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Boise State University's College of Engineering will host a panel discussion, "What Women Want: Successfully Recruiting and Retaining Women Engineers," from 2-3:30 p.m. Thursday Aug. 3 in room 106 of the Micron Engineering Center at 1020 Manitou. The public is invited to attend the discussion, which will feature regional engineering leaders in education and in industry.

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# It's F'n HOT

BY BARRY FRANKLIN  
News Writer

The nation is experiencing above-normal temperatures and Boise is no exception.

Current temperatures are making community productivity an uphill battle, with businesses placing more importance on knowing about heat and heat-related illness.

Meteorologists working with KTVB Channel 7 have estimated that temperatures will remain in the upper 90s through July 29.

According to the American Red Cross, a heat wave is more than 48 hours of high heat (90 degrees Fahrenheit and higher).

As Boise continues experiencing excessive temperatures, it is important to take extra precautions to ensure good health.

The American Red Cross gives heat related health and safety tips on their website. These include warning signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke such as decreased alertness and nausea.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also offer advice on how to evade heat-related health problems. Recommendations include drinking more fluids regardless of your activity level, and not waiting until you are thirsty to drink.

The CDC also urges people to stay indoors, preferably with air-conditioning and warns that electric fans will not prevent heat related illness if temperatures rise above 90 degrees Fahrenheit. The CDC advises people to protect themselves from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses, and by putting on sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 15 or higher.

According to the American Red Cross, heat related illness comes in three stages. The first stage is heat cramps, followed by heat exhaustion, and the third is heat stroke.

"Heat stroke," reads their webpage, "is potentially life threatening and 911 should be called immediately."

In order to care for a victim of heat stroke, the American Red Cross offers tips:

- Move the person to a cooler place, wrap wet sheets around them and fan their body.
- If you have ice packs or cold packs wrap them in a cloth and place them on each of the victims' wrists and ankles, in the armpits and on the neck to cool the large blood vessels.
- Check for signs of breathing problems and keep the person lying down.

As if intense heat weren't

enough, the hot weather combined with local wildfires has increased air pollution levels.

Unhealthy ozone concentrations are expected to linger over the next few days, especially in afternoon and late afternoon hours.

Medical Services Director Doctor Vince Serio of the Health, Wellness and Counseling Services said, "The best insurance policy is to stay hydrated, restrict exercise time to early morning and late evening hours and avoid alcohol and caffeine because they will increase your fluid loss."

Students attending summer school courses at BSU might find it hard to concentrate in the heat.

"I'm glad I'm not going to summer school- I don't know how they do it," said Karen Anderson, a current Boise State student returning to school this fall.

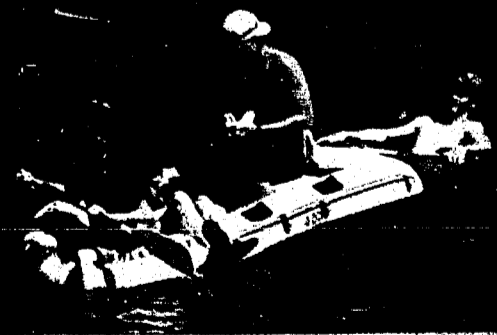
"I guess they could find someplace cool like the library, but then they would see all their friends floating the river and want to leave."

Understanding how to avoid heat-related illness and how to treat those who have it can increase productivity and possibly save lives.

To learn more, go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or check out [www.bt.cdc.gov](http://www.bt.cdc.gov).

The Boise River may see more traffic, as temperatures will remain in the triple-digits for several days.

Barber Park is typically the starting point for the majority of floaters. Raft and inner tube rentals are available there Wednesday through Friday 11-5 p.m. and 11-6 p.m. on weekends and holidays. The park also provides free air stations. A shuttle bus runs between Barber and Ann Morrison Parks seven days a week, leaving Barber Park every half hour and Ann Morrison Park every hour on the hour.



## Temperatures aren't the only thing rising Student loan interest rates set to skyrocket

BY JESSICA CHRISTENSEN  
News Writer

Imagine \$1 million - that's how much college graduates can expect to make over their lifetime in comparison to a high school gradu-

ate, according to Pamela Yip of the Dallas Morning News. The road to a college degree isn't always an easy one, especially when it comes to finances.

"A college degree is a good investment and becoming increasingly

necessary," said Luke Swarthout, higher-education associate with the State Public Interest Research Groups, a consumer organization. "But more of the cost of college has been pushed onto the shoulders of students. For a whole set of bor-

rowers, this debt could affect their choices after college."

Boise State University's Financial Aid Office strongly recommended all students with subsidized or unsubsidized student loans to consolidate before June 30, 2006.

Encouragement came from the interest rate increase of nearly three percent. The opportunity to consolidate is not available as of the June 30 deadline.

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## world

### Young people discuss conflict journalism

**KATHMANDU** - Participants of the Guest Lecture Session of the Youth Forum discussed conflict journalism with Laura Lucas, deputy director of the US Embassy and her sister Grace Lucas in Babermahal.

Ideas on conflict journalism and its prospects in the changing global scenario were discussed by the speakers, who later interacted with the participants and introduced the idea of localizing national issues.

The interaction also rendered some career advice to the participants willing to pursue journalism as a profession.

Meanwhile, the Youth Forum also concluded the fourth class of the School Representative Media training for the year of 2006 with an aim to develop the self esteem of the students and their self-presentation skills.

According to Anzela Niraula, one of the organizers of the training, the participants exhibited high degrees of enthusiasm and seemed very receptive to the ideas and objectives of the training.

Grace graduated from Boise State University last semester and worked for the Arbiter as the editor-in-chief.

## national

### Global warming: Who's laughing now?

**SEATTLE** - The first time Kirk County, Wash. Councilman Ron Sims tried to set up a county office to study the effects of global warming, he was mocked.

A Seattle Times editorial said Sims and co-sponsor Bruce Laing were belching "hyperbolic clouds of rhe-

torical gas," and suggested they instead buy some tomato plants and steer manure.

"The point is," wrote the amused editorialist, "that the sky-is-falling, icecaps-are-melting, oceans-are-rising rhetoric must be tempered by common sense." With little support for the idea from the environmental community and none from council colleagues, the proposal quickly disappeared.

That was 1988, before rising temperatures, increasing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, and melting ice sheets persuaded most of the scientific community that the planet is undergoing a potentially disastrous climate change caused by human activity.

Now County Executive Sims has set up a climate response planning team, and no one is laughing. Long admired by environmentalists, but previously unable to make the case that a local official should poke his nose into a planet-sized problem, Sims is drawing national attention for his efforts to reduce the county's greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the effects of climate change.

The same week theaters began showing "An Inconvenient Truth," the documentary about former Vice President Al Gore's crusade against global warming, Sims was the focus of a U.S. News & World Report cover story on the subject.

Sims' position on global warming hasn't changed much since the day he told Laing what he had learned from a show on public television and from his own library research.

"I said, 'Bruce, I think we need to worry about it, I think it's real.' ... The issue was how to live in that world. The glaciers were going to melt, the seas were going to get higher, the place was going to get warmer. What does it all mean to us in King County?"

In recent months, Sims has begun addressing those questions by con-

vening a conference on the local effects of climate change and creating a high-level team to plan the county's response.

He also has proposed that King County become the first county in the nation to join the Chicago Climate Exchange, a voluntary marketplace that allows members to increase greenhouse gas emissions if they buy credits from members who have reduced pollution.

Sims isn't the only local leader to step into the national spotlight on global warming.

His former King County Council colleague, Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels, gained prominence last year when he urged other cities to reduce climate-altering carbon emissions under the terms of the Kyoto Protocol. So far, 250 cities representing nearly 46 million Americans have signed on.

"They're inspiring people way beyond the Puget Sound region," said Kathy Fletcher, executive director of People for Puget Sound, which voices worries about the impact of climate change on the marine environment. "This country is in desperate need of leadership on these issues, and I think both these guys have stepped up."

