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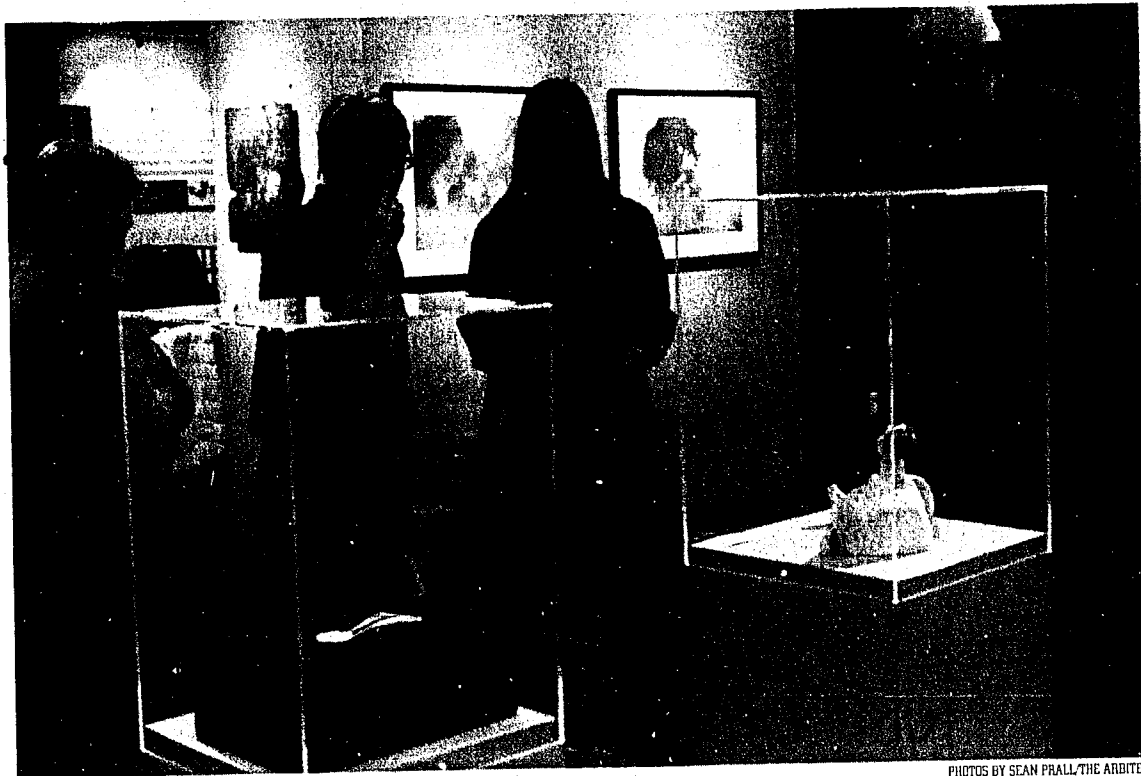
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## Women's History Month CELEBRATED at Boise State

BY JESSICA WIGLEY  
News Writer

While most people were celebrating St. Patrick's Day, others were in the Student Union Building Gallery, where the Women's History Month National Juried Art Exhibition was hosted.

Throughout the night, students and artists mingled in the gallery listening to harp melodies and discussing the Women's History Month art pieces on display.

Local artists Jennie Myers and Julie Clemens juried the national exhibition.

"Although we're first-timers, it seemed like we gravitated toward the same pieces," Myers said.

Kathleen Edwards' piece "Vacuum" tied for best in show with Barri Lester's piece, "Exposed." Josephine Topholm's piece, "Self Portrait Bound 3" won second runner up.

In honor of Women's History Month, the Women's Center hosted a series of events throughout the month of March. The juried art exhibition reception wrapped up the month.

"This month is very important for people because women have been left out of the history books," said Women's Center Advisor Wanda Viento.

Since 1987, March has been Women's History Month. Many women are recognized internationally during this month for their accomplishments. On March 14th, at Boise State, the Larry Selland Humanitarian award was presented to Christy BabcockQuintero and Kate Neal.

"They are two very deserving individuals...participating in a broad spectrum of activities to advance women," said Lisa Bostaph, assistant professor and Chair of the Women's Center Advisory Board.

BabcockQuintero was nominated for her extensive work with international students. Neal was recognized for her involvement with BGLAD and other diversity issues.

This year the Women's Center decided the theme of Women's History Month would be War, Resistance and Peace.

Viento said sometimes people get complacent with the war on Iraq, as they have with other past wars, so this sparked an interest in how war affects women from all walks of life.

Different perspectives were presented at the events, from women who were deployed to Iraq to the wives and mothers who are waiting for their partners and children to return home.

A Woman's Home Front Perspective was presented Tuesday, and the women from the 116th spoke on Wednesday, to share their parallel emotions through opposite experiences.

The keynote speaker Hadani Ditmars, a journalist who spent time in Iraq, lectured Thursday, on her experiences in Iraq. Her chance to view a culture in the midst of war allowed her to gain insight into their humanity, diversity, and strength.

Many students, staff and community members went to the events, more than Viento had anticipated. "We got a variety of people in attendance...people said that it really challenged the way they thought [about women in war]."

Visitors enjoy artwork at the reception for the Women's History Month National Juried Art Exhibition last Friday night. Events continued throughout the month to celebrate Women's History.



## Former candidates get ready to move on

BY GINNY EGGLESTON  
News Writer

Though the ASBSU elections are over, former executive candidates still have big future plans.

Latisha Clark said she will be working with the new president, Wyatt Parke, on his executive staff. Clark also said she has been promised a seat on the student Senate as soon as one becomes available.

"I'll be keeping the same platform as a senator as I did [when running for president]...I still have my goals."

This summer Clark will continue working at Micron. Clark said she had planned to graduate in

May 2007 if she won the election, but since has moved her anticipated graduation date to December 2006.

Tim Flaherty said he is busy with volunteer work and his classes. "I will be concentrating on my studies," Flaherty said.

Robert Ormond said he recently applied for the general manager position at BSU radio's University Pulse.

Ormond is working with Britton Holdaway on a new campus club with the purpose of bringing students together and exemplify American heritage and culture.

"[We want to] focus on the things that make us Americans. People

talk about the American dream and we want to help people achieve that as a more collective group," Ormond said.

Ormond also became a father on March 9 with the birth of a baby girl named Calli Elana.

"That was a big change [and] another big thing I'm looking forward to."

Ormond said he will be graduating in May 2007 with a degree in biology, and plans to apply for veterinarian school.

Britton Holdaway will continue working with the Student Union Board of Governors as the plans move forward with the SUB expansion project.

He said he's particularly interested in seeing a veterans' memorial built in the SUB, a project he's been working on.

Holdaway said he is working with Robert Ormond on improving BSU student radio and creating a political talk show to discuss campus, local, national, and world issues. Holdaway is also researching student government and hopes to have enough material to publish a book by the end of his college career at Boise State.

Beyond campus, Holdaway said he is considering running for a seat in the State Legislature this year, depending on his family obligations.

## '05-'06 ASBSU Senate holds last meeting

BY JESSICA CHRISTENSEN  
NEWS WRITER

The 2005-2006 Associated Students of Boise State University Senate met Tuesday for the last time to review the last resolutions and one bill on the table before the new senators take over.

ASBSU President Joe Holladay was present for the final meeting and offered comments regarding the time spent with ASBSU senators.

"It's been a good few years. I have so much love. It sounds weird, but it's been an awesome few years," Holladay said. "I've tried to keep Senate and Executive separate, and I'm really proud of how situations have been handled. A great example of this would be GLBTQ week. I've never seen such a discussion on all the sides. I'm really proud of you."

Approved by the Senate during the meeting was Senate Resolution #30, sponsored by Sen. Wilson.

The resolution expressed support for Canada Week, scheduled to take place on campus April 3-6. The resolution passed 10-1-1.

"I think this is the worst resolution I've seen in my life," said Sen. Antonio Bommarito.

Sen. Greg Wilson disagreed, "This is not only good for individuals, but it's a good idea to build culture on our campus," he said.

According to the resolution, the Canada Week celebration is recognized as an important cultural element of Boise State University.

Senate Resolution #29, sponsored by Sen. Wilson, supports the opportunity for students, specifically International students, Alumni of Study Abroad Programs, and students who culturally identify with another country to wear regalia during the commencement ceremonies at BSU.

The resolution was immediately pushed through to third reading and passed unanimously.

Currently, students are only permitted to wear academic cords during commencement. The purpose of the resolution is so students may voice support for the recognition of study abroad participants during commencement ceremonies at BSU.

The number of study abroad participants at BSU experienced a four-fold increase over the previous five years (from 23 students for the 1999-2000 academic year, to 114 for the 2004-2005 academic year).

Figures for the current academic year will not be calculated until the summer application deadline has passed.

The final bill for the academic year sponsored by Sen. Wyatt Parke and Sen. Bommarito, transferred \$1,000 from the ASBSU discretionary account to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity account to support the Charter Banquet.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Sen. LaTisha Clark eagerly encouraged all senators.

"Just because some of you won't be senators next year, doesn't mean you can't serve on a committee," Clark said.

# the headlines

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## world

### Europe, diverse destinations attract college students

Jessica Serrano, a student at the University of Miami, is no stranger to travel. Last summer she backpacked through Europe; in 2004, she studied in New Zealand and Australia. This year, she's going to Southeast Asia, a new destination that she feels would benefit most from her tourist dollars, especially areas damaged by the 2004 tsunami.

