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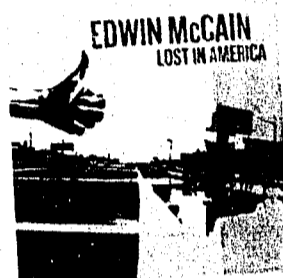
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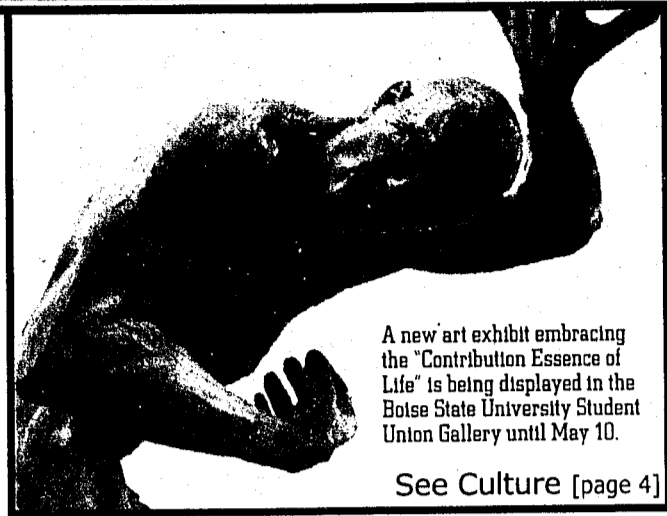
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A new art exhibit embracing the "Contribution Essence of Life" is being displayed in the Boise State University Student Union Gallery until May 10.

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Stay stress-free during finals

BY MEGAN BARSNESS
Special to The Arbiter

If you need to experience a calm before the storm known as "dead week," you can attend the new single credit course "Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction" beginning its 8 week session on Tuesday, May 4th from 4:40-6:30pm.

This is the first time the course has been offered at Boise State, but not the first in academic history.

Carol Pangburn, one of the organizers of the course, said mind-

fulness classes first began by Jon Kabat-Zinn at the University of Massachusetts over 25 years ago.

The organizers, Carol Pangburn and Christina Berg, are taking their own approach to the idea of mindfulness.

"Anxiety and stress are the number one issue with students. This class is eighty percent experiential. It brings students into the present moment to respond rather than react. We also do meditation and light yoga during class," said Pangburn.

Students are encouraged to bring

cushions, blankets and props to make themselves more comfortable. Pangburn and Berg will hopefully be offering the class to BSU faculty in summer or fall, there may be a nominal fee.

They will also offer "The Art and Practice of Mindfulness" in the summer, and "Meditation 101" during the fall. A meditation group affiliated with mindfulness meets in the SUB every Tuesday at noon.

For more information, contact Carol Pangburn at 426-3089, or Christina Berg at 426-2752.

'Cover the Uninsured Week' highlights Idahoans' health risks

BY EMILY POITEVIN
News Writer

National Cover the Uninsured Week is May 1-May 7, and Boise State is hosting a number of activities in conjunction with the occasion. BSU is partnering with the Ada County Healthy Communities Access Program (HCAP) to help sponsor the event.

According to the Cover the Uninsured Week Website, <http://covertheuninsured.org>, there are approximately 46 million Americans who live without health insurance. This number includes more than 8 million children.

For those without health insurance, the cost of a serious injury or illness can be enough to force bankruptcy. The week was created in 2003 in order to raise awareness of this growing problem.

Ed Baker, assistant professor for the College of Health Sciences and a lead evaluator for the HCAP grant, has been working on addressing the lack of access to healthcare in Ada County for the uninsured and underinsured for two years.

"The BSU College of Health Sciences participates in activities for "Cover the Uninsured Week"

because having insurance has been shown to be related to access to healthcare and to improved health outcomes. That is, without insurance coverage of some sort, it is difficult to obtain healthcare, especially specialist care and to get prescription drugs to treat illness," he said. "In addition, the insured pay for healthcare for the uninsured through higher insurance rates. Also, the costs associated with paying for the uninsured are greater when we pay for sick people instead of paying to keep people well."

The weeks' events range from a panel discussion on new approaches to state coverage to free fluoride varnish and HIV testing.

A full list of events is detailed below.

May 1-5: Enrollment Drive for the Idaho Children's Health Insurance program held by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Covering Kids and Families. Locations include the Boys and Girls Club, BSU Health and Wellness Center Conference Room, Terry Reilly Health Services, Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, and the Downtown YMCA. Specific times can be found at <http://www.adahcap.org/>.

May 2: James Girvan, dean of the College of Health Sciences will moderate a panel discussion, "New Approaches to State Coverage," from 6-7:30 p.m. The panel will discuss recent changes in Idaho's Medicaid program, community health centers, health savings accounts, and recent expansions of insurance coverage in other states such as Massachusetts.

The Central District Health Department will also host a variety of clinics throughout the week including immunization clinics and WIC clinics. CDHD will also sponsor STD clinics, pregnancy testing and reproductive health services.

More information can be found at www.cdhd.idaho.gov.

The CDHD is also sponsoring a free fluoride varnish for uninsured children ages 6 months to five years. This event will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 4: Elizabeth Foster, a family physician at Terry Reilly Health Services in Nampa, will present a lecture on "The Economics of Health Care in Idaho," 7-9 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Boise State's College of Business and Economics and the Economics Association.



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This week, Boise State will offer lectures and information about the growing problem of the uninsured in America.

Students, faculty, organizations, honored at awards ceremony

BY MICAH MCLAUGHLIN
News Writer

Boise State's 2006 Student Organizations Awards Ceremony honoring the organizations on campus and the students involved with them was held last Wednesday evening in the Student Union Building's Jordan Ballroom.

Besides honoring organizations and students the evening included a buffet dinner and musical and dance performances by

the Meistersingers and the Hui-O-Aloha, respectively.

Toward the end of the ceremony the audience was addressed by ASBSU Pres. Wyatt Parke

Mark Wheeler, the interim vice president for student affairs, said "involvement beyond the classroom" is an important part of education at BSU.

"So much of students' education can and does occur outside the classroom," said Wheeler.

According to Wheeler, the ceremony is also an important tradition.

"Boise State University needs traditions like this," said Wheeler. "I really can't think of a better tradition to bring students together and showcase all the different student activities and student organizations work."

The ceremony was organized by Mike Esposito, assistant director for Student Activities, who said planning the event was a lot of work.

Award winners included Delta Beta Nu Sorority for Organization of the Year for their work in the fight against breast cancer.

Helen Lojek, two time winner of

the outstanding student organization advisor award, was awarded with the David S. Taylor Service to Students Award.

Lojek is an English professor and assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Jenna Clark was honored with the Marj Billings Award for selfless dedication to the university.

Criminal justice administration professor Andrew Giacomazzi was awarded the Student Organization Advisor of the Year award for his performance in advising the Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice

Honors Society.

Winners for the student group award included: the Organization of Student Social Workers, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan, Women's Softball, Alpha Kappa Lambda, Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Society, Baptist Campus Ministries and the Hand Talk Sign Language Club.

Also during the evening, the Student Programs Board, the Volunteer Service Board, University Pulse and the Arbiter each presented their own awards to staff and community members as well.

Senate hears complaint, makes amends

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Arbiter Staff

In its final meeting of the Spring 2006 semester, the Associated Students of Boise State University Senate heard from a student concerned about the Dean of the College of Engineering, Cheryl B. Schrader. Schrader is married to a member of the Idaho State Board of Education.

The student, Chris Pentico, said Schrader's husband is in position to evaluate her and influence funding for the college.

"We have an accountability issue for this state," said Pentico.

Pentico also said students could feel uncomfortable if they have complaints about the dean.

Pentico said he'd talked to former ASBSU presidents Joe Holladay and David Morriss to no avail.

The Senate took printed information from Pentico.

The Senate also wrapped up some of its concerns and finished off legislation.

They honored staffers and approved the appointments of a pair of members to enter ASBSU Pres. Wyatt Parke's cabinet.

Taylor Newbold was appointed as the secretary of public relations. A.J. McGillis was appointed as the secretary of special projects.

Then Sen. Isaac Moffett said he had attended a MEChA meeting earlier in the day and had changed his viewpoints entirely concerning the BSU organization.

"I do support their activities on

campus and those they help around campus," Moffett said. His comments came after last week's meeting where several Senate guests walked out during his remarks after he mispronounced the word "Chicano."

BSU professor and lifelong MEChA member Juan Martinez apologized Thursday for being one of the two that walked out.

"I know better," Martinez said of his actions. "With heartfelt sincerity, I apologize."

Martinez also commended Moffett for reaching out to the group, which has been mired in controversy through the past few weeks as to its beliefs and connections to disputed documents linked to the national organization.

"[Discussion] is what we're all

about," Martinez said. "This is what democracy is all about."

He also joked that he would officially be crowned as the official "Drama Queen of Boise State" next week on the Brava Stage.

Later, the Senate passed a resolution re-stating its support of diversity on campus.

The resolution was sponsored by 10 different senators and passed 8-0-1. The one abstention came from Sen. Moffett.

The resolution quotes segments from the ASBSU Preamble to the Constitution and re-states the mission of ASBSU "to lead, inspire, encourage and serve all students."

"The purpose of this resolution is an intention to bring the Senate back together," Sen. Mary Dawson said.