Not everyone, though, is impressed. King County Republican Party Chairman Michael Young calls Sims' and Nickels' high profile on global warming "grandstanding. The last time I checked, Ron (Sims) was riding in a Lincoln Town Car." (Sims, 58, who frequently rides a bicycle to work, dropped plans to switch to a gas-electric hybrid on the job when the sheriff's office said the vehicle wouldn't have enough power for security purposes.)

"It's largely symbolic, but it allows him to get on the national stage," Republican Political Consultant Randy Pepple said.

"It gets used for partisan reasons to beat up on Republicans because (Republicans) tend to focus on the

here-and-now and issues people are facing today."

Sims and Nickels have shown little sign of coordinating their global warming strategies.

Just one day before Gore joined Nickels for the release of the mayor's "Green Ribbon Commission" report on global warming this spring, Sims held his own news conference to announce his latest initiatives.

## local/bsu

### BSU Announces Debut of First-Year Student Reading Program

Boise State University has announced the debut of its "First-Year Student Reading Program." About 2,000 of the university's new, degree-seeking academic students are being asked to read "Mountains Beyond Mountains," one of the most popular reads by first-year students on college campuses.

Coordinated by the Orientation Office, the First-Year Student Reading Program is designed to reinforce academic values, engage students in discussions on pertinent issues, and build campus community. First-year college students are expected to read the book this summer and be prepared to discuss it when they arrive on campus for the fall 2006 semester. Free copies of the books are currently being distributed to new students at summer orientation programs and via the mail.

Written by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder, "Mountains Beyond Mountains" touches on many relevant topics, including health care, politics, poverty, internationalization, and the role of the individual. "It is a most inspiring book," said Boise State President Bob Kustra. "Mountains Beyond Mountains" reminds us that one

person can still make a difference in a world that can look foreboding and beyond the reach of ordinary people. CNN may keep us posted on the latest news around the world, but this book takes us inside the life of a doctor lucky enough to have been born in the United States, but dedicated to practicing medicine and saving the lives of the most vulnerable and powerless in remote regions across the globe."

Kidder is the author of the best sellers "The Soul of a New Machine," "House," "Among Schoolchildren," and "Home Town." He has been described by the "Baltimore Sun" as the "master of the non-fiction narrative." His new book tells the true story of Dr. Paul Farmer, a gifted man who is in love with the world and has set out to do all he can to cure it. A physician, Harvard professor, renowned infectious-disease specialist, anthropologist and the recipient of a MacArthur "genius" grant, Farmer found his life's calling to diagnose and cure infectious diseases and to bring the lifesaving tools of modern medicine to those who need them most.

"Mountains Beyond Mountains" takes the reader from Harvard to Haiti, Peru, Cuba, and Russia as Farmer changes minds and practices through his dedication to the philosophy that "the only real nation is humanity" — a philosophy that is embodied in the small public charity he founded, Partners In Health.

First-year students at Boise State will be engaged in discussions about "Mountains Beyond Mountains" in several venues. University 101 courses will include discussion of the book; Student Residential Life is developing programming around the book; and themes from the reading will be focal points for a film series, several lectures and other activities scheduled during the fall semester.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to read the book and to engage first-

year students in discussions about it. The book is available at a discount in the Boise State Bookstore and free for faculty members who plan to integrate it into their curriculum.

"I believe the First-Year Student Reading Program is an important initiative. It is one of the items listed in the Freshman Success Action Plan," Kustra said. "I introduced a similar program on another campus, and I can personally attest to the strong message it sends students about the importance we attach to reading assignments and class discussion. It also operates as a social icebreaker for new students meeting each other in a campus setting for the first time."

## what the?

### Don't Worry, I'll save you ... FZZZZT!

Three men in a fishing boat were unaware that they struck an underwater electrical cord when they pulled up to the dock at Lake Le Homme Dieu in Minnesota. One of the men stepped out of the boat and into the water and was shocked into unconsciousness. The second man jumped in to help him and was also knocked out. The third man did the same and suffered the same result.

Finally, family members watching from the shore assessed the situation, disconnected the cord and pulled them out.

### But it's a beautiful and natural thing, officer

A teenage couple enjoyed an afternoon nude sex romp in a church graveyard in Hatfield, England, and were arrested when a woman in a nearby house called the cops.

They told officers that they didn't know what they were doing was against the law.

## Loans

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According to a new report released by the research arm of the Campaign for America's Future, Idaho students will have to pay \$1,980 to \$2,382 more in college

loans beginning July 1, 2006.

"Among college graduates in the class of 1992-93, 49 percent reported taking out student loans, and for them the average debt burden was \$10,179. For the class of 2003-04, 65 percent took out loans, and the average debt burden had risen to \$18,887, according to the College Board," said Yip.

Comparing two scenarios, the interest rate increase can impact students differently.

Scenario one: A student consolidates \$20,000 in Stafford Direct Loans while still enrolled at Boise State during spring semester.

The interest rate for consolidation would be 4.75 percent. The monthly payment would be \$129/

month. Total amount repaid would total \$31,017.

Scenario two: A student consolidates at the current interest rates after going into repayment of the loan.

The interest rate would now be 7.25 percent. The monthly payment would be \$158/month. Total amount repaid would total \$37,939.

Differences reflect the obvious \$29/month with the default payment option of 20 years, or 240 payments; however, the difference in the total amount repaid over the

entire life of the loan is \$6,922.

According to a news release from Campaign for America's Future, tuition at the average four-year public university has increased by 40 percent since 2001, and nearly two-thirds of all four-year college graduates now have student loans.

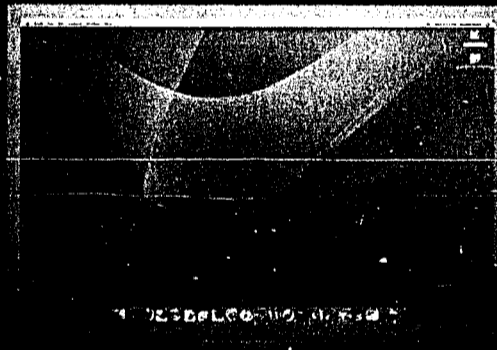
"I think I'll more than likely be going to school part time in the fall due to the fact that I can't afford it. Even with taking out loans, it's still getting more and more expensive, making it more difficult to attend full time like I'd like to," said BSU student Trent Cutler.

Financial Aid Counselor at BSU Dwight Berreth doesn't think the interest rate change itself is going to significantly impact students at BSU.

"Most were graduated and headed into repayment. It's still a little ways down the road," Berreth said.

According to Campaign for America's Future, student loan debt already causes 14 percent of young graduates to delay marriage, 30 percent to hold off on buying a car, 21 percent to postpone having children and 38 percent to delay buying a home.

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## Campus Crime

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- 6/23/06 - Dog Problem - One student's service dog was bitten by another student's dog in the Criminal Justice area of the library. Information report taken. Victim didn't press charges.
- 6/27/06 - Burglary - 15 Viewsonic monitors were taken from a locked storage area in the Student Union Building. Report taken.
- 6/27/06 - Bike Theft - A bike locked to a signpost in front of an apartment on Denver/University was stolen. Report taken.
- 6/28/06 - Bike Theft - A bike was taken from a bike rack outside the Math/Geosciences building. Report taken.
- 6/28/06 - Vandalism - Unknown suspect cut a projection screen in the Kinesiology building. Report taken.
- 6/30/06 - Vehicle Vandalism - Unknown suspect broke out the windshield and hatchback window of a car parked at 1843 University. Report taken.
- 7/2/06 - Vandalism - Rocks were thrown through the back windows of a vehicle parked at the Park Apts. Report taken.
- 7/3/06 - Vandalism - Windows of a vehicle parked in the Towers General Lot were broken. Report taken.
- 7/6/06 - Bike Theft - bike lock was cut and bike stolen from a rack at the Education Building.
- 7/10/06 - Harassment by electronic device - Instructor was sent emails of a sexually harassing nature by a student. Information report taken.
- 7/11/06 - Vandalism - A couple drivers of large SUVs were doing cookies in the lawn south of the tennis bubbles. They caused an estimated \$600 in landscape damage. Report and photos taken.
- 7/16/06 - Armed subject - Subject with a gun in plain view as well as two other concealed weapons was walking along University Ave. near the Student Union Lot. Report taken, subject trespassing on BSU property.

