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## ON CAMPUS

The Boise State Women's Chorus will be performing "Vox Angelis" at the Morrison Center Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 17. Attendance is free for BSU faculty, staff and students.

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## BSU to benefit from \$94 million school bond

### New multi-use facility to be built near Broadway Avenue

BY TESSA SCHWEIGERT  
Assistant News Editor

Nearly 20,000 local voters approved a \$94 million bond for the Boise School District on Tuesday. While the bond mainly benefits the local high schools, junior highs

and elementary schools, Boise State University will acquire land to build a new athletic facility near the university.

BSU will exchange land with East Junior High School, which is currently at 415 Warm Springs, right off of Broadway Avenue.

"We will need to purchase 20 acres of land out at the Barber Valley," Boise State athletic director Gene Bleymaier said. "And then we will exchange that acreage for East Junior High."

The location will eventually house

a new track and multi-purpose sports complex.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to serve the needs of our emerging Bronco football program, as well as Boise State's intercollegiate and intramural programs, including our track program and women's soccer," said BSU President Bob Kustra.

Kustra announced the partnership with the Boise School District in January, but the bond is the first major step in the process, said University Communications

Director Frank Zang.

Zang said that the State Board of Education and the Boise School District must agree on the details of the partnership, but the bond passage allows such discussions and planning to begin.

"This exchange was predicated on the passage of the bond," Zang said.

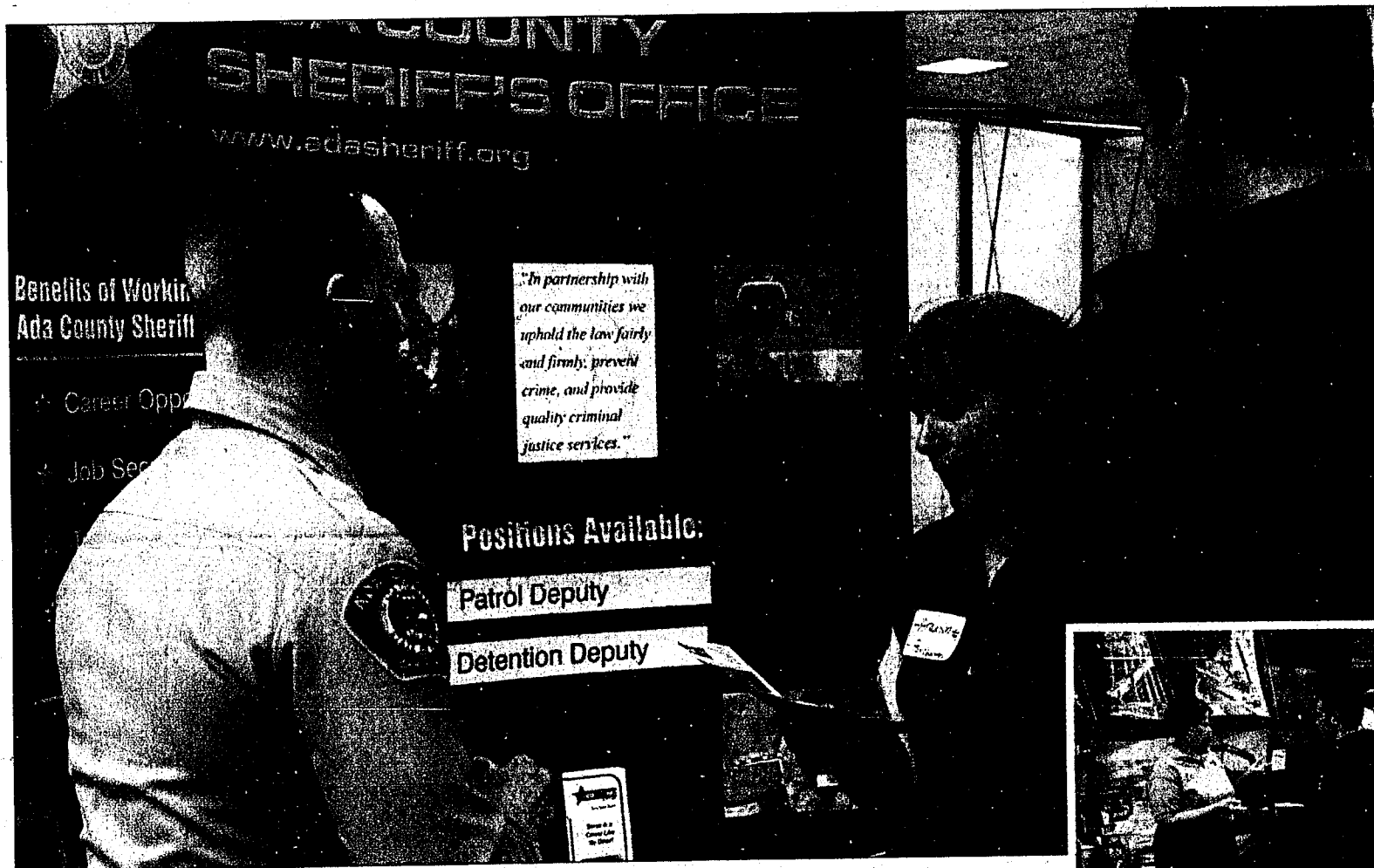
Zang said it will likely take at least two years for East Junior High to be relocated and for the new athletic facility construction to begin. Though the timeline and other

details have yet to be determined, Zang said the March 14 bond passage is "certainly a milestone" in the process.

The bond allows for the land exchange, but will not fund the new facility, Zang said. BSU will likely pay for the athletic complex mainly through private donations, he said.

Zang added that funding the new athletic complex will have to fit within the university's master plan, which outlines campus growth through 2015 and beyond.

## Career/Job Fair attracts 2,000 Boise State students



The Career Center at Boise State sponsored the Career/Job Fair in the SUB on Tuesday. Approximately 2,000 students and 113 employers attended the event, according to

Career Center Office Specialist Jessica Leekley. Leekley said the fair was a great success. "It was probably one of our best. It was packed even until the end."

## BSU encourages a safer spring break

BY SARA BAHNSON  
News Editor

With the excitement of a spring break full of suntans and mai tais approaching, Boise State's Wellness Services will be on the Quad next Wednesday to hand out safer spring break kits and to educate students on safe behaviors.

"We care about the health of our campus and our students," said Kate Guerrero, Health Educator at BSU.

Guerrero said BSU's Wellness Services will be providing "mock-tails," prizes, giveaways, as well as the kits on Wednesday. Beer goggles will also be available for students to try on.

Students can find the safer spring break kits in the residence halls, the Student Union Building, the Rec Center and the Multipurpose Building.

Kits include a condom, lubricant, sunscreen, a safer sex brochure, an instruction card on how to use a condom, a coupon for free HIV testing, a brochure on alcohol poisoning and responsible drinking tips and a list of health resources in the community and on campus.

Guerrero said Wellness Services is focusing on five areas of safer

behaviors including safe sex, skin care, safe driving, responsible drinking and predatory drugs.

"These are really prevalent behaviors that can result in some pretty heavy consequences," Guerrero said. "Spring break can be a dangerous binge fest. Instead of taking a health break, we're causing more harm."

According to the fall 2005 National College Health Assessment our BSU's student population, 29.2 percent of students reported doing something they later regretted while drinking and 20.3 percent forgot where they were or what they had done.

Guerrero said adopting safe behavior is especially important for women because of the dramatic increase in sexual assault and rape during spring break. According to an American Medical Association poll of college women and graduates, nearly three out of five women know friends who had unprotected sex during spring break.

Guerrero said students should also be careful about going into debt.

"Make sure the activities you do are within your budget," Guerrero said.

Guerrero said stress is the num-

ber one health issue reported by college students, and being in debt or engaging in dangerous behaviors only increases that stress.

She also recommended students look for other safe alternatives for a restful spring break, such as volunteering or a trip to improve the environment.

## Friday production of 'The Exonerated' benefits Innocence Project at BSU

Benefit features reception with former inmate who spent 16 years in prison

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Spontaneous Productions will present an encore performance of the play "The Exonerated" at 7 p.m. Friday at Boise Contemporary Theater, 854 Fulton Street, as a benefit for the Idaho Innocence Project at Boise State University.

A \$35 donation per ticket is requested for the gala evening, hosted by film producer Michael Hoffman and Boise attorney David Nevin.

Suggested donation for student tickets is \$15. For reservations, call Evelyn Redshaw at 426-2031. Tickets will be held at the door.

The benefit evening features a conversation and reception with former inmate Calvin Johnson, who spent 16 years in

prison on a rape conviction and was then released after DNA evidence proved his innocence. Johnson and Boise State biology professor Greg Hampikian co-wrote the book "Exit to Freedom" about Johnson's ordeal. Both Hampikian and Johnson will be on hand to sign copies of their book following the play. Dessert and wine will be provided by The Melting Pot.

The critically acclaimed play "The Exonerated" chronicles the experiences of six innocent people who spent from two to 22 years on death row and were eventually exonerated - often thanks to an attorney who took on their case pro bono, or dedicated law school students who wanted to right a wrong.

The Innocence Project was established in 1992, as a non-profit legal clinic based in New York City. Since then, 175 people have been exonerated based on DNA evidence.

Innocence Projects now operate in states across the U.S. Hampikian is acting director of the Boise State office of the Idaho Innocence Project.

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# the headlines

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### national

#### Bloggers throw their growing weight around

WASHINGTON — When Rep. Roy Blunt was vying for the House majority leader spot in January, conservative bloggers fought for his ear. Blunt, R-Mo., had invited a select group of bloggers to a moderated question-and-answer session. But Republicans John Shadegg of Arizona and John Boehner of Ohio held what the bloggers considered a much more freewheeling chat with them.

Mike Krempasky, a blogger at the influential conservative RedState.org, contended Blunt's reticence worked against him in the House leadership race.

"Blunt tried to do this in a way that was regimented," Krempasky said. "The more you try to control it, the worse off you are." Krempasky believed that the openness of Boehner and Shadegg helped them secure the support of the bloggers, and in turn helped create a buzz in the political world that eventually influenced House members to upset Blunt, and go for Boehner instead.

Just how much influence they had in the race isn't clear, but there's no question about the growing political influence of blogs. Web sites created and used by thousands of people who post news, opinions, journals and anything else that may be on their mind at the time.

Blogging analysts call it swarming. Others say it's like a hurricane when hundreds of the bloggers' Web sites seize on a topic and then thousands and even tens of thousands of people read what they have to say.

Increasingly, political campaigns have had to adapt to the blogging

era of political activism, and candidates and bloggers alike expect on-line opinion to have a big impact on the midterm elections this year.

Bloggers point to the 2004 presidential election. In the fall of that year, conservative bloggers took aim at the legitimacy of then-CBS anchor Dan Rather's report on President George W. Bush's National Guard records.

"CBS spent five years on that story, and in 12 hours the collective intelligence of the center-right bloggers tore it apart," Krempasky said. "The collective did something, and they helped bring Dan Rather down."

Politicians can get swarmed, and they can hope to trigger some swarming themselves. Rich Chrimer, spokesman for Sen. Jim Talent, R-Mo., said Talent has been using blogs and the Internet to reach new audiences.

"Senator Talent is blazing a trail to use new technologies to communicate with his constituents," Chrimer asserted.

### local/bsu

#### Boise State Radio launches digital HD radio broadcasting

Boise's FM public radio stations KBSU, Arts and Cultural Programming, and KBSX, NPR News 91, have drastically improved listeners' radio experience. KBSU and KBSX have officially entered the age of digital broadcasting via their adoption of HD Radio technology.

Listeners with HD Radio-compatible receivers can now enjoy CD-quality sound and a range of new services that will provide access to a wider variety of music, news and information content. With today's landmark announcement, KBSU and KBSX join Boise State Radio's

KBSU Sun Valley as the first digital HD Radio stations in Idaho. Future plans call for KBSU-AM Boise and KBSW Twin Falls to also be upgraded.

"HD Radio is the most revolutionary change in our industry since the introduction of FM 40 years ago," said John Hess, Boise State Radio's general manager. "Its combination of radically improved sound quality, advanced digital services and radio's unmatched local market coverage will provide consumers with expanded choices for customizing their radio experience. And the best part is, there are no subscription fees with HD Radio. It's a package that you just can't beat."