She isn't the only student you'll see roaming the world.

In any foreign country this summer, you're guaranteed to see at least a handful of U.S. students. An easy way to identify them: They'll be carrying maps, English-something dictionaries and seam-split backpacks overflowing with souvenirs and dirty clothes.

For decades, college students have ventured out of the United States for a summer of backpacking.

"It's my last chance!" said DA Epstein, a senior at Nova Southeastern University. He plans to spend the summer before graduate school in Europe, flying into London and visiting friends in Italy.

"The overall trend for college-age students is Europe," said Sarah-Jane Wilton, communications coordinator at STA Travel, a discount student travel company. Though students tend to gravitate toward traditional European favorites like Britain, Italy and France, travel experts say young people also like to go to places that have been in the public eye.

"We saw a huge increase in Athens trips after the summer 2004 Olympics in Athens," said Jaimee Shield, a marketing specialist at Contiki, a California-based travel tour company specializing in all-inclusive adventure packages for 18-to-35 year olds. "We are now seeing a hike in our Italian trips ... because of the Olympics."

There also seems to be increasing interest in travel to more exotic locations in the Far East and South America. STA Travel has booked more trips to Machu Picchu and Ecuador this summer than in the past, Wilton said.

With more students craving unusual vacation locales, tour companies like Contiki try to cater to these demands, adding new trip options. "People want to travel further east. We have a new trip to Croatia, by popular demand, and our new trip from Berlin to Budapest, also going to Prague and Vienna, is very popular."

An FIU study-abroad film program to the Czech Republic is on Luis Valle's agenda this summer.

"I'm interested in film and it's a country I've always wanted to visit," Valle said. "The people and culture are very sophisticated. It's enriching to see other places."

## local/bsu

### Nobel Prize-winning economist speaks at Boise State

Joseph Stiglitz, winner of the 2001 Nobel Prize in Economics and bestselling author of "Globalization and Its Discontents," will speak at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, in the Student Union Jordan Ballroom at Boise State University as part of the

Distinguished Lecture Series.

Stiglitz's lecture, "The Economics of Information," is free and the public is invited. No tickets are being issued. Seating is limited and is available on a first-come basis. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Stiglitz is credited with helping to create a new branch of economics, which explore what happens when information isn't uniformly distributed between different market participants — the classic example being the used car salesman who sells a "lemon" to an unsuspecting buyer. Stiglitz's work has helped explain circumstances in which competitive markets do not work well, and how selective government intervention can improve market performance.

Stiglitz has been in the news recently after he and Harvard University colleague Linda Bilmes presented a paper at the January meeting of the American Economic Association estimating that the likely cost of the war in Iraq would be between \$1 trillion and \$2 trillion, much higher than previously estimated.

"Dr. Stiglitz is widely regarded as one of the best economic minds of his generation, with a unique ability to express complex ideas in clear, compelling ways," said Helén Lojek, chair of the Distinguished Lecture Series Committee. "He continues to make important contributions that help inform contemporary debates."

Stiglitz was a member of the Council of Economic Advisers from 1993-95, during the Clinton Administration, and served as council chair from 1995-97. He then became chief economist and senior vice president of the World Bank from 1997-2000. He has taught at Princeton, Stanford, MIT and Oxford, and is presently a professor

at Columbia University.

Stiglitz's "Globalization and Its Discontents," offers a critical look at the role international monetary institutions have played in the issues facing developing nations. It has been translated into 31 languages since its publication in 2001.

The latest of his well-received books, "Fair Trade For All," offers a challenging and controversial argument about how globalization can actually help Third World countries to develop and prosper. Stiglitz is also the author of "The Roaring Nineties," an analysis of the boom and bust of the 1990s, and other books.

More information on the series is at <http://news.boisestate.edu/dls>.

## what the?

### Is that you, Doc?

A motorist in San Rafael, Calif., ran into a bicyclist who had flashed an obscene gesture, and the bike rider later sued claiming he was blinded when his head hit the pavement.

But charges against the driver were dropped when a doctor found that the victim can, in fact, see very well.

### Yes, officer, what's the problem?

Two men burglarized a liquor store in Owosso, Mich., then loaded beer and cigarettes into a shopping cart and rolled it away. Unfortunately for them, there was an inch of freshly fallen snow on the ground.

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3/13/06 - Harassing phone calls - Student was receiving harassing phone calls. Report taken and BPD Officer did follow up.

3/15/06 - Indecent Exposure - Suspect exposed himself to a female student in the Library. Report taken.

3/16/06 - Vehicular Burglary - A window was broken and several items were stolen from a car parked in the garage. Report taken.

3/17/06 - Unlawful Entry - 3 male adults broke a lock on a hatch and climbed into the pool area to go swimming when the Kinesiology Annex was closed. Report taken.

3/17/06 - Bike Theft - Bike was stolen from a rack at the Park Apts. Report taken.

3/10/06 - Bad Checks - Checks were written on NSF account to the Student Union. Report taken.

3/18/06 - Grand Theft - Victim believes her wallet must have been taken somewhere between the Admin building and Communications. Report taken.

March 19, 2006

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## Donations still needed for Alternative Spring Break

BY EMILY POITEVIN  
News Writer

Donations are still needed to help fund Boise State's Alternative Spring Break trip to Houston, Texas.

The trip is sponsored by the Volunteer Services Board, and scheduled for March 24 through April 2.

According to Maria Rollins, assistant director of VSB and this year's trip coordinator, the original fundraising goal was to earn \$12,000. As of March 16, the group had only managed to raise \$1200.

"Fundraising has been a challenge to everyone, and it has been the greatest character builder of all, up to this point," Rollins said. "However, everybody is looking forward to the trip."

The estimated cost per student for the trip is \$550. Each student is required to pay \$100 themselves; the rest of the money is earned through fundraisers.

This year's fundraisers included a Bowl-a-Thon, subsidized by the Games Center, and a Food Festival held in conjunction with St. Paul's Church.

In addition, each student sent out letters to friends, family, and local businesses asking for donations to sponsor the trip.

With only four days until the trip is scheduled to start, Rollins said the group is willing to accept donations up until the last minute. Donations can be dropped off at the VSB offices in the SUB.

This is the third year VSB has sponsored an alternative spring

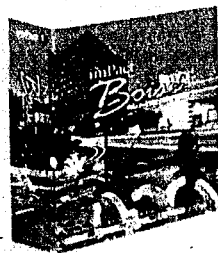
break. Past destinations included San Diego, Calif. and Santa Fe, N.M.

When asked why an alternative spring break is a good option for students while considering what to do over the break, Rollins said it gives them a chance to do something different.

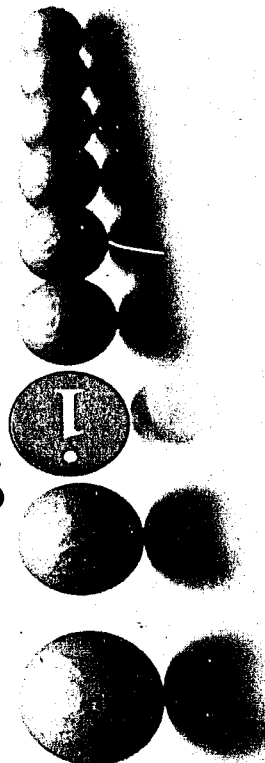
"It is an opportunity for [students] to travel to a major city and they can serve, have fun and at the same time experience the culture and diversity of another city," she said. "The participants get to experience how to build a strong and united team to travel, serve, live, work and play together. The whole experience is an excellent character builder!"

18 students are going on the trip this year.

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**EDITOR'S PICK:  
CD release**

**Ne-Yo  
"In My Own Words"**



Somewhere between the salaciousness of R. Kelly and the heart-sick romanticism of Stevie Wonder you'll find a most soulful Ne-Yo. At 23, the bump-'n'-grinding but mindful crooner has written hits for Mario, B2K and Musiq, but he has saved the bedroom-smooth best for himself.

Sure, songs such as "Stay" (featuring Peedi Crakk), the snarkishly charming and coy "When You're Mad," and heated tracks such as "Mirror" make getting it on a spectator sport.

But an O'Jays-sampled "Get Down Like That" and the spare, slick lament that is "So Sick" take monogamy beyond the call of duty. So much so that when love goes awry, Ne-Yo's made ill on "Sick" by every love song on the radio. Bet he wouldn't be so nauseous if he heard one of his own.

**CELEBRITY NEWS:  
A 'simple debate'**



Nicole Richie, star of E!'s celebrant fish-out-of-water show, "Simple Life 4: Till Death Do Us Part," shocked an 11-year-old boy when she used obscene language to ask him if she looked hot.

It happened during a shoot in Los Angeles, where Richie and her co-star Paris Hilton are, in the words of show rep Chris Delhomme, "taking turns on their own as wife and mother." (God help the children.)

**HEALTH AND BEAUTY TIP:  
Keeping healthy  
at the gym**

If you want to stay healthy at the gym, keep your hands away from your face and wash your hands frequently.

A workout facility, especially a crowded one, is a good place for viruses, bacteria and fungi to find new prey.

A lot of viruses are passed hand to mouth so greeting a gym friend with a handshake or even picking up a dumbbell can put you at risk.