## Police question man with gun

BY RYAN RASMUSSEN  
News Writer

Recently, an individual was spotted on Boise State University grounds with a firearm and two other concealed weapons.

BSU security contacted the Boise Police Department when they saw the man walking down University Ave. with his side arm hanging out from under his shirt in plain view.

They met with the man who turned out to have a Carrying Concealed Weapons permit, a firearms permit that is valid in many states including Idaho.

The BSU Policy Manual states, "the possession, wearing, carrying, transporting, or use of a firearm or other dangerous weapon, incendiary device or explosive is strictly forbidden on university-owned or controlled premises or vehicles. This prohibition also extends to any person who may have acquired a government-issued permit or license." (Sec. 5 Policy 5017).

If a student is found with a weapon they will face disciplinary actions and possibly expulsion. In the case of the public they face trespassing charges.

Sgt. Stan Niccolls of BPD said, "This is not a common thing, we met with the man, he didn't have any intent, there was no threat. We found out he does carry a CCW permit, he was from Florida and after speaking with him he left."

The only people who are allowed to carry a firearm on campus are sworn peace officers; this does not include security guards or reserve officers.

"Students are not allowed to carry weapons for any reason. It's school policy and that trumps state law," said Niccolls.

The only way to be allowed a firearm on campus is to receive prior written authorization from the director of campus safety.

## The way we see it ...

### The Arbiter is getting kicked to the curb

We at the Arbiter have grown nervous watching crews and their heavy machinery tear down houses and trees behind the Arbiter this past week. The building is the Arbiter and the women's Center share in the way of progress. The space will become a parking garage. BSU serves more than 18,000 students and provides fewer than 5,000 parking spaces on campus and desperately needs a new garage.

However, this destruction leaves The Arbiter homeless! The university has promised to relocate us somewhere, but has no proposal as to where that might be.

KBSU Radio is also in the same lot, but has places to go. KBSU is the station that pumps out The Pulse (BSU Student Radio) on Sundays. The Pulse will remain in the Communications Building, the Women's Center is lucky enough to go into the SUB expansion and The Arbiter gets kicked to the curb.

As the voice of students on campus, The Arbiter is in its 73<sup>rd</sup> year of operation. Imagine silencing that voice with a demolition crew. The Arbiter is a teaching tool, used by students to get real-life experience in journalistic fields. It is a haven for writers, photographers, designers, political science, engineering and marketing majors, and those whom often get told their voice does not matter to the mainstream public. We let those voices be heard. We tell stories about you. We deliver our message loud and clear and we fear that without proper planning we may have to move off campus to do our work.

The Arbiter is paradise. It is a Pacemaker winner. That ranks The Arbiter among the 25-best college newspapers in the country. It does things with online publications and media forums that make it more than just a college paper. The Arbiter is an institution of free speech within an institution of higher learning. According to BSU's Master Plan, its drive toward becoming a Metropolitan Research University of Distinction, the Arbiter is obsolete. It is tearing down our paradise to put in a parking lot.

The Arbiter asked for space in the Student Union Building expansion. That space was denied due to cost. It seems as if the paper is getting the cold shoulder from BSU. The garage is slated for completion in Fall 2007. So where do we go? This university needs a newspaper. It exists as the final check in the balance of policy, entertainment and events on campus. We teach, mentor, inform, discuss, unearth and criticize the world we know.

Here's a solution: build us a building. Call it the external communications complex, with student radio and the student paper. We should be in cahoots anyway. We'd love to share equipment and ideas, staff and space as we merge into the traffic of the electronic information superhighway.

Most of the current Arbiter staff will be gone in five years. Our responsibility is to the 18-year-old freshman news writer who may be the editor-in-chief in 2011. If we fail to secure a new home for the Arbiter, we will have failed the students of this university. Their education will be less than what they deserve. You can have the best professors, classroom discussions, best research in the world, but if you don't give your students an insured voice, then you are disabling their right to free speech.

We say damn the plan, save the Arbiter.

*The way we see it is based on the majority opinions of The Arbiter editorial board. Members of the board are Drew Mayes, editor-in-chief; Marcus Hackler, business manager; Heather English, production manager; Dustin Lapray, managing editor; Brandon Stoker, opinion editor; and Hadley Rush, multimedia producer.*

# Israel, ease up on the homicidal Islamofascists

BY BRANDON STOKER  
Opinion Editor

That's the message, anyway, from Kofi Annan, the Pope and other courageous Europeans like Spanish Prime Minister Luis Rodriguez Zapatero who, while sporting a Palestinian keffiyeh headdress, lambasted Israel for responding militarily to mortar and rocket attacks from Hamas and Hezbollah. Zapatero should be thankful to radical Islam; after all, their slaughter of nearly 200 Spanish rail passengers in Madrid helped launch his otherwise fledgling Socialist party to political victory in 2004. Perhaps he could also lend some advice on how to tuck tail and run.

What amazes me is the persistence of these people in ignoring the threat faced by Israel—they are completely surrounded by hostile neighbors. And these neighbors are not buffered by vast oceans, barren plains, or fortress mountain heights; they live next door.

The declared intentions of Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Islamofascist Republic of Iran have been anything but ambiguous: they want to kill large numbers of Jews. More specifically, they want to "wipe Israel from the map." If given the logistical wherewithal to realize this genocidal feat, they would certainly seize the opportunity. Israel cannot afford to pussyfoot around their political and military provocations.

Many have decried Israel's response as "disproportionate," citing civilian casualties as evidence of "abusive force." What they fail to report on is the nature of the Islamofascists' attacks on Israel. These ignoble cowards shield themselves with women and children by hailing rockets, mortar shells, and sniper fire from hospitals, schools,



and mosques in the Palestinian districts of Palestine and Lebanon. They also cache weapons in apartment buildings and refugee camps where detection and neutralization threaten innocent bystanders.

Even more appalling is the indiscriminate Katyusha rocket bombardments of Israeli settlements, deliberately aimed at civilians. Were it not for sophisticated early-warning systems and bomb shelters, Israeli casualties would be much higher. If "proportionality" is the operative word, should Israel reciprocate the indiscriminate bombardment of civilian neighborhoods? Indeed, they should not.

While some would have us believe they are carpet-bombing school children, the Israeli military is the only force making an effort to avoid civilian casualties while fighting combatants embedded among the innocent.

If and when Israel deploys suicide bombers to crowded markets, crashes airliners into skyscrapers, bombs rail commuters, gases public subways, targets civilians with explosive ordinance or decapitates non-combatant prisoners on national television, then Zapatero and his posse can cry foul. Unless, of course, they are sincere in their calls for "proportionality," in which case they cannot.

There is no easy solution to the perpetual cycle of violence, but one thing is for certain: the blood will not run dry until the genocidal Islamofascists are disarmed or killed off. They have demonstrated through both discourse and action their inability to coexist with Israel. Their hatred will never be quenched.

The people of Palestine and Lebanon can either purge the radical factions within or face the consequences of harboring, supporting and electing radical Muslim extremists hell-bent on murdering Jews. It's them or Israel, and the former would be much easier on everyone.

# The Constitution has left the building

BY JORDAN BRADLEY  
Opinion Writer

Following the Supreme Court's decision in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld* nearly a month ago, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi remarked, "Today's Supreme Court decision reaffirms the American ideal that all are entitled to the basic guarantees of our justice system."

This is a triumph for the rule of law." The brief press release contained no explanation of this supposed and championed triumph, and didn't need to, as the entire story has been buried under the Korean "prematore" missile crisis and the Israel - Lebanon conflict.

It's a shame that Congresswoman Pelosi didn't have the opportunity to legitimize her remarks as nascent from some vaulted legal ideal.