As with all HD Radio stations, KBSU and KBSX will remain at the same location on the radio dial. HD Radio receivers will automatically detect KBSU's and KBSX's digital signals and tune them in. HD Radio receivers can also tune in analog-only stations.

HD Radio products can be purchased online and at select consumer electronics retailers. Companies offering HD Radio receivers in 2006 include ADA, Alpine, Boston Acoustics, DaySequerra, Eclipse, JVC, Kenwood, Panasonic, Polk Audio, Radiosophy, Rotel, Sanyo and Yamaha.

Digital HD Radio technology was developed by iBiquity Digital Corporation and is the only digital broadcast system approved in the United States by the Federal Communications Commission for AM and FM broadcasting.

It works by transmitting digital audio and data in tandem with existing AM and FM analog signals. HD Radio technology is providing for the same advances in AM and FM radio as digital technology did for CDs, DVDs, cameras and cell phones.

KBSU and KBSX are services of Boise State University. KBSU, the arts and classical station for the Treasure Valley, is heard on 90.3

FM. KBSX, also known as NPR News 91, provides news and information from National Public Radio. It is heard on 91.5 FM in the Treasure Valley. For more information, visit <http://radio.boisestate.edu>.

### what the?

#### Hey! Over here!

A barroom right next to the brand-new Fire Station in Mount Pleasant, Mich., burned to the ground.

#### Some good news and some bad news

A Reno, Nevada, man, indignant at being accused of robbery, voluntarily submitted to a DNA test to prove his innocence. It did, in fact, exonerate him. Unfortunately, it also established that he was guilty of murder in an unrelated case.

#### A lot of guys are asking for dates

A 14-year-old boy in Banovici, Bosnia, snuck into a maintenance room and secretly photographed the town's female basketball team in the shower, then sold the pictures all over town via text message. He was caught when one of the players heard that nude photos of her were making the rounds.

#### What are you doing in here?

After a rash of lingerie burglaries, a homeowner in Harwinton, Conn., set up a surveillance camera to catch the thief in the act.

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# BSU student wins 'Exclusive' national advertising internship

BY GINNY EGGLESTON  
News Writer

Boise State senior Ben Davidson won an "Exclusive Experience in Advertising" internship through Experience.com.

The program named "From Reel to Resume" was created to identify top advertising talent among college students nationwide, and to provide one college student, selected by their peers and Experience, an opportunity for hands-on advertising to launch his or her career.

To apply, students created 15-second advertising spots and submitted them online. Davidson's commercial, along with 10 other finalists, was posted on Experience.com to be voted on by other college students nationwide.

Davidson's commercial showed a live-shot of himself in business attire throwing a rock with a resume attached at an office building followed by the tagline "a better way to get your resume out there...Experience."

Davidson said he modeled his entry after Vonage commercials, using simplicity and humor to convey that Experience.com is a positive tool for recent college grads to get their resume out.

As the winner, Davidson's commercial earned him a marketing internship, which includes an all-expense paid trip to Boston to meet with major ad agencies. He will leave for Boston a couple days before spring break starts.

In addition to the trip to Boston, Davidson said he is working on a virtual marketing campaign for Experience. The campaign is targeted at college campuses across the nation.

Davidson, who will graduate in June, with a double major in business management and human resource management, said he recorded and edited his winning commercial in one afternoon.

Though the entry rules al-



PHOTO COURTESY BEN DAVIDSON

"Experience" internship winner Ben Davidson meets with major advertising agencies in Boston next week.

lowed teams of up to four people, Davidson chose to do his commercial on his own.

"I figured I'd be doing it all by myself anyway. Once I figured out what I was going to do and [realized] I could do it on my own, there was no reason for me to get someone else [involved]."

The president of Boise State's Human Resource Association Katie Woslager informed Davidson of the contest.

Davidson said Woslager knew he'd done work for Campus Rec and had also seen his work during in-class presentations. He said she told him he might have a pretty good chance at winning.

But even with Woslager's encouragement, Davidson didn't decide to enter until he went to the Website and saw some examples of student entries.

**“I looked at [the examples of student entries] and [thought] these are awful... I can make something better than that.”**

BSU senior Ben Davidson on why he decided to enter the competition

"I looked at them and [thought] these are awful...I can make something better than that."

Davidson's commercial can be accessed by Experience.com members and members of BroncoJobs.

# Campus Crime

March 6, 2006

March 12, 2006

3/6/06 - Burglary - Unknown suspect took an ipod, cable and earbuds from an unlocked dorm room in Chaffee. Report taken.

3/8/06 - Burglary - Unknown suspect(s) took an overhead projector from a the Engineering Tech Building. Report taken

3/10/06 - Theft - Unknown suspect(s) took a purse from a classroom in the Business Building. Report taken.

3/7/06 - Theft - Unknown suspect took an unattended bag from a bathroom in the Science/Nursing Building. Report taken.

3/10/06 - Theft - Unknown suspect(s) took a computer from the Library. Report taken.

3/12/06 - Bicycle Theft - Unknown suspect(s) took and unsecured bike from the bike rack near the Morrison Center. Report taken.

# Senate draws name to announce new senator

BY JESSICA CHRISTENSEN  
News Writer



PHOTO BY SEAN PRALL/THE ARBITER

Senators and vice president Texie Evans review legislation at a recent ASBSU meeting in the Forum.

The ASBSU Senate met Tuesday, to break the tie for the eighth at-large senate seat by holding a lottery drawing. The tie, which resulted from the 06-07 ASBSU elections, was between Sierra Edgars and Stephanie Hooft. Each wrote their names on five pieces of paper, and one was drawn from a large blue box at the meeting to select the final senator.

Sierra Edgars was announced as the eighth at-large senator. Neither of the candidates were present for the tie-breaking initiative. Senator LaTisha Clark initiated a challenge to fellow senators regarding the end of their terms.

"If anyone has last minute goals, now's the time. It would be nice to go out with a bang and show we are a hard working senate," Clark said.

Two new pieces of legislation were brought to the table. Senate Bill #25, sponsored by Sens. O'Leary, Wilson and Shank proposed a funds transfer of \$1,000 from the ASBSU dis-

cretionary account to the Order of Omega account to support BSU's Greek Week set in April. The event will be the first in over a decade.

A motion for open discussion passed with Senator Clark motion-

ing to place the bill in the Budget and Finance committee until full knowledge about the \$750 grant funds available to all student clubs and organizations.

Sen. Brandon Stoker asked to consider transferring monies from the discretionary account to the grant fund.

"We're senators. It seems suspicious to use discretionary money to support or fund an organization," Stoker said.

Sen. Antonio Bommarito opposed the motion for the bill to be passed along to the Budget and Finance committee, calling the bill "timely enough to finish it off."

A final motion to send the bill to Budget and Finance passed and will be reviewed by the committee. The Nondiscrimination Policy and Anti-Harassment Policy resolution supports the update of the BSU Nondiscrimination Policy and the Anti-Harassment Policy, which has not been updated since 1997. The resolution sponsored by Sen. Dang Du is scheduled for a third reading during the March 16 ASBSU Senate meeting.

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## Good news: we don't know jack

### The more we learn in college, the less we all seem to know

BY BRANDON NOLTA  
Opinion Writer

Damn, it's easy to get caught up in thinking the world's going to hell. With all the silly crap we got going on, a person can be forgiven for having a dour outlook on life. I used to hear an adage being passed around in the various tech support centers I did time in over the years: When you work in an emergency room, the whole world's bleeding. I

trust I need not explain further. But, there is good news all over the place. Not just in the positive events that don't get coverage, but in everyday life. I was driving home from work today, and one of those cheery instances smacked me right in the head as I toiled home, driving in the midst of what I think of as granola hour, 'cause it seems like sometimes the road is filled with naught but fruits, nuts and flakes. What's this cheery thought? It's pretty simple: We will never know

everything. Never. Ever. No matter how hard we study, no matter how far we advance as people, there will always be mysteries and unknown places in the universe. Pick a field of study, any one you want, and dollars to doughnuts says there will be unanswered questions in it when you pass beyond this mortal coil, no matter how long it takes. When I die, there will be more questions and mysteries left unsolved for me than I can even count. I find that fantastic to contemplate, and it gives me hope, because to me, it means that our sense of wonder need never run out. Necessity may be the mother of

invention, but curiosity is the engine of inspiration. The question "What if?" is one of the most powerful in human language, but it bows before its mighty predecessor "How come?" or more simply yet, "Why?" Curiosity gets us into trouble, pushes us beyond the everyday, helps us evolve. As a species, we tend to chase after knowledge; the more we know, the more we want to know. It's a thirst to understand, a drive to know, that is responsible in large part for what we are, and it's this same trait that may lead us to ways to fix what we don't like. There are so many things we don't understand. How exactly does

the brain work? How common is life in the universe? How many dimensions are there? What's the big deal with relativity and quantum mechanics? How did the universe begin exactly? What mechanism in human genetics leads to genius? Do humans have souls? If so, are we alone in having them? These are just the ones that come right to mind. I expect some of these to be answered fairly soon; others won't be solved until long after I'm dead, if at all. But that's OK, because it means there will always be something worth striving for, worth finding out. We won't ever lack ideas to pursue, and there will always be room

for the sense of wonder and accomplishment at learning something new and fitting it into the puzzle of existence for the first time. Maybe it's not enough to get you through the day, not enough to brighten your heart against the daily thud of violence, politics and economic sob stories that your TV and newspaper bring. I don't know; I'm not you. But it works for me, at least today. And as I lean back in my chair and contemplate the world beyond my ceiling, I feel like, just for a moment, I got a little bit closer to understanding the world and myself. That feels like accomplishment to me. That feels like good news.

### Letters to the editor Idaho's loud and proud for homophobia

I've heard across these United States, from people who've never been, that Idaho is reputed for its potatoes, hate groups and militias. Now we thankfully have the chance to redeem that reputation and build a positive new image for ourselves. Instead of saying, "Oh, Idaho. Isn't that where potatoes come from?" People will now say, with a tinge of pride, "Oh, Idaho. They sure got it right when it comes to the gays." And the positive effects needn't stop there. From the conservative talk I've heard on the streets and at the water cooler, Idahoans have too small of a perspective on recent legislation. As a mere lonely state, we are taking a meaningful step toward guiding this country and maybe even the world. If we are to lead by example in our country's democratic community, the best place to start is with curbing minority rights. If we are to lead by example in our planet's political and cultural community, the best place to start is with curbing minority rights. How can we expect Iraq to build a democracy if we can't lead the way? It's a positive trend we've set already. First our state is ranked the top place to start businesses. Second, Idaho protects our sacred institution of marriage (and not a moment too soon either, think of those people in the North End marrying their Volvos or Dalai Lama books), and now, America—get ready to watch our divorce rates plummet under this newfound security for our blessed institution. Surely we could even consider, at the risk of appearing arrogant, changing our license plate mottos from "Famous Potatoes" to "The US's Barometer of Morality." Way to go, Idahoans!

Jacob Roberts  
Boise, ID

## A game of chance: South Dakota v. Roe

BY JORDAN BRADLEY  
Guest Opinion

Since 1973, when the justices of the Supreme Court set the over-under on the right to abortion, we have been subject to the constant odds projections regarding future match-ups between the now championed right to abortion and any new challenger. Thus far, the odds-makers have favored the right to abortion, and with few exceptions, they have remained victorious. With a recent trend towards the appointment of more conservative justices, some fear that the odds have changed and that the reigning champion may in fact become the underdog. Any good bookmaker knows that the side receiving the most bets is the favorite, regardless of any apparent discrepancies in talent or strength that a side-by-side comparison may reveal. For this reason abortion advocates regularly cite both national and European surveys as evidence that the majority of people support the right to an abortion, and therefore the bookmakers should support the right to the abortion. Seemingly, the only weakness in this system is the never-ending flow of contenders. Most recently, the state of South Dakota has thrown its hat into the ring in opposition to the right of abortion. But the constant challenges to the law cannot be overlooked as a partisan argument between the pro-abortion and pro-life camps, because it raises a very important question: why are the United States abortion laws subject to

so many challenges, while, relatively speaking, the abortion laws of other respected countries remain untouched? Some may say that it is explained simply by the nature of the American political process, and the stronger voice that it gives to the dissenting minority. They are not entirely wrong, however, such a simple answer inhibits a deeper analysis. I believe that the constant influx of contenders is attributable to something far more elusive: the betting bug. In any game of chance, sports betting and card playing alike, there is the ever present "Damn, I was that close" among the vanquished that keeps them coming back to the table or sports book with a new strategy to beat the odds. A reliance on the judiciary for a resolution to the abortion debate breeds the same betting bug. This bug has slowly become an addiction for both camps, re-enforced by the perceived change in odds caused by new members on the court. Herein lies the problem: the judiciary is not, and never was, structured to create new rights. That power was vested in the legislative branch.