Wearing washable gloves might make you feel a little better about handling equipment that plenty of others have used, but gloves can also be a home for viruses if they aren't washed on a regular basis.

Some other tips for a well gym:  
No hands near your face, period. If you want to wipe your face, use a fresh towel, not the one with which you're wiping your hands.

Bring bottled water instead of drinking at water fountains.

Wear rubber-soled flip-flops in showers and bathrooms to avoid picking up fungal nasties such as athlete's foot.

If you're sick, do your workout buddies a favor and stay home.

Leaving sweat on the seat of an exercise bike or a weight machine isn't really a health hazard because sweat doesn't usually harbor anything harmful.

Still, there's no excuse for not cleaning up after yourself, especially when most health clubs make disinfectants and towels available for the task.

- Compiled from Knight Ridder Tribune wire services

## ArtFaire hopes to continue helping underprivileged youth in Boise

BY TAMARA PARTEN  
Culture Writer

About six years ago, a man by the name of Steve Olson witnessed something about art that has long been known to educators but tragically ignored by public school systems: Art has a positive, enriching effect on children's development.

In his four-and-a-half years working with Boise's homeless population, Olson noticed that some of the kids in the shelters' daycare centers had amazing artistic talent.

"I thought it would be nice to help those kids develop that talent, or if nothing else, use art as an emotional outlet for the situation that they're in, and possibly a means to break the homeless cycle," he said in a previous interview. "At the time, I didn't have the resources to do more than buy the kids some supplies and books.

But, two years ago, a friend of mine was talking about wanting to do something with disadvantaged kids and art. There really wasn't much available in the community, so we decided to start ArtFaire."

ArtFaire, the name Olson gave to his non-profit art organization, has, since its inception in 2003, picked up the slack Treasure Valley schools and communities have left dangling in the art department. As ArtFaire's newsletter states, ArtFaire is "dedicated to providing quality art courses and supplies to at-risk and other children who don't have access to these valuable and necessary resources."

I first met Olson about two-and-a-half years ago when I inquired about his ArtFaire flyer - a flyer identical to the ones still posted around campus today which seek help promoting ArtFaire's noble cause.

After a brief and friendly conversation on the phone, I met Olson at his North Boise home, which also served as his office and ArtFaire's head-

quarters, to begin my short stint as a door-to-door canvasser.

During Boise's coldest of winter months, I patrolled local neighborhoods with several other young, artistic, idealistic, poor employees. Bundled up in down coats, hats and gloves, we would drive from neighborhood to neighborhood, designate a cluster of houses each of us would visit and meet back at the car with hopes that our door-to-door visits would elicit

monetary support, and not a quickly slammed door in the face.

As its mission statement reads, ArtFaire aims to "Enrich the Community by Providing Youth Outreach Programs in the Arts." It works with places such as Hays Shelter Home in Boise, the Boys and Girls Clubs in Garden City, Meridian and Nampa and Hope's Door in Caldwell, where it offers art classes in everything from acrylic painting, and cartoon drawing to metal works and break dancing.

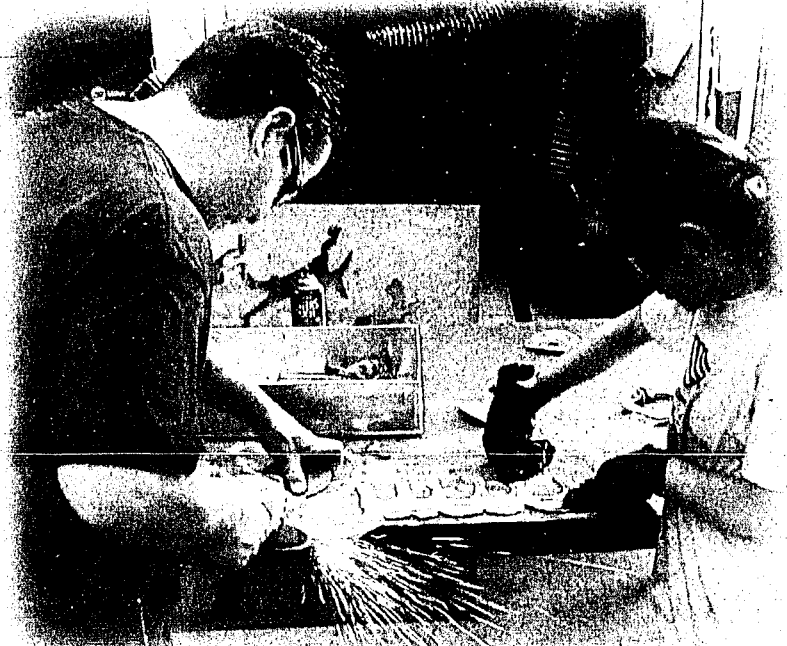
With the teaching aid of dedicated local artists such as children's book author and illustrator Kathy Peterson, professional cartoonist Allen Gladfelter, and head of Boise State's metal arts and fabrication classes Juan Martinez, ArtFaire has helped over 1,000 at-

risk and underprivileged children express themselves creatively through the arts.

Since the short two-and-a-half years since I worked for ArtFaire, it's grown enormously. In fact, Olson, who was once the predominant motivating force behind ArtFaire, now has an entire crew of dedicated employees who've worked to turn his vision into reality.

When I called to inquire about ArtFaire's progress, I was directed to visit not Olson's

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Kids learn ways to express their creativity under guidance of the ArtFaire organization, a non-profit that provides art classes to underprivileged youth.

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## Monday Night Laughs cracks up BSU

BY THOM GARZONE  
Culture Writer

Monday Night Laughs gave Boise State's aspiring comedians a slice of the limelight and, ultimately, a chance to make 'em smile.

Presented by Student Programs Board, the event sees all manner of comedy but yields only one winner.

And the spoils of that victory include a chance to open for the Kings of Vegas on April 21.

The evening got off to a hilarious start with first-up Truman Bishop. He covered familiar territory, joking about how the Boise Tower is probably a hole that leads to China.

Next in line, Mundeck Clement-Stein humorously hypothesized that smoking pot could help people accomplish great things, only he couldn't remember any examples.

Later, cheerful comedian Sherry Japhet said since her dad was a redneck and her mom was from Thailand, she's a necktie.

She went on about her gay brother who would play with her dolls, having Ken say to her Barbie, "You just don't have the Kung Fu grip G.I. Joe's got."

Carla Paterson took the stage next saying, "It's a God given right to be able to laugh at other people's problems."

Danny Magnolia joked about how his inheritance was wasted by his brother's 10 years in college.

Brandon Follett rehashed his routine about his grandparent, who dressed as a prostitute so a serial killer could do the job of assisted suicide for the family.

Nick Sceirine took the stage and wrapped a condom around the microphone commenting that you can never be too careful.

He said in his hometown, the only people born with silver spoons in their mouths were mothers who masturbated with heroin skillets.

Don Ritchie got on stage setting a timer and said he knows the importance of getting off.

One joke Ritchie told was when he thought his wife was having an orgasm, but really was getting the wind knocked out of her.

The evening came to a climax when master of ceremonies Vicky Shaw did her routine and showed the local wannabes a thing or two about being funny.

Integrating her life into her routine, most of her humor was built in the contrast between being a lesbian and being from Texas, or being brought up a Southern Baptist.

Nick Sceirine (the condom guy) took first place and will open for the Kings of Vegas Comedy Tour, Friday, April 21, at the Taco Bell Arena. The crowd was in hysterics throughout much of the night.

Students interested in more information about this event can log on to: <http://spb.boisesate.edu>.



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Comedian Vicky Shaw (left) hosted Monday Night Laughs. The winner of the event, Nick Sceirine (above), will get to open for the Kings of Vegas Comedy tour on April 21.

SO, ANYWAY...

What can I use to cure my senior inflammation? And don't you dare say hemorrhoid cream!

BY TRAVIS ESTVOLD  
Culture Columnist

Senioritis is no theoretical affliction. I'm in my final semester, and I can't focus. My professors could put pictures of male and female genitalia up on the screen and I still wouldn't be able to pay attention. Oh, that's right, I'm in Human Sexuality, and that's already happening - and no, I can't make myself look.

I, myself, can't get out of bed. I try, and I fail. Actually, that's a lie. I don't try - I smack the crap out of my alarm clock, the poor thing. What did it ever do to me? So let me correct myself. I won't get out of bed, and I'm a liar. I remember watching movies as a kid and seeing mothers trying to wake their sons for school. "No, Mom, I don't want to get up!" they'd all shout. And I was like, "Ha; that's so fake. Getting out of bed isn't that hard." And now I get it. Yes, getting out of bed is hard. Honestly - and here I am taking a break from fabrication - I can't seem to find motivation to do anything at all.

Dishes are undone, my dog's hair is overgrown (and hmmm... so is mine), I rarely shave, I have massive piles of dirty clothes and I think there's something growing in the vegetable drawer of my refrigerator. School has finally taken its toll on me. It's been a slow onset, but now, nearly every day I wonder if I should actually go to bowling and volleyball class or whether I should just pull the covers over my head and make like Rip Van Winkle.

I was once informed that the word root "itis" means "inflammation of." Of course, I think this was told to me by a college senior, so it may be a lie. But if it is indeed true, that means that currently I am suffering from inflammation of the senior. Well, what do I take for this? And if you say, Preparation H, you can forget it. If I caught a bad time for renting "Star Trek" movies last weekend - which I did - there is no earthly way you are going to catch me purchasing hemorrhoidal cream in plain sight of the public, even if it could soothe what ails me.