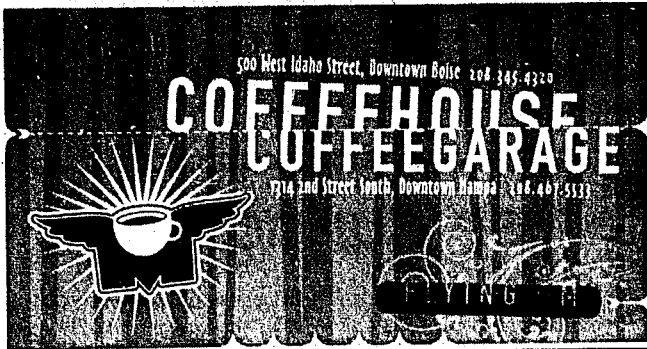
The Senate also unanimously passed a commendation to name Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Mark Wheeler Bronco of the Year.

Wheeler is interviewing for the permanent position of Vice President of Student Affairs.

He is a BSU graduate and has been the interim VP for more than a year.

Former ASBSU Chief of Staff Tim Flaherty spoke to the Senate during the gallery comments and asked to be the one to deliver the commendation to Wheeler.

Though the Senate now takes a hiatus, Senators can still be reached at their e-mail accounts from the ASBSU Web site. The group will attend training over the summer and return to the Forum next fall.



national

House Republicans manage to delay vote on ethics

WASHINGTON — House Republican leaders on Thursday narrowly defused a revolt within their ranks that would have killed lobby and ethics legislation, but then

delayed a final vote on the package until next week.

The legislation still faces broad, if not unanimous, opposition from Democrats and a handful of Republican moderates who say the legislation falls far short of what Congress needs to remove the stain of scandal rising from recent criminal convictions for influence-peddling.

The legislative package, which will be voted on Tuesday, restricts some congressional travel, requires more frequent public disclosure of lobbying activity and forces public identification of sponsors of special-interest "earmarks" inserted into spending bills.

The measure's defeat would have been an embarrassing setback for House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio.

Both vowed to tackle ethics and lobbying legislation in the wake of guilty pleas for corruption by disgraced Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff and former Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham, R-Calif.

Allegations of influence-peddling also have spilled into Democratic ranks. Rep. Alan Mollohan, D-W.Va., had to step down recently as the top Democrat on the House ethics committee after publicity stirred controversy over spending provisions that he'd inserted into legislation benefiting his friends and business associates.

House Republican appropriators, the lawmakers who draft spending bills, had threatened to vote against the legislation because they objected to its restrictions on "earmarks," the special spending items that members of Congress routinely insert into appropriations bills to benefit constituents.

The appropriators said it wasn't fair to restrict such items only in appropriations bills and not in tax or policy legislation.

The appropriators, led by their chairman, Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., eventually relented after Hastert and Boehner promised to apply earmark restrictions to all forms of legislation when the final bill gets reconciled with a Senate version passed in March.

Following the GOP leaders'

pledge, the House voted 216-207, largely along partisan lines, to accept the rule governing debate on the bill, indicating likely passage.

"The leader and the speaker gave their word to our members," Lewis said. "We can't ask for any more than that from our speaker. Comprehensive earmark reform is fundamental to our being able to go forward positively and effectively."

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"Return to Learn" urges people to return to classroom and earn degrees

President Bob Kustra announced May as "Return to Learn" month at Boise State University and encouraged people to call enrollment counselors, visit a special Web site or attend open houses in Nampa and Boise to learn about their best options for returning to school and earning a degree.

"We want to knock down the perceived barriers to earning a diploma," Kustra said. "Boise State is making an extra effort this month to answer questions about transferring credits, paying for classes or coming back to school as an adult learner."

Throughout May, Boise State is providing enhanced services through a "learning line" at (208) 562-3127, a unique Web site at returntolearn.boisestate.edu and a specific e-mail address at returntolearn@boisestate.edu.

People can talk with financial aid experts, academic advisers, transcript evaluators and enrollment counselors at open house events on May 18 at Boise State West in Nampa and May 22 at the Student Union Building on the main Boise State campus. Both sessions are free and begin at 7 p.m.

"A diploma is invaluable and Boise State can help from a GED to a Ph.D.," Kustra said. "Education is the key to both personal prosperity and Idaho's economic growth. States with the highest number of college graduates have the strongest economies and lowest unemployment rates."

Boise State's effort is designed to connect prospective students with campus representatives who can help them develop individualized "Return to Learn" plans that will guide them to degree completion.

An array of representatives will be available at the open houses, including undergraduate and graduate admissions, College of Applied Technology, Veteran's Affairs, Women's Center, Distance Education, Center for New Directions, Adult Basic Education, Center for Professional Development, Career Services and the Center for Workforce Training.

what the?

Did I say 'doctor?' It's actually a hobby

A 76-year-old man posed as a doctor and went door-to-door in Lauderdale Lakes, Fla., offering to give women free breast exams.

At least two of the ladies accepted.

No, Dave's not here

Police surrounded a suspected drug house in Oklahoma City.

After a seven-hour standoff, they discovered that nobody was home.

My bad, sorry

To get revenge after a fistfight, a man in Weirton, W.Va., went to his former friend's apartment building and set fire to his car.

Or so he thought. Turns out, he burned the wrong vehicle.

Think, man, for the love of God, think

After a night of heavy drinking, a man in the Ufa region of Russia awoke to discover a nail sticking out of the top of his head.

When asked, the man actually told authorities that he just couldn't remember exactly how the nail got there.

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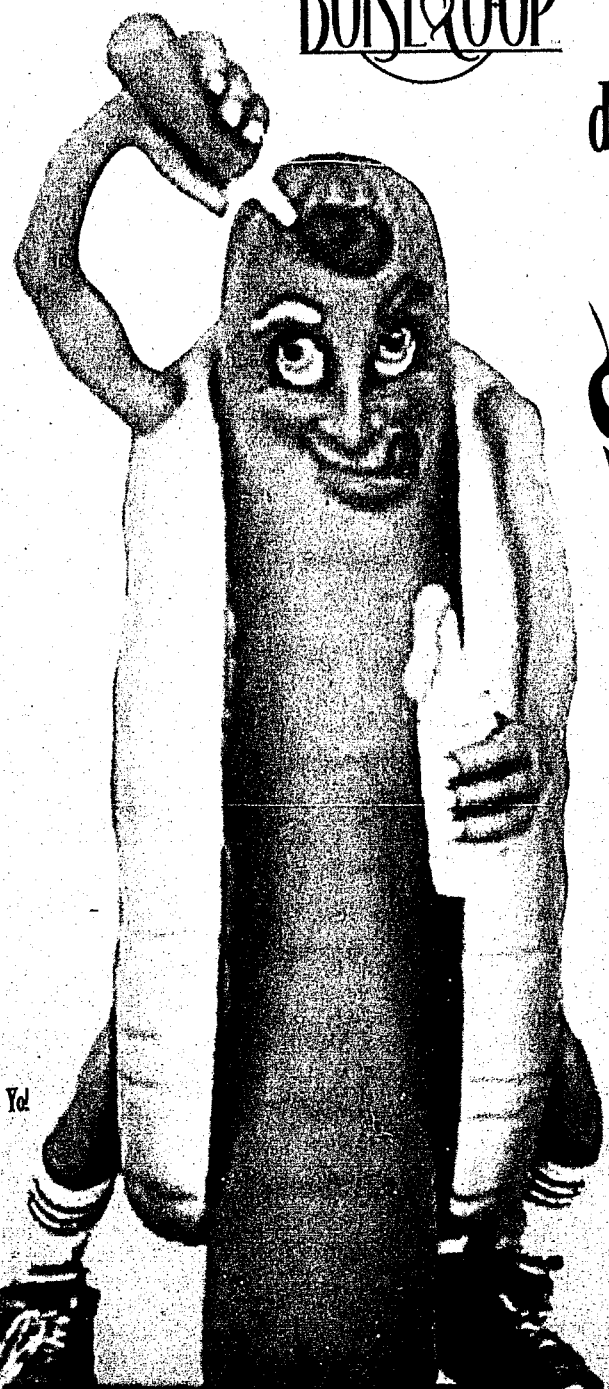
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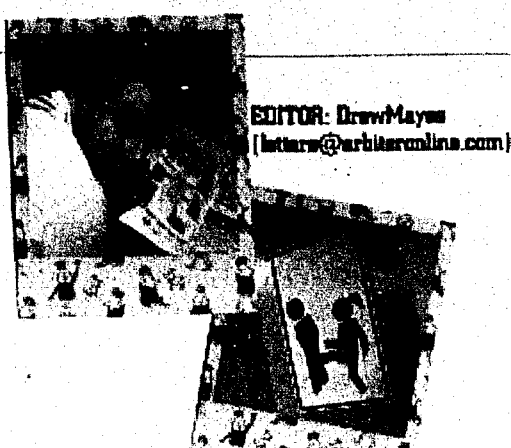
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opinion

Senators afraid of diversity don't represent me

BY WOODY HOWARD
Guest Opinion

“To say multi-culturalism and diversity are racist and communist in nature is, well, very racist and fascist.”

First, I issue apologies to the student Senate and the president for storming out of a recent ASBSU Senate meeting.

I simply could not listen to Sen. Moffet continue his testimony proving he deliberately did not listen to the Senate guests and gallery comments in today's session.

The college campus is supposed to be a place where students can learn by opening up to other views and ideas. They don't have to accept them or believe them. All that is asked is that they listen... just listen.

It's painfully obvious some of our new student senators have failed to engender this quality of good

citizenship, respect and integrity. Right out of the gate Sen. Sawmiller pumped at the chance to not only insult and enrage the Latino/Latina community on campus, but hundreds of their black, white, Asian, male, female, straight, gay, community allies and more.