As the judiciary continues to increase the scope of its power, its similarity to a Las Vegas sports book will persist. By allowing the people's elected representatives to answer the abortion question, the final decision, whatever it may be, will have a sense of legitimacy only the legislature can rightly provide. Legislation will pass, legislators may be defeated in subsequent elections, and then their successors will pass new legislation. It will take some time to reach equilibrium, but the legislative process was never intended to provide a quick-fix solution, just one representative of the people's opinion. But until deference is given to the constitutional process of representing the people's will in the Legislature, the contenders will continue to line up to challenge the abortion laws. As for now, I'm going back to the sports book; I hear that Justice Stevens is sick, and I'm starting to like those odds.

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## Everyone's opinion matters

BY GRAHAM ALDERSON  
Guest Opinion

In the March 9 edition of The Arbiter, Angela Samples wrote an article entitled, "A woman's right to abortion is not a state's decision." She stated, "the only people that should have an active opinion on any issue are those that the particular issue applies to." Ms. Samples uses the argument in terms of abortion, gay marriage, euthanasia and stem-cell research. Are these the only issues to which this policy should apply? If so, what makes these issues special? If not, then should it apply to all concerns? Who decides whom is affected and why? Either case creates a system of government that is divisive to our society by separating us into innumerable small interest groups. These small interest groups would consistently create legislation, which benefits only them and excludes concern for the nation as a whole. Here are a few examples of why this concept doesn't work. Imagine if only drug users were allowed to vote on issues of drug control. Maybe only the rich should be allowed to vote on tax cuts for the rich. What do you think they'll vote for? Is that democracy in action? No, it's every little group and their dog getting what they want at the expense of universal suffrage and the rest of the nation. In the end, this selfish decision-making could only lead to chaos. As if the fact that the concept destroys our very democratic foundation isn't enough, it also does not take into account that every decision affects the whole country whether we realize it at first or not. There are few issues, if any, which affect only the person concerned. As an example, euthanasia affects more than just the terminally ill patient; it affects their family, friends and everyone who knows them. Euthanasia laws for the terminally ill affect everyone, because any one of us could find out we are terminally ill tomorrow. This is just one example of how every piece of legislation affects every American in some way. With that in mind, everyone's opinion matters and universal suffrage is a must.

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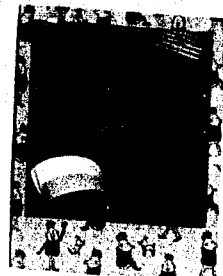
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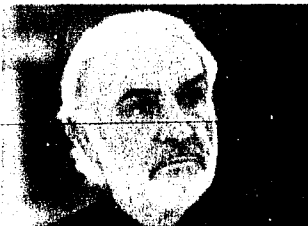
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**EDITOR'S PICK:**  
New DVD release  
"A History of Violence"



Tom Stall (Viggo Mortensen) is a normal family guy running a sleepy diner in a small town. And that's pretty much the story until one evening, when two armed robbers roll into town and hold Stall and his employees hostage. "Violence" takes a handful of common thriller themes and mashes them into a shockingly graphic but fearlessly unique stew of fear, anger and primal instincts in a civilized world.

**CELEBRITY NEWS:**  
Bond-Aid



Esteemed actor Sir Sean Connery had surgery to remove a tumor from his kidney, according to the BBC News.

The James Bond star had the operation a few weeks ago in a private hospital in New York and has made a full recovery.

"He's very fit, he's 100 percent plus," said a spokesman for the 75-year-old, who played the role of Bond in the seven films between 1962 and 1983.

Connery is back at home in the Bahamas and will return to work shortly; his next job is to record a voiceover for the Scottish National Party.

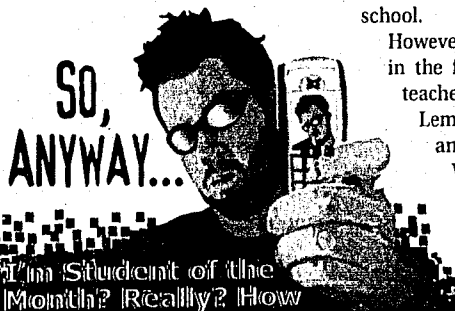
**HEALTH AND BEAUTY TIP:**  
Tanning advice

If you must tan, do it gradually. Avoid burning. Avoid tanning in the middle of the day, when the sun is its brightest and strongest.

Tanning beds have been linked to skin cancer. They are not a better choice than the sun. Self-tanning products appear to be a reasonable alternative to sun exposure.

The single best thing you can do? Cover up and wear sunscreen.

- Compiled from Knight Ridder Tribune wire services



**BY TRAVIS ESTVOLD**  
Culture Columnist

Let me tell you a story.

I was sitting on my bed on Saturday, something I've been doing a lot more than usual lately. I was fiddling with my laptop and watching television when one of my roommates came in and handed me some of my old mail. Our post gets a little mixed up occasionally, so it's no surprise that this particular piece got to me a little late.

I examined the envelope: it was from Boise State. Typically this means a parking lot will be closed or I haven't paid some portion of tuition or BroncoWeb has undergone a minor change that won't affect me in a million years. So, generally, when I see the university's logo affixed to a letter covering, it's completely anticlimactic to tear it open.

But I obliged, anyhow.

The correspondence was dated Feb. 14

and came from the College of Business and Economics. (Keep in mind I was handed this piece of mail on March 11) "Congratulations," the letter read. (And I'm paraphrasing here.) "You are the Marketing Student of the Month for March. Please come and have an expensive lunch - one that normally, on your meager budget, you would never be able to afford - on us, and get your picture taken afterwards to go in our famed display case on the ground floor of the COBE building.

This is a big deal because others who've had their pictures placed here have gone on to get paying jobs and work at placed with long titles - people like the roommate who just gave you this letter a month after it was delivered to your home."

Now, the story I've told thus far would be plenty funny on its own. It's funny that I finally, in my last semester at this institution, was recognized for the hours of tireless work I've put into my education.

But I didn't get the notice until after the fact, so I was instead taunted by the idea of an expensive lunch, a photo op and a congratulatory handshake. But wait, there's more.

Yes, I am a senior, and God-and-all-my-professors-willing, I will graduate in May. It makes sense that I'd get recognized as a student leader. However, the award loses a bit of its luster when I think that it's based on instructor nominations, then voted upon by COBE staff.

Actually, that in itself is great. Hooray! COBE professors finally acknowledge that I've done quality work in their classes and that my jokes haven't hindered, but rather have improved, their lectures. And that's great to hear. Thanks, you guys.

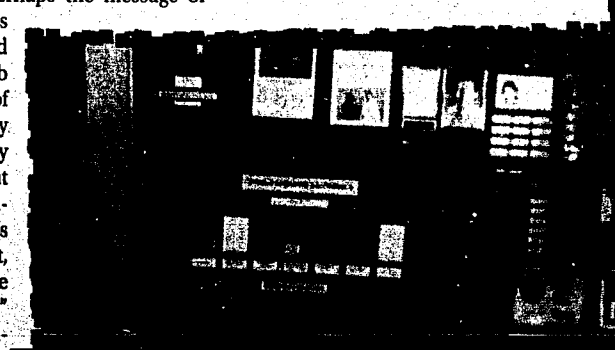
Of course, there is one tiny detail. I'm not taking any business classes this semester. Yeah, I finished up all of my marketing coursework this past fall. What this means is that really, I'm getting Marketing Student of the Month for play-

ing volleyball and bowling; listening to lectures on sexuality, mental illness and trauma; and reading and writing fiction; because that's what I've spent my time doing this spring. Don't get me wrong, I like awards. But it's funny to me that I get recognized for being a top business student just as soon as I'm no longer around the business building.

So, anyway, perhaps the message of this award is less "Good job!" and more "Good job on getting out of here!" I told my parents about my great achievement and they concurred. "Boy, he's been awful quiet, almost like he hasn't been here," my father pretended-quoted one

of my former professors. "Yeah, I haven't pissed off a single one of them this term!" I echoed.

I don't mean to mock my award - I'm actually thrilled to be named SOTM. Clearly grades aren't everything - I'm not a straight-A student. In which case, I'm happy to say, I'm glad my sex appeal has finally counted for something.



## Former Poet Laureate appears in Boise

BY THOM GARZONE  
Culture Writer

Crowds of poetry fans packed the lobby of the Egyptian Theater in downtown Boise Monday night. They awaited the arrival of former United States Poet Laureate, Billy Collins.

When Collins took the stage, he immediately joked about walking to the podium "like an Egyptian." Known for the humor in his work and life, Collins has authored six books of poetry. In addition to serving as the U.S. Poet Laureate, he is also an English professor at New York's Lehman College.

The last time Collins visited Boise was in 1999, a trip he said he enjoyed.

The first poem Collins recited was a piece written to his readers, an appropriate opener. He read an array of different poems including one about a scientific photographer and another entitled, "Ornithography," an analogy on how birds' footprints invented writing, or in this case Chinese characters.

In between reading his poems to the audience, Collins reflected on life experiences. He talked about growing up in New York City and how his life style differs from a friend's who lives in Vermont. This led to Collins reading a poem based on that experience called "The Country."

Collins' poetry flowed as a pristine embodiment of clarity. The subjects of his poems constantly varying one poem about his dog another a meditation on forgetfulness. What is most salient about the poet's work is his intense hu-

mor, whether reciting poetry or ad libbing in front of the audience.

Not long into the evening Collins read some haikus. He then spoke about how an author has to negotiate with poetic form and then eventually come to an agreement with it.

Collins' life is intriguing and his poetic works are even more poignant. One stand-out line reads, "it seems like the same perfect grape eaten again and again."

He also read a poem influenced by a quote from the French poet, Paul Valerie. The epigraph reads, "Poems are never completed. They're only abandoned."

In this poem he transforms urban images in an analogy of language with "half dressed men" who bear winter. Collins ended the recital portion of the evening with a poem entitled, "Night Club."

Afterwards, he took some questions the audience submitted in advance read by one of the hosts. During this segment, Collins revealed that his mother had memorized a good deal of poetry as a schoolgirl and could provide a poetic line for every moment as Collins grew up. Collins also admitted that borrowing ideas is important when writing poetry.

"We are all borrowers and thieves," Collins said. The event concluded, and it was easy to walk away from the experience as a listener and a viewer with the feeling that Collins is truly an amazing poet and individual.

Collins spoke about the balance that night, and it's evident that he achieves harmony in poetry as well as in his own life.



## Life after college just got easier for English majors

BY DANIEL KEDISH  
Culture Writer

Slowly taking a few breaths of fresh air, you stand up and walk across the stage. It's the moment you've anticipated your entire life: graduation. Taking the diploma into your hands, suddenly dozens of questions begin registering in your mind - the constant theme: What now?

Figuring out what to do after graduation is a mind-wrenching experience for some students since many do not understand the possibilities their majors provide. Specifically, English majors tend to hold the misconception that only a career teaching awaits or graduate school.

However, help arrives and in the form of a book. Writer, teacher and mentor, Tim Lemire, brings students "I'm an English Major - Now What?" which provides English majors with insight into the possibilities their fu-



PHOTO COURTESY TIM LEMIRE

Tim Lemire's book "I'm an English Major - Now What?" is currently out in stores.

tures may hold using his own experience as an example and interviews from others.

The two-year project consists of

260 pages presenting career tips, advice, information on a variety of fields including the inside look into dozens of jobs available to English majors using their talent and skills.

Separated into two parts, the book educates readers on Lemire's own experience in numerous professions, which includes "behind-the-scenes" material, while the second area illustrates careers on over a dozen English majors and how they've established themselves in their fields.

The 38-year-old Rhode Island resident hopes people reading his book will see their options are varied and exciting.

"The English major is a great foundation major: you can combine it with your own interests and passions in life and apply it to a wide spectrum of jobs," Lemire said.