I would say alcohol could rescue me - and no, I'm not saying that alcohol could ever solve anything, but college seniors tend to think in terms of beers on occasion: as in, I have to be up at seven; that means I can drink seven beers tonight. Or 18 beers if I have a 6 p.m. evening class. You get the idea. But the last time I prescribed myself any form of liquid medication such as this, I ended up worse off than before - talking to trees in the front yard, with a credit card bill just under the size of the national debt.

So, anyway, with my final Spring Break looming next week, and graduation creeping up in seven weeks - Wait, does that mean I drink seven beers now? I always get confused on that one; how did I ever get an A in math? - I feel like I should really do something behooving a college senior. I'm not sure if that means preparing a resume or doing kegstands, but I intend to find out. Maybe I'll do both. Simultaneously.

Now THAT sounds like something a college senior would do. Not sure if that'll cure the "itis," but it's worth a go.



# 'V for Vendetta'



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"V for Vendetta" is a stand-out visual and political thriller, despite a Portman's bad British accent.

BY FRANCY MARCOTTE  
Culture Writer

On Thursday, March 16; the Wachowski Brothers' (creators of "The Matrix" trilogy) new movie, "V for Vendetta," opened at Boise's IMAX Theater. "V for Vendetta" is based on the popular 1980s graphic novel by Alan Moore and David Lloyd.

The film is provocative, exciting, funny, beautiful, disturbing, moving and stylish. In fact, there aren't too many things movies can do that "V for Vendetta" doesn't.

Although it drops more references than a Kanye West song - Harry Potter, the Sex Pistols, "The Phantom of the Opera," Emma Goldman, the Napoleonic Wars, James Bond, the Boston Tea Party, Shakespeare, Dickens - "V for Vendetta" feels original in its nightmarish vision of a totalitarian London ruled by a corrupt government and media lies.

Set in a future London, "V for Vendetta" tells of a masked avenger named "V" (Hugo Weaving, "The Matrix," "The Lord of the Rings") who uses terrorist tactics to threaten the fascist government. He does so in reference to England's famous Gunpowder Plot conspirator, Guy Fawkes, who was hanged in 1605 for

attempting to blow up Parliament.

In the beginning of the film, V saves a woman named Evey Hammond (Natalie Portman, "Star Wars," "Garden State") from a run-in with the police. He then takes her to a rooftop where she witnesses his demolition of the London monument, The Old Bailey. Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" accompanies the explosion through loudspeakers that line the London streets. This shows that V likes to do his work with a little bit of humor.

Evey soon lands in trouble with the police again, so V shelters her in his underground hiding place. Here, he stashes banned books, art, music, and movies, which he shares with Evey.

At first, she does not understand V's motives and continues to live as a frightened citizen. However, by the end of the film, V convinces Evey to be his ally in bringing down the government.

"V for Vendetta" is bound to be controversial, because V's justifications for his methods aren't much different than the reasoning of murderers who have shot up abortion clinics. But if audiences come away from "V for Vendetta" thinking it advocates murdering world leaders, they are missing the point. V and his actions are a metaphor (the

guy wears a mask, for crying out loud) for the idea that sometimes institutions become so twisted and evil, the only way to fix them is to tear them down and start fresh.

It also touches upon other issues, such as media censorship and ethnic intolerance. A series of flashbacks in the film reveal that V was once a prisoner in a concentration camp that used humans as medical experiments.

One of the strongest parts of the film is its visual effects. Though the explosions are well done, the ending scene, where the citizens of London are gathered in front of Parliament, wearing the same costume as V, is the most scintillating, adding vigor to the final moments of the film when V's ideas of freedom and justice reach the masses. "V for Vendetta" is also packed with action sequences. One scene has V taking over a television station, and using his physical prowess against the employees and the police. However, these scenes became quite graphic, showing more blood than what some viewers might want to see.

Unfortunately, there weren't any Oscar-worthy performances amongst the actors. Though there are some compelling scenes, particularly when Evey is tortured in

a prison. This is the only notable sequence where Portman's acting shines, her weak British accent brings down the rest of her performance. Also, Weaving's portrayal as V was wooden at times and he made several long speeches that seemed to drag.

Though "V for Vendetta" is playing at several different theaters in Boise, the IMAX version gives the film a little more bang.

If you're in the mood to check out a flick this weekend, "V for Vendetta" is one to consider. It balances action with thought-provoking ideas that are sure to fire up emotions and conversation.

## There's been a 'Failure to Launch'

When accurate film titles attack

BY LINDSEY PARKER  
Culture Writer

It's mid term week at Boise State and students as well as professors are burned out and ready for Spring Break. Just be sure to watch the way you spend your \$8.25 at the movies this week because the chick flicks are treacherous.

"Failure to Launch" is a romantic comedy, starring Matthew McConaughey and Sarah Jessica Parker and directed by Tom Dey of Disney's "Shanghai Noon."

"Failure to Launch" exhibits a predictable plot that is seemingly "borrowed" from other romantic comedies such as "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days," and "Hitch."

McConaughey plays Tripp, a 35-year-old yacht retail salesman who's still residing with his parents, Sue and Al, played by Kathy Bates and Terry Bradshaw.

Every time Tripp falls for a woman, she gets too serious for his taste,

so he brings her home to meet his parents. Tripp brings women home knowing full well they will soon leave the house in a fit of rage.

Tripp uses this ploy to dump women he doesn't want anymore, making him single once again.

Tripp seems very happy living with mom and dad. He almost fits the role of a teenage boy instead of a 35-year-old adult.

Sue washes Tripp's shirts, cleans his bathroom, and makes his breakfast while he goes to work selling yachts or goes off to play with his friends.

As with any predictable romantic comedy, the film's co-stars provide mild amusement.

Tripp's groupies Ace, played by Justin Bartha of "National Treasure," and Demo, played by Bradley Cooper "Wedding Crashers," try to make Tripp feel better about living at home by taking him rock climbing, paint balling, and mountain biking every other day.

Tripp is the annoying leader of this pack of mama's boys.

And all they really do is sit around, trying to convince them-

selves they're not losers.

Sarah Jessica Parker's character Paula, the "date doctor," is a sad remake of Will Smith's character "Hitch."

Paula's job is to lure men out of their parents' homes and into their own places using her sex appeal.

Paula later finds out this scheme isn't necessarily fool-proof.

However, it is vital to the movie's plot.

Paula's girlfriend and roommate, Kit, played by Zooey Deschanel, "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," is single, making it obvious from the beginning that she will eventually fall for one of Tripp's groupie friends.

"Failure to Launch" relies on the plots of other, more successful, chick flick films to keep the audience entertained.

Sadly, the plot is not even close to imaginative.

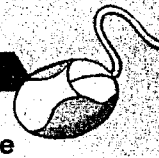
Bottom line, don't spend \$8.25 to see "Failure to Launch" in the theater.

Spending \$3.99 to rent it is debatable, unless there's absolutely nothing else in the universe to do.

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## Carnal desires and putting furniture together:

The only two reasons I need a man

BY HADLEY RUSH  
Culture Writer

Last night was a night of frustration. A night of irritated sighs, boisterous cursing and clenched jaws. Last night I put a desk together.

I bought this desk at Wal-Mart for barely \$30, and in my intended-independent mind-frame, coaxed myself into believing that I (a lavishly-tended-to only child) could put the thing together with my own lotion-smoothed, Tiffany-decorated hands.

I sat down on my bedroom floor at about 9 p.m. amongst screws and metal, and squinted at the smudged print where "Ate la 2 Marcos del extremo" was written by someone on the Chinese assembly line who forgot to print the English pamphlet as well. It was after I flung my Spanish pocket dictionary across the room that I decided I didn't need instructions. After all, instructions are merely advice—something I usually ignore anyway. Why start with a piece of furniture?

After 15 minutes of aimlessly screwing, (ahem, with screws and driver) I became irritated and considered boxing up the metal/clapboard disaster and taking it to be

someone else's problem. "I need a handyman," I thought to myself as I pinched my finger between the "apoyo trasero" and the "estante del telclado."

A few moments later, I received a call from a guy-friend who advised me to "stop trying to put it together." He said someone else would just have to "fix" it when I was done. I gave him a patronizing, sarcastic chuckle and silently wished I'd taken Spanish instead of French. Infuriated at his dearth of assembly-required support, I hung up and continued fighting with my furniture.

I reached for my cell and feverishly dialed another male friend. "I think I need to borrow a screwdriver," I told him. "What kind?" He replied. I was silent. It wasn't until this very moment, after nearly 22 years of life that I was even aware there was more than one kind of screwdriver. After staring at the screw in the palm of my hand for quite some time, I offered, "It looks like a little star." That, I learned was a Philips screwdriver—my first step trodden into refined adulthood. He told me I could pick it up after he got off work that evening.

Yawning, with a make-shift screwdriver in my fist, I concluded that the holes were simply too small for the screws, and I looked at my bed as it beckoned me with its "come hither" down pillow enticements.

As I lay in my cold down blankets and crumpled sheets, shivering, I wished for my body to be entangled, warmed and enveloped. I thought how very nice it would be to have a man to warm my feet and assemble my furniture simultaneously—how very handy it would be at that moment, to have a man—a handy man.