First, he claims people who believe in the value of culture and diversity are "...anti-American..." I guess Sen. Sawmiller is forgetting every family line in the United States originates, at one time or another, from somewhere other than what is now the United States

of America.

To say multi-culturalism and diversity are racist and communist in nature is, well, very racist and fascist. No wonder Sen. Sawmiller and his co-patriots fear multi-culturalism and diversity.

These concepts reject the very soul of the singularity of their beliefs.

These concepts are in favor of the democratic plurality on which this great nation was founded. How un-American of you, Johnny boy.

Sen. Sawmiller goes on to call anyone outside the US borders, "...criminals, terrorists, drug dealers and illegal aliens..." Of course he was talking about anyone who appears to be Latin in ancestry.

So, now we know that anyone of a multi-cultural heritage is anti-American and anyone who has

Latin ancestry is a criminal, terrorist, drug dealer, and illegal! He even stands by claims, proven inaccurate, that a student group called MECHA is planning to take over the American Southwest!

Call the FBI, Homeland Security, the ATF and the INS! Oh but wait, Latinos and others have become vital, hard-working, tax-paying components of our society.

Documented or not, they do not deserve to be suppressed into the dungeons of the far right American Republican fascist regime, which seeks to exploit them as 2nd and perhaps 3rd class citizens. Shame on you Johnny boy!

But wait... there's more!

In their first 30 days these far right conservative republicans have attempted to remove funding from the Women's Center and

the Cultural Center, and now they attack MECHA. I thank the reasonable Senators for putting the money back into the budget and approving it. Keep your eyes open ladies and gentlemen. I bet you they are not going to stop with these three organizations.

They will move on to other cultural and diversity organizations and individuals. They will attack me and anyone else who stands up to their fascist criticism. But, I'm wrong I will gladly admit it at the end of the 06-07 school year.

PS: These are my opinions and not that of any student organization.

Woody Howard is a Boise State student and President of Bigheads, Gays and Lesbians Allied for Diversity (BIGALD).

PC jargon distracts all sides from the actual issue

The language of advertisers and politicians is short-sided

BY JACOB GOOD
Opinion Writer

Documented workers are called so because when they enter this country legally they are bombarded with documents, all of which are wrapped up in a gigantic pile and tied with a bow of red tape.

When immigrants enter this country illegally they are bom-

barded with job offers from construction companies, janitorial services and farmers desperate to find someone willing to become the unquestioning serf, but no documents proving they have the right to work here.

This is why those people are called undocumented workers.

Changing your status from illegal to undocumented does not make you legal; it's a different phrase denoting the same lack of legality garnered upon your arrival.

It is however an example of America's unwillingness to fix problems and instead mask them with political jargon.

Americans love to mix and

match words or wrap unnecessary titles around an idea in order to hide its true meaning.

In Iraq last year suicide bombers suddenly changed their ways and became "homebode" bombers in order to reflect the fact that by creating a Jackson Pollock painting out of a mosque or open market they were killing more than themselves.

In all reality I don't think the bombers cared much about their titles.

It's not exactly something you'd place on a business card, after all.

But Donald Rumsfeld wanted truth in advertising so the name changed.

When you walked up to a reg-

ister at a department store a few years ago you were greeted by the cashier, who when in need of help asked for the manager.

Today when you wander into the monstrosity that is your local grocery store you pay for your items at the checkout lane and are greeted by a guthrie girl whose nametag states that she is an Associate, and when she needs help she calls the Head Chair Super-chair.

I think I'm starting to sound like a Peetah of Elder Gentleman so I'm going to move along.

Advertisers want you to think outside the box with a new paradigm of radical innovations.

That means they want you to buy useless crap whose outer shells are

inundated with affixed neon ta-

bles. Buy it and supermodels will bounce their steered bodies through your basement bedroom and not laugh at your "C hews that look like Engelbert Humperdick" collection.

In reality your emo girlfriend will write a poem about how stupid you are for buying something from a corporation, then you will mock her for writing her poem with a pen she bought at insert random corporate name here.

I'm tripping over my tangents, am I not?

So that was my short rant about changing the names to protect the guilty.

Why are phrases constantly revamped by Standards and Practices, anyway?

What facilitates the desire to fix a problem by changing its name instead of finding a solution?

Why do people answer rhetorical questions?

Nobody really knows.

All I know is that advertisers love neon and fantasy, department stores no longer employ anyone unwilling to be a dissociated associate, military intelligence continues to run AWOL, and undocumented workers are illegal workers.

Understand that jargon is a part of everyday life in America, but can we just sit down and solve a problem for once?

Uh, ASBSU, we have a problem here Sen. Wilson is overstepping his power as Senate Pro-temp

BY DEVIN BORLAND
Guest Opinion

There is a problem that I would like to point out to the students of Boise State University. That problem is the ASBSU Senate Pro-Temp, Sen. Greg Wilson. In the last two Senate sessions, Sen. Wilson has limited and controlled the voices of the very students that elected him into office.

During the first Senate session, Sen. Wilson limited gallery comments to two people. In all of the Senate sessions that I have attended, that is by far the shortest session of gallery comments I have ever witnessed.

During the second Senate session Sen. Wilson yet again limited the voices of the students. He stated that he would not allow signs of

"protest" in the Senate chamber. The signs of "protest" were actually signs of support for a student organization that was making an argument before the Senate.

That is the very purpose of the ASBSU Senate. It is supposed to be an open forum for students to bring attention to the issues that are of concern to them. By limiting the speech of the students that elected him, Sen. Wilson is assaulting the very spirit of the ASBSU student senate.

Something else to mention is that in the Senate chambers there was a giant pledge sheet signed by a large amount of students who supported diversity at Boise State. The only reason that Sen. Wilson allowed the sign to stay in the chamber was because it had been placed there before he stated his rule. Apparently a pledge of diversity signed by the

very students that elected him is a sign of protest in his eyes.

I believe that Sen. Greg Wilson is overstepping his position and is abusing his very limited powers. It has come to my attention that the vice president who is supposed to run Senate sessions is in class this semester during the Senate sessions.

I believe that ASBSU Vice President Molly George needs to be made aware of how the Senate pro-temp is running the Senate in her absence.

The VP needs to pull the reins as it were on Senate pro-temp Greg Wilson. Sen. Wilson needs to get off his power trip and allow the students of BSU to have their voice.

Devin Borland is a political science major at Boise State

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EDITOR'S PICK:
New album release
Sparks
"Hello Young Lovers"



Fans of Franz Ferdinand's jerky angularity and the Darkness' operatic glam, take cover: Daddy's home. Or Daddies - Ron and Russell Mael, respectively the mustachioed keyboardist and heavens-high-pitched crooner whose 35-year career of quirky, catchy pop diversity and obsessive lyricism invite one big question: Why aren't these brothers mega?

As eccentric as ever, Ron's wildest, classically tinged arrangements allow Russell to leap and dive without sounding like a cartoon. Sparks stuffs "Here Kitty" with musique concrete, swing and chamber references while keeping it laden with catchiness. They can imbue a complex song with breathless strings and razor-sharp guitars, yet make it sound somehow simple. The goofball misanthropes who fill "Waterproof" and other Lovers songs may be mean, but from sex-addict organists to dunderheaded world leaders, they're never without melancholy.

In a perfect world, "Lovers" would be - to paraphrase one of Sparks' best - the No. 1 songs in heaven. This review to God's ear, you know?

CELEBRITY NEWS:
Stone lawsuit



Actress Sharon Stone, who apparently appeared nude in "Basic Instinct 2," has reached a settlement with the British tabloid the Daily Mail, which she sued for reporting she left her 4-year-old son Roan asleep in a car (but with a driver) for two hours while she gorged herself with a "mystery male companion" at a London restaurant. Sharon will donate the undisclosed sum to charity.

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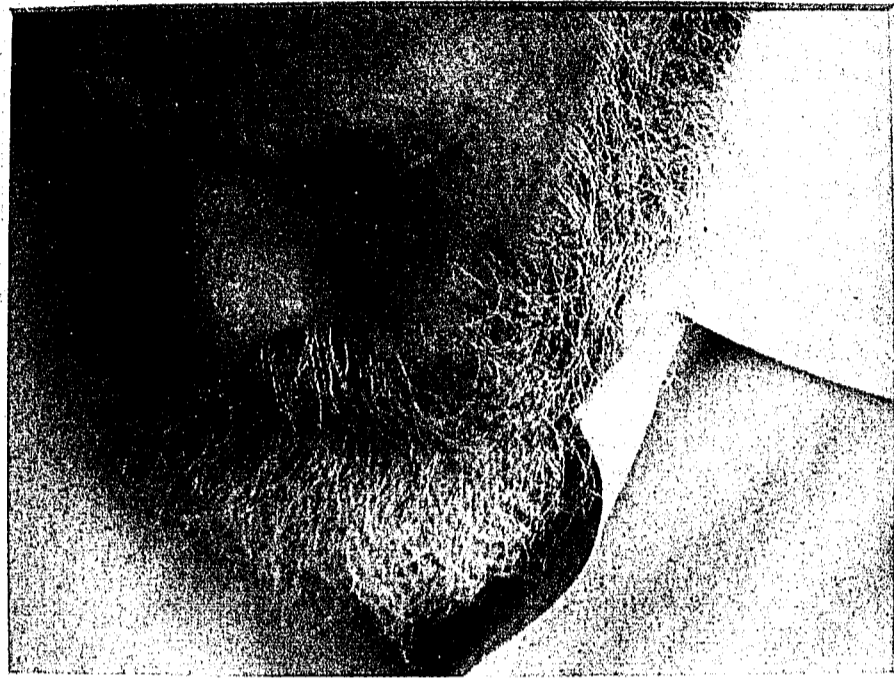
The new secret: a new form of dance that sneaks in an aerobic, flexibility and toning workout while focusing on unleashing your inner vixen by learning risqué, exotic dance-inspired routines.