Finding a career that's enjoyable is something Lemire continues to pursue after graduating from Boston College in 1989.

Lemire's employment history includes jobs as a newspaper editor, reporter, production editor for

a book publisher, magazine writer, as well as a freelance proofreader and copy editor. Currently, he holds a career as a copywriter for Hasbro's company responsible for Mr. Potato Head.

The idea for the paperback came after five to six years attending Boston College's "Career Night and the Arts."

This event invites alumni to discuss their careers with current undergraduates. After receiving the same questions annually, Lemire decided to put the FAQs into a manuscript.

"If I could go back in time and tell myself everything I wish someone has told me about journalism, publishing, corporate communications, teaching and M.F.A. programs—things I later found out through experience—what would I tell myself?" Lemire said, "That became the book."

The interviews include successful individuals such as George Donnelly, the editor-in-chief of the Boston Business Journal, a children's book author named Margaret

Park Bridges, also the editor for Houghton Mifflin Company, and Jacque Goddard, speechwriter for Angela Menino, the wife of Boston Mayor Thomas Menino.

Lemire's most inspirational story expresses a man's experience becoming a sales representative for a book publisher.

Refusing to wait for a job opening, the man conducted his own sales reports by talking to local bookstores, students, etc.

When finally landing an interview, he showed his already written report. The man got the job instantly.

In the future, Lemire plans to write additional books, many coming from writing projects he says will keep him busy for the next 10 years. "I write about what I'm passionate about, because if it never gets published, it'll still be worth it," Lemire said.

The book is currently available wherever books are sold and for the price of \$15.

According to Lemire, "it's a bargain just for the interviews alone."

# Funky, fun fashion thrives at the Picture Show

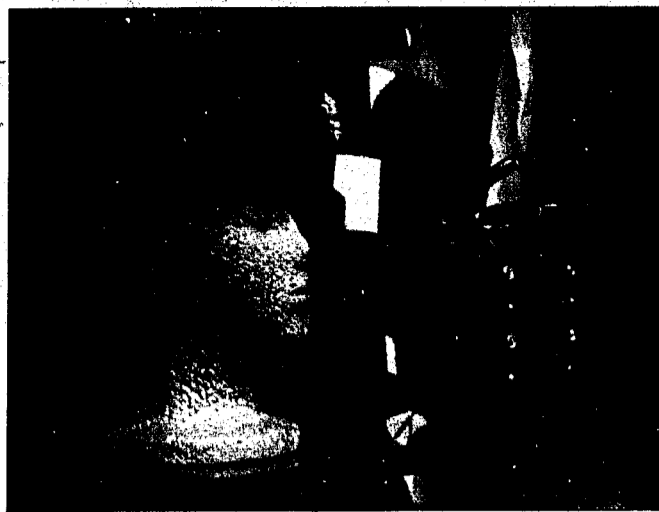
BY FRANCY MARCOTTE  
Culture Writer

The Picture Show, located in the Vista Plaza across the street from Vista Pawn, is a goldmine of vintage attire. This petite boutique houses a plethora of matchless styles of just about any type of clothing you can imagine: shirts, hats, dresses, pants, coats, purses, shoes, and other oddball items, just to name a few.

The Picture Show isn't just another second-hand store. The store's owner is an avid collector of clothing from different eras.

This passion gives the Picture Show its hip retro spirit. Each piece is verified for its authenticity, and along with the price, each garment is marked with its decade, and a short description. The clothing dates anywhere from the 1940s to the late 1970s, and can be formal, like a sweet and sophisticated 1950s party dress, or a more casual pick from the wide selection of groovy shirts and blouses.

Some of the most intriguing items at the Picture Show are the accessories. Large pillbox hats, for example, are a riot to try on. The purses are also fun, and come in many different sizes and styles. Do you need a large bag to store all the day's necessities in? Or perhaps you were



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The Picture Show is a vintage boutique full of one-of-a-kind finds that the owner personally authenticates and collects.

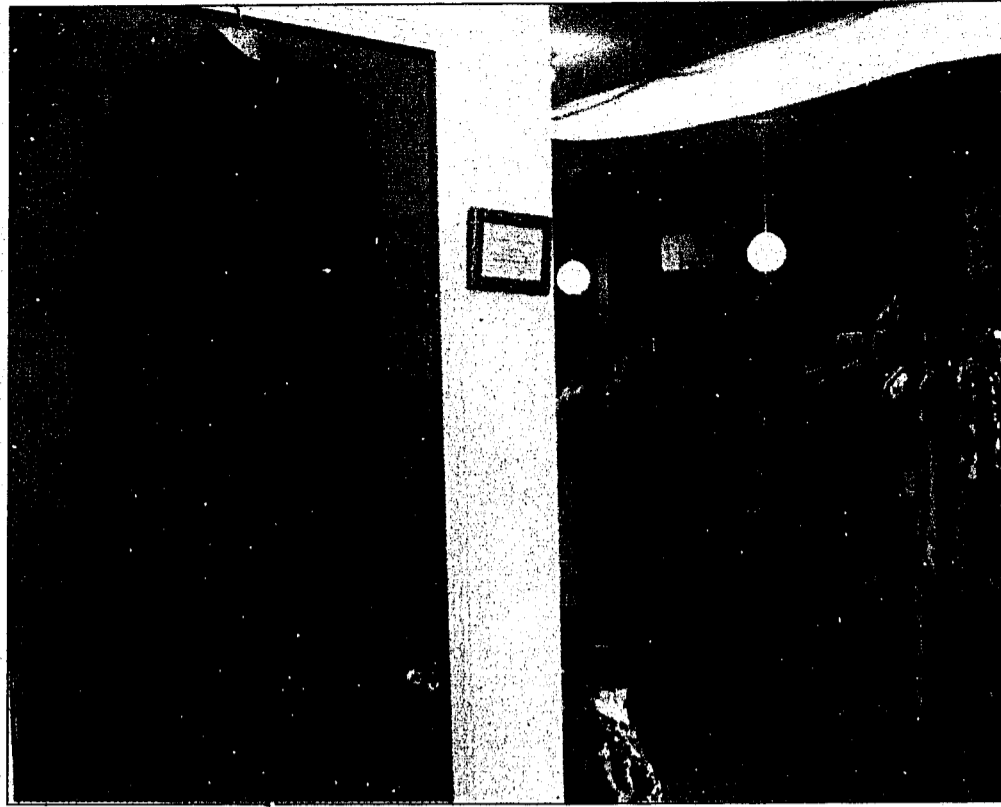
looking for a smaller, more elegant, clutch? The Picture Show provides both.

What about the shoes? Don't even get me started. Instead, let me just say one word: fabulous.

Don't worry guys, the Picture Show doesn't just cater to the ladies. The shop also has a wide selection of men's wear, including vintage jackets, pants, and a variety of funky ties and hats to choose from.

The shop has a bold, retro ambience which can send the shopper back in time. Much of the merchandise is used as decoration, and there are several vintage posters hanging on the walls.

Admittedly, the clothing at the Picture Show is a little bit pricey. Most items start out around \$20, but can go up into the neighborhood of \$200, depending on the era and rarity of the item. However, most of



the clothing is affordable, and the shop has many fabulous sales taking place throughout the year. For instance, right now, the Picture Show is having its winter clearance sale, and there are racks at the entrance of the store with items marked \$5 a piece. Good deal? I think so.

But even when there isn't a big sale going on, the Picture Show is still a great place to try things on and experiment with some new styles. With spring just around the corner, shedding those tired old winter garments for something fresh is a must.



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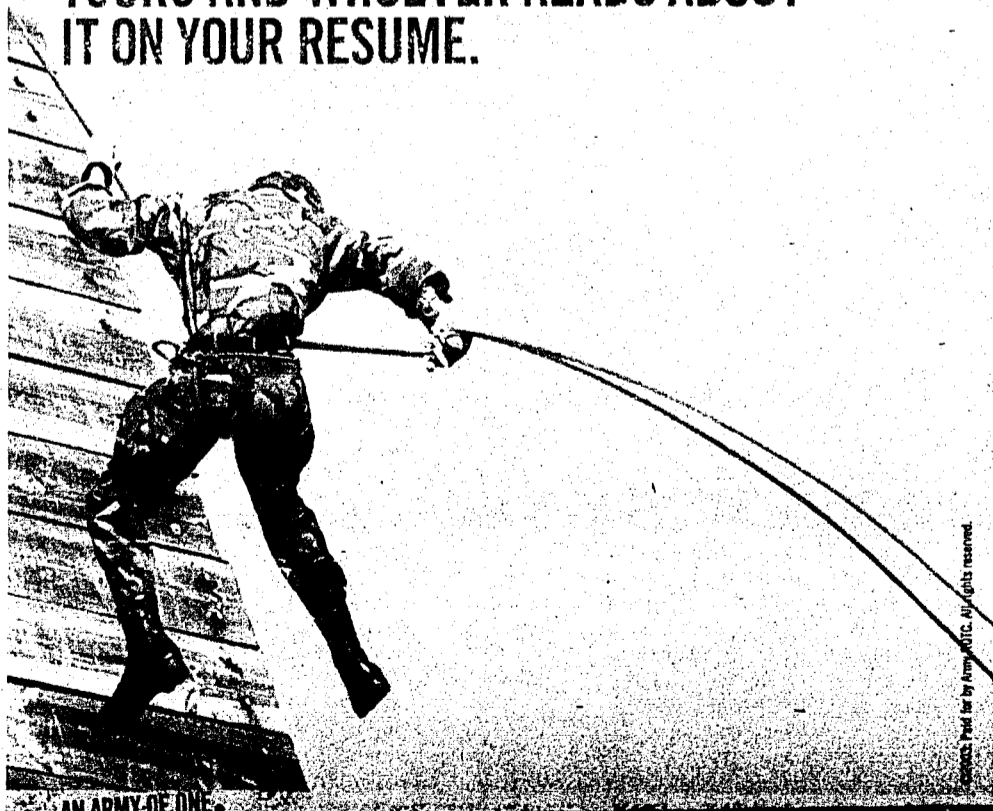
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## The sound of Missy Higgins stands apart



BY FRANCY MARCOTTE  
Culture Writer

With her haunting lyrics and exquisite use of the acoustic guitar and keyboard, Missy Higgins' 2005 debut album "The Sound of White" deserves a listen.

The Australian native singer/songwriter is not just another indie rock chick. True, her songs are about the most cliché subject ever, love. However, something about Higgins sets her apart from other musicians. It could be her unique singing voice, or generally chill style. Though she has a few upbeat tunes like "Scar," "Unbroken," and the sassy "This is How It Goes," the songs on "The Sound of White" are melow, with a mysterious feeling of sadness embedded in them.

Rather than falling in love, Higgins' lyrics are more about the

imperfections of it. For example, in "Scar," Higgins sings of being forced to change herself in order to be with someone: "He left a card, a bar of soap and a scrubbing brush next to a note/That said 'use these down to your bones'/And before I knew I had shiny skin and it felt easy being clean like him/I thought 'this one knows better than I do'/A triangle trying to squeeze through a circle/He tried to cut me so I'd fit."

Some songs deal more specifically with love and loss. In "Ten Days," Higgins sings: "But time has changed nothing at all/you're still the only one that feels like home/I've tried cutting the ropes and/I let you go but you're still the only one/that feels like home."

But Higgins also expresses hope for the imperfections of love, like in her beautiful song, "The Special Two": "But I will fight for you, be

sure that/I will fight until we're the special two once again/And we will only need each other, we'll bleed together/our hands will not be taught to hold another's/cause we're the special two."

"The Sound of White" contains 12 tracks, and a bonus "They Weren't There" that plays after the last song. Be sure to keep the CD on at this point, because "They Weren't There" is one of the best songs on the album but it can be easily missed because it does not have its own track number, and it is not listed on the CD cover.

Whatever the song or subject matter, Missy Higgins' music is full of heart and soul that will make the first-time listener easily addicted. Her album provides songs to groove to and others that only require the listener to sit and hear what she has to say.

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# Terrorism plot of 'V for Vendetta' has everyone's attention

BY TERRY LAWSON  
Knight Ridder Tribune

Natalie Portman tends to tap-dance around the political content of "V," in which she plays a young woman in a fascist Britain who is rescued from the goon squad by a masked vigilante known only as "V."