Doing so would have exposed her true motive, which coincidentally was also the primary factor that led to the court's decision: moral relativity.

The court's decision in *Hamdan*, far from upholding the rule of law, did more to subvert it than any direct attack could have accomplished: First, though the Supreme Court did not have jurisdiction over this case, they heard it anyway and warned Congress not to use its constitutional authority to limit the court's jurisdiction.

Second, though the Senate is ex-

“ The Court has now whole-heartedly embraced the “Fairness Doctrine,” and though some may be seduced by the good intentions for mankind expressed by the court, we should see this decision for what it is: a desecration of both the Rule of Law and the Constitution, and a wholesale break from reality. ”

pressly charged with the responsibility of ratifying foreign treaties, the Supreme Court exercised eminent domain over the Senate's authority and extended the rights and privileges of a foreign treaty, The Geneva Convention, to prisoners who were acting in direct violation of said treaty. In effect, the Justices of the Court rewrote the Geneva Convention and bound the United States to their new orders.

Finally, the court extended the Constitutional rights of American citizenship, at least as far as the judicial system is concerned (which will allow a subsequent case to add all Constitutional rights and civil privileges) "when the court is ready" to all human beings.

It is not difficult to see that the Constitution—the "Law of the Land"—was barred from the building during the excoigation of this decision. In providing their strongest defense for such an unprecedented departure from American Jurisprudence, the moral relativists on the court explained, "Although this uniformity principle is not inflexible and does not preclude all departures from [the Constitution], any such departures must be tailored to the exigency that necessitates it."

We can hear this case, regardless

Shedding the legal language that the Court uses to legitimize its neglect of the Constitution extenuates its perversion: "Even though this has never been done before, it doesn't mean that we can't, and as long as we say it's okay, then it's okay."

Protecting the Rule of Law requires the making of moral judgments—right and wrong—and unless we make the commitment to the Rule of Law as citizens, it will soon be subverted by moral relativists in the name of "inclusion" and "universal human brotherhood." Humans being we all are, but equal and united in purpose we are not.

of the legality of hearing it, because it's not fair to exclude people who are in custody. And anyways, we are the law. As for applying the Geneva Convention, it doesn't matter if it's right or wrong to call them terrorists or enemy combatants, the more important issue is that it's not fair to exclude any rights from our fellow human beings.

And on that note, we think our current limitations on the judicial system to citizens of the United States are a wholesale return to the days of Imperialism.

We need to be progressive, you know, inclusive of everyone, because after all, we are all human beings."

The Court has now whole-heartedly embraced the "Fairness Doctrine," and though some may be seduced by the good intentions for mankind expressed by the court, we should see this decision for what it is: a desecration of both the Rule of Law and the Constitution, and a wholesale break from reality.

Protecting the Rule of Law requires the making of moral judgments—right and wrong—and unless we make the commitment to the Rule of Law as citizens, it will soon be subverted by moral relativists in the name of "inclusion" and "universal human brotherhood." Humans being we all are, but equal and united in purpose we are not.

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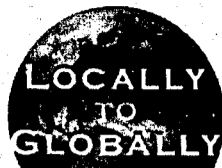
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WHAT'S HOT  
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## Globally

### HOT

#### A Pirates Life for Me

With its record-breaking sales, it's no wonder "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Curse" is making waves in trends and fashion.

Although, cross bones and pirate skulls are not new décor, the latest blockbuster is pushing merchandise that screams "Arrg."

Plunder wear, the name slapped on the latest fad, brings pirate mania to clothing and accessories of all sorts. From T-shirts to pillowcases, anyone can get a taste of all things Captain Jack Sparrow.

To join in with the trendy buccaneers, check out dandyrogue.com. This site and many others are making a pirate's life just that much hotter.

### NOT

#### Celebrity Blemish (a.k.a. Lindsey Lohan?)

Infomercials: They're the lowest moment in most celebrities' lives. However, selling your name to a product line is apparently the right move in one's career...not!

Proactive, known for supposedly removing acne, adds a new addition to their infomercials, in the form of Lindsey Lohan.

After breaking out twice in her entire life, the actress poses for the cameras as the next big thing using Proactive. Unfortunately, are they sure that Proactive solved her problem spots, or was it countless Micro Dermabrasions, chemical peels, or treatments from expensive spas and dermatologists?

Come on Lohan, selling yourself to Proactive isn't hot.

## Locally

### HOT

#### It's time to get wet

As the temperature continues to plateau in the 100s, it's time to take advantage of the water activities in the area, especially the Boise River.

Purchasing a small inner tube for a few bucks can be the best thing to happen this summer, with the river offering hours of fun with mini waterfalls, that will surely cool you off.

Not only does the Boise River offer a way to escape the dreadful heat, but a great way to bare the sun's rays while soaking up a great tan. With friends and a free afternoon the Boise River is a hotspot for summer entertainment.

### NOT

#### The horrors of house sitting

While house sitting may be fun and give you the ultimate party location, if not careful, the experience can take an awful turn for the worst.

Speaking from experience, who would have known after a wild round of Scrabble, soaking in the hot tub would end tragically. Not only did we lock ourselves out of the house, but in our bathing suits at midnight nonetheless.

The next few hours involved knocking on doors half naked, finding help from scabbed up meth addicts and a \$62 bill from a locksmith to break into the boss's house.

All I know now is house sitting is not that hot.

# Boise's best Ménage à Trois

BY SHANNON MORGAN  
Culture Writer

Piazza di Vino Wine Bar and Art Gallery is a place guests can go and know that every effort will be given to the details of their experience, from the art and wine to the beer and conversation.

At Piazza, they don't charge extra for the sparkle on the glass or the warm reception you receive when they greet you by name.

On any given night you are sure to run into at least three or four people of impeccable character and zest for life.

The friends and patrons who frequent this wine bar and art gallery are as bold and satisfying as the wine, the foreign and domestic beer, and the delectable menu choices offered.

Located at 212 9th Street between Idaho and Bannock, it's in the heart of downtown Boise and is a heavenly slice of the city. I invite you to enjoy a glass of the finest house red I have tasted for five bucks.

On the label of my favorite wine, Folie à Deux Ménage à Trois, you read "Take a walk on the wild side and explore the pleasures of our Ménage à Trois." Ménage is a blend of Zinfandel, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon, which combine to provide an absolutely rich California red. This attractive, complex wine is quite stimulating and will have you purring

in no time.

From the menu, the Naples Pizza comes highly recommended by the regulars. If you want ordinary, call Domino's. If you want to sample a pizza that will make your taste buds stand up and do the tango, this one will warm up the violins. Its flaky, olive oil brushed crust acts as a heavenly introduction to the union of flavors that follow.

The crust combines with the salty enticement of the olives, spongy goat cheese, garlic, and the subtle hint of spinach with Italian herbs and spices. The pizza is arranged beautifully on a platter with a pool of Black, Greek, and Mediterranean olives in the center.

There really is no way to summarize the vibe of this place or put into words what makes it so wonderful. Piazza di Vino has its finger on the pulse of this city.

Whether you are looking for a place to have your weekend date with the girls, a rest stop after a heavy day of shopping, or a place to throw a party for your friends, it has everything you need to accommodate your needs. It has wine to excite, food to make your taste buds tango, and people to love.

Please stop in for a glass of Ménage à Trois, order the Naples Pizza, and join in on the vibe.



Piazza di Vino Wine Bar and Art Gallery offers guests a comfortable atmosphere with authentic pizza and a plethora of wine.

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# Check your swimming pool: there may be a 'Lady in the Water'

BY FRANCY MARCOTTE  
Culture Writer

What could be creepier than bedtime story creatures coming to life? How about having to protect these creatures from evil bedtime story villains?

This becomes Cleveland Heep's burden in M. Night Shyamalan's newest film "Lady in the Water." Since the writer/director's 1999 breakthrough film "The Sixth Sense," Shyamalan has fascinated moviegoers with his twisted plots and unpredictable characters.

In "Lady in the Water" the audience is once again exposed to Shyamalan's trademark tricks and treats.