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Contribution Essence of Life exhibit reflects beauty of living

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BY LINDSEY PARKER
Culture Writer

A new art exhibit embracing the "Contribution Essence of Life" is being displayed in the Boise State University Student Union Gallery until May 10. This exhibit showcases different Idaho artists and is a celebration of life. All proceeds from the sale of the artwork, benefits suicide prevention and awareness in Idaho.

The creator of this exhibit, Anne Merkle, is a mother of two and a Pocatello native artist/writer. Merkle speaks on her own experiences with depression.

"I've been diagnosed with borderline personality disorder, anxiety disorder, and depression. These highly chemical conditions can not be treated with drugs. I have intolerance to almost all medication. The hardest thing about coping is learning to live with myself," Merkle said.

This diverse art exhibit celebrates life, hope and triumph through beautiful works of acrylic, oil, collage, pastel, ink, photography, illustration, watercolor, ceramics, and pottery. An informative poster on the wall next to an acrylic painting gives statistics about suicide and the mission statement of the artists collaborating in this exhibit.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death in the 15-24 and 25-34 age groups in the United States. Idaho is consistently among the states with the highest suicide rates. In a 2002 report the last year which suicide data is available, Idaho is listed as the ninth highest rated suicide state in the U.S.

Twenty percent of high school students surveyed in 2003 reported seriously considering suicide, nine percent of students admitted to attempting suicide one or more times. This exhibit is

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The "Contribution Essence of Life" exhibit currently being displayed in the Boise State Student Union gallery features art designed to celebrate life.

Get lost in Edwin's new CD

BY APRIL RUMORE
Culture Writer

Edwin McCain "will be the greatest fan of your life," are you his? Entering the music scene with his big hit, "I'll Be" in 1993, McCain started out fantastic. That one hit made the top 10 and millions, not only in dollars but in numbers of fans as well.

It was voted number one wedding song on a Dr. Phil Episode of May 2005. It is also one of the most sung audition songs for the top of the charts reality TV show, American Idol. But, hands down, nobody can quite pull it off as the original, the one and only, Edwin McCain.

His brand new album, "Lost in America," just hit the record shops' shelves around the country this April.

McCain brings music and urban flavor together to create story

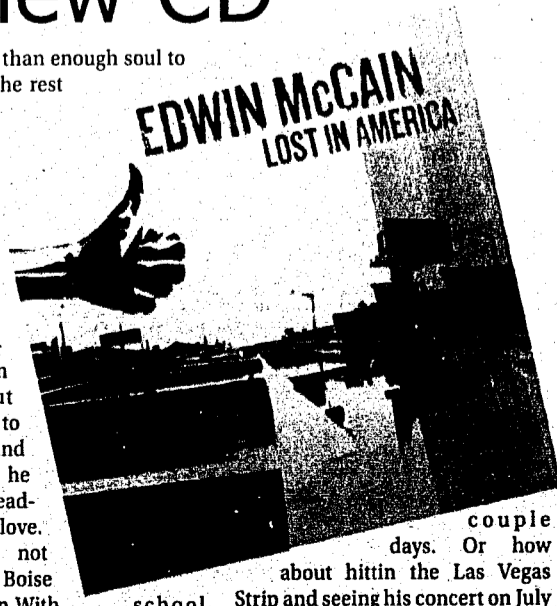
telling tranquil tunes. In the song Gramercy Park Hotel, McCain tells the tale about himself. First comparing himself to Babe Ruth and how at the end of the day, no matter what happens, he always ends up at the memorable Gramercy Park Hotel.

With a bluegrass, hand clapping, shoulder swayin', and a dash of Bare-naked Ladies's rockin' spice, McCain's "Lost in America" is like a good home cooked meal. It's comforting, relaxing and for the first ear's listening, it feels familiar. Classy lyrics, entertaining beat and downright full of soul, McCain's feel good makes you wanna whip out your singing voice yourself and join in.

McCain was born and raised in the heart of the south in Greenville, S.C. It is substantial to say that the beautiful and prestigious blues that engulfed his childhood environment, rubbed off on him and in-

spired more than enough soul to share with the rest of the country.

Now, a Santa Monica, Calif. man, McCain is a traveling tour machine. From Connecticut to Texas to Nevada and California, he is really spreading the love. Although, not coming to Boise anytime soon. With coming to a close, road trips are just the ticket. Make it worthwhile. Go to his July 17 concert in Anaheim, Calif. and hit Disneyland the next



couple days. Or how about hittin the Las Vegas Strip and seeing his concert on July 23?

In the meantime, learn more about McCain and enjoy his tunes at Edwin.com.

The
Chick:
Fashion hits
and
It's
Victoria knows how
to make a good bra

BY MARIANA BEKKER
Culture Columnist

Sorry gentlemen, you'll be taking a back seat today - but it's for a good reason. The fashion topic of the day is breasts. Most men like to talk about them (and stare at them), so I figured why not devote an entire column to them. When it comes to the female form, breasts are probably the two most important and visible accessories a woman has.

Celebs like Dolly Parton and Pamela Anderson have made them enormously popular, and it seems that every woman either wants her pair either way bigger or way smaller. And even though women are always trying to change them, breasts are an integral part of the female anatomy.

However, they are not getting the support they need. Most women - 70-80 percent of the female population - do not wear the correct size bra for their frame. Wearing the right size is important not only for aesthetic reasons but for health reasons too. Busty women who wear too small of a bra don't get the support they need and may have a lot of back problems as a result.

And with finals week quickly creeping up, worrying about your bra should be the last thing on your mind - but if your bra doesn't fit correctly, it might be the only thing you can think about.

But no fear, Victoria's secret is here to save the day and to get you into the perfect bra for your body. Miss Victoria has seemed to address all the drama that comes with bras right down to nipple visibility.

The newest line, the Ipx bra, is allegedly the world's most advanced bra and now it's even available sans wire. Even though the Ipx is only made out of the regular stuff, nylon and lycra, it ensures maximum coverage with minimal padding. It also offers support and lift with comfort in mind and no adjustment hassles.

For those in the A to C cup range, this bra might be the best bet, giving lift and the illusion of cleavage to those who need it, while supporting the bustier bunch without adding any unwanted bulk.

For fuller figured women wearing a C cup and above, bras that support bigger cup sizes often fail to support the current fashion trends. Though the Ipx may not work out, Victoria has other options that will leave you looking sexy while fully covering yourself. The Emma Collection has classic full coverage bras that have a seamless stretch lace with a smooth wear-under anything finish. The bras have underwire cups, adjustable straps, and a front close. The best part - the bras come in a million of different colors and patterns. No more boring beige or black for full figured women - this bra has it all.

Aesthetic and sexiness aside however, the health risk inherent in wearing the wrong bra is perhaps the larger issue. According to leading medical professionals, daily wear and exercise in bras without the proper support causes premature sagging of the breasts that only surgery can reverse years down the line, not to mention the potential onset of painful postural disorders.

If you are unsure of what size bra you need to be wearing, go into a Victoria's secret store and let the helpful associates measure you. This way you'll know exactly what you need and you can leave the guesswork for finals week.

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The morning Boise State students jumping out of planes. Yes, it's great. Will these students that didn't graduate and are no longer all in the charity. The second for Diabetes raiser that Skydiving in Caldwell every year for Skydiving to non-profit education and for diabetes. Every year are people including Skydiving, basketball, and all the \$500,000 to be spent on the event. The students are not paid for the event. April on the

Go see the other half of 'Peephole'

BY THOM GARZONE
Culture Writer

The "Peephole" exhibit is now on display at the BSU Hemingway Center and features student art like the above piece.

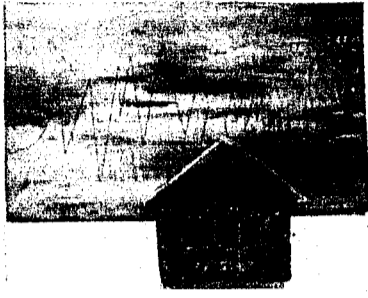


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At the BSU Hemingway Center, the other half of the "Peephole: BFA Thesis Exhibition" is showing.

The room is dim yet the aesthetic continuity courses through the individuals who enter.

The first piece one comes across is "Pardes" by Carla Brava.

This work, resembling cubism, is deep and abstract. Another work by Brava is "Hathor Leading the Way." Bold, blue colors make up this piece.

Other paintings are "Elysian," depicting a sea, "Celtic Circle," with faded figures in a dimension of ar-

tistic consciousness, and "Shades of Seol," which brings out natural qualities.

"My series of paintings depicts my interpretation of ancient cultures' views of the afterlife. When painting I feel closer to those who have gone ahead of me and the painting has been a cathartic process," Brava said.

In the direct center is Erica Deshner's "The Emulsion Dream." This video display is a surrealist demonstration of images that transition into one another and shows local scenes.

"This work addresses an issue that is difficult to understand and even harder to explain, because I have an eating disorder and I am in love with a chef," Deshner said. "In

my work I am attempting to show how two ingredients that would otherwise blend into a homogeneous mixture can come together."

As you continue through the exhibit, a set of clay teapots built by Jenny Rice is displayed. This display interestingly depicts animal forms and food.