The mask is of Guy Fawkes, who's notorious in England but little known in the United States.

"The short version is he was the head of a plot, dubbed the gunpowder conspiracy, to blow up Parliament in 1605," says David Lloyd, an artist who, with Allan Moore, created the comic book series that is the basis for "V for Vendetta." Fawkes was captured Nov. 5, 1605, and he and other members of the conspiracy were hanged.

"Every year in England, to commemorate his capture, there would be a bonfire in which an effigy of Fawkes was burned, and every schoolboy came to learn a poem that began 'Remember, remember the fifth of November,'" says Lloyd.

Over the centuries, the original intent of the holiday has been lost. "Now everyone wears masks for this night of revelry, and the notorious Fawkes became a symbol of something else," says Lloyd. That was an idea Moore wanted to explore in "V."

"This began when Margaret Thatcher was prime minister, and there was much concern that Brits were having their basic rights undercut and curtailed.



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Natalie Portman as "Evey," talks to her rescuer, Hugo Weaving as "V," in the political thriller "V for Vendetta."

So the story, featuring this dashing character wearing the Fawkes mask and threatening to blow up Parliament again,

was very much of the moment," Lloyd says. "And now, of course, here we are again, addressing some of the very

same concerns."

Portman says she is content to let the film speak for itself, though she allows that if the

film sends people out of the theater talking about terrorism, "I think that would be a positive reaction."

"V for Vendetta," which costars "Matrix" villain Hugo Weaving as the man behind the mask and Stephen Rea as the inspector charged with catching him, was written and produced by Larry and Andy Wachowski.

The brothers can be credited with changing the course of the action movie genre with the philosophically fortified "The Matrix."

This alone inspired Portman to take a closer look at the script "because making a movie in which I did a lot of running and carrying a big gun had no particular appeal to me."

I have no particular problem with movies like that, but as an actor, I need something more to motivate me."

Of the many interpretations that could be read into "V for Vendetta," Lloyd acknowledges the idea that "one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter" is "very much at the forefront. It asks if the individual has the responsibility to step up when the government lies and the media is untrustworthy..."

"Look, this film has been in development for years and years," he says. "So it can't be considered a commentary on what is currently going on in the world. But are there obvious parallels? Of course, it would be daft to deny that. One of the things that makes it so much more exciting than your average action film is that it's relevant."



## Rock 'n' Roll News and Rumors

BY GREG WALLACE  
Culture Columnist

### Former L.A. Guns and Guns N' Roses guitarist to play Boise



Tracii Guns has put together a new band with former L.A. Guns members Paul Black and Nicky Alexander. The Tracii Guns band will be playing in Boise on May 17 at The Bouquet on Main St.

Guns stated on his website that the band will play songs from all of his previous bands (L.A. Guns, Brides of Destruction, Killing Machine, Guns N' Roses). And I would assume - with all of the band being former members of L.A. Guns - the set will heavily favor their previous material.

### White Stripes singer launches new project



Rock fans will finally be able to hear what Jack White would sound like with a full band, instead of just a drummer accompanying him. White has put together a new band called The Raconteurs with two guitarists, a bass player, a drummer, and shared vocal duties.

This is not the end of the White Stripes, but White has claimed this new band is his number one priority this year.

The new single "Steady, As She Goes" is in stores now, with a full CD set to release mid-May. The band's sound has been explained as a cross between blues punk, power pop and garage psychedelia.

### Sharon Osbourne hires Hispanic kids to throw eggs at Iron Maiden

Sharon Osbourne recently commented on last summer's feud with Iron Maiden during an appearance on the Howard Stern Show. Osbourne spoke about Iron Maiden's singer,

Bruce Dickenson, badmouthing Ozzy Osbourne onstage every night during the band's headlining set of last summer's Ozzfest. On the final night of the tour, she hired 200 Hispanic kids to throw eggs at the Iron Maiden singer while he performed.

### Velvet Revolver vs. Guns N' Roses: the feud begins



On March 6, Axl Rose's lawyer filed a counterclaim to an ongoing lawsuit the singer has going against former band mates Slash and Duff, now of Velvet Revolver. The fight is over who controls the creative rights to the music of Guns N' Roses.

A press release issued with the counter claim mentions an unexpected visit Rose received from Slash in 2005. The letter claims Slash badmouthed his Velvet Revolver band mates, saying, "Duff was spineless," "Scott (Weidland) was a fraud," and that he "hates Matt Sorum."

Three days later, Velvet Revolver front man, Scott Weidland, posted a response on [www.velvetrevolver.com](http://www.velvetrevolver.com).

Weidland called Axl Rose a "fat, botox faced, wig wearin', fuck." He then went on to dis Rose for carrying on the Guns N' Roses name without his former band mates, and taking 10 years to make a record that has not been released.

Weidland ended the letter with this very bold statement, "What we're talking about here is a frightened little man who once thought he was king, but unfortunately this king without his court is nothing but a memory of the asshole he once was. Yours truly, Scott Weidland."


To add fuel to the fire, Rolling Stone magazine recently published a review of the new Guns N' Roses demos that have leaked onto the Internet. The review stated "Hey Axl, put the thing out - it already sounds better than Velvet Revolver."

I guess the rumored reunion of the original Guns N' Roses is off - let the fireworks begin. I don't think anybody ever believed these two bands could co-exist peacefully.

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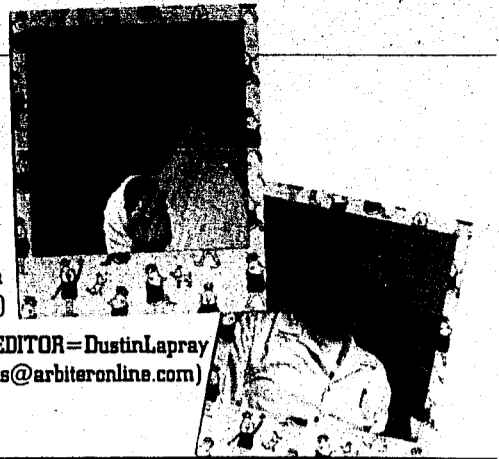
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## [THIS WEEK IN SPORTS]

### Gymnastics

Friday  
Salbasgeon Invitational  
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### Men's tennis

Thursday  
Blue/Grey Intercollegiate  
Tournament  
Montgomery, Ala.

### Women's tennis

Sunday  
BSU @ Pacific

### Wrestling

NCAA Championships  
Thurs-Sat  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

## [SIDE LINE]

### Gymnasts to compete in Corvallis

The Boise State Gymnastics team travels to Corvallis, Ore., this week to compete in the Oregon State Salbasgeon Suites Invitational. Boise State is currently ranked 28th nationally. Oregon State is ranked 17th. Oregon State and Boise State will be joined by Washington (36), Kentucky (18) and Seattle Pacific.

### Jets sign von Oelhoffen

Steelers free agent defensive tackle, and former Boise State Bronco, Kimo von Oelhoffen agreed to a contract with the New York Jets on Tuesday.

Von Oelhoffen will receive a three-year deal worth \$9.2 million, including a \$3.2 million signing bonus.

Von Oelhoffen spent the last six seasons with the Steelers, including a Super Bowl XL in January. The Kaunakakai, Haw. native was drafted by Cincinnati in 1993 after spending two seasons at Boise State.

### Football home opener date changed

Boise State University's opening football game for the 2006 season against Sacramento State has been moved to August 31 (Thursday).

The game was originally scheduled for September 2 (Saturday) but was moved ahead two days so the Broncos would have a full week to prepare for their game against Oregon State University on September 7 (Thursday).

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. (MT) to help with parking needs at the game.

Classes at Boise State will be in session August 31 and the later kickoff will allow extra time for the parking lots surrounding Bronco Stadium to prepare for the game.

The Oregon State game will start at 5:30 p.m. (MT) and will be the first of three games the ESPN networks will televise this season.

Boise State's game against Oregon State, and its Fresno State game on November 1 (Wednesday) at 6:00 p.m. (MT) will be broadcast by ESPN2.

ESPN will also televise the Broncos' game at the University of Nevada on November 25 (Saturday), but will announce at a later date which of its cable channels will televise the game.

Boise State won its fourth straight WAC title last year with a league record of 7-1, its only conference loss in the past four years.

The Broncos finished the season with an overall mark of 9-4 and an appearance in the MPC Computers Bowl against Boston College.

## Bronco wrestling hunts for NCAA titles

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY  
Assistant Sports Editor

The time to prove what Boise State University wrestling is all about has come. The Broncos begin competition at the NCAA National Wrestling Tournament at the Ford Center in Oklahoma City, Thursday.

Five Broncos qualified for the tournament by finishing in the Top-3 at the Pac-10 tournament. Three of those wrestlers (Ben Cherrington, Scott Jorgensen and Casey Phelps) received seeds. All three are seniors. This is their last chance to compete for Boise State on the mats of nationals.

"We want to come out to the tournament and win," BSU head

coach Greg Randall said. "They'll have to get to the All-America round just to be happy with themselves."

Wrestlers must win three matches to get to said round. The top-8 wrestlers in each weight class are named All-America. If a wrestler wins his first four matches, he is a national champion.

"As you go, each match gets tougher and tougher," Randall said. "Guys gotta step up to the plate for every match and be mentally ready for every opponent."

Cherrington received a No. 5 seed for the tournament, the highest of the three seeded Broncos. Cherrington is undefeated this season (15-0), yet missed a significant portion of the season due

to injury. He won the Pac-10 tournament in the 157-pound weight division. This is his fourth consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament. He will face Kevin Ward (Oklahoma State) in the first round. Cherrington is 4-6 in his previous three trips to the tournament.

Jorgensen, a senior from Eagle, Idaho, got the No. 9 seed in the 133-pound weight class. Jorgensen is 23-8 in matches this season and also won the Pac-10 tournament. He will wrestle Phillip Plowman of Eastern Michigan in the first round.

Jorgensen is the first three-time Pac-10 Conference Champion. This is his third consecutive trip to the tournament. He has pro-

cured a record of 5-4.

In 2005, Jorgensen received the No. 8 seed and advanced to the quarterfinals before being knocked out of the championship bracket.

Casey Phelps, a senior from Rathdrum, ID got the final seed for the Broncos with the No. 12 seed in the 197-pound weight class. Phelps wrestles Malcolm Havens of the University of Wyoming in the first round. Phelps beat Havens 4-1 in overtime in a dual match in January of this year. Phelps has the best overall record on the Bronco team, this year, at 28-8.

Phelps earned his bid for na-  
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## Football transitions easy compared to real life

BY TREVOR HORN  
Sports Editor



Gerald Alexander is making the transition from cornerback to safety this offseason. When he was 14-years old, he had to endure a life-altering change when his father was sent to prison for seven years.

The move from cornerback to safety is not nearly as hard as the transition Gerald Alexander went through as a teenager.

Alexander's father guided the senior-to-be for the Boise State football team through his years playing youth football. But the summer before heading to high school, Alexander's father was incarcerated, leaving the 14-year-old without a mentor, and forced Alexander to guide himself down the path he and his father dreamed about.

Alexander's father was sent to prison for what Alexander said was a "white collar crime having to do with computers," a punishment that kept him behind bars for seven years until his release last March.

"Growing up...we shared this dream of me going to the NFL," Alexander said. "We talked how high school football was a steppingstone to go to college. So he went (to prison) the summer before I went to high school. That was the big transition from youth football to high school. We were going to do that together."

Alexander said that his father's incarceration was devastating to him, but thanks to another family member, he was able to continue his pursuit of football.

"I was living with my dad and his girlfriend when he went in; I couldn't really live with his girlfriend. We just really didn't get along that well. So I moved in with my grandmother because my mom didn't stay in the area where I lived and then I stayed with her," Alexander said.

His grandmother became his personal taxi driver, taking Alexander to and from practice, even staying the entire day during fall camp the summer before his freshman year.

"It was hard on her, being an older woman, but she got through it and she was strong and I thank her for that because who knows what would have happened? I could have gone down another path and not been here today."

Despite the help from his grandmother and the rest of his family to encourage him

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## Men's golf eyeing NCAA tournament

BY SHAWN ASHBY  
Sports Writer

When the Boise State men's golf team finished the WAC Championships in tenth place last season, not many would have guessed that just a season later they would climb the national rankings.

There have been a number of factors that have contributed to the Broncos' success, one of which was the hiring of Kevin Burton.