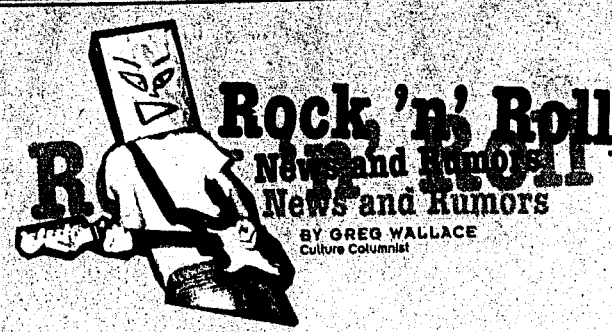
## ArtFaire [from page 4]

home/office/headquarters, but their new office near the Hill Road and Bogus Basin Road intersection. There I met with Olson's project development coordinator, David Baker, a 20-something year old with tattoos and glass blown, icicle-like earrings that jut out of the back of his earlobes and brush up against his neck.

"I've always wanted to change the world," Baker enthusiastically responded when I asked him about his involvement with ArtFaire. "I feel that organizations like this are fundamental, and at this point a necessity for the progression of youth in this community."

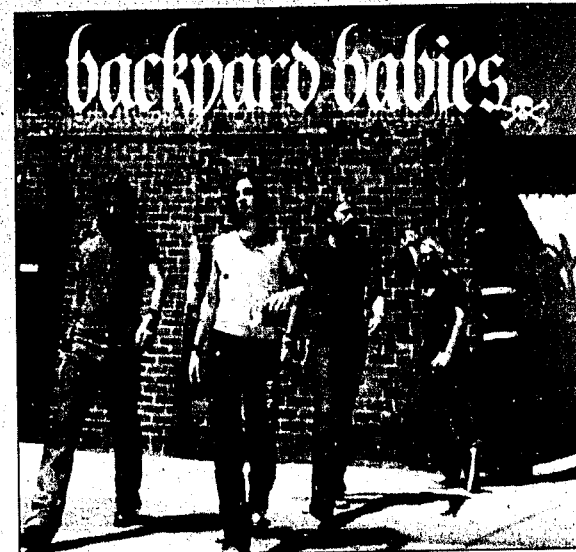
He then handed me a document titled, "Bridging the Gap: How Nonschool Based Programs Boost Education." The document states a study by the U.S. Department of Justice that states, "Truancy and school failure are the two most significant predictors of delinquent behavior." The study suggests that the best way to deter juvenile delinquency and promote school attendance is to positively utilize those after school hours.

ArtFaire's growing popularity proves its success, but unfortunately more organizations are interested in ArtFaire's programs than they have funding for. Art needn't have been your favorite class in elementary and high school for you to be interested in becoming involved with ArtFaire. If you want to do something good for your community check out their website at [www.artfaire.org](http://www.artfaire.org). It's easy to become a volunteer, teach a class, make a financial contribution, or simply voice your support. Just do something.



This week's column will explore some underground music with a preview of some of the best modern day rock 'n' roll bands.

### BACKYARD BABIES



Hailing from Stockholm Sweden, the Backyard Babies play blues and punk influenced rock 'n' roll. In 2005, they toured the U.S. opening for Social Distortion, and played a headline tour that stopped at NeuroLux here in Boise.

You can hear AC/DC, the Ramones and Guns N' Roses influences pumping through the Backyard Babies punked-out arena rock. And with three great studio records already released, these guys are the best rock 'n' roll band of the last decade.

"Live in Paris" has recently been released on CD, and a brand new studio record, "People like People like Us," will be in stores next month.

### THE BLACK HALOS

These guys have been pumping out dirty aggressive rock 'n' roll for almost a decade now. Lead singer Billy Hopeless brings back memories of Iggy Pop and bands like the Dead Boys.

The Black Halos latest release "Alive without Control" is their most solid effort to date. Flawless old school punk rock 'n' roll played with an obnoxious in your face attitude.

If you miss the day's when rock 'n' roll was loud and dangerous the Black Halos will fill that void.

### THE BONES

Heavily influenced by bands like Social Distortion, The Bones eat, sleep and breathe rock 'n' roll. Their high energy live shows will leave you wondering if there is anyone better.

The Bones' first U.S. release was last year's "Straight Flush Ghetto," a record so addictive it will not leave your CD player for months. And if that isn't enough for you "Partners in Crime Vol. 1" will be released later this month. The new record will be a collection of covers, featuring guest performances by members of Dropkick Murphy's, Agnostic Front, Sick of it All and Backyard Babies.

### RIVER CITY REBELS

On their latest release "Hate to be Loved" the River City Rebels sound like they are channeling the spirit of the mid 1970s CBGB's N.Y.C. rock scene. The record was produced by Sylvain Sylvain, former guitarist for the New York Dolls. This perfect combination recorded song for song, one of the best rock records ever.

River City Rebels have recently relocated to San Diego, Ca. and are currently working on a new record for Rolling Thunder Records. They have a new song, "Keepsake of Luck" you can check out on their Myspace page.

<http://www.myspace.com/rivercityrebels>

### CRASH KELLEY

For those of you that like your rock 'n' roll with a little more pop influence check out Canada's Crash Kelley. From the T-Rex looking CD cover to the Cheap Trick sounding melodies, Crash Kelley is a time machine set on 1970s pop culture.

They are currently working on a new record with former Guns N' Roses guitarist Gilby Clarke producing. And if you can't wait, you can pick up their debut CD, 2005's "Penny Pills."

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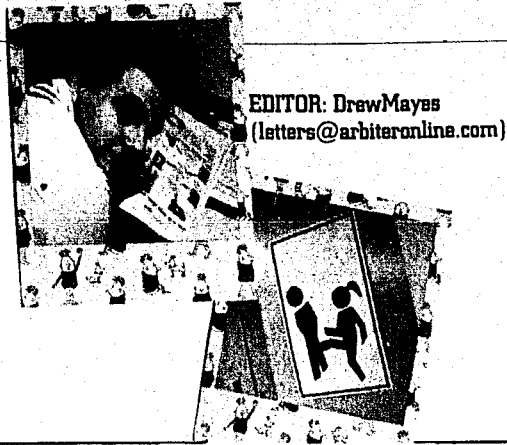
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## Letters to the editor

### (A) moral spring break

On page one of the March 16 issue, I was disturbed to see an article that encouraged immoral behavior on spring break. I hope the administration and student activities organization realizes that, by providing lubrication, condoms and HIV test coupons, they are not going to hinder impulsive sex or the spread of that horrible virus.

In fact, they are allowing students to rationalize these items are distributed because we are expected to "go wild" on spring break, and there is no need to worry about sexually transmitted diseases because the university is worrying about them for us. It would have been nice to see one of your writers allude to these possible student conclusions.

On a lighter note, I was proud to see hard evidence about the adverse effects of drinking—another prevalent and potentially dangerous staple of spring break.

Sam Kelly  
Boise, Idaho

### No California love

Clearly in our rural ignorance we do not know enough about what a coal fired plant, generating energy for California and pollution for Idaho, could do for us in the long term.

Let's slow down and get all the answers we need. I support a two-year moratorium to give us time to sort out the real answers to these serious questions. California should be able to wait two more years for some more energy.

Nanette Ford  
Ketchum, Idaho



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## America's broke thanks to congress

BY BRANDON NOLTA  
Opinion Writer

Did you hear the one about Congressional ideas of fiscal responsibility? Less than a year after passing a restrictive adjustment of bankruptcy laws, thus making it more difficult for people to get out of debt and stop stifling banks and credit card companies, Congress approved raising the national debt limit by over \$700 billion, pegging the new debt amount the United States can legally accumulate at \$9 trillion.

Let's hold there for a second, \$9 trillion, or in expanded form, \$9,000,000,000,000. That means \$30,000 of debt for every man, woman and child in the country. That means in a little more than

five years, this country has gone from surplus to deficit in a big hurry. Part of this can be laid at the feet of the tech bubble evaporating, but you can't get to the levels of deficit we now have as fast as we have by doing nothing. Nope. Like a lot of young adults with their first credit card, America got here by spending money like it was going out of style.

But, the real issue isn't the debt itself. The real issue is what did we spend the money on, what are we spending the money on and most importantly, is what we're getting worth what we're paying?

Are the long-term effects of the Iraq war worth the money and lives we pour into it? Is the effort of rebuilding New Orleans in the same spot worth the lives that were lost and the money that will be spent to

do it? How many more Homeland Security teams and agencies and initiatives will be enough? I don't intend these as facetious questions, folks; these are the things we need to be asking.

If these various efforts are of benefit to us and others, then they should continue. America is a rich nation, with tons of capacity and ingenuity; it may be difficult and extremely painful, but we can recover from debt.

Making a strong economy...hey, that's what we do. The trouble is, nations as a rule aren't too swift at cost-benefit analysis beyond the easily accountable resources like money and oil. And most of the costs of the problems Congress is throwing our money at, go a bit beyond the ledger sheet.

For example, what is the Iraq war really costing us? Forget the dollar amounts for a moment, because there's almost always more money. Look at the people killed there, U.S. and Iraqi alike.

Nobody truly exists in a vacuum, so for every corpse generated in that protracted exercise, you can count on another two, three or four profoundly affected by that life ending. Multiply that by U.S. dead, or worse, Iraqi dead, of which there are so many more.