Also, by Rice is a piece made from found materials taking up the space of two walls. This work is intriguing because it brings out reality and uses ordinary materials.

"This current body of work deconstructs any hierarchy of images within our environment by emphasizing their relative status, and by doing so implies that each element whether serious or silly has an equal importance," Rice said.

The last artist is Jose Galvan. With these three paintings entitled, "Incorrigible Proposition," Galvan captures individualism.

"In my artwork, painting is more than the physical construction of an image, it is a sophisticated visual language and to convey meaning," Galvan said. "My art encompasses a progression from an overt communication to a subtler enigma by exploring the concepts and themes of the intangible."

These artists on display at the Hemingway Center are all equally fascinating. Their work is current and fresh, rich in its reflection of the artists' personas.

So get down to the Hemingway Center as soon as possible, because the exhibit will soon be gone.

Melting down my ex-boyfriend's jewelry: Why I'm glad I didn't flush it instead

BY HADLEY RUSH
Culture Writer

It was just yesterday (standing in the shower actually) that I began thinking about all the jewelry I've accumulated (yet never wear) from lovers past. I counted up the pieces, as simultaneously and ironically the lyrics to "Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair," brooded about in my mind, as I, ahem, washed my hair. "My God" I shouted aloud as I flung open the shower curtain, which in turn sent my cat spitting and screaming as surprised cats do. "I never wear any of it! I'm wasting exquisite bling."

I charged into my room where a

scared cat hid beneath the computer desk (which incidentally, I constructed with my own two hands) and opened the drawer that houses most of my finer jewelry—just in case you ever take an interest in robbing me, there you have it.

Now, it's been brought to my attention by an abundance of past boyfriends that they feel an inherent fear in gift-buying for "someone like me," whatever that means. (Insert metaphorical shoulder shrug here.) But contrary to what most people think, I'm actually a very well-adjusted, somewhat down-to-Earth person, and I feel I'm a rather easy-to-buy-for gift recipient.

Those who know me well, know that I feel a earnest and grave trepidation toward wearing necklaces. I chalk this up to the possibility that I was, in a past life, gloriously Guillotined in France. Hence, I can't stand the feeling of anything encompassing or even lightly touching my neck or throat region. Which brings me to the problem at hand. As I sat crouched, in my bathrobe shuffling through gems

from my past, I came upon the first piece I'd ever received from a man. A beautiful, near flawless diamond necklace. Now I'm not talking about the kind that's encased in a trashy, wound-up heart-shape of which every woman owns two or three—the kind boyfriends who haven't the foggiest about one's likes and dislikes buys—no... I'm talking a really beautiful diamond.

Though I can't bring myself to wear any of the jewelry I've been given by men (due to, of course, the bad energy that would surely surround me while wearing a piece of my past) I do always wear one ring. I bought said ring for myself in Paris in the gift shop of Saint Chapelle (a very famous and beautiful church.) The ring is sterling silver, and in the shape of a crown. It's more or less my "shape motto." Whatever that means. Words like "only child" or "princess" come to mind.

I looked at my crown ring and had an instant idea. Why not combine some of my old jewelry (we'll call it "Ex bling" for comical purposes) and morph my favorite piece into

something even more sensational—why not add a diamond and jazz it up with some more silver? Let's melt down the Ex bling, and give my bling a little more zing!

Next I came upon a pair of earrings that were purchased, from Tiffany, by someone who loved himself (and tequila binge drinking) more than he loved me.

A sly, Grinch-like smile came to my lips. "Let's melt these suckers down too," I said aloud (though I didn't use the term "suckers")—the cat, by now, obviously used to my boisterous outbursts.

And so the following day I took

my bijoux to the local jeweler and inquired if they could, in fact, create something positive and beautiful out of my disheveled, bejeweled past.

As I emptied earrings, necklaces and pendants on to the counter the woman standing behind it raised an eyebrow.

"Now let me get this straight," she said as if I had told her what I wanted in an equivocal foreign language.

"You want to combine all these pieces you never wear, into a piece you always wear?" I smiled, nodded, and added, "It's better than

flushing them, no?" (Note: I actually have a friend who flushed her Ex bling in a fit of rage.)

Ultimately, here's what I figure: though I can't bring myself to wear any of this Ex bling for fear of mal-energy, bad karma, and problems with past-relinquishment, I can for sure melt down these forgotten treasures into something positive—a positively beautiful, diamond-clad ring, composed of all the people who have melted and morphed and me into the brilliant, polished, sparkling person I am today.

Oh, and humble— I forgot humble.

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meant to "help you dream, give you hope, and inspire you to live life to the fullest."

Personal contributions such as these works of art make an impact no matter how small the effort seems.

The photographs, paintings, and sculptures act as portals into

beautiful aspects of life.

Artists such as Mike Shipman, Jeff Stahman, and Michael Forrester speak about their work.

Mike Shipman creator of "Friends-Unwritten" a photograph highlighting the love and closeness of children after a soccer game says of his involvement in the exhibition, "We are the authors of our own unwritten history. Everyday is the star of a new page or chapter. Being supportive of friends, neighbors, or those in need enhances our journey."

Jeff Stahman's "Rising Above" is beautiful. This black and white photograph is breathtaking. The feeling derived from seeing it, is similar to viewing Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List" for the first time.

There's a very raw beauty displayed in this photograph.

Stahman says of his photograph, "I hope that I can make a difference in the lives and help the beneficiaries of this event "rise above" their troubles and have a happy successful life."

Another highly impacting photo-

graph is Michael Forrester's "Hope on the Horizon."

This photograph brilliantly captures the sunset and a person's peacefulness upon seeing the sunset. This gentle serene image both captivates and inspires. Forrester says of his work, "Look toward the horizon. The light is there. Look around and you'll find the outstretched hand of a friend. I dare you to move, to go to places in your life you never thought possible. You can do it. Look for hope on the horizon."

Included in the exhibition are varied works of beautiful ceramics, pottery and sculptures.

Many of the ceramics were crafted by talented high school students who didn't hesitate to contribute to this cause of suicide prevention. The outlying message/theme of the "contribution essence of life" exhibit is everywhere.

The Suicide Prevention Lifeline may be reached 24 hours a day 7 days a week call 1-800-273-8255. The Hope Hotline available 24 hours a day 7 days a week call 1-800-SUICIDE. The number for the 24-Hour Crisis Line in Boise available 24 hours a day 7 days a week is 1-800-600-6474.


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Eleni Kafourou breaks Bronco long jump record at YMCA Invite

Courtesy Broncosports

BOISE, Idaho -- Freshman Eleni Kafourou won two events and along the way set a Boise State University women's record in the long jump during Saturday's (April 29) competition at the YMCA Invitational.

Kafourou broke one of the older Bronco records by winning the long jump with a leap of 20-8.50 (6.31m). She breaks the 1993 mark of 20-8 set by Rubye Jones.

Kafourou came with inches of setting a second school record when she won the triple jump with a mark of 43-3.00 (13.18m).

Abigail Ferguson holds the Bronco triple jump record at 43-5.00 set in 1997.

Both marks were improvements on Kafourou's previous NCAA regional qualifying jumps set earlier this season.

Jackieann Morian joined the list of Bronco student-athletes who have already posted regional qualifying marks this season when she won the 400-meter dash with a personal best time of 53.99.

The time ranks second on Boise

State's all-time outdoor list and is just over a half-second away from Sabrina Johnson's record of 53.45 set in 1987.

On the men's side Saturday, Antoine Echols and Roger White were both double winners for Boise State.

Echols won the 100 and 400-meter dashes with time of 10.75 and 47.46, respectively, while White won the long jump with a mark of 22-9.0 (6.93m) and the triple jump with a leap of 47-9.75 (14.57m).

Other Bronco winners on Saturday included Megan Olivetti in the women's 100-meter dash with a time of 12.35, Bryan Rodie in the men's 800-meter run with a time of 1:51.95 and the women's 4x100-meter relay A team with a time of 47.48.

In the men's shot put, former Bronco and six-time NCAA All-American Jarred Rome won the event with a mark of 66-11.25 (20.40m).

The next major competition for the Broncos will be the WAC Outdoor Championships in Honolulu, Hawai'i, May 10-13 (Wednesday-Saturday).

Ypsilanti Breaks hammer record

Eleni Ypsilanti broke the Boise State University record by winning the women's hammer on Friday (April 28) with a throw of 195-2 (59.50) in the first day of competition at the YMCA Invitational.

A junior from Greece, Ypsilanti broke the record of 192-8 set by Abbey Elserly in 2003.

The mark improved on her previous NCAA regional qualifying mark of 184-4 (56.20m) set early this month at a meet in Eugene, Oregon. Ypsilanti's teammate Annika Hjelm finished second with a personal best of her own at 190-2 (57.96m).

The Bronco men also placed first and second in the men's hammer. Mattias Jons won the event with a throw of 222-6 (67.81m), while freshman Simon Wardhaugh

posted a personal best of 208-0 (63.40m) to finish second.

In the men's discus, 2004 Olympian and former Bronco, Jarred Rome won the event with a throw of 215-1 (65.56m).

A six-time NCAA All-American at Boise State, Rome is one of the world's top discus throwers and placed seventh at last year's World Championships.

Boise State's Jennifer Donatelli came within four centimeters of qualifying for the NCAA regional meet in winning the women's discus with a throw of 155-1 (47.26m). The qualifying standard is 155-2 (47.30m).

