our lives, but it can be a blessing and a curse," says Jacqueline Whitmore, author of "Business Class: Etiquette Essentials for Success at Work" (St. Martin's Press, 2005).

"Some people think this technology can make us more productive," she says. "But it's not helping us with social skills. It's alienating us from other people."

Adams, who has downloaded 2,300 songs into his own iPod, admits he used the device to duck conversation in high school.

These days, he says, he's plugged in less often.

"Being in college promotes being more social," he says. "Now I normally listen when I'm going to school or coming home, to make the time go by. But if someone asks me

something, I always answer them. I don't have it on so loud that I can't hear the people around me."

Many users of portable MP3 players say the devices help them relieve stress or, particularly at work, concentrate.

If MP3 players help you tune out noisy co-workers or help you relax while waiting for a doctor's appointment, then what's the harm in cocooning inside your own technological bubble?

The danger, says one sociologist, is that we start losing touch with the people in our lives - even if it's just the cashier - because we won't get off the phone or take off headphones to exchange pleasantries.

Studies show that these mini-conversations are important to our psychological well-being.

Upgrade your iPod sound

BY MIKE WENDLAND
Detroit Free Press

The monster success of the iPod has spawned a booming side business.

There are now dozens of third-party ear buds, in-ear plugs and head phones meant to make the sound you get from your iPod boom out better than it does with those standard Apple-white ear buds that come with the device.

Ranging from under \$10 to hundreds of dollars, the offerings are so numerous that picking one can be quite confusing.

Selecting the one that works best for you is about as subjective as can be. And because there's no easy way to test them out beforehand, because of shrink-wrap and hygiene concerns, you're pretty much stuck with your choice after plunking down the money.

You'll first need to decide what type of earphone is most comfortable for you.

Ear buds are the type that come with your iPod. They just sort of sit there in the hollow of your ear, blasting out the sound through tiny little speakers.

With ear buds, depending on how loud you play your iPod, you can usually hear some of the background noise around you.

In-ear phones insert into the actual opening of your ear canal. Most come with adjustable caps to ensure a snug fit. They tend to block most outside noise.

The third type is the standard headphone that fastens around your head and rests snugly or cups around your ear.

Of seven ear devices that I have tested, I have two favorites, based on price and comfort.

Both are in-ear devices, which, since I use my iPod primarily at home, on airplanes or in the health club, tend to let me get into my own little world and appreciate the music much more than with ear buds.

My first recommendation, priced at \$49, is aimed strictly for the iPod nano and comes from Apple itself. It is a pair of in-ear phones attached to a lanyard that fits around your neck and also holds the nano.

For regular iPods or the nano, my second favorite comes from Griffin Technology (www.griffin-technology.com) and is called Ear Thumps. They cost a very reasonable \$19 and do a superb job of isolating outside noise. There's a lot of bass with Ear Thumps, and you can get them in white or black.

Those are the two I recommend. Here are some others:

For ear bud users - probably the best if you need to be somewhat aware of your surroundings - JVC has just launched a line of brightly colored Gumy Phones. They sell for \$8.50 and are widely available from electronic retailers.

With so many people buying skins and cases for their iPods in neon shades, these buds will give a color-coordinated look.

I found them to be a little more comfortable to wear than the standard buds from Apple, though it seemed to me that the Apple buds offered better sound.

There are some high-end devices worth considering if you are really the demanding iPod fanatic.

For \$109 Shure Electronics (www.shurestore.com) makes the E2c Isolating Earphones.

Plugged into an iPod, they deliver the richest, fullest sound I've ever heard. You can find them for less than \$100 if you search online.

Another sound-isolating in-ear phone getting some buzz are the \$39.95 RaceQuiet earphones (www.racequiet.com).

Developed for NASCAR racing fans who like to listen to scanners or radio coverage while at the noisy track, they do a great job of getting rid of background sound. I found the fidelity for music to be lacking, though.