Think of all those survivors now, possibly emotionally and physically damaged in some way. Think of how they go forth in the world, about their jobs, about their worship, about their politics. The potential is staggering.

Is all that worth it?

Same with Katrina efforts: Should we rebuild New Orleans where it's at? Can the levee system be fixed? Where will all the displaced go, if not back to where they came? What about all those dead and all those who lost their homes?

Somebody has to decide how to help them. Somebody's got to pay for it; somebody's got to fork over the time, strain and money to make it all happen.

Where is it coming from, and where's it going?

I don't have these answers. I wish I did. But, at the very least, we need to start seriously asking these questions.

Too much is assumed. If we're really going to go \$9 trillion in the hole, I'd like to at least know where it's going and why.

## Modern society is phat

### Obesity problem is a product of the culture we live in

BY JACOB GOOD  
Guest Opinion

Everyone wants to blame everyone for obesity, but the cause is simple: conspicuous consumption. We eat more than we need because companies tell us to do so, and we follow without question.

Also, modernity has stopped us from walking everywhere. Who needed an exercise gym before the industrial revolution?

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We can stop obesity by stopping modernity. Clothe an armchair quarterback in a loincloth and send him to the forest to throw sharp sticks at prey and before long the beer belly will disappear, faster than his third pork rind sundae.

Remove treadmills and SUV- envy in exchange for trips outside suburbia to fetch a pail of water and Jack and Jill can forgo cholesterol checks forever. But that won't

happen, will it?

We beg for modernity and we cherish our tinker toys and beeping plastic side arms.

Even as I sit at this desk I cannot escape modernity's grasp, for without it, you wouldn't even be reading this.

Obesity will continue its hold upon the Earth until our elliptical orbit becomes a Spiro graph and our excess weight propels us into the sun. Bruce Willis and an Aerosmith soundtrack can't save us from this propensity for obesity.

We're constantly bobbing for caramel apples and eventually our civilization will outweigh its own greed, and it will finally end, like an Ashlee Simpson song on Saturday Night Live - with a shocked panic and a jig into annihilation.

Jacob Good is a history major at Boise State

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## [THIS WEEK IN SPORTS]

**Football**  
Friday  
Scrimmage, 3:35 p.m.

**Gymnastics**  
Friday  
WAC Championships  
Logan, Utah

**Men's tennis**  
Boise State Classic  
Wed-Sun  
Boise State Classic  
Appleton Tennis Center

**Women's tennis**  
Thursday  
Southwest Missouri State  
Fullerton, Calif.

**Track and field**  
Saturday  
Hornet Invitational  
Sacramento, Calif.

## [SIDE LINE]

### MacFarlane named player of the week

Boise State's Hadley MacFarlane has been named the Xbox Live Western Athletic Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Week for the week of March 20. This is her first honor for the spring.

MacFarlane, a senior from Ogden, Utah, won her singles match at No. 2 over Pacific's Carla Tamborini, 6-2 6-1, and with doubles partner Megan Biorkman, defeated Pacific's Tamborini and Jolanta Twarowska 8-1 at number one doubles.

The Broncos went on to defeat No. 70 Pacific by a score of 6-1. MacFarlane's overall singles record is 22-9 in singles and 10-3 in duals this spring.

In doubles, she and Biorkman are 19-6 overall and 10-3 in duals.

### BSU seeking Hall of Fame nominations

Boise State University is currently seeking nominations for its Athletic Hall of Fame and is encouraging all Bronco fans to nominate a former student-athlete whom they feel is deserving of induction.

A student-athlete may be nominated at any time beginning five years after receiving his or her bachelor's degree.

A student-athlete who has not qualified for a degree may be nominated only upon approval of at least seven voting members of the hall of fame committee, again after five years have elapsed since he or she normally would have received their undergraduate degree.

Coaches, athletic trainers or any other individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the varsity athletic program at Boise State may also be nominated.

Once a nominee has been placed on the list of eligible nominees, that individual will remain on the list for four hall of fame committee meetings.

At the end of that period, any nominee who has not been selected to the hall of fame shall be removed from the list of eligible nominees.

By a majority vote of the hall of fame committee any nominee removed from the list of eligible candidates can be returned for an additional four meeting periods.

All nominations that meet the above criteria should be sent to Bob Madden, BAA Executive Director, Boise State University, 1910 University Drive, Boise, Idaho, 83725.

Athletes and donors admitted into the BSU Hall of Fame would get a plaque or a photo to hang in the Allen Noble Hall of Fame Gallery by the southwest corner of Bronco Stadium.

## Gymnastics to compete in WAC Championships

COURTESY  
Broncosports.com

The Boise State gymnastics team travels to Logan, Utah, this week for the 2006 Western Athletic Conference Championship.

The Broncos will compete against host Utah State, Southern Utah, Sacramento State, San Jose State, and Cal State Fullerton.

The first tournament in WAC history in gymnastics is expected to be a very close contest.

All six teams are within 24 places of one another in the national rankings. Southern Utah is ranked 25th nationally with a Regional Qualifying score (RQS) of 194.325.

The Eagles' season average is 193.757. Boise State is ranked 28th with a RQS of 193.995 and has a season average of 192.569. Sacramento State is ranked 30th with an RQS of 193.880 and a season average of 192.702. San Jose State is ranked 33rd with an RQS of 193.305 and a season average of 192.317.

Utah State is ranked 37th with a RQS of 192.970 and a season average of 192.329. Cal State Fullerton is ranked 49th with a RQS of 191.950 and a season average of 191.257.

For all six teams, team and individual qualifications for NCAA Regional competition are up for grabs, as this is the final meet of

the season which counts toward a team's RQS.

The top six schools in each region qualify to NCAA Regionals, with some movement of the top 18 teams nationally to level the regional competitions.

Regionally, Boise State, Sacramento State, San Jose State and Cal State Fullerton are all in the NCAA's West Region.

Utah State and Southern Utah are in the North Central Region.

The WAC sponsored gymnastics in 1991, 1992 and 1993, and then dropped it until this year. Coincidentally, the Bronco gymnastics team was a member of the WAC in those three years and had one WAC champion - Julie Wagner

on vault in 1993.

For the last four years (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005), Boise State, Southern Utah, Utah State and Cal State Fullerton had formed and competed in the Western Gymnastics Conference.

The WAC then invited Southern Utah, Cal State Fullerton and Sacramento State to join the WAC schools (Utah State, Boise State and San Jose State) in bringing back gymnastics as a conference sport this season.

In the 2005 Western Gymnastics Conference Championship, Bronco Lindsay Ward won the league title on vault, bars, beam and the all-around and was named WGC Gymnast of the Year.

## Karl has surgery to remove cancerous thyroid

BY TREVOR HORN  
Sports Editor

Boise State men's basketball standout Coby Karl underwent thyroid surgery Monday evening in a local Boise hospital.

A release from the university athletic department said Karl found a lump last fall and consulted a doctor a few weeks ago and discovered it was papillary carcinoma.

"Coby had a common type of cancer which had spread into two lymph nodes in his neck. We removed the complete thyroid and both lymph nodes. He will have a course of radioactive iodine in six weeks and he should make an uneventful recovery," Dr. Matthew Schwartz said. Schwartz was the doctor that performed the surgery.

Karl is recovering in a local hospital. The location has not been released because the family wishes for privacy while Karl recovers.

Head Coach Greg Graham visited with Karl frequently over the last few days and feels positive that Karl can resume conditioning within the month.

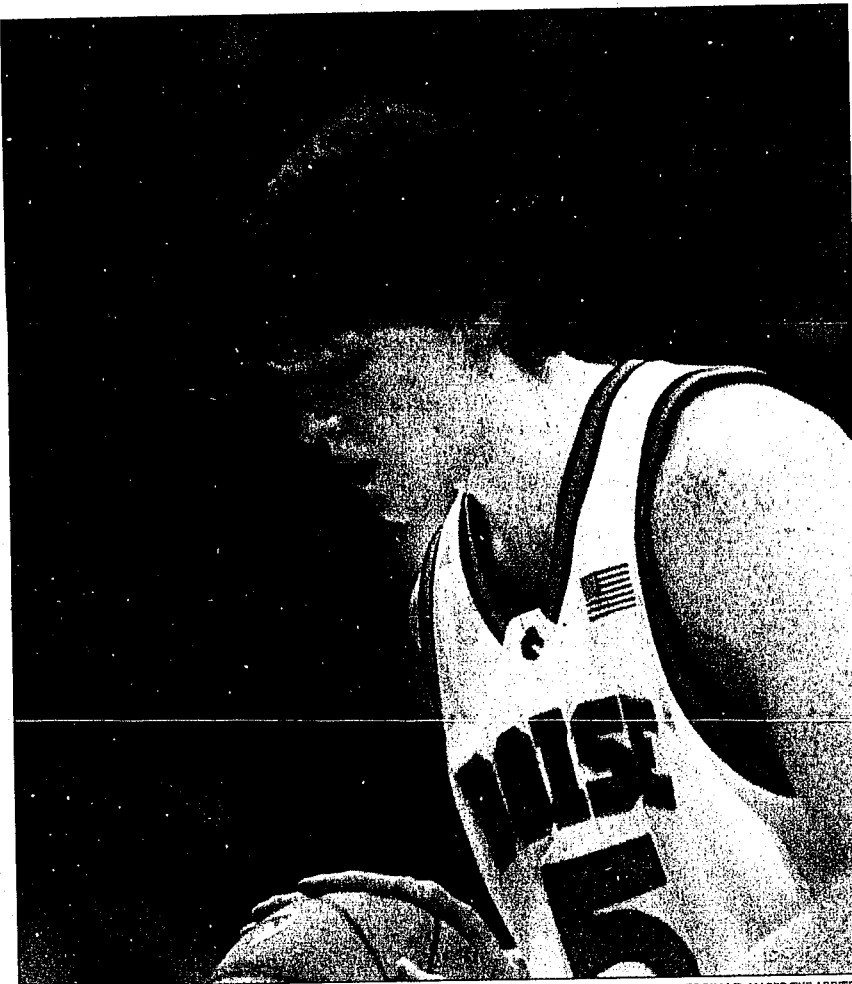
"He's doing well. He's very upbeat and positive. I think it is a relief for him to get it taken care of and know that he is on his way to recovery and that things went as well as they did," Graham said.