The Broncos also had first place finishes from Kristin Brogdan in the women's high jump at 5-5 (1.65m), Roger White in the men's high jump at 6-8 (2.03m), Antoine Echols in the 200-meter

dash at 21.49, Ty Axtman in the men's 1,500-meter run at 3:51.33, Nataucha Lowry in the women's

200-meter dash at 25.09, and Megan Olivetti in the women's 100-meter dash at 12.35.



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Bronco golf signs four recruits

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Boise State University men's golf Head Coach Kevin Burton announced the signing of our golfers to National Letters of Intent, April 28, a recruiting class that includes individuals from Australia, Wash., Ariz., and the Treasure Valley.

"We are losing four seniors this year," Burton said. "We went all over the world to find kids that could step right in and compete. Not only did we find great golfers, we found great students that are going to continue to build this program into a force at the national level."

Robbie Richards, a native of Tea Gardens, Australia, was a member of the Newcastle Division 1 Golf Squad, and won the combined high schools' championship.

Richards also won the 2005 Port Macquarie Seaside Classic, the Fox Hills Junior Open, the Merewether Junior Classic, and the Hawks Nest Junior Championship.

As a junior, Richards was ranked top 10 in the state. With a grade-point average of 4.0, he was named the CALTRES Best All-Rounder, for consistency in athletics, academics and extra-curricular activities.

Chase Cochran, a Phoenix, Ariz., native, recorded tournament victories at the Vistal Invitational and the Saguaro Jr. Masters, en route to being named to the All-Region and Super-Region teams. Cochran is currently ranked in the top 10 in the Ariz. High School 5A classification.

"Chase wanted to play at a school where he could work with a great coach," Cochran's father Kevin said. "And Boise State has, by far, the best coach of any major college. Chase's uncle played on Tour with (Burton), and he couldn't say enough about him."

Shawn Tonkin, a native of Mercer Island, Wash., was named First Team All-KingCo three times, and was named International Junior Golf Tour Player of the Year in 2001. Tonkin was a member of the Wash. State Hogan's Cup team, as well as the Future Collegians World Tour All American first team in 2000-01 and 2002-03.

He won the Washington Junior Golf Association State Championship in 2004 as well as both the Westfield PGA Junior Championship PNW Section and the IJGT Sunriver Resort Championship in 2003. Tonkin was a member of the National Honor Roll in 2004.

Treasure Valley standouts Robbie Heithecker and Christopher Byrne have also signed NLI's to compete at Boise State.

Heithecker led Vallivue High School to three district championships and competed in the State championship each of his four varsity seasons.

Heithecker won the second flight of the Broadmore Match Play Championship in 2003 at 15 years old, and in 2004 won the 16s State championship.

"I chose Boise State because it is a program on the rise," Heithecker said. "It means a lot to me to be able to compete to my full potential and contribute to a great team."

Byrne, who signed his NLI, Nov. 15, is currently a senior at Borah High School and was named the PGA Rocky Mountain Section Junior Player of the Year in 2005.

"I have taught Byrnes for the last three years," Burton said. "He has steadily improved each year and I think his jump to the division one collegiate level should be smooth. He will be a great contributor to our team."

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- ACROSS**
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 - 14 Sharpen
 - 15 Metcalf of "Roseanne"
 - 16 Indignation
 - 17 Vessels for ashes
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 - 20 Low card
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 - 23 Erie Canal mule
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 - 28 Needle holder
 - 31 Play parts
 - 32 Concludes
 - 33 Made of baked clay
 - 37 As well
 - 38 By any means possible
 - 39 Jolson and Hirt
 - 42 Compared with
 - 43 Make tracks
 - 44 Take in, as pants
 - 47 Liner's highway
 - 49 Miniature books
 - 53 Passes away
 - 54 Old card game
 - 55 A point ahead
 - 57 Strips of wood
 - 60 Actress Blyth
 - 61 Biblical prophet
 - 63 Cash for security
 - 64 Last letter
 - 65 Get snug
 - 66 Radames' love
 - 67 Golfer Ernie
 - 68 Hard like metal
 - 69 Enlarged
- DOWN**
- 1 Dull sound
 - 2 Writer Vidal
 - 3 Subtle implication
 - 4 Pasturage
 - 5 Grippe
 - 6 Phoned
 - 7 Emanations
 - 8 Crawl
 - 9 Usher's route
 - 10 Device to regulate spring tension
 - 11 Prayer book
 - 12 Overly decorated
 - 13 Ball favorites
 - 21 Notable time
 - 25 Bi-colored cookies
 - 27 Weighty weight
 - 28 Asian holiday
 - 29 John's Yoko
 - 30 Baby's call
 - 34 Goose the gas
 - 35 ___ day and age
 - 36 Watered, as the lawn
 - 38 Steak cuts
 - 39 Sim of "The Ruling Class"
 - 40 Writer Deighton
 - 41 Bishopric
 - 42 Winner's letter
 - 43 Word for a cheap hotel
 - 44 On fire
 - 45 Train-set brand
 - 46 Steak selections
 - 48 Be in poor health
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 - 51 Pester
 - 52 Connecting rooms
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horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (05-01-06)
This year is about collecting old debts. That's the good news. The bad news occurs if you loan to a friend. Figure out how much you can afford, and make it a gift instead. You'll save yourself lots of frustration. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is an 8 - You're under pressure and it would be fun to run away. It's not a good idea, however, at least for a couple of weeks.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 6 - Don't back a friend's idea just because you like this person. Run it through a few reality tests, and save your money.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 7 - You could almost be a nervous wreck by now, if you let yourself. See the humor in the situation and do everyone a favor.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Today is a 6 - Something you try on the job does not go as expected. Then you're asked to produce the results. Better have a back-up plan ready.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 7 - Looks like somebody else wants to tell you know you can spend your money. If they're willing to chip in, let them help you get the best deal.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a 6 - You're cute and quick and enthusiastic, but that could get you into trouble. Be sure to watch where you're going and try not to step on anybody's toes.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 6 - The task you've taken on could seem like more trouble than it's worth. And maybe it is. Can you get somebody else to do it for you?

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 7 - Don't get flustered by a heavy workload. Figure out what you can do without, and what others can do for you.

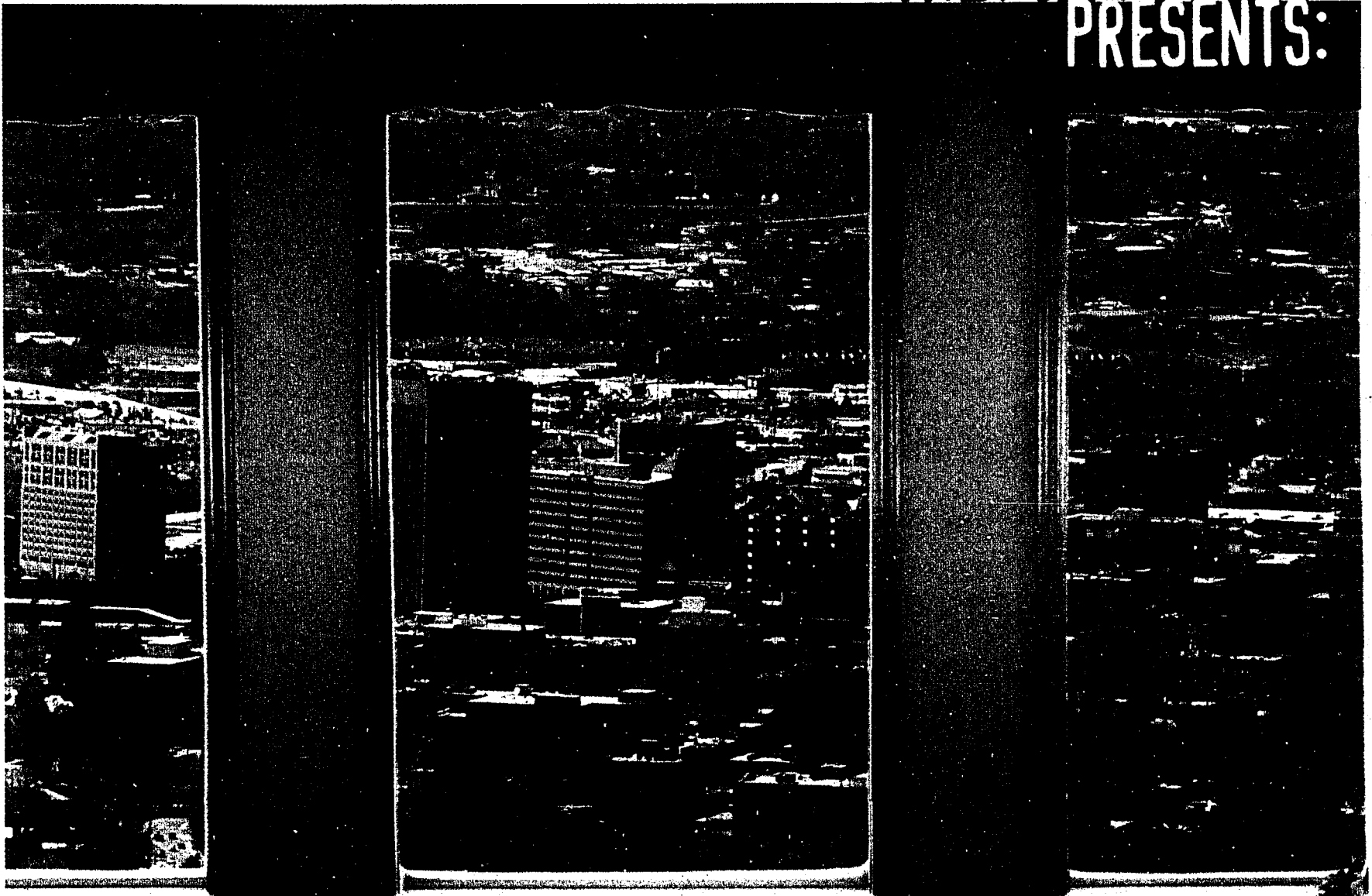
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 6 - You'd like to buy your loved ones everything they want. That's not such a good idea now. Exercise restraint.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 6 - You're tempted to give in, just to avoid an argument. You can if you want, but you shouldn't. Odds are pretty good you're right.