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Some sociologists are starting to caution that overuse of technologies like iPods may decrease interpersonal communication.

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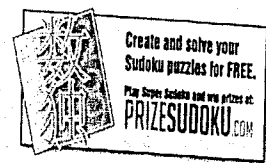
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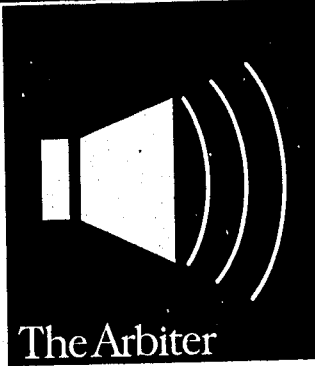
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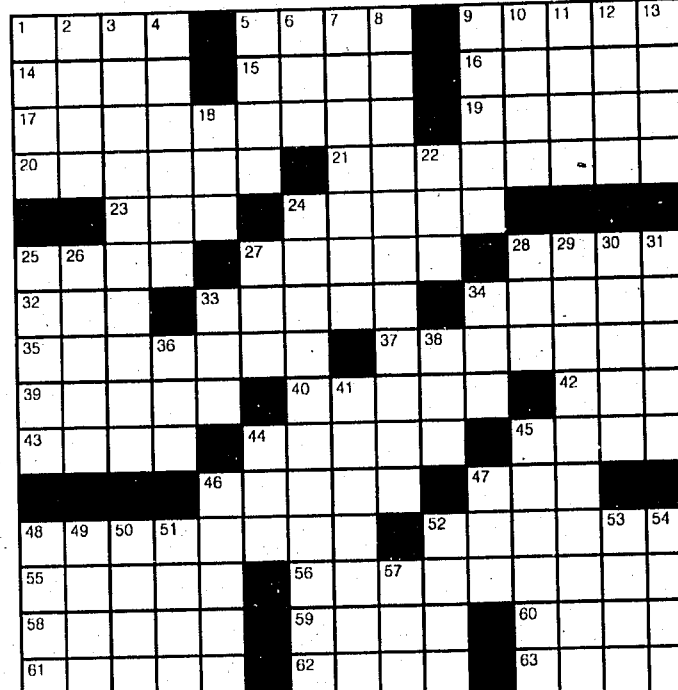


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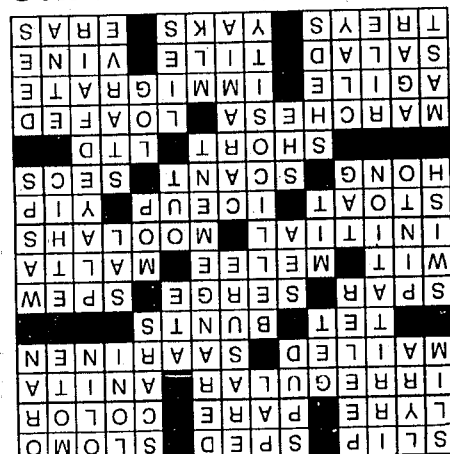
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Today is a 10 - Start new projects, advertise, convince others to do what you want. They're waiting for you to give them inspiration, motivation and ideas!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 4 - Continue to clean out closets, files, the garage and the back yard. You're finally able to pitch worthless stuff you've been holding onto for years.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is an 8 - You're learning quickly, and that's a blessing. Don't think about it too hard, just soak up the information.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 5 - Creative work pays well now. Let people know what you've got and-or what you can do for them. Advertise.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 10 - Listen carefully. A child could provide the clue you're seeking. It's something you've heard before.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 5 - Use what you've been saving along with a few new things you buy to upgrade your living situation. You deserve some luxury.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8 - Listen carefully, and continue to ask questions. Be respectful and encourage a shy but very wise person to teach you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 5 - Be just as efficient as you can. This is your big chance to make an enormous profit. Do the best job you can, quickly.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 10 - Decide you're going to do what you've been thinking about. Then get to work. Clean up old messes.

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