Burton has brought the program to a level that had never been seen at Boise State. Not only did Burton bring professional experience, he also brought the small organizational things that make a team, Junior Brian Smith said.

Perhaps the most important change that took place was a new found confidence. Smith credits this new found swagger to Burton. "He is great at making us feel like we own the tournament," Smith said.

Throughout the season the Broncos have been bouncing between 50 and 100, a new found territory for Boise State golf. The national rankings are a foot in the right direction for what Burton plans to accomplish at Boise State.

"Right now we want to be playing at a level that will get us an invite to the NCAA tournament," Burton said.

While a WAC Championship would give the Broncos a birth

in the tournament, they would like to wrap up an invite without having to worry about winning the WAC.

With a tourney invite in their sights the Broncos are approaching what could be the most difficult stretch of the season.

The next three tournaments could make or break the Broncos' season.

"We've got three big tournaments coming up. If we knock them down, we could be on our way [to the NCAA tournament]," Burton said.

The Broncos will first compete in the Stevenson Ranch Invitational in Turlock CA on March 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. A tournament that Burton says, "hosts

a strong field and a good golf course." Boise State will then play in the Saint Mary's College Invitational in Pebble Beach. The WAC Championships will tee-off on May first and wrap up on the third; they will take place at the Broncos home course, Crane Creek.

With the new found national recognition for the team there is also new found recognition for senior leader Graham DeLaet. DeLaet was named as a mid-season All-American in November, and has been consistently ranked among the top-10 individual golfers in Division I.

DeLaet was named XBOX Live WAC Golfer of the week; it is his fourth such honor this season.

## School bond passing a great future on to BSU athletics

COMMENTARY BY  
TREVOR HORN  
Sports Editor

If you voted Tuesday for the Boise School District, and voted yes, you did the right thing.

The schools in Boise are depleted and in need of serious renovation, but more importantly to Boise State alumni, current students and fans—it will improve Bronco Stadium immensely and hopefully add even more athletic programs to the university—thanks to the voters that approved the bond.

"It certainly opens that door," Curt Aspsey, the senior associate athletic director in charge of advancement said. "The interest of the university and the athletic department was to see the bond pass for a number of different reasons. It's great for the local school district, obviously. But in terms of the university and the athletic department, we were looking for an opportunity to get involved in East Junior High, and at some point down the road taking the track and some other things over there."

Boise School District voters solidly approved a \$94 million bond measure Tuesday, that is part of a \$116 million plan to renovate, rebuild or consolidate aging Boise school buildings.

Final election results were 70 percent in favor and 30 percent against the bond. Twenty-eight percent of registered School District voters cast ballots in the election.

What this means for Boise State is the opportunity for East Junior High School to be rebuilt on another location, so Boise State can build a new track and field complex where East is located right now.

"We don't have it all master planned at this time, but we do know we want to move the track over there," Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier said. "We will want to have our track facility over there. Also, have the ability to play high school football games in that facility."

The addition of a new track complex off campus will allow for more stadium expansion at Boise State. As it sits right now, Bronco Stadium seats 30,000. With the addition of closing off the south end zone seating and bending the north end zone, it would expand the stadium to 45,000 seating capacity.

Taking out the track would lengthen the seating in the lower level closer to the field, which would mean Bronco Stadium could eventually seat 50,000 screaming Bronco fans.

Aspsey also sees this as yet another benefit because instead of adding seats farther from the field, the new additional seats would be premium and make a loud Bronco Stadium even more intimate for the fans—and more imposing for opposing teams.

"It now certainly gives us another option, and maybe the best option to expand Bronco Stadium," Bleymaier said. "This would give us a third option of lower the field and creating more seats between the goal lines down close to the field, and that is certainly a plus."

Cut it any way you want, but this is a good thing for Boise State, the city of Boise, and the entire state of Idaho.

No longer will Bronco Stadium resemble a Texas high school stadium that does not match the level of play the athletes are contributing. No longer will the press box look out dated and down right pathetic compared to those Boise State opponents have in their stadiums.

No, Bronco Stadium will become a state-of-the-art facility — and Tuesday's voting results are the catalyst for it all.

"I think this gives us our best option and most cost effective way

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## Women's tennis prepare for road trip

Arbiter Sports Staff

The Boise State University women's tennis team travels to Calif., this week for matches with Pacific, Sunday, and Cornell on Mar. 21, beginning a stretch of four matches on the road.

The Broncos, ranked No. 73 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, are 10-3 this season, and have won each of their last two matches by

a score of 7-0 over Montana and Lewis-Clark State.

Pacific is 9-5 this season, and 1-6 against teams ranked by the ITA. The Tigers lost their last match against No. 45 UC Irvine, and are scheduled to play Idaho, March 18.

Cornell is 6-1 this season, with its only loss coming at Syracuse, Feb. 26. The Big Red are scheduled to play No. 8 Point Loma Nazarene (NAIA), March 20.

With a 7-0 victory over Lewis-Clark State March 10, the Boise State University women's tennis team completed its second shutout of the day, improving to 10-3 on the season. The Broncos also shut out Montana, Friday.

After winning the doubles point in each of their first eight matches, the Broncos had dropped two of the past three to UNLV and Washington State. Determined not to let the

trend continue, the Bronco women swept all three doubles matches against both Montana and LCSC, giving the women their seventh and eighth doubles sweeps of the season, respectively.

Including Montana and LCSC, the Broncos have swept five different schools this season in dual competition (Portland, Weber State and Eastern Washington).

## CBS makes all-Internet shot for NCAA Tournament

BY ERIC BENDEROFF  
Chicago Tribune

Chicago—This year Matt Harrison has a new way to feed his March Madness—even while he's at work.

CBS, which broadcasts the NCAA men's basketball tournament, for the first time is offering Harrison and millions of other hoops fans the ability to watch all the games in the first three rounds online for free.

Better yet, the package of games from the television network comes with a handy "boss button," allowing online viewers to instantly switch to a spreadsheet if the boss happens to walk by at the wrong time.

"I definitely will be watching it online at work, in the background," said Harrison, an Ohio State graduate and outside sale representative for an aviation firm. His team tips off in a first-round game Friday at 11:15 a.m., and he plans to watch while eating lunch at his desk.

CBS' online experiment is the latest move by a traditional media company to cater to audiences now armed with an array of gizmos to help them bypass TV sets, and its programming, altogether.

Instead of ignoring them, networks have begun to join them, dipping their toes in programming ventures that go beyond the tube. In recent months, ABC, NBC and CBS have struck deals that make their programming available via the Internet, or that can be down-

loaded on iPods or saved to watch when you want to watch.

Now, even must-see sporting events, still the hallmark of appointment television, aren't immune to the forces of technology.

"This is a pioneering concept in delivering online video," said Joe Ferreira, vice president of programming for CBS SportsLine, part of CBS Digital Media. "The online ad industry, in general, is climbing steadily, and online video is really hot. A free product seems like a winner to us."

The growth of high-speed connections is encouraging networks like CBS to launch the online broadcasts.

A study released Tuesday found that 68 percent of active Internet users go online through a broadband connection, according to Nielsen//NetRatings.

With broadband, "activities such as checking account balances, downloading music, watching streaming video and checking e-mail become just another application of the PC," said Jon Gibs, senior director of media.

There is no precedent for the scope of CBS' online streaming coverage. The average viewer will be able to access about 75 percent of the games - there are 32 - during the tournament's first two days. Online viewers won't be able to watch games being broadcast by a local CBS affiliate, however.

Ferreira said the only thing comparable is the Live 8 concert broad-

cast last summer by AOL. That charity event, which featured live music from top acts playing at venues around the world, drew about 5 million online visitors. At peak traffic, about 175,000 people watched online at the same time, he said.

"We think we'll surpass that," Ferreira said.

Jon Swallen, senior vice president of research at TNS Media Intelligence, called CBS' online broadcast unprecedented.

"It will be a lot of traffic for live, full-motion audio-visual," he said. But "this is a test, not a built-out business model. CBS is saying, 'Let's run it up the flagpole and see what happens.' I don't think the objective is to move things off the television onto the computer screen."

"But down the road, can you expand this to other sports packages?" Swallen asked. "This is the perfect venue for them to test this."

This is the fourth year that tournament games have been available online, but it will be the first time people can watch for free.

"There are no commitments beyond this year," Ferreira said. "We will gauge the demand and the business model to see if we have happy advertisers and happy consumers."

Keeping the advertisers happy is critical. As the tournament has grown in popularity, the ad dollars have followed.

For 2006, ad spending is expected to approach \$500 million, after hitting \$467.7 million in 2005, accord-

ing to TNS. A 30-second spot during last year's national championship game eclipsed \$1 million for the first time.

CBS created a separate ad package for the online broadcasts. Ferreira would not disclose the cost to advertisers, but he said the 19 available slots sold out "very early." The package sold to advertisers includes traditional spots to be shown during commercial breaks plus a collection of "skyscraper" and banner ads familiar to Web sites.

The site will essentially work on a first-come, first-serve basis due to bandwidth constraints.

Those who can't access the games when they log on will be placed in a "waiting room" where scores and tournament brackets are updated, and visitors will be informed on when they can watch the game.

Indeed, the amount of bandwidth used to watch video on the Web could strain corporate networks, said Mike Hronek, a presales networking engineer for Vernon Hills-based CDW Corp.

"We will see a strain on networks if companies are not set up for this," Hronek said. "These games start right in the middle of the day. The early afternoon is the busiest time for corporate networks. If a company is not set up to eliminate this traffic, it certainly could slow their traffic."

He added that the bandwidth issue is not likely to cause problems across the Internet, just on individual networks.

## Men's tennis journeys to Blue Gray Classic

Arbiter Sports Staff

The Boise State University men's tennis team is headed to Montgomery, Ala., to compete in the Blue Gray National Tennis Classic. The tournament will start Thursday, and continue through March 16-19.

"Next to the National Indoors and the NCAAs, this is the most prestigious team tournament in the country," head coach Greg Patton said.

The 19-team field includes 16 teams ranked by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. The Broncos, ranked No. 32 by the ITA, will be joined by Louisville (No. 15), Notre Dame (No. 19), VCU (No. 22), South Alabama (No. 26), Tulsa (No. 36), Middle Tennessee (No. 38), Colorado (No. 40), Texas Tech (No. 42), Brown (No. 47), Alabama (No. 50), Furman (No. 59), Mississippi State (No. 61), William & Mary (No. 68), TAMU-

CC (No. 69), Fresno State (No. 74), Oregon, Troy State, and AUM.

Patton wasn't blowing smoke when he said this tournament was big. Alabama Governor Bob Riley declared the week of the Blue Gray Tennis Classic as "Official Tennis Week" for Alabama.

Former Bronco star, and 2005 Wimbledon Doubles Champion, Weslie Moodie was named to the Blue Gray Hall of Fame.

With a 7-0 victory over the University of Oregon March 11, the Boise State University men's tennis team recorded its eighth consecutive victory, improving to 8-3 on the season. The Broncos also knocked off William & Mary, 5-2, March 7.

The Broncos, ranked No. 32 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, have defeated four ranked teams during their streak: Texas A&M (No. 13), Arizona (No. 43), Utah (No. 51), and William & Mary (No. 68).

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of expanding Bronco Stadium," Bleymaier said.

It's not awkward to have an off-campus athletic complex. Boise State already has two such facilities. The track and field team already practices and hosts indoor events in Nampa.

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For Mike Maynard, the track and field coach at Boise State, this was something he was ecstatic about.

"I'm just excited about all the possibilities," Maynard said. "I'm just really excited. I'm so thankful that the whole community is behind the whole thing."

Timing was also paramount with this vote. Bleymaier said the athletic department would

have not had another chance to possibly get this much land again.

"It was crucial in that give us 15 1/2 acres to expand out athletic facilities and we would not have another opportunity to get that kind of acreage that close to the university. That was huge and very critical," Bleymaier said.

For the community, there is no pitfall to this decision. I am not usually for added taxation to residents, but this is a matter of education and the well being of youth in Boise.

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**SECOND ROUND** March 18, 19  
**REGIONALS** March 24, 26

1 Duke  
16 Southern U.  
8 George Washington  
9 N.C. State  
5 Wilmington  
12 Texas A&M  
4 LSU  
13 Iona

Greensboro, N.C.  
Jacksonville, Fla.