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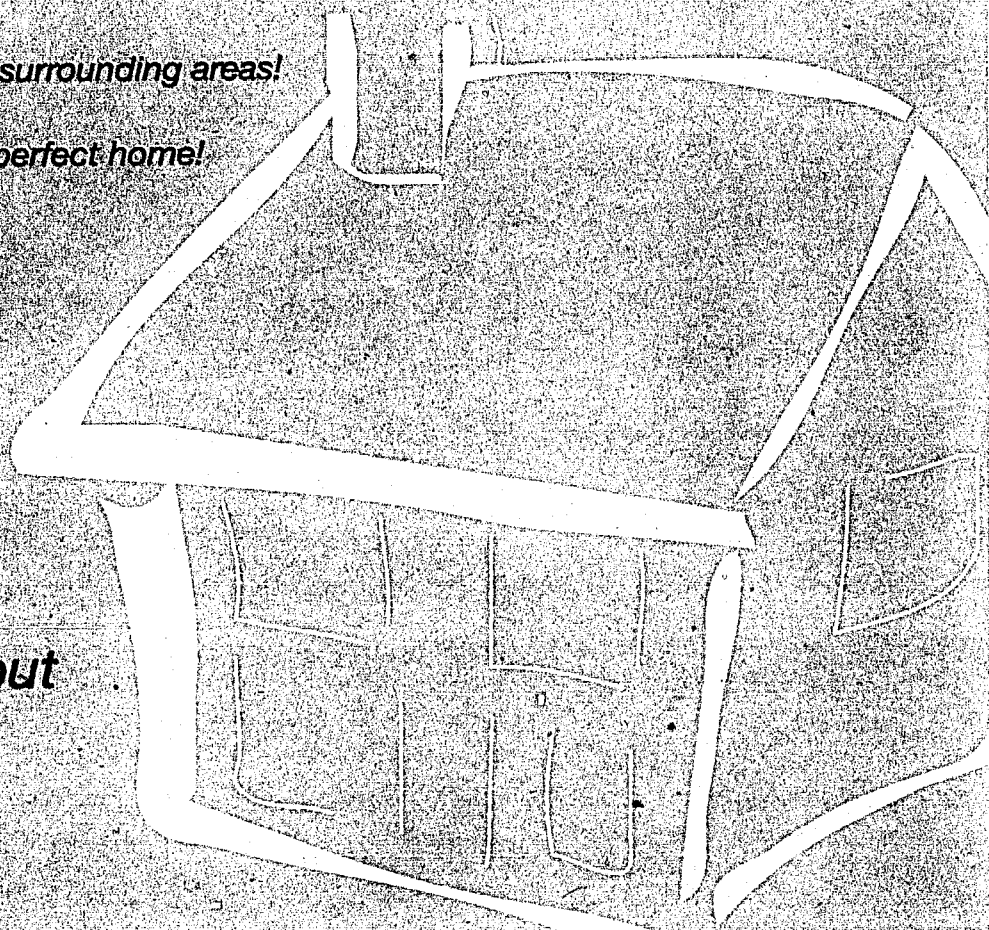
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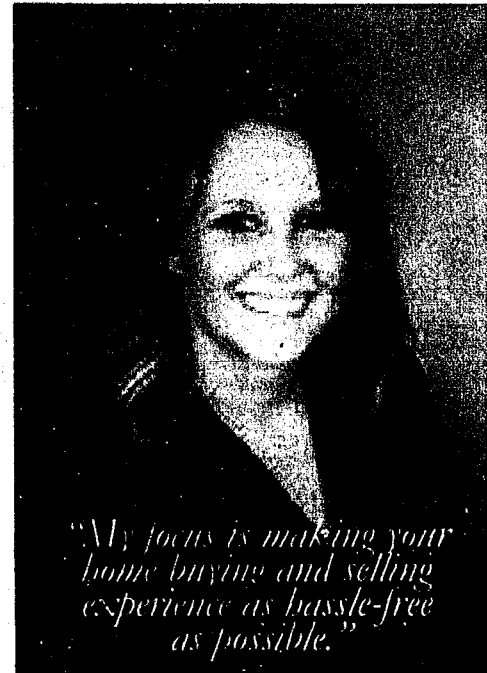


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NEW WAYS TO TURN THAT CLUTTER INTO CASH

If you've got a lot of clutter in your house, you're not alone. Millions of homeowners discover this either when they're getting ready to move or at the start of spring cleaning.

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In the past, clearing out homes resulted in low-revenue garage sales and multiple trips to the consignment store.

But today, the latest trend in home organization is to clear out and cash in by dropping off unwanted items at eBay drop-off stores.

Organizational expert Peter Walsh, from LC's "Clean Sweep," confirms the trend.

"eBay drop-off stores like iSold It are really the hot new trend in home organization," he notes. "For occasions such as that yearly cleaning, they provide an easy way for you to get that clutter out of your house and earn some extra cash."

According to a recent PEW Internet and American Life Project survey, only 17 percent of online American adults have used the Internet to sell items.

For the other 83 percent, eBay drop-off stores

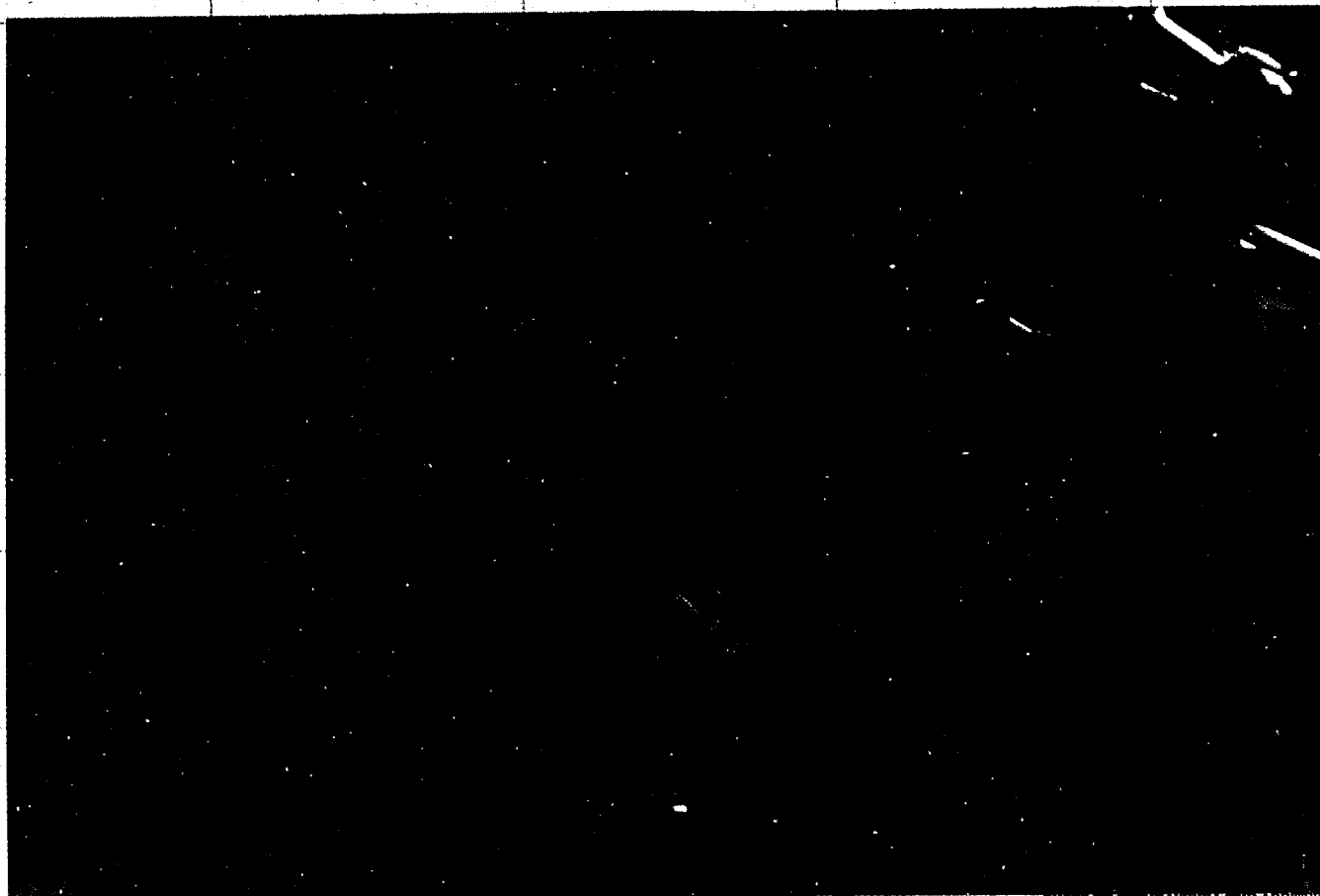


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Web sites and patience can turn a junk heap like the one pictured above into a student-friendly economic opportunity.

offer a fast and easy way to sell online. eBay drop-off stores professionally photograph the item, write descriptive copy, list it online, collect payment and then pack and ship the item.