Karl released a statement Tuesday, saying, "Everything went well, and I plan on being back to 100 percent in a couple of weeks. I want to thank everyone for their concerns and prayers."

Karl led the Broncos in scoring this season and was named second-team All-WAC.

Graham said Karl had waited until the end of the season to let the coaches know about his condition, and then told the rest of the team following the first round loss to La Tech in the conference tournament two weeks ago.

"He talked to the coaches with about three weeks left to go in the season, and that was the first we found out about it and knew about it. He let the team know after the



Coby Karl had surgery to remove a cancerous thyroid Monday evening.

season was over," Graham said.

Karl has one more season of eligibility at Boise State. There are no reports from the coaches or the doctor that there could be any

complication from the operation that would effect whether or not he can play next season.

See Karl (page 9)

## Broncos win two matches at Red Lion Invite

Courtesy Broncosports

The Bronco men's tennis team defeated the University of Texas at Arlington, 4-2, March 22, advancing to the third round of the Boise State Red Lion Invitational.

The Broncos, ranked No. 23 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, improved to 12-4 this spring with their victories over Texas-Arlington in the second round and Nevada in the first round. Boise State has won 12 of its last 13 duals.

"It's pretty scary to play a team like Texas-Arlington when you pull your top player," Head Coach Greg Patton said. "We had four three-set matches, but in the long run this gives us a lot of confidence to be able to survive."

The Broncos went up 3-0 in the dual with wins from Piotr Dilaj, Brent Werbeck and Clancy Shields. Dilaj defeated Alberto Agis at the No. 4 position in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3. He is now 8-1 since joining the

Broncos this spring. Werbeck also won in straight sets, knocking off Ian Vazquez, 6-4, 6-0, at the fifth position. Werbeck has now won seven consecutive matches, and is 10-5 in dual competition this spring.

"These two guys were huge for us today," Patton said. "Peter has made a big difference for our team, and Brent has really pulled himself out of a slump."

Freshman Clancy Shields put the Broncos in position to clinch the match with a victory over Diego Mattar at the second position. With his 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 victory, Shields improved to 11-4 since joining the Broncos this spring.

Sophomore Eric Roberson clinched the dual for the Broncos with a victory over Daniel Omana at the third position. After dropping the first set 7-5, Roberson came back to win the second set 6-4. Down 4-5 in the tie-breaker set, Roberson fought to win three straight games to finish off Omana

7-5. Roberson is now 12-8 this season including 9-5 this spring.

Boise State will play No. 34 South Alabama in the third round of the tournament, Friday at 1:30 p.m., at the Appleton Tennis Center. South Alabama knocked off Gonzaga and the College of Santa Fe, ranked No. 4 in NAIA, en route to its match with the Broncos.

"It feels good to get two wins today," Patton said. "But now we have a match with a very good South Alabama team and we only have one day to get ready."

In the opening round of the Boise State Red Lion Invitational, the Bronco men's tennis team knocked off Nevada, 5-1, at the Appleton Tennis Center Wednesday.

The Broncos won each of the first four matches to go final in straight sets, clinching the dual victory over the Wolfpack. As the Broncos clinched the match in singles, doubles competition was not played.

Freshman Clancy Shields and junior Piotr Dilaj, who each joined the Broncos this spring, put Boise State up 2-0 with victories at the No. 2 and No. 3 positions, respectively. Playing at the third position, Dilaj defeated Eldar Dzhabfarov, 6-0, 6-4. Shields put away Milos Popovic at the second position, 6-3, 6-1. Dilaj is now 7-1 this spring, while Shields is 10-4.

Sophomore Brent Werbeck put the Broncos in position to win the match with his victory over Tibor Penzes at the fourth position. With the 6-2, 6-4, victory, Werbeck has now won six consecutive matches, and is 15-8 this season including 9-5 in dual competition.

Clinching the match for the Broncos at the fifth position was senior Ehren Vaughan. After winning the first set 6-4, Vaughan broke the seventh game of the second set to take a 4-3 lead over Rafal Stupka. Vaughan once again broke Stupka in the ninth game to win the second set 6-3.

## First spring scrimmage should be interesting

ANALYSIS  
BY TREVOR HORN  
Sports Editor

The Boise State football team will scrimmage Friday at 3:35 p.m. for the first of two scrimmages before the annual Spring Game on Friday, April 14.

Coming off a 9-4 record in 2005, the first non-double digit win season for the Broncos in four seasons—the team will be looking to replace starters at five positions before the season opener Aug. 31 against Sacramento State.

For fans, the obvious watch will be how Ian Johnson steps in as the feature running back and who will help him stay healthy this spring and during the season. Junior Jon Helmandollar is back after a season away from the program, and senior Brent Denton will look to get playing time during the scrimmages this spring.

On the offensive line, sophomore Ryan Clady has moved from right to left tackle, replacing Daryn Colledge. Ryan Keating, who started part of the season, looks like the front-runner as the starter at left tackle. Senior Tony Volponi and freshman Paul Lucariello will both get playing time this spring.

The right guard position is still up in the air. Both sophomore Andrew Woodruff and junior Pete Cavendar spent time as the starter last season, and are listed as the co-starters on the depth chart.

The offensive line is, by far, the deepest position on the team. Eight of the ten players on the two-deep depth chart this spring saw playing time last season. Junior center Jeff Cavender is listed as the starter, but senior Jadon Dailey also saw significant snaps late in the season at center.

Defensively, Boise State needs to replace two outgoing seniors and will test the waters on a position change in the secondary.

Gone are defensive end Alex Guerrero and linebacker Chris Barrios. Senior Tim Volk, along with junior Ian Smart, will battle for the vacant starting spot at defensive tackle. Along with senior captains Corey Hall and Colt Brooks at linebacker, junior Josh Bean and sophomore Kyle Gingg will get significant playing time this spring. Bean, who is 6-foot-2 and weighs 229 pounds, is a more physical presence, but Gingg has gotten more playing time with the first-team defense this spring.

In the secondary, senior Gerald Alexander will move from cornerback to safety this spring, as junior Austin Smith will move to cornerback.

The move for Alexander will give the Broncos a more physical presence across the middle, along with second-team All-WAC member Marty Tadman. The two will switch off from free and strong safety, in order to keep the opposing offenses from keying in on either player, secondary coach Marcel Yates said.

Yates also said the move for Smith was one the junior wanted to make. Smith will compete with senior Quinton Jones as the starter at corner opposite sophomore Orlando Scandrick.

Injuries will keep tight ends Derek Schouman and Sherm Blaser out of action Friday, which means fans will get a better look at senior Jared Hunter, junior Ryan Putnam and freshman Richie Brockel.

Three quarterbacks will also be battling for the backup roll. Junior Taylor Tharp, sophomore Bush Hamdan and freshman Nick Lomax are all competing behind senior Jared Zabransky.

Tharp saw significant time last season in place of Zabransky in three games last season, but there is hype among Hamdan and Lomax.

Freshmen Aiona Key and Jeremy Childs will also get looks at receiver this spring.

# Maynard making a name for himself

BY MIKE SHARP  
Sports Writer

Boise State track and field coach Mike Maynard said that before he ever got a job offer at Boise State, he knew he wanted to coach there.

"The first time I came here, ever, was 1994 for the NCAA Championships. I fell in love with the area, so when the championships were held here in 1999 I invited my family to come and enjoy it with me.

"We came up and had such a great time. My wife said that if I ever got offered a job in Boise, she'd like to be here."

And thus started an infatuation with Boise State that would lead to a phone call from Broncos Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier.

At the time Bleymaier called Maynard, Maynard was already starting his coaching career elsewhere.

"I was at the University of Arizona, where I had been for a while," Maynard said. "The next spring Gene Bleymaier called me and invited me to come for an interview.

"I really knew upon coming up here for the interview that if I was offered a job, I would take it."

After leaving his job as an associate head coach at Arizona, Maynard said that he was excited to take a plunge.

"I got the opportunity to get a head coaching position," Maynard said. "I knew that they ran a couple of great championships here, I liked the facility, I liked the community, and a former coach, Ed Jacoby, a good friend of mine, he just had a lot of great things to say about the place."

Maynard was appointed as head coach on June 30, 2000, and, since then, has done some fantastic things with the program he has run. Maynard has turned a small Division I school into a national contender.