Life is going swimmingly for apartment superintendent Heep (Paul Giamatti) until he discovers a mythical creature called a narf (Bryce Dallas Howard) hanging out in the apartment complex's swimming pool. The narf (who goes by "Story") tells Heep that she comes from the "Blue World" and needs his help in returning.

Sound simple? Hardly. Hiding around the apartment complex are vicious dog-like creatures called scrunts who would enjoy nothing more than sinking their teeth into some narf.

Heep eventually turns to other tenants (who believe his crazy story



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without hesitation) in the building to help get Story home, all of whom become powerfully linked to her.

Some of the most memorable parts of "Lady in the Water" involve the actors' performances. Giamatti, well-known for his roles in "Sideways" and "Cinderella Man," creates another complex, intriguing character in the speech-impaired Heep who chooses to hide

from his tragic past. His monologue toward the end becomes a notable part for both his character and the film.

Howard, Shyamalan's leading lady from "The Village," doesn't give a jaw-dropping, "oh gosh, wow!" performance as Story, but she does a very good job at sitting around Heep's apartment wearing one of his shirts.

This, however, can be partly attributed to the fact that Shyamalan wrote the character to be frightened and sickly after repeated attacks from the scrunts.

Besides Giamatti and Howard, Jeffrey Wright ("Angels in America") and Bob Balaban ("Capote") give strong performances heading the group of apartment tenants.

Returning to the scrunts, if movie

goers want to see impressive special effects, the red-eyed, grassy-haired dogs offer a nice touch to the film's cinematography.

There's also a group of fantastic monkeys living in the trees around the complex that are designed to sic themselves on any nasty scrunts that cross their paths.

Aw, the joys of computer animation.

Perhaps the most distinctive flaw in "Lady in the Water" is Shyamalan's decision to cast himself as a wannabe writer inhabiting the apartment complex. Shyamalan always makes appearances in his films, much like the legendary director Alfred Hitchcock, but this time he goes a little too far.

Unlike Hitchcock, who limited his screen time to walk-on and cameo appearances, Shyamalan decided to give himself one of the most crucial roles in the whole movie.

Undeniably, his acting skills are limited, but it's his enormous ego present in this situation that turfs an otherwise likeable character into an irritating blemish.

Final verdict: "Lady in the Water" is an entertaining flick providing suspense, drama, comedy, and a Bob Dylan-clad soundtrack.

Like Shyamalan's previous spawns, it's never exactly what it's expected to be, but that's part of the fun.

# Hollywood makes waves with aqua-horror

BY FRANCY MARCOTTE  
Culture Writer

The mystery of water and what lies beneath its surface has proven itself to be a big money-maker in the land of Hollywood.

While some flicks like "Finding Nemo" and "The Little Mermaid" might make audiences feel all warm and fuzzy inside, water movies are also notorious for delivering scary monsters in place of cuddly critters.

From "Jaws" to M. Night Shyamalan's new film "Lady in the Water," movies of this genre have

made audiences want to stay as far away from the water as possible. Here is a selection from this vast field of thrillers.

**Jaws:** 1975 bought this horror from beneath. A gigantic great white shark terrorizes a beachside resort, killing off any people swimming in its path.

The only solution to this calamity? The locals have to venture out into the ocean and show the shark who's boss. Regarded by many as a classic, particularly for a memorable opening scene and music score, "Jaws" proves to be one of the top aqua-horror films.

**The Ring:** What makes this movie so scary? It's just about a little girl who was left to drown in a well by her suicidal mother, and to avenge her death sends out cursed video tapes that must be copied or the latest viewer will succumb to her wrath.

In other words, she'll crawl out of the TV and kill whoever fails to copy her tape. That's not so scary. But the villain Samara is hardly little Timmy who got stuck down a well, and she has no problem making things a big, wet mess for her victims.

**Open Water:** While it appears to

be a movie about two people bobbing up and down in the ocean, "Open Water" provides its own set of scares. A young couple is accidentally left behind by their tour boat while scuba diving, and are forced to defend themselves against the ocean and its inhabitants.

These include hungry sharks and jellyfish that like to sting. And just a warning, the ending lands far from happy. Doesn't that make scuba diving sound like a barrel of fun now?

**Lady in the Water:** Apparently, even pools aren't safe anymore. M. Night Shyamalan's "bedtime story"

about a mysterious woman found in an apartment complex swimming pool may be new, but it already falls in line with its predecessors. Is the lady a friend or foe, and will the movie make audiences fear swimming pools as well?

Perhaps Shyamalan should just tell the lady to stay in the water.

Whether it involves sharks, vengeful apparitions, or out of control fairy tales, these movies have shown that water brings as much trouble as a thug with a knife.

To avoid these monstrosities, stay on firm, dry land. But even then, there's always Bigfoot.

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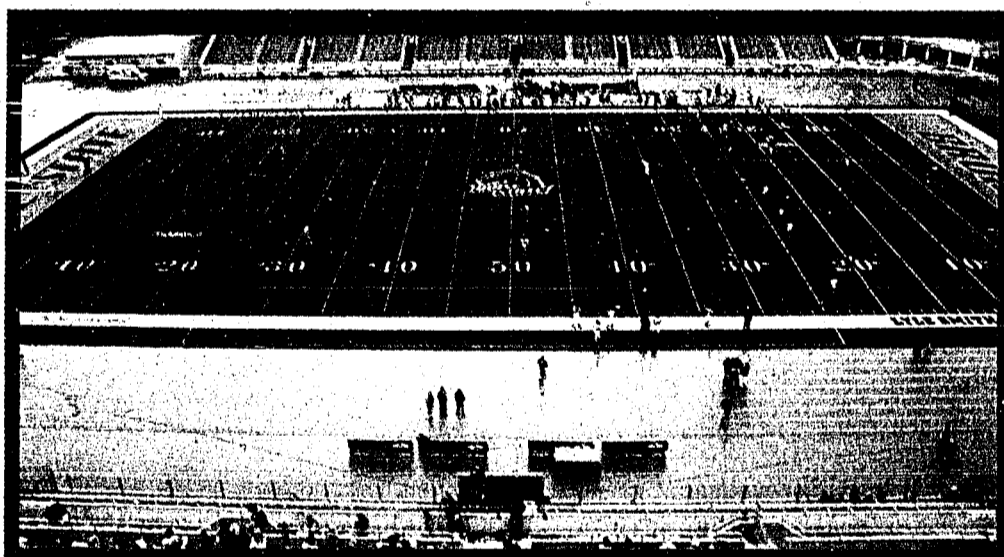
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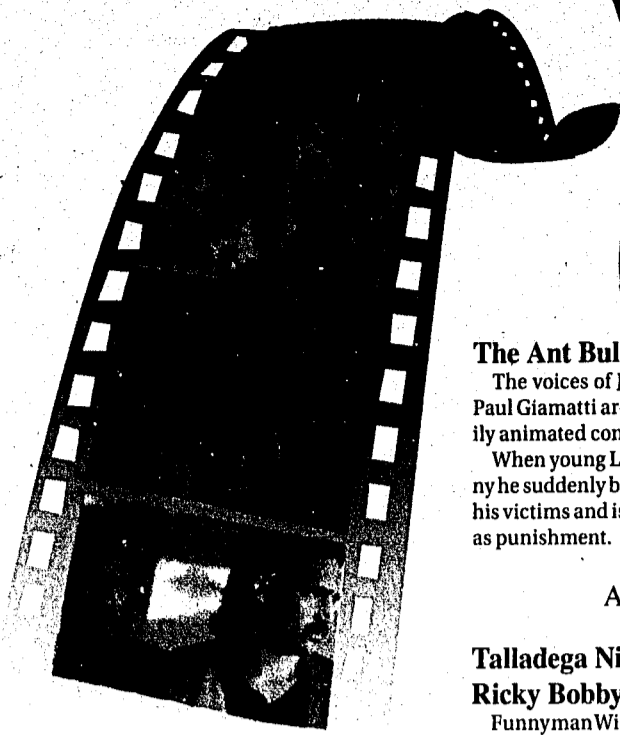
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# What's coming to the movies

BY KATRINA L. SAVITZ  
 Assistant Culture Editor



## The Ant Bully

The voices of Julia Roberts, Nicolas Cage, and Paul Giamatti are reduced to ant size in this family animated comedy.