Once the transaction is complete, the seller receives a check in the mail. For many drop-off stores there are no up-front charges; instead, commission is charged once the item sells.

Here's a typical reaction from a customer when dropping off items.

"I was determined to clean out my garage-I had old car parts, a vintage train set, you name it," said Bernie Dodyk, Novi, Michigan customer. "I took the whole lot to a drop-off store and made over \$5,000. Now I can park my car in the garage again."

As the world's leading drop-off store, iSold It provides customers with an easy, hassle-free way to sell items online.

For more information, visit www.i-soldit.com or call (877) I-SOLD-IT.

You've made a clean sweep when you not only clear out the unwanted clutter, but turn it into cash.

Party planning can crunk your shindig up a notch

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Here's something to celebrate: A little planning can make your next party more fun and less work-there's even a way to make it profitable. Here are a few hints on how:

- Have a creative dress code or make the party black-tie formal.
- Think outside the dining room. Try drinks on the patio or dessert in the garden. The

unexpectedness of an unlikely location can add flavor to the meal.

- Make interesting place cards by writing each guest's name on a leaf, a cookie or a lottery ticket.
- Make your centerpiece unique. Use potted plants or a goldfish bowl. Cluster candles around it.
- Background music and ambient lighting help create an inviting setting.
- Keep party favors in the same theme as the rest of the

party-such as seed packets for a garden party.

- Take advantage of convenience items such as pre-chopped vegetables or rotisserie chickens.
- To inspire conversation, give guests cards labeled with topics, such as "Favorite Vacation" or "Best Childhood Memory."
- Make the house smell festive. I always put a few cups of inexpensive red wine in a pot and simmer with cinnamon, ginger, rosemary and black

pepper.

- Appoint party photographers. Use a digital camera and download the pictures while the fun is still going on.
- Have a party that's practical and even profitable. Make it a direct-selling soirée. That is, join the long-standing American tradition of the one-on-one sale of a product or service in someone's home, especially as part of a party.

You and your guests can browse through the latest books, cookware, cosmetics,

toys, games, financial services, pet items or scrapbooking supplies, just to name a few products and services. Hosts receive plenty of perks, free merchandise and discounts.

Often, the products are hard to find anywhere else-even on the Internet. Many people appreciate the "service" aspect. They can shop at their leisure and there's no need to seek a salesperson.

If the idea appeals to you, you can learn more from the associations that many sellers

belong to. For example, The Direct Selling Association (DSA) is a major trade industry group. Members adhere to rigorous ethical and professional conduct guidelines.

If you like giving parties and meeting new people, you may even want to make it your career.

With a little planning, a party can be fun and much more for guests and hosts alike.

For more information and a list of DSA members, you can visit www.dsa.org.

Insurance tips for homeowners and renters

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National Association of Insurance Commissioners, a voluntary organization of state insurance regulatory officials:

At different stages, you're likely to have different insurance needs. Here are a few insurance tips for different life stages:

Homeowner's insurance protects your home's physical structure and your personal property. In contrast, renter's insurance only protects your personal property.

Everyone-homeowners and renters-needs liability coverage to provide financial protection in case others are injured on your property or by your actions.

You have the option to insure your home and belongings for either their replacement cost or their actual cash value.

Actual cash value is the amount it would take to repair your home or replace damaged possessions after factoring in depreciation.

Replacement cost is the amount it would take to repair your home with materials of similar kind and quality, or to purchase new possessions without deducting for depreciation.

It's a good idea to make an inventory of all of your personal belongings and save receipts for major items, along with a photograph or video of each room.

Store copies of the documentation in a safe-deposit box or another off-site secure location in case your home is destroyed.

Following are some helpful considerations provided by The

Important Considerations

If you have expensive valuables - such as jewelry, antiques or art-you'll probably want to purchase a "rider" to your policy, as these items are subject to coverage limitations in basic policies.

Damage to your home or belongings caused by flooding is NOT typi-

• Young singles who are sharing an apartment with unrelated roommates each need their own individual renter's policy to protect their own possessions.

• Young families that add a swing set or trampoline for their kids should consider additional liability insurance.

• Established families that may be remodeling or building an addition should update their homeowner's policy to reflect these enhancements.

• Seniors should ask if they are eligible for discounts. And if you've just paid off your mortgage -and your homeowner's insurance was previously paid through your mortgage company-be sure to assume direct responsibility for the premiums so that your policy doesn't lapse.

Remember, before you sign an application for insurance, take a few minutes to stop, call your state insurance department. There, you can confirm that the company is

legitimate and authorized to sell insurance in your state.

For more useful information about insurance for your home or apartment, take a few minutes to visit the NAIC's new consumer education Web site called Insure U Online at www.InsureUonline.org.

“ It's a good idea to make an inventory of all of your personal belongings and save receipts for major items, along with a photograph or video of each room. ”

cally included in a homeowner's policy.

If you live in an area prone to flooding, inquire about flood insurance through the federal government's National Flood Insurance Program.

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Hillcreek Apartments	1412 Camel's Back Lane, Boise	384-0835
Camel's Back Apartments	685 E Holly, Boise	384-0875
Spring Creek Apartments	235 E Pennsylvania, Boise	384-9248
Pennsylvania Place Apartments	2410 S Apple St, Boise	385-0733
Carriage Crossing Apartments	120 E Mallard Dr, Boise	385-9400
The Plaza	221 E Mallard Dr, Boise	386-9318
Huntington Apartments	970 N 29, Boise	386-9565
Davis Park Apartments	223 S Phillippi, Boise	386-9818
Cobblestone Court	690 S Ckerwater Ln, Boise	389-1111
Clearwater Apartments	205W Wall St, Idaho City	389-2110
Shadow Mtn Apts	501 E12, Emmett	392-4369
Autumn Court Apartments	3410 N 34, Boise	398-7600
Oak Lawn Apartments	928 W Main, Boise	426-0779
Idanha Apts	211 N Gateway St, Nampa	433-9701
Gateway Crossing Apts	16390 Franklin Rd, Nampa	442-1110
Birches at Brandts Landing the	106 Davis Ave, Nampa	442-1460
Davis Estate Apartments	1737 Sunyridge Rd, Nampa	442-2882
Nottinghamshire Apts	2131 3rd St. N, Nampa	459-6230
Creekside Court Apartments	114 W Greenhurst Rd, Nampa	461-8736
Greenwood Apts	1817 Sunyridge Rd, Nampa	463-1826
Parkwood Apts	1307 1st St. S, Nampa	463-8829
Van Engelen Apts	2324 Sunybrook Dr, Nampa	465-7832
Brookside Apartments	450 W Orchard Ave, Nampa	465-9052
Orchard Place	291 E Maine Ave, Nampa	466-0022
Landmark Tower	6341 Birch Ln, Nampa	466-1918
Courtyards at Ridgecrest The	1703 3rd St North, Nampa	466-2406
Nampa Housing Authority	1717 Sunyridge Rd, Nampa	466-2601
Northwest Real Estate	1108 7th St S, Nampa	466-8240
Golden Glow Tower	1625 12 Avenue Rd, Nampa	466-8748
Medallion Apartments	412 Northside Blvd, Nampa	466-8818
Country Club Apartments	2219 W Karcher Rd, Nampa	467-0067
Claremont Apartments	505 E Florida Ave, Nampa	467-1485
Aspen Park Apartments	839 W Comstock Cir, Nampa	467-4105
Comstock Apartments	1819 S Juniper St, Nampa	467-5261
Juniper Court Apts	1723 S Juniper St, Nampa	467-5432
Western Village Apts	5859 Garrett, Garden City	467-9678
Garret Street Apartments	1436 N Cormomat Pl, Boise	658-1212
Rembrandt Park Apartments	1689 W Shoreline Dr, Boise	672-8700
River Walk Apartments	5306 W State St, Boise	713-0977
Barton Apartments/ASI	10140 W Charlie Ln, Boise	853-1786
Shannon Glen Apartments	3504 N Whistler Ln, Boise	853-3113
Whistler Point Apartments	3304 N Lakeharbor Ln, Boise	853-4300
The Landing At Lakeharbor	Boise	853-5253
Sagecrest Apartemts	5122 W Stoker Ln, Boise	853-7368
Blue Meadows Apts	5901 Ellens Ferry Way, Boise	853-8109
Northgate Senior Village	1222 E 4, Meridian	853-8448
LaCasa LaVilla Apartments	344 Gryber Ave, Merideian	887-0022
Cherrylane Apartments	1425 E 5, Meridian	887-6281
Creekside Arbour	2190 N Meridian Rd, Meridian	887-9388
James Court Apartments	266 Hope Arms Ln, Meridian	888-3112
Hope Arms Apts	641 W Franklin Rd., Meridian	888-3884
Acorn apartments	510 E Washington, Meridian	888-4031
Washington Square Apartments	325 S Meridian Rd, Meridian	888-6319
Cascade Apartments	No address listed	888-6900
ApartmentsInIdaho.com	620 N Linder Ave, Kuna	888-998-7486
Valley Run Apartments	620 N Linder Ave, Kuna	922-3553
Kuna Valley Run Associates	6240 N Park Meadow Way, Boise	922-3553
The Renaissance	276 Cedar Ridge, Eagle	938-1000
Eagle Manor	276 Cedar Ridge, Eagle	939-0409
Eagle Manor	663 E State, Eagle	939-0409
Peregrine Cove Apartments	540 N Eagle Rd, Eagle	939-1684