"I'm very excited that I improved the program," Maynard said. "There are a couple things that I'm really excited about. Obviously the two WAC championships are really exciting. What's also exciting is that the last three years on the men's team, in the NCAA Championships, we've finished in the top 25. We've been top 15 the last

two consecutive years."

But don't think Maynard wants to stop there.

"I don't consider that by any means satisfying completely, because my goal is to create a team that vies for the national championship," Maynard said. "I think that those performances indicate that the team is on the right track, or in the right direction. I consider them spots on the track that show we're doing the right things."

Maynard and the men and women's outdoor track and field teams begin the season Saturday at the Hornet Invitational in Sacramento, Calif.

Along with the success of the men, the women have started to make rifts too.

"I'm excited about the women's team building up," he said "We've got a great young women's team."

"My sport is a little different, because it's not just one sport. We have men and women cross country, men and women outdoor track and men and women indoor track. Until we win all the championships all the time and graduate all athletes with a 4.0, there will always be lots of goals. But I am satisfied with the direction."

# Smith finding success at home

BY SHAWN ASHBY  
Sports Writer

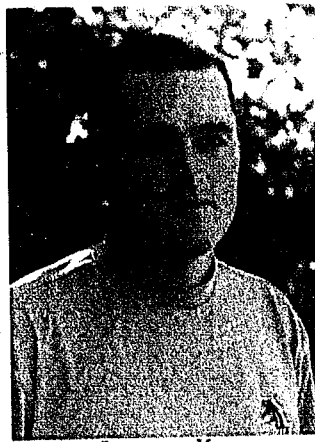
Boise State junior Brian Smith is able to play the game he loves at the collegiate level in the town where he grew up, not something many college athletes can claim.

Smith attended nearby Eagle High School, where he excelled at athletics.

During his time at Eagle High, Smith was a three-sport letterman, in baseball, basketball, and of course golf.

After graduating from Eagle, Smith had the opportunity to continue playing golf at Boise State. "He is very lucky to have a very supportive family right here in Eagle," Head Coach Kevin Burton said.

Smith's freshman year started off on a highpoint when he qualified to take part in five tournaments. He collected two top-25



Junior golfer Brian Smith

finishes, one of which was a top-10 at the Bronco Round-up.

Smith followed up a solid freshman season by doubling his top-25 finishes his sophomore year. Smith began to show consistency when he recorded an 18th place

finish at the Bronco Round-up, followed up by a 17th place finish at the Thunderbird Invitational, and concluding with another 18th place finish at the Braveheart Classic.

Coach Burton credits Smith's success to his attitude and work ethic. "Brian is a hard worker, and really loves the game of golf," Burton said.

You can see Smith's drive when you look at his improvement over his time at Boise State.

Between his freshman and sophomore year, Smith improved his scoring average from 76.5 to 75. This season Smith has once again improved his average to 74.

With his solid work ethic, and the support of his family close by, Smith is looking to make his senior season his best yet.

"He is very motivated, and is working hard to make his senior season the best he can," Burton said.

## Karl (from page 8)

"He may be skilled and may be a good shooter, and a lot of those things," Graham said. "But probably his biggest thing is his character. He is just a great solid person and a great individual and the kind of kid you want your sons to grow up to be."

Karl's father George, the head coach for the Denver Nuggets, along with Karl's mother Cathy and sister Kelci, were all in Boise for the surgery.

George flew in Sunday night and left town Tuesday evening to re-join the Nuggets, but did make this statement regarding his son:

"Coby is a very strong person and a very strong athlete. We're glad the surgery is over and he can get on with his recovery. This is a difficult process, but surgery is the beginning of recovery. Everything looks great, and he should be 100 percent real soon."

"My family and I appreciate the support of the team and the organization during this time. The spirit of togetherness has been fantastic."

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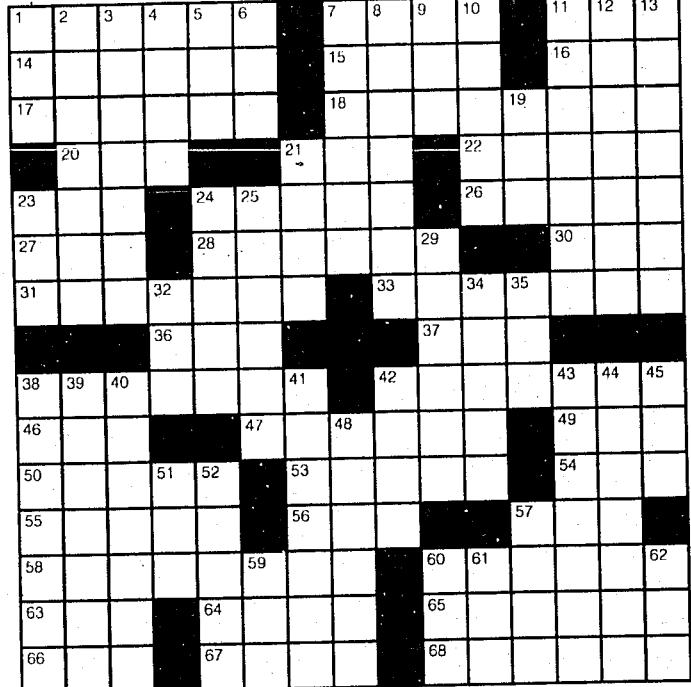
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- ACROSS**
- Swimmer Williams
  - Wife of Osiris
  - One Gabor
  - Endeavored with effort
  - Amount paid
  - Sch. near Harvard
  - Balanced
  - Swiss mountaineer
  - Kind of race
  - B'way posting
  - Macabre
  - Stenerud or Steen
  - Fact
  - Bat swings
  - Back in time
  - Phonograph inventor
  - Little 'un
  - Fetched
  - Talks idly
  - Coop resident
  - At present
  - Epical
  - Scuba or snafu, e.g.
  - Pres. Lincoln
  - Struthers and Field
  - Ms. Gardner
  - Lendl and Reitman
  - Rustler's rope
  - Tug's task
  - Of the kidneys
  - Pair
  - Brooch
  - One who makes ready
  - Surpassing
  - NASA outpost
  - Ms. Sorvino
  - Paycheck recipient
  - Fish catcher
  - Mineral springs
  - Formal-ish



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## Solutions

- Holiday brink
- Primary color
- High-flier of myth
- Wise man of the Bible
- AOL, e.g.
- Pigs' pads
- UAE part
- Guest
- Certifies under oath
- Fresh from the factory
- The slammer
- Chew the fat
- Postpone
- Fine figure of a man
- Kulp and Kerrigan
- Definite article
- Body trunk
- Gemini count
- Very sharp turn
- Heads side of a coin
- Most cruel
- Volcanic crater
- Furthermore
- Countries
- De Carlo and Mitchell
- Gaping mouth
- Dern and Ashley
- Brief rest
- Bridge coups
- Pile of combustibles
- Irving's Van Winkle
- Oyster farm
- Sense organ
- Arid

## comics

**FAMOUS ARTIST DOGBERTO WILL TELL US HIS PLANS FOR OUR LOBBY.**

**I PLAN TO BUY A DROP CLOTH AT HOME DEPOT AND DRAPE IT OVER THE SECURITY DESK.**

**WON'T THAT BE HARD ON THE GUARD? NOT UNTIL I DOUSE IT WITH GAS AND LIGHT IT.**

**MY IDEA IS TO DRAPE A HUGE TARP OVER THE HIDEOUS SCULPTURE IN THE COURTYARD.**

**MY MESSAGE WILL BE THAT ART IS AS MUCH ABOUT THE NEGATIVE SPACE AS THE POSITIVE.**

**PLUS IT'S NOT REALLY ART UNLESS SOMEONE IS WINNING.**

## horoscopes

- By Linda C. Black**  
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- Today's Birthday (03/23/06)**  
You'll use what you've recently learned this year to advance in your career. Look to the future and count what you'll get later, even more than what you'll get now. Invest in your own leadership ability. 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 an 8 - Don't antagonize an older, more experienced person who outranks you. That's good advice any time, but now, doing it is quite expensive.
- Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
Today is a 7 - A journey you have in mind has already begun. Invite a fascinating and passionate companion to come along.
- Gemini (May 21-June 21)**  
Today is a 6 - You may be able to pay off a debt by trading services. Make an offer the other person won't be able to refuse.
- Cancer (June 22-July 22)**  
Today is a 7 - Tempers may be short, so keep your cool. You have the advantages, spiritually and imaginatively.
- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Today is an 8 - Continue to try and concentrate on the job in front of you. Tomorrow you'll have plenty of extra time for fun and games.
- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Today is a 7 - It's possible you'll experience a bit of buyer's remorse. This is only natural. You've chosen well, so stop worrying.
- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Today is a 7 - Solving a household problem also saves you a lot of money. Could be a leaky faucet you fix, or a new refrigerator.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Today is a 7 - Keep practicing. The more you learn, the more confident you become. The more confident you become, the more you earn.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Today is an 8 - Finish a job you promised years ago, and collect the pay. This could involve fixing up something you have and selling it.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Today is a 7 - You have abundant resources, including an excellent team. Use them all to clean up a mess you've been tripping over.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Today is a 7 - Finish an old job, and make a good impression. A very important person is watching to see if you do what you say.
- Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
Today is a 7 - Call on friends to help, they've been waiting for the chance. They want to pay you back for all the nice things you've done for them.
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