When young Lucas Nickle drowns an ant colony he suddenly becomes minimized to the size of his victims and is forced to repair his destruction as punishment.

August 4, 2006

## Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby

Funnyman Will Ferrell plays a famous NASCAR driver named Ricky Bobby, who has just been introduced to his stiff competition. Bobby's partner Cal, played by John C. Reilly joins Bobby in a plan to win back their undefeated status.

July 25, 2006

## Miami Vice

One of the eighties best action sitcoms returns, but this time its to the big screen and it stars two of today's hottest actors, Colin Farrell and Jaime Foxx.

Crockett, played by Colin and Tubbs, portrayed by Foxx thrill their fans as they try to take down the Florida underground drug industry.

## The Night Listener

This mystery/thriller begins when the friendship between radio personality Gabriel Noone, played by Robin Williams and Pete Logand, portrayed by Rory Culkin becomes wary. No one suspicious of Logand's integrity. Noone travels to Logand's home town to discover what he's been

hiding.

August 9, 2006

## World Trade Center

Directed by Oliver Stone and inspired by a true act of courage, this film takes the audience back to a day no one will forget-September 11.

After the attacks on the World Trade Center towers, two police officers played by Nicolas Cage and Michael Pena of "Crash" are assigned to search for survivors, but they become barricaded by the debris.

August 11, 2006

## Accepted

Every high school senior's nightmare-not getting "accepted" by any of the colleges you applied to.

Well, that is exactly what happened to Bartleby Gaines played by Justin Long of "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story."

In order to keep his parents from knowing that he's been rejected, he produces a school of his own called South Harmon Institute of Technology.

# Heavy metal rocks the Bouquet

BY ANDREA OYARZABAL  
 Culture Writer

If you thought there was an earthquake on Main Street on July 16<sup>th</sup>, you were partially right. It was a serious heavy metal earthquake. Austin, Tex. band The Sword played The Bouquet and brought along two openers, Akimbo and Saviours.

Akimbo, a metal band from Seattle was the opening act. Recently signed to Alternative Tentacle Records, Akimbo has released their fifth album entitled, "Forging Steel and Laying Stone."

Naturally curly hair seemed to swarm the band Akimbo and the drummer, Natt Damm, was strategically placed right in the middle of the stage between guitarist Aaron Walters and bassist/vocalist Jon Weisnewski, so that he may show off what I have deemed his "hair

storm." I was so transfixed by his wildly gesticulating hair (it was alive and able to gesticulate) that I didn't realize how loud the band was.

Dawned in a real vintage "Jaws" tee-shirt, Jon, the lead singer, looked a bit like a Caucasian version of late Thin Lizzy lead singer, Phil Lynott. Jon's vocals were incredibly high pitched and his hair looked like a wig. Akimbo easily stole the show.

The second act, Saviours, a band from Oakland, have just released their new album, "Crucifire" on Level Plane. The high pitched wailing guitar solos reminded me of early 80s thrash metal and I was so awestruck by Saviours that I had rock 'n' roll paralysis; an ailment that occurs after serious head banging comes to a halt because a band is so striking that you forget to

even blink.

Saviours have by far the tallest drummer I have seen in a long time, Scott. Scott (who is easily 6'6") had an incredibly tall drum set to compensate for his stature and was hitting his drums during the Saviours set so hard, that I thought the roof was going to cave in. His face rarely appeared through his long hair and his constant thrashing makes me wonder how rock stars don't have a chronic case of whiplash.

The Sword, who formed in 2003, were received well by the crowd who clapped along to the song "Lament of the Auroch," but were very stand-offish and not particularly interested in the crowd. Their recent release on New York based indie label, Kemado Records, "Age of Winters" has an uncanny resemblance to an early 90s band, Sleep. JD Cronise, the lead singer of The

Sword, was pissed off after being whacked in the face with his mic stand. With a grimace, he quickly moved the stand further from the crowd and continued on. "Freya," a song the band played during the show really got the crowd going and illustrated JD's vocal capabilities. Trivett Wingo, the drummer had on workout shorts and an overall clean-cut appearance. He stuck out like a sore thumb and seemed as if he belonged on a rocker version of Sesame Street's "one of these isn't like the others."

Akimbo, Saviours, and The Sword were a well meshing lineup. Collectively their sounds may have taken down all of Main Street, but it survived despite the heaviness of the evening. Akimbo drummer, Natt put it best when he said, "Tomorrow we will be suffering from what we call a bangover."

# Boise Art Museum hosts Frank Lloyd Wright exhibit

BY LINDSEY PARKER  
 Culture Writer

Frank Lloyd Wright one of America's most beloved architects designed more than 300 residences in his 70 year career and now to October 22 the public can experience his work at the Boise Art Museum.

Wright had a passion for architectural studies and was exposed to structural influences as a small child playing with kindergarten educational blocks (Froebel Blocks.)

Wright attended the University of Wisconsin School for Engineering and joined a fraternity Phi Delta Theta.

Although he did not earn a degree, Wright became an apprentice during his years at the University and eventually joined the firm of Adler and Sullivan.

By 1890 Frank Lloyd Wright cre-

ated all residential designs for the firm. Wright received commissary work from all over the country. States such as New York, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Ohio still display working models of some of Wright's houses.

Wright's most famous design is called "Fallingwater," and cost approximately \$155,000.00 to build including Wright's \$8,000.00 architect fee.

The house is constructed of a series of balconies and terraces with a beautiful cascading waterfall running underneath part of the house.

This design incorporates Wright's passion for including natural elements into houses so they not only fit, but also blend well into the surrounding nature of an area. This is known as organic architecture.

Today "Fallingwater" is Wright's most well known design, and is also protected as a national monu-

ment. Wright had definitive philosophies about his work and said, "Continuously nature shows him the science of her remarkable economy of structure in mineral and vegetable constructions to go with the unspoiled character everywhere apparent in her forms. Form follows function - that has been misunderstood. Form and function should be one, joined in a spiritual union."

Frank Lloyd Wright also worked as an interior designer.

Many of his creations will be on display at the Boise Art Museum. The exhibition includes over 100 original objects designed by Wright including furniture, metal work, textiles, drawings, and accessories. A fully illustrated catalogue will accompany the exhibition.

Check out the Boise Art Museum at 670 Julia Davis Drive to learn more about Frank Lloyd Wright.



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## Broncos picked to finish first in the WAC

Four-time defending champion Boise State has been named the favorite in the 2006 Western Athletic Conference football media poll announced today at the conference's football preview being held in Boise, Idaho.

The Broncos were 9-4 last year and have won 33 of their last 34 conference games.

Boise State received 432 points and 36 first-place votes from media members around the WAC and nation.

The media also voted on pre-season players of the year. Hawai'i quarterback Colt Brennan was voted the Offensive Player of the Year while Boise State linebacker Corey Hall was picked as the Defensive Player of the Year.

Brennan, a junior from Irvine, Calif. (Saddleback CC), led the nation in passing yards with 4,301 last year. He completed 68 percent of his passes (350-of-515) and threw for 35 touchdowns with 13 interceptions.

Brennan's 371.2 yards of total offense per game were tops in the country, and he was ninth nationally in passing efficiency with a 155.5 rating.

Hall, a senior from Glens Ferry, Idaho (Glens Ferry HS), earned first-team all-WAC honors for the second straight year last season after leading the Broncos with 106 tackles (including five for a loss). His 283 career tackles rank 10th on the WAC's all-time list.