6 West Va.  
11 Southern Ill.  
3 Iowa  
14 Northwestern St.  
7 California  
10 N.C. State  
2 Texas  
15 Penn.

Auburn Hills, Mich.  
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**SEMIFINALS** April 1

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**Indianapolis** April 3

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Monmouth, N.J. Dayton, Ohio  
Hampton March 14 16

### WASHINGTON

**REGIONALS** March 23, 25  
**SECOND ROUND** March 18, 19  
**FIRST ROUND** March 16, 17

Philadelphia  
San Diego

Connecticut 1  
Albany, N.Y. 16  
Kentucky 8  
UAB 9  
Washington 5  
Utah St. 12  
Illinois 4  
Air Force 13

Michigan St. 6  
George Mason 11  
North Carolina 3  
Murray St. 14  
Wichita 7  
Seton Hall 10  
Tennessee 2  
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### OAKLAND

**FIRST ROUND** March 16, 17  
**SECOND ROUND** March 18, 19  
**REGIONALS** March 23, 25

1 Memphis  
16 Oral Roberts  
8 Arkansas  
9 Bucknell  
5 Pittsburgh  
12 Kent St.  
4 Kansas  
13 Bradley

Dallas  
Auburn Hills, Mich.

6 Indiana  
11 San Diego St.  
3 Gonzaga  
14 Xavier  
7 Marquette  
10 Alabama  
2 UCLA  
15 Belmont

San Diego

**REGIONALS** March 24, 26

**SECOND ROUND** March 18, 19  
**FIRST ROUND** March 16, 17

**Philadelphia**

**Salt Lake City**

**Jacksonville, Fla.**

**Dayton, Ohio**

### MINNEAPOLIS

**REGIONALS** March 24, 26  
**SECOND ROUND** March 18, 19  
**FIRST ROUND** March 16, 17

Philadelphia  
Salt Lake City  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
Dayton, Ohio

Villanova 1  
Monmouth, N.J./Hampton 16  
Arizona 8  
Wisconsin 9  
Nevada 5  
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### CLEVELAND

**FIRST ROUND** March 18, 19  
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**REGIONALS** March 26, 28

1 North Carolina  
16 UC Riverside  
8 Vanderbilt  
9 Louisville  
5 UCLA  
12 Bowling Green  
4 Purdue  
13 Southwest Mo. St.

Nashville, Tenn.  
West Lafayette, Ind.

6 Texas A&M  
11 TCU  
3 Rutgers  
14 Dartmouth  
7 George Washington  
10 Old Dominion  
2 Tennessee  
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**SEMIFINALS** April 2

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**Boston** April 4

### BRIDGEPORT

**REGIONALS** March 26, 28  
**SECOND ROUND** March 20, 21  
**FIRST ROUND** March 18, 19

Norfolk, Va.  
Chicago

Duke 1  
Southern 16  
Southern Cal 8  
South Fla. 9  
Kentucky 5  
Chattanooga 12  
Michigan St. 4  
Wisconsin-Milwaukee 13

Temple 6  
Hartford 11  
Georgia 3  
Marist 14  
Va. Tech 7  
Missouri 10  
Connecticut 2  
Coppin St. 15

### ALBUQUERQUE

**FIRST ROUND** March 18, 19  
**SECOND ROUND** March 20, 21  
**REGIONALS** March 25, 27

1 Ohio St.  
16 Mich. State  
8 Boston College  
9 Notre Dame  
5 Utah  
12 Middle Tenn.  
4 Arizona St.  
13 Stephen F. Austin

West Lafayette, Ind.  
Tucson, Ariz.

6 Florida  
11 New Mexico  
3 Baylor  
14 Northern Ariz.  
7 St. John's (N.Y.)  
10 California  
2 Maryland  
15 Sacred Heart

Tucson, Ariz.  
University Park, Pa.

**REGIONALS** March 25, 27

**SECOND ROUND** March 20  
**FIRST ROUND** March 18

**San Antonio**

### SAN ANTONIO

**REGIONALS** March 25, 27  
**SECOND ROUND** March 20  
**FIRST ROUND** March 18

Nashville, Tenn.  
Chicago

LSU 1  
Fla. Atlantic 16  
Minnesota 8  
Washington 9  
N.C. State 5  
Tulsa 12  
DePaul 4  
Liberty 13

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# Wrestling (from page 8)

nationals with a third-place finish at the Pac-10 tournament. This is his second trip to nationals. He went 1-2 in the 2005 NCAA Tournament.

Tyler Sherfy, a freshman, took second place at the Pac-10 tournament, but didn't receive a seed at the NCAA tournament. Sherfy wrestles No. 11 seed Troy Tirapelle of the University of Illinois in the first round. Sherfy has an overall record of 27-9 this season.

Andy Patrick, a third place finisher the Pac-10 Tournament, wrestles unseeded Jeremy Mosley of Edinboro in the first round. Patrick's record this season is 23-13.

Patrick, a freshman, traveled to watch the NCAA's last year, but this season, he gets a chance to compete.

"I'm really excited to be back," Patrick said. "You never know. I'm not favored to be a high placer. I've wrestled a lot of top-10 guys this year and I can compete right up there with those guys."

Patrick said that he is peaking at the right time.

"I've gotten better and better all year," Patrick

said. "Our coaches are known for getting us to peak at the right time, sometimes I feel like I'm not wrestling worth anything right now; I get beat up I practice. "But by the time Pac-10's rolled around, I was wrestling at my top level and when nationals roll around I feel I wrestle better than I've wrestled all year and do well there."

Patrick is a freshman and hence doesn't really have the urgency of the departing seniors. For him, this first trip is a learning experience.

"Everytime I get on the mat is one more chance to get better," Patrick said. "During the off-season I'll get better. That's my goal: to get better every time I step on the mat. It's not necessarily to win or win a tournament, it's to get better every single time I get on that mat, to see how good I am. It's a test for myself, is what it is. If I lose, then it's an opportunity to learn and get better from it, that's how I approach things. Right now nobody knows who I am, I'm just some kid from Boise State."

Patrick is a heavyweight, but his is far from big. Most of the wrestlers he takes on are larger than him.

"I'm on the lighter side of things," Patrick said. "It has its advantages, but I think it would be nice

to be a little heavier, a little stronger. There's been about one match where I wish I had been a little bit bigger, but I'll definitely work on that next year."

Patrick is excited and proud to be a Bronco in the tournament.

"You come in and love to wrestle every day and the school gets to ride on your back with you," Patrick said. "It's kind of a unique opportunity. You get to sponsor a school, a great school at that matter, and at the same time you get a little bit of credit for it as well."

Although the Broncos take five wrestlers, they also have to leave five at home.

"It means we probably had half a team," Randall said. "I go into the Pac-10 tournament believing we could take all 10 guys and that's why we work hard all year, to take 10 guys to the national tournament. It just so happens that five guys only qualified and that's not how we want it. We want to go as a team. Some day we will."

Boise State has finished in the top 20 at five of the past seven NCAA Tournaments, including 10th place finishes in 1999 and 2001. Last year the Broncos scored 12 points to tie for 33rd place.

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# Alexander (from page 8)

to keep going, Alexander hit another snag—the now 6 foot, one inch, 197 pound safety was too small to start his freshman year at Rancho Cucamonga High School in Southern California.

"You may not see it now, but there was question of my size. I didn't hit my growth spurt until my sophomore year in high school," Alexander said. "My freshman year, I hardly played."

Luckily for Alexander, he was able to stay in contact with his father, and visited him regularly in high school, which gave him the courage to stay with the dream the two of them shared.

"There were big plans, and when he went in, it was like, 'OK, what do I do?' So that's what makes that transition so significant to where that was an uphill battle because my dad went in," Alexander said.

He persevered and became a starter his junior year after the starting quarterback broke his collarbone in the second game of the season.

Alexander went on to have a

standout career as a quarterback, and in track and field, in high school. He was named the league offensive player of the year his senior year and set the school record in the high jump.

Now, Alexander is making another transition despite starting the last 25 games for Boise State at cornerback.

"I was kind of puzzled at first when (defensive back coach Marcel) Yates presented me with the idea. I was thinking of it, not that I am a selfish player, I would do anything for the team...But, would this help me in the long run?"

Meaning would this help him in the process of achieving his lifelong dream with his father of making it to the NFL?

"As far as the future, I got a lot of positive feedback. If I play good, I believe I have the confidence and the ability to be a good safety."

Last season was a bit of a let down for Alexander. As a sophomore, he led the team with five interceptions and totaled 53 tackles in his first year as a starter. As a junior, Alexander was sixth in the WAC with 13 passes broken up, but was

not as opportunistic, grabbing just one interception all year.

"I think there were a lot of things that held me back last year," Alexander said. "I don't know if it was the fact that I didn't make 'the' big play. I've always been there. Maybe I was thinking too much—I can't really put my mind on it. I kind of came up with a theme for myself, 'all or fall.' My mindset going into this final year is pretty much to play relentlessly."

So far, in the first two practices during spring drills this week, Alexander routinely stood next to Yates forty yards away from the rest of the players in between plays. While the rest of the players were taking a breather, Alexander was trying his best to make the most of another unexpected transition.

"This is it. This is the last ground. If someone told you that you had one more day to live, what would you do? You'd do everything you can, or ever wanted to do, or ever thought about to get where I want to be. My whole life I've dreamed about playing football at the next level, and this is my last opportunity to show people what I can

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# Business & Tech

## In Japan, women find new careers beckoning

THE YOMIURI SHIMBUN  
Knight Ridder Tribune

TOKYO - Attracted by the opportunity to do what they want and undeterred by their lack of experience, many women are taking the plunge and starting their own business.

At a seminar for women hoping to start businesses held late February in Tokyo, attendees showered three female entrepreneurs acting as instructors with questions about running a company, from how to manage an inventory to setting the price for goods.

The instructors offered practical advice to the budding businesswomen, giving tips on running a successful operation.

"It wouldn't be sensible to sell products too cheaply," one instructor said. "I think it would be better to set a price that allows you to provide the goods continually."

Masako Ishikawa attended the seminar. She has been manager of event planning firm Soleil for one year.

"I came to brush up my business skills as a professional. I used to work for a major company, which had its upside, but what I like most about being the head of a company is that I can do what I want," Ishikawa said.

Mika Isojima, a former freelance designer who founded a design firm, also attended the seminar. She decided to start her own business after expanding her work portfolio, arranging events for parents and children and issuing e-mail magazines for double-income couples. "I wanted to do work that gives me more responsibility," she said.

According to the National Life Finance Corporation's Research Institute, many female entrepreneurs seek to start businesses in an unfamiliar field, and their businesses are more likely than men's to fail.



Masako Komiyama, who runs several nursery schools, considers herself "a representative for mothers."

The institute's chief researcher, Yoshiaki Murakami, said one reason many women are on the back foot in terms of experience when they launch their business is because they have to take a break from their careers to raise children.

He also said there was no difference between female entrepreneurs who had followed similar career paths to their male counterparts.

"Women are willing to try their luck in a wide array of business

because they aren't solely focused on making money. Rather, they seek self-fulfillment and to utilize their hobbies and interests," Murakami said.

Masako Komiyama hardly had any work experience before she set up child-care firm Woven Hearts Co.

With her husband's business facing lean times, Komiyama decided to look for a job. Her inspiration for starting the company came from

her own struggle to find a day-care center to look after her children. Looking at a waiting list for nursery schools, she realized many other mothers faced the same predicament and decided to make use of her child-rearing experience.

After attending management seminars organized by the Kanagawa prefectural government, she started her company in October 1997.

Beginning with a private nurs-

ery school, she now runs three nursery schools designated by the Yokohama municipal government, and she also has established a social welfare corporation.

"I had no business knowledge, but the skills needed to run a household - economizing and communication - are equally applicable for running a business. If you find a job that you can devote yourself to, you'll accomplish your goals," she said.

According to Japan Academic

Society for Ventures and Entrepreneurs Secretary General Mariko Tamura, today's female entrepreneur boom is the third to shake up Japanese society.

The first came in 1986, when the Equal Employment Opportunity Law came into effect.

In the late 1980s, many homemakers returned to the work force as society became more accommodating of women with careers.

The next boom occurred in the latter half of the 1990s following the release of Windows 95 and the proliferation of home computers.