The following is the complete 2006 WAC football media poll with first-place votes in parentheses:

Rank	Team (1st place votes)	Points
1.	Boise State (36)	432
2.	Fresno State (9)	300
3.	Nevada (4)	349
4.	Hawai'i (1)	306
5.	Louisiana Tech	256
6.	San Jose State	153
7.	Utah State	147
8.	Idaho	134
9.	New Mexico State	93

## March Madness coming to Boise in 2009 instead of 2010

The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee announced today that Boise State will host NCAA Tournament first and second round games in 2009 instead of 2010 as was announced on July 6. Boise will swap years with Spokane, which was originally scheduled to host in 2009.

"We ran into a situation where Spokane was hosting the men's first and second rounds in 2007 and the women's regional in 2008," David Worlock, Associate Director for Division I Men's Basketball Championship, said. "We wanted to avoid the situation, if possible, of Spokane having to host three years in a row. We explored some options and Boise was willing to make the switch."

Four first round, and two second round games will be played at Boise State's Taco Bell Arena on March 20 and 22 (Friday and Sunday), 2009.

"We are thrilled to be hosting the event in 2009," Boise State Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier said. "As far as we are concerned, the sooner the better since we would like to host as often as possible in the future."

The 2009 tournament will mark the eighth time Boise State has hosted first and second round games of the men's national tournament. Boise State first hosted games in 1983, and again in 1989, 1992, 1995, 1998, 2001 and 2005.

Boise State also hosted the NCAA Division I Women's West Regional Tournament in 2002.

## Correction

The Arbiter's July 12 article, "Notre Dame pitcher/tight end gets his shot with the Hawks," incorrectly reported that Boise Hawks pitcher Jeff Samardzija also plays tight end for the Notre Dame football team.

Samardzija is an All-America wide receiver for Notre Dame. Samardzija has already left the Hawks and reports to the Fighting Irish fall camp August 6.

## Hawks generate genuine players

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY  
Managing Editor

The July heat has the Boise Hawks sweating with wins and adapting to lifestyle in Boise.

The Hawks are a short-season minor league affiliate of the Chicago Cubs. The players for the Hawks only take the field for a few months.

One of those Hawks, Alfred Joseph, an outfielder from Corpus Cristi, Tex., has had the unique pleasure of spending a second summer in Boise.

"Boise has just welcomed me here," Joseph said. "It was a lot more than really what I expected. I said 'okay I'm coming back to Boise' and I'm not really sure how fans are going to react towards that or what was even going to happen, basically, but I came here and they just welcomed me with open arms, and just made me feel right at home. It's kind of like being at home."

Joseph has not only been welcomed by the city, but by those fans in the stands as well.

"You wave at somebody and they'll wave right back," Joseph said. "Some places you go to, you wave at people and they just give you a nasty look. But Boise is a good town, because they do feel respected and they're very honest. They're just nice people. They treat you like you are one of their own."

The Hawks fans are nice and honest, honest enough to tell the players exactly how their play stacks up in the minds of those in the stands.

It's very positive.

"The fans know the game too," Joseph said. "They'll come up to you. They'll tell you, 'that was pretty good what you did last night, you went and backed-up that base.' Even

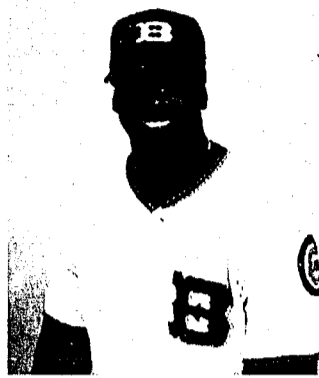


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they'll tell you the negative things as well. They'll tell you to learn from it."

The right-hander is learning, batting .355 with the Hawks and usually hits toward the middle of the lineup. But, his value is one of real substance.

"I try to bring as much energy as possible...on the field as well as off the field," Joseph said. "That's what I try to do, try to lift up everybody's spirits. We try to pick up each other as much as possible and as much as we continue to do that, we will continue to be a better team and continue to grow as teammates just as well."

The team is getting better. The Hawks (20-14) are in first place in the Northwest League East standings and have won 8-of-10 games.

Though the Hawks are only together for a short time, they are mentored on the basics of the game, teaching the players the little things that will make them solid professionals.

"Basically, the things you learn here in short-season are what's going to help you in Peoria," Joseph said.

"For instance, backing up bases. It helps. Yes, it is a simple thing to back up a base. But the day you don't back up a base is probably the day a ball gets passed you, when you should have been there and you weren't there. It's basically the little things that you work on here in Boise. Everyone can do the big things, but it's the little things that people are really going to remember."

"You can go in there and hit a home run. But if you go in there and not back up a base, the ball gets passed you, the other team scores a run and they win the game, everyone's going to remember you not backing up that base. They're not going to remember you hitting that home run."

Joseph said that the Hawks are a special team due to the quality of the character and the athletic ability.

"It's gotta be both ways," Joseph said. "One thing I like about it is that we don't put up fronts on the field. The way you play on the field...you have to act the same way you do in the clubhouse. Sometimes we do things out of character, but then we learn from those mistakes we make. Everybody's just real. That's always a good thing to have on the team. They're not two-face; they're just real. It's just good to know people like that."

Being honest with each other makes it easier for teammates to trust each other.

"You build character that way," Joseph said. "You don't want to sugar-coat anything, you don't want to lie about anything. When you're an honest person, everybody wants to be around you because you're an honest person. People like the hell out of guys like that, because they

know they're always telling the truth. Something we always gotta have on the team is good communication, good honesty and someone who's willing to work hard."

Working hard is a thing a minor-league baseball player must adjust to. Hawks players basically only get one or two days off in the three-month stretch in which they play in Boise.

"Basically that's what you signed up for," Joseph said. "Playing ball is a sacrifice. You sacrifice to play here. You're away from your family. But you always have to ask yourself, 'Is it worth it?' And you always remind yourself it's worth doing, it's worth being out here. It's just a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. You might as well make the best of it while you got a chance."

The opportunity is one of domestic learning as well. Each Hawks player lives with a host family while in Boise. Joseph lives with Diane Laubengayer.

"The family situation is awesome," Joseph said. "I love it. It's almost like, you go there. They tell you what the family is like. They introduce you and the family tells you what it's like. They tell you what they allow and what they don't allow. You just go out there and try to find someone who fits perfectly to you."

"The family that I have, Miss Diane, she's fun to be around. It's kind of like being home with my mom. She's always upbeat and ready to go, just like my mom back home."

Despite the few breaks in gameplay, Joseph still aspires to get in a little recreation before he has to leave town.

"I'm not really a guy that's really

going to go out," Joseph said. "I hear they have great fishing. I'm waiting to go trout fishing, do some fishing out here. I'm a big fisherman, so if any time comes up when we get a day off, that's basically where I am going to be."

Joseph said he also plays the drums and might stop by a local shop and jam if he should get the chance.

In these days of baseball controversy, where major leaguers battle for million-dollar paychecks and minor league players are subjected to stricter testing policies, it is refreshing to find a young man, a young team who still believe in the principles of baseball. It is an understanding built through centuries, a love, a dedication to the purity of opportunity, of that off chance of being good enough to make to the big leagues.

"There's a lot of people out here who would love to be doing what we're doing," Joseph said. Sometimes as players we forget that. We think about the circumstances so much, complaining about the little things. We just always have to remind ourselves that there are people less-fortunate than us who can't play ball, or with disabilities and can't play ball. We always have to be reminded about that. WE need to remind ourselves that, "you know what? It's a blessing just to play baseball. I know things aren't going right right now. Sometimes you're not hitting the best, sometimes you're not throwing the best, sometimes you're just not doing anything right, but you have to remind yourself, 'you know what? I'm still blessed to be playing, making money playing a game. That's how you have to look at it.'"

## The Twilight Criterium

More than 200 cyclists raced in the 20th Annual Wells Fargo Twilight Criterium Saturday in Downtown Boise. Many of the competitors are former olympians and national champions. An entire city block was closed as the cyclists pedaled to get a piece of the total \$25,000 purse. Boise resident Kristin Armstrong won the Women's Pro race by 19 seconds. Jose Garcia of Mexico and the Toyota United team (seen below) won the Men's Pro race. More than 10,000 spectators braved the heat to witness the event.

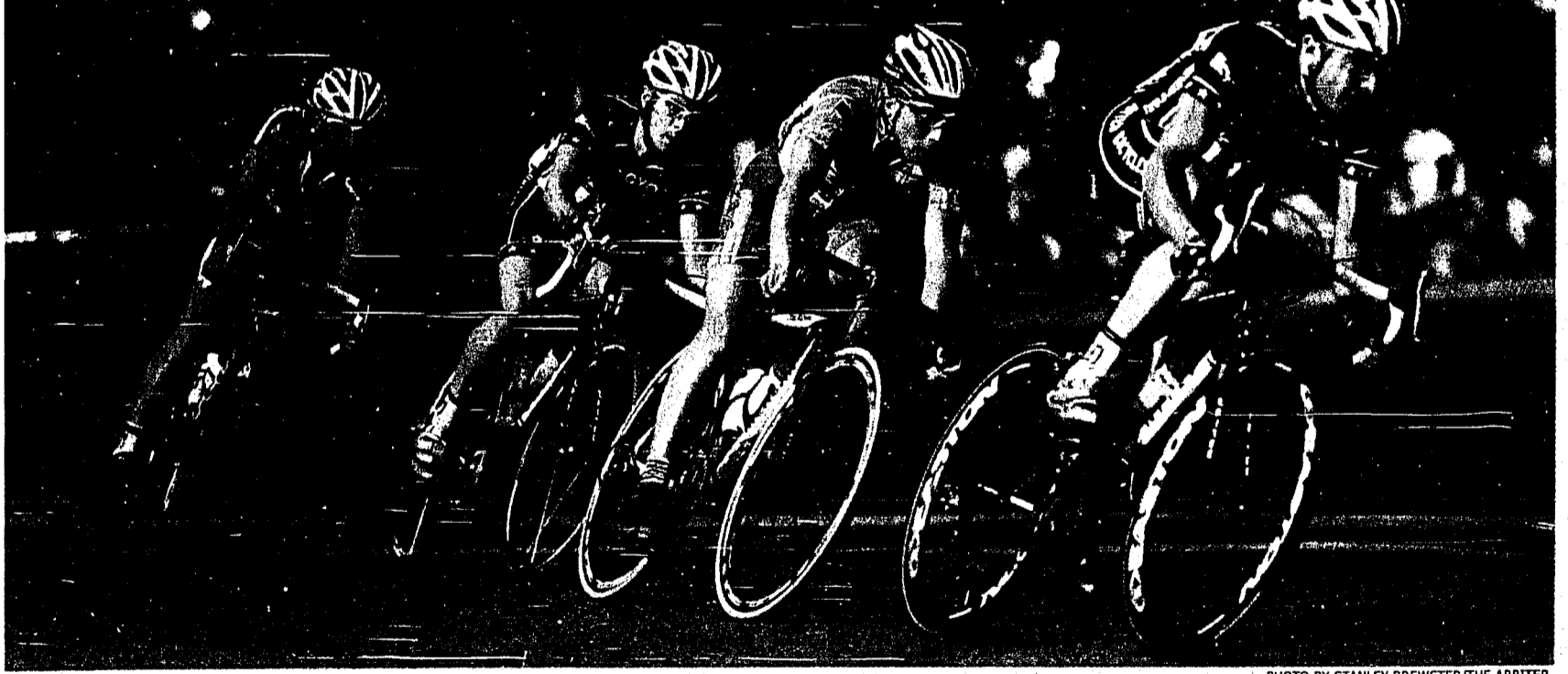


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## A 20 foot ring + 10 fights = total mayhem

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Qwest arena thundered with the sold-out crowd. More than 6,500 people attended the first professional Mixed Martial Arts event held in Boise on July 15, making it the largest attended indoor sporting event in Idaho history.

Presented by Knockout Promotions, the Extreme Fight Series Debut "First Strike" featured both professional and amateur MMA fighters from Idaho and the surrounding area.

The fight card featured ten bouts in the 20-foot ring. Though the majority of the fighters were middle-weights, the event included every weight class including heavy and

bantam weight bouts.

Fights were fast. Everything happened: knock outs, choke outs or tap outs, within the first five minute round. The fighters were urged to the frenzied pace through the jeering crowds.

Time spent on tactics, or struggling for dominance in a submission position was quickly booed by the hit-hungry crowd.

There were only two fights that made it to the second round, both in the dominant welter weight division. Jacob Thompson (Mountain Home, Idaho) and Gabe Mirnada (Boise, Idaho) slugged it out for a full ten minutes before Thompson's corner threw in the towel.

The other marathon battle was between Ray Perales (Caldwell,

Idaho) and Rob Damsley (Salt Lake City, Utah.) The bantam weights brawled through the first round and stumbled into the next. Three minutes into the second round, Damsley was submitted due to a Guillotine choke hold.

A Boise Boxing favorite came out of retirement to give the crowd one of the most intense fights of the night. "Crazy Irish" Ed Dalton dominated his much younger opponent Daniel Wilson.

The bout started and ended with Dalton in a fury, pummeling his opponent, while taking some harder blows himself.

Eventually taking his opponent off of his feet, Dalton made it past full guard, and grounded and pounded his opponent until the ref-

eree called the fight.

Due to a tap out from strikes, out-of-retirement Dalton found victory in three minutes and fifty seconds.

The two main events were two of the quickest fights of the night. Kyacey Uscola (Rupert, Idaho) knocked out his opponent Danny Payne (Dallas, Texas) five seconds after the bell with a right round-house kick to the head.

Though the fight was almost disappointing, the crowd still cheered Payne out of the ring because of the huge size disadvantage he took to face Uscola, who had both seven inches and 14 pounds on Payne.

The main event, a heavy weight battle between Justin Eilers (Nampa, Idaho) and Rocky Batastini (Moline, Iowa), was great

for Idaho pride, but disappointing to experienced MMA fans. The fight was stopped two minutes and 32 seconds into the first round by the referee, Eilers won by a technical knockout due to strikes.

However, the decision was questioned after the fight because the referee began to claim that Batastini had tapped out, but none of the judges had seen the alleged tap.

Disappointing to Boise State fans, Lee Marks was pulled from the fights due to a discrepancy over the style of gloves used in MMA fighting.

However, other rivalry matches between the University of Idaho and Boise State are planned for the upcoming XFS event in September.



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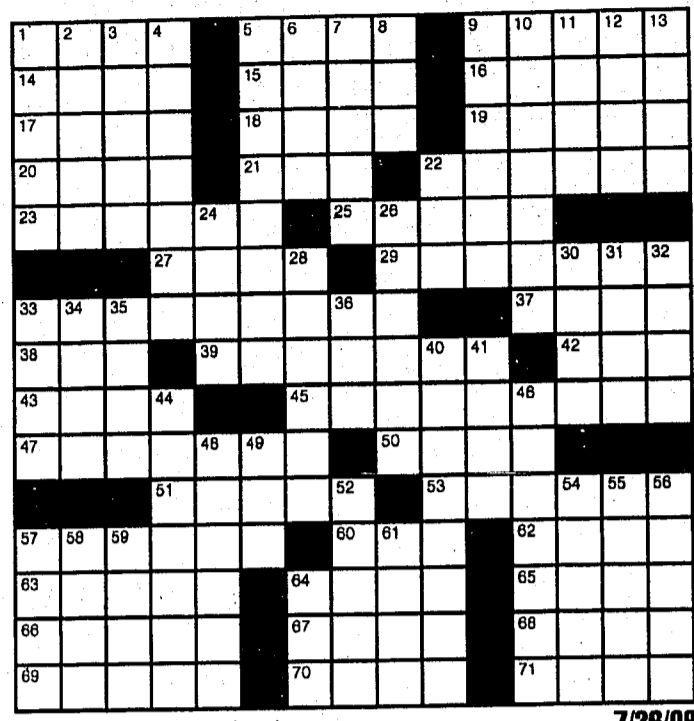
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