"In the late 1990s, more women started to work in 'small office home offices' (SOHO) that were connected by the Internet to companies and their homes," Tamura said.

She also pointed out that since the late 1990s, the service industry has been vibrant and large sums of money are no longer needed to start a business.

Combined with wider use of the Internet, which allows people to work free from time and location constraints, the social structure is undergoing sweeping changes, she said.

Reiko Okutani, president of The R Co. staffing agency, knows firsthand how society has changed since she launched her business 25 years ago.

"Back then, a bank employee wouldn't even talk seriously with me, as there still was discrimination against working women," she said.

But she was optimistic about the opportunities awaiting female entrepreneurs today. "It's important to take on new challenges, and having more women in business will help develop a new culture," she said. "I'm certain doors will open for women in the business world if they take responsibility for what they do."

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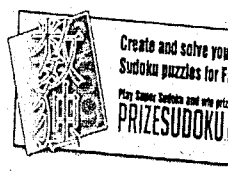
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## SAY IT

ARE YOU CANADIAN? to participate in anonymous survey on Canadians in Idaho Contact [rlorntzen@albertson.edu](mailto:rlorntzen@albertson.edu) or 208-459-5221 to receive survey

Come one come all. To the Conerstone Shorts night. Free entry, Pizza, and Prizes. Fri at 6. For more info call 345-1757.

FREE HOME BUYERS SEMINAR free credit reports every 3rd thursday of the month Sarah 208-921-0088

Need ride to Coachella, CA for the concert on April 29th. For more info on getting paid call Chris @ 412-7124.

## SELL IT

FREE PAIR POW GLOVES WITH PURCHASE OF

4 FRNT AK SKIS OR AK SKIS

www.wfoskisandgear.com

1991 Nissan SE Ext/Cab 4x4 Truck w/Shell, V6, 168k miles, New Brakes. \$3000/obo. 880-8594

7-Piece Cherry Bedroom set. Brand-new in box. Retail \$2250, sacrifice \$450. Call 888-1464

## SELL IT

Antique Piano Circa 1880 Bishop and Sons. From London. Mother Pearl. Beautiful. \$650 OBO. 429-1106

Bed-Queen Pillow Top mattress set. Brand new, still in plastic, warranty. Must sell \$119. Can deliver. 921-6643

Bedroom set, cherrywood, solid wood construction. Sleigh bed, 2 nightstands, dresser w/mirror, tall chest, TV armoire, dovetail drawers. Will sell all or part. Cost \$10,000, sell #2,900. (208) 362-7150.

Blue 1994 Ford Ranger. Good Condition. \$1000. Call 333-9546. Please leave a message if no answer.

Brand new bayhill executive home for sale. Call 208-283-8207.

1986 Toyota Corolla. 4 drs, \$795 obo. 208-629-6546 Garden City

1987 Ford F250 2x4, \$1650 obo, 208-629-6546 Garden City

Cherry Sleigh Bed, solid wood. New-in-box. Value \$899, sacrifice \$249. Call 888-1464.

Dining set, cherrywood, 63" hutch & Buffet, 78" table w/2 leaves, 6 curved back chairs. Dovetail drawers. Side server also available. Cost \$9,000, sell \$2,800 firm. (208) 362-7150.

## SELL IT

Full size orthopedic set. Brand new in package. Sacrifice \$99. Call 921-6643.

King size pillowtop mattress set, brand new in bag. Must sell, \$199. Can Deliver. 921-6643.

Mattress, king pillow-top mattress & box. Never used. Still in factory wrapper. Cost \$550, sacrifice \$295. (208) 919-3080.

Pool table, 8 ft. table, 1" slate, leather pockets, Aramith balls, acc. pkg. included. New in box. Cost \$4,500, sell \$1,450. (208) 362-7150.

Queen orthopedic pillow-top mattress + box. New in plastic. Cost \$400, sacrifice \$195. (208) 919-3080.

## RENT IT

Affordable rent. \$399 and up. Call Allen. Property management. 208-467-2132.

All utilities included, 5 min bus ride, or 15 min walk from BSU. Coin-op avail. on premise. \$350/mo. Call 462-3974

Caldwell. NEW 3 bdrm 2.5 Bath. 2,000 sq. Near shops theatre & restaurants. Pets ok. \$850. 13792 Judson. 340-7707.

Female Roommate needed. 2 bedroom townhouse E. Boise. Pool, workout room. \$350 plus 1/2 utilities. 208-630-4541.

## RENT IT

**EVERGREEN SUITES**

**\$325/MO**

Close to BSU! Ask about our specials!

Private Living Areas & Bath Shared Common Amenities

All Utilities And Basic Cable Included

EVERGREEN SUITES 384-1600

Forplex for sale in Boise. Call 208-860-1612.

Roommate Wanted Amenities: 5 min. walk to BSU. W/D, D/W, 2 car garage, cable, & internet \$250/mo. 921-7935.

Roommate wanted to live in 3bd/2ba house in SE Boise, 10 min from campus. \$300/mo. 859-3961

## STUDENT SPECIAL

Apply today move in today all utilities included onsite laundry pets welcome 2Bdrm \$530 & \$550 3bdrm \$665 208-344-9151 Alpine Manor 3905 Alpine St. Boise 83705

## BUY IT

Cash paid for unwanted cars. 208-629-6546 Garden City

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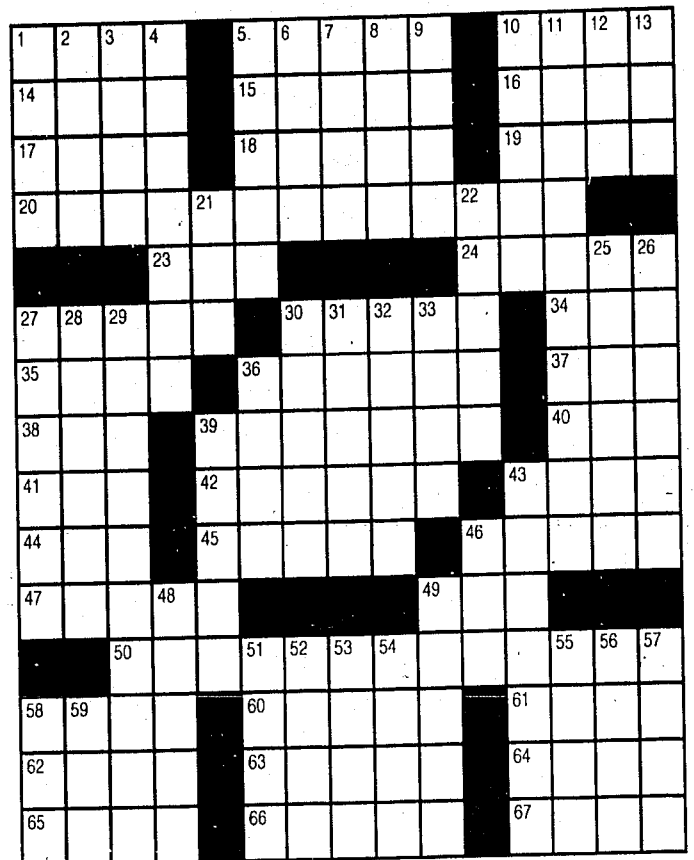
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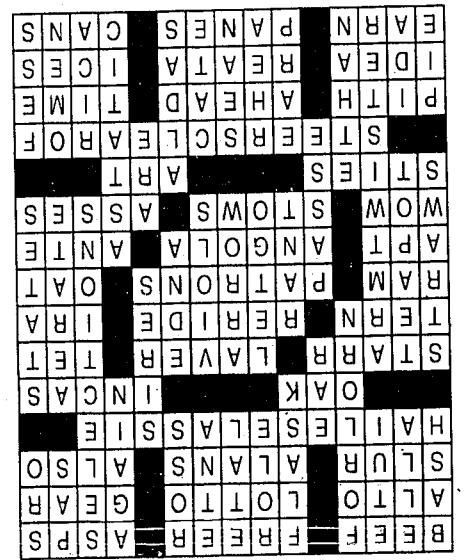
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- Steer flesh
  - Liberator
  - Adder cousins
  - Countertenor
  - State gambling
  - Cogwheel
  - Pronounce indistinctly
  - Ladd and King
  - Furthermore
  - Ras Tafari Makonnen
  - Grown acorn
  - Old Peruvians
  - Kenneth or Bart
  - Aussie Rod
  - Hanoi holiday
  - Gull relative
  - Second spin?
  - Levin or Gershwin
  - Battering device
  - Benefactors
  - Manger morsel
  - Fitting
  - Luanda's land
  - Chip in chips
  - Holy cow!
  - Packs away
  - Beasts of burden
  - Pigs' pads
  - Garfunkel or Carney
  - Avoids
  - Essence
  - Out in front
  - Appropriate moment
  - New thought
  - "Giant" ranch name
  - Clinches
  - Work for
  - Parts of windows
  - Fires



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- DOWN
- Uproarious party
  - Jazz giant Fitzgerald
  - Needle case
  - Friendless
  - Liquor container
  - Part in a play
  - Latin & others
  - Sicilian rumbler
  - "Upside Down" singer
  - Once more
  - Choices
  - Family men
  - Packed-house letters
  - Auditory organ
  - Fathers
  - Make bubbly
  - Ohio and Colorado
  - Drinker's tubes
  - Pekoe server
  - Forceful cajoler
  - Release
  - Turning light
  - Stringed instruments
  - Poet St. Vincent Millay
  - Go on a tirade
  - Out of fashion
  - Unstable
  - Metric square measure
  - Hawke of "Reality Bites"

## Solutions



- Robert and Alan West
- Wyatt of the Old West
- Ostrich cousin
- Penn or Young
- Actress Blanchett
- Costa
- Portent
- up (admit) mode
- Cider-sweet woman?

## comics

WALLY, WHAT ARE YOU FEEDING THE PLANT OUTSIDE YOUR CUBICLE?

IT'S A MULCH OF COFFEE DREGS AND MY SHREDDED STATUS REPORTS.

YOU MIGHT WANT TO SWITCH TO DECAF.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE SEATED IN THE LOUD GUY SECTION OR NO LOUD GUY?

THEY BOTH SOUND GOOD. WE'LL TRY THE LOUD GUY SECTION.

I HOPE HE HAS GOOD STORIES. AND THEN

WALLY, DO YOU EVER WONDER ABOUT YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE?

MY PURPOSE IS TO TRANSPORT HUGE QUANTITIES OF COFFEE FROM THE COFFEE MAKER TO A URINAL.

SUDDENLY I AM FILLED WITH DESPAIR. HEY, WHILE YOU'RE UP...

## horoscopes

By Linda C. Black Tribune Media Services

**Today's Birthday (03-16-06).** You may have felt limited before, by an invisible barrier. Sometimes called a glass ceiling, your progress has been hampered. This year, the glass is likely to break. Be in the right place when that happens, so you can advance without injury. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** Today is a 7 - Although it's easier now to get your message across, there still will be difficulties. Don't go rushing boldly forward.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** Today is a 6 - Friends invite you to come along on a frolic you can't afford. Do you bow to peer pressure, disregard your budget and squander your resources? Of course not. Do something fun that's free.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** Today is an 8 - It's always a good idea to let other people work it out, unless they specifically ask for your advice. So, zip your lip and wait.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** Today is a 6 - You're lucky, but that's not true for everybody now. Some of the others are pretty well rattled. Provide compassion when necessary.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** Today is a 7 - You're impatient to get started. Resist that foolish temptation. All you should do now is practice, practice, practice.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Today is a 6 - You're compelled to go shopping, but take care. The odds are very high that you'll buy something that won't fit in with what you already have. Keep the receipts.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Today is a 7 - It's not a good time to try out a new method or procedure. Be careful, even when doing things the way you've always done.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Today is a 7 - There's more going on behind the scenes than most people realize. Catch up on the gossip before making your next move.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Today is a 7 - Turn down an invitation to go out in favor of family time. Otherwise, the hurt feelings will take a long time to heal.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Today is a 6 - You're in the position of helping somebody else decide. Be careful not to suggest an idea that's to your own disadvantage.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Today is an 8 - Don't make your life an open book. Keep some things to yourself. Not even your friends need to know how much you have.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** Today is a 7 - You could go farther into debt to get a few bells and whistles. Don't do that now. If you really want them, you can get them